

JEREMY CHRISTMAS

A Yuletide Story

BY WALT SCOTT



Contractor Pleads Fifth

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — A contractor who has tax troubles of his own testified Thursday in the income tax evasion trial of former Teamster Union President Dave Beck Sr.

John Lindsay of Seattle told a Federal Court jury he pleaded the Fifth Amendment, on advice of attorneys, in 1954 when internal revenue agents asked for his records dealing with Beck. He later turned the records over to the government after some were stolen from his Chicago hotel room.

On cross-examination, Lindsay admitted he had tax headaches of his own at the time. He was then asked if he still had a problem about income tax liability.

"I imagine I do. I haven't been cleared yet," he said.

Lindsay, who built five homes for Beck, testified earlier he had been paid for some work with union funds. He said the work was never used in connection with this use of Teamster money, but he said Beck said he planned to reimburse the union.

Beck's attorneys contend that money he obtained from the union was in the form of loans and not taxable.

He is accused of evading \$240,000 in income taxes for the years 1950-53 and the government is trying to show a net increase in Beck's worth for the period, not detailing sources of income.

An unusual sidelight in the long trial came when Lindsay admitted he once made a \$10,000 mistake in addition—in his favor—while doing work for the Joint Building Council Assn. of Teamsters. He said he didn't know of the error until Thursday when an attorney produced worksheets which showed the error.

Board Seeks More Money

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Water Resources Board will ask the Legislature for more money. The board Thursday said its work would be stifled by the budget recommended for it by Gov. Robert Holmes and the state Department of Finance.

Holmes said he will recommend that the board be given a two-year budget of \$282,000.

The board said that figure would mean that its task of evaluating the best uses of every river basin in the state would take 20 years.

With a \$122,000 budget, which the board will request from the Legislature, its work could be finished in 10 years, said Robert Root of Medford.

"I don't think the state of Oregon can tolerate 20 years to complete the program," said board member Root. "The chance of saving resources worth many times over the amount of the studies could be lost."

Le Selles Coles of Prineville, another board member, agreed, and said results would come "too late to make decisions" if only one basin a year is studied.

The board said its proposed budget would enable four basins to be studied in the next two years.

Upper Willamette and Deschutes systems first, and then the John Day basin and north coastal streams.

The board said it also wants to work out a water use program for the Rogue River, and will present its plans at a Jan. 21 meeting in Medford.



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Military, Science Prestige Rebounds From Disaster

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's scientific and military prestige, a key element in the cold war, rebounded high today from the lows of double disaster a year ago.

A mighty U. S. Atlas rocket roared into orbit around the earth Thursday night. It became a satellite weighing between 8,700 and 8,800 pounds—three times heavier than the biggest Soviet Sputnik.

That was a comparison easily understood by the man in the street in London, Moscow and New Delhi.

It carried significance too for the military officer and government official: the United States had a missile with power and control to dump a nuclear warhead on a target on another continent.

Of such stuff is made prestige that can bolster friends, give pause to enemies and nudge the vital in-betweeners who want to lean with the winning side.

The U. S. comeback seemed incredible in view of the shattering Soviet success starting with Sputnik I Oct. 4, 1957, a Pearl Harbor Day for U. S. prestige.

On Nov. 3 the Russians threw into orbit Sputnik II, carrying

little dog Laika. The weight this time: a half ton.

On Dec. 5, Pearl Harbor Day again so far as U. S. prestige was concerned, America's first satellite-bearing rocket—a Navy Vanguard—blew up on its launching pad.

Not until Jan. 31 of this year did the United States get its first foot in the satellite race. But the Army's Explorer I weighed only 31 pounds, a midge against its Soviet rivals.

On March 17 the Navy finally got a satellite into orbit too, shooting Vanguard I to a record far point of 2,246 miles to give its satellite a top life expectancy of 200 years. But Vanguard I was a Lilliputian 3 1/4 pounds.

On May 15 the Russians tossed up Sputnik III, 2,929 pounds. It's still going.

Yet the American scientific show was coming to life. An atomic sub nosed under the arctic icecap. The Air Force and the Army tried rockets that soared a third of the way to the moon. An Atlas zoomed on course for 6,325 miles across the Atlantic.

Woman Tells Killing Tots

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Police found the woman in a field here Thursday. She hugged her knees and shivered. Blood streamed down her face.

"I did this with a rock to myself," said Mrs. Donna Mae Rutledge. "I got three kids. They're over there in the ditch. I drowned them."

Police searched briefly and found the bodies face down in a foot of water in the drainage ditch filled with cattails.

The dead were Mrs. Rutledge's three children: Mark Elliott Rutledge, 5; Darlene Ann Rutledge, 4; and Tammia Rutledge, 2.

"They were going to take them away," the woman told police, and then said no more.

Mrs. Rutledge was arrested, held without formal charge and then placed under guard in a hospital here. Police said her husband, Donald Rutledge, was somewhere in California.

The children died as Mrs. Rutledge's father, Vernon Beadle, was in circuit court to discuss a mental hearing for her.

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Leo Patrick Davis, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.

Arlen Gordon Miller, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.

Peter J. Martinez, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.

Donna Jane Martinez, vagrancy, \$100 or 30 days.

Harold Ray Chester, disorderly conduct, \$50 or 25 days.

Theo Glen Madsen, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.

Elizabeth Amelene Nelson, drunk, disorderly conduct, \$50 or 25 days.

Josephine Tupper, drunk, disorderly conduct, \$50 or 25 days.

Carl Lloyd Brown, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.

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New Democratic Congress Eyes Administration Probe

WASHINGTON (AP)—A new Democratic attempt will be made in the next Congress to force a broad investigation of Eisenhower administration money and credit policies.

This was assured today when Rep. Wright Patman (D-Tex.) said he will reintroduce the same investigative resolution that was defeated in the House last year after a bitter floor fight.

Patman said in an interview the proposed inquiry should go into what he called the administration's "hard money, high interest" monetary policies. He said it also should take in the national banking system and the Federal Reserve system.

He told a reporter his own inquiries had uncovered indications of "fraud, dishonesty and corruption" in administration of the government's monetary operation through the Federal Reserve. He did not elaborate.

Patman is one of the most vocal

congressional critics of the administration's monetary policies. He contends they result in higher interest rates, benefiting only the bankers.

The Texas congressman also is a long-time advocate of revision of the Federal Reserve system's independent status. He would make the Federal Reserve, the national banking system of the

government, more responsive to Congress and the administration in power.

Patman lost a hotly fought attempt to obtain House authority

for a monetary inquiry in March 1957 by a 225-174 vote. Patman expects another fight but he thinks he has a better chance this time.

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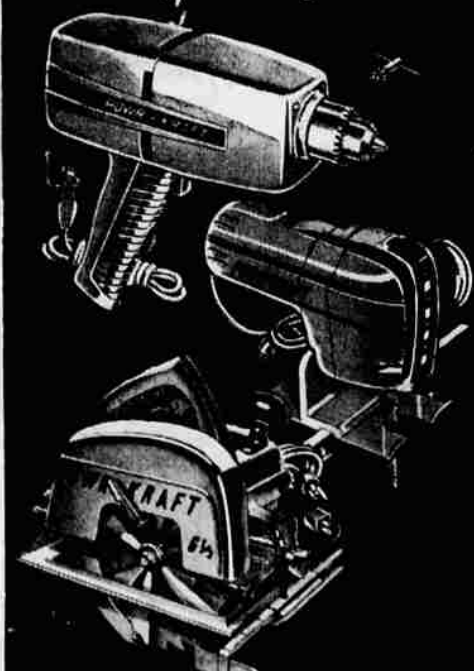
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