

By FRANK JENKINS

In Tacoma, a federal court jury finds Dave Beck, former president of the Teamsters union, guilty as charged in two government indictments.

That prompts an interesting question: Guilty of what?

The answer is that he was found guilty of evading \$240,000 in federal taxes for the years 1950 to 1953.

In the trial, the government contended that Beck had pocketed considerable sums of money, belonging to his union, Federal Judge Boldt instructed the jury that it could convict Beck if it found he had willfully converted union money to his personal uses. He further instructed the jury that if the union money diverted to his own use was unlawfully gained—that is, if it had been pilfered from the union treasury—it nevertheless was taxable.

The point involved is that Beck had failed to report the "diverted" money as personal income, and therefore had cheated the government. The charges on which he was tried had nothing to do with illegal TAKING of the money.

Beck's attorneys conceded that his methods of handling the union's money had been loose and informal, but they argued that whatever union money he may have used for his own purposes was in the form of loans and had been paid back. Charles Burdell, chief of the Beck legal staff, contended that "Beck wasn't spending his time giving orders to bookkeepers. He was out building the union."

To this, John Obernauer, assistant U.S. attorney, replied that Beck's administration swelled the coffers of the union many times. "But, in so doing," he said, "more than a million dollars worth stuck to his own avaricious hands."

Well, there's the story.

I think it must be conceded that Beck was an able leader of his union.

He built it to a position of power unequalled in the history of union building. He improved the economic position of all of its members. He shortened their hours and he raised their wages. It is quite understandable that they should be grateful to him for what he had done for them.

But—

What is to become of the labor movement if it is conceded that labor leaders have the right to do as they please with the money contributed by union members, even if their use of the money includes making fortunes for themselves?

Will that not tend to attract racketeers to the field of labor leadership? Racketeers tend to flock in wherever easy money is to be had.

What of Beck?

If he did what he is alleged to have done with life union's money, how did he come to do it?

The answer is simple.

He held TOO MUCH POWER IN HIS HANDS TOO LONG.

Too much power held in too few hands too long is always dangerous.

Independence Threshold Eyed With Cheers, Doubt

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)—Turkish Cypriot school children demonstrated noisily today against the agreement to bring independence to Cyprus. British troops were called out to prevent disorders.

Greek Cypriot students in the port of Paphos paraded in celebration of the successful conclusion of the London conference. There were a few celebrations in other towns but Cypriots generally assumed a cautious wait-and-see attitude.

The student demonstrators were dispersed without incident. Soldiers patrolled the border between the Greek and Turkish sectors of the capital.

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SISKIYOU COUNTY PEACE OFFICERS, shown with a guest speaker from Sacramento at the February 12 meeting of the Siskiyou County Peace Officers Association at the Y-Cafe in Weed. From the left are Al Cottar, Siskiyou County sheriff; J. B. Booth, captain, California Highway Patrol, Yreka; Dennis L. Farmery, district director of Immigration and Naturalization, U.S. Department of Justice, Sacramento; D. C. Wingfield, new deputy with Siskiyou County sheriff's department, Happy Camp; Jim Mason, new district adult parole officer, Redding; and C. W. Champlin, Dunsuir, special agent with the Southern Pacific Company, association president. — Photo by Lucile Gaynor [See Story on Page 4]

Marshall MDs Optimistic

FT. BRAGG, N.C. (AP)—The latest medical report on Gen. George C. Marshall says simply: "No change." It meant the retired soldier-statesman was holding his own against the weakening influences of age, two strokes and mild pneumonia.

The last full report, late Thursday, contained a faint note of optimism—but only a note. Col. George B. Powell, the general's physician, cautioned that Marshall's "condition still is considered serious and the prognosis still is guarded."

In reply to a question, Col. Powell said he had told Mrs. Marshall that the general "appeared to be a little better, but I cautioned her against over-optimism."

Marshall, 78, entered the Army hospital here after his first stroke Jan. 15. The second stroke came Tuesday night along with the pneumonia.

World News In Brief

PRICES—Washington—The government issued its monthly report on the cost of living showing living costs crept upward slightly in January.

DULLES—Washington—Dulles began X-ray treatment today that could stop the spread of his abdominal cancer.

REYNOLDS—Hollywood—Debbie Reynolds says she will fill void in her life by working in movies.

CYPRUS—London—Archbishop Makarios prepares to return to Cyprus, ending two years of enforced exile.

BERLIN—Washington—Eisenhower and Macmillan may meet in Washington next month to discuss Berlin strategy.

MARSHALL—FT. Bragg, N.C.—Gen. Marshall, battling spreading pneumonia, reported slightly improved.

PLANES—Washington—Federal action demanded against pilots responsible for near-collisions between airliner and military planes.

ATLAS—Cape Canaveral—Big Atlas missile blows up in spectacular fashion after smooth take-off.

Frank Schmitz of Beatty, member of the Klamath County Selective Service Board, today dispatched a telegram of protest to Gov. Mark Hatfield against the nomination of Sprague Carter as administrator of the state boards.

In his telegram, Schmitz boosted the appointment of Col. Francis Mason, present deputy director.

He said, "Protest your appointment of Carter as state director of selective service. Mason is experienced in this capacity and should have been appointed."

Schmitz said he sent the wire as a board member, but representing his own opinion and not that of the board. He also said the board has not met since Carter was nominated and will meet next Tuesday.

At this session, it may take action as a whole, but as of today there has been no concerted action by the board threatening to quit, it was learned.

Seventeen of Oregon's 31 draft boards have written letters or telegrams to the governor protesting Carter's nomination. The move apparently was touched off by the Jackson County board.

A spokesman for state headquarters of Selective Service said three of the boards feel so strongly about the nomination that they have threatened to resign.

The post of director was left vacant recently by the death of assistant Gen. Thomas Rilea. Hatfield announced that he had planned to nominate Carter, a Penobscot businessman, to the post.

The appointment will be made by Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, U.S. director of Selective Service. Hershey usually names the nominee of the state governor to such a vacancy.

Opponents of Carter contend that his appointment would be political. Carter and Hatfield both had denied this. Carter said, however, that he supported and voted for Hatfield in the recent election.

Local draft boards reported protesting the nomination in addition to the Jackson County and Klamath County boards are those in Beaverton, Milwaukie, Newport, Dallas, Corvallis, Grants Pass, Ontario, Baker, La Grande, The Dalles and several in Portland.

MAKES COURTESY CALL

TOKYO (UPI)—Prime Minister Walter Nash of New Zealand today paid a courtesy call on Premier Nobusuke Kishi.

Tax Evader Loses Rights

NEW YORK (AP)—The citizenship of Frank Costello was revoked today by U.S. Dist. Judge Archie O. Dawson.

Costello, 68, currently is serving a five-year sentence for federal income tax evasion.

The government has waged a long legal battle to strip from Costello the U.S. citizenship it claimed he obtained through fraud and misrepresentation in 1925.

Judge Dawson's action paved the way for what is expected to be the government's next move—to deport Costello to his native Italy.

The government had tried once before to denaturalize him. The case was thrown out by a federal court in 1956 on the ground that the government evidence was "permeated with the fruit of illegal wire taps."

The government then set out again to achieve its goal employing evidence it said was not obtained by wiretaps.

Costello long has been regarded as one of the topmost men in the underworld, and at one time was dubbed its "prime minister."

His voice became familiar to many millions of Americans a few years ago during the nationally televised New York hearings on crime conducted by the U.S. Senate committee headed by Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.).

Only Costello's voice was heard during his witness chair appearance because of his demand that his face not be shown. Viewers now and then caught a glimpse of his hands as he duelled verbally with Rudolph Halley, chief counsel of the committee.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles began X-ray treatments for cancer at Walker Reed Medical Center today. The treatments will continue for three or four weeks daily except Sunday, it was announced.

Doctors reported that as far as can be determined now, Dulles' cancer is confined within the abdomen.

Recurrence of cancer in the intestines, for which Dulles underwent surgery in 1956, was discovered a week ago in an operation for repair of a hernia.

The one-month X-ray bombardment was directed into the lower abdomen, press officer Lincoln White said at the State Department. It was "well tolerated" by Dulles, he added, meaning that at least in the initial stage of reaction Dulles was not made ill.

Some patients are nauseated or have other ill effects from heavy X-ray treatment.

White issued a bulletin after conferring with Maj. Gen. Leonard D. Heaton, commandant at Walter Reed.

LONDON (AP)—The Soviets today gave a chilly reception to Western proposals for a Big Four foreign ministers conference on Germany but still left the door open to direct negotiations.

An English-language commentator on Moscow radio said the Western notes handed the Kremlin Monday "do not contain a single more or less constructive suggestion capable of facilitating settlement of questions either of Berlin or of Germany. It all boils down to the same invariable 'no the West has been giving us all the time,'" the broadcaster said.

The belief grew in the West that Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev would press for Big Four summit talks—rather than a foreign ministers meeting—when he receives British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan this weekend.

With U.S. Secretary of State Dulles ailing, the suave, British premier appeared emerging as the coordinator of Allied policy in dealing with the Soviets. He told the House of Commons Thursday night that after his talks with the Soviet leaders, he would visit Bonn and Paris and "perhaps Washington with a view to formation of the Western allied policy."

Pushing Records By Union Bared

WASHINGTON (AP)—Alleged efforts by a Teamster Union official to push a record of singer Tommy Leonetti into Chicago area jukeboxes without the singer's knowledge were reported to the Senate Rackets Committee today.

Robert Lindeloff, Skokie, Ill., jukebox operator and president of Music Operators of Northern Illinois, a trade association, testified that he turned down requests to feature the record.

Lindeloff said the requests came from Joseph Glimco, president of Chicago Teamsters Local 777.

The witness also testified that he and many other jukebox operators "have to" buy records for their jukeboxes from a firm the committee says is gangster run.

Robert F. Kennedy, counsel to the special investigating committee, told the senators he interviewed Leonetti and was told "this may have been going on—by underworld figures," but that Leonetti didn't know it at the time.

Kennedy quoted the singer as stating that he was managed for a time by "a man with underworld connection" of which Leonetti was unaware. He said Leonetti also told him he "came out rather poorly" while the man, whose name was not mentioned, was his manager.

The testimony capped some sharp exchanges in which Kennedy charged that Lindeloff said the firm which charged premium prices for records was the Lormar Distributing Co. of Chicago, headed by Charles English.

Lindeloff testified he and other operators pay five cents a record more than they would have to pay to buy the records from similar companies handling records of various manufacturing firms.

The probers Thursday asked a witness: Had he been told he would be dropped in the river with concrete blocks tied to his feet unless the man then sitting next to him were taken into his vending machine business as a partner?

The witness, Ralph Kelly of Elgin, Ill., hesitated. The husky man sitting next to him, Rocco Pranno, glared at him.

Kelly replied: "I decline to answer because my answer might tend to incriminate me."

Committee Chairman John H. McClellan (D-Ark.) thundered: "Are you going to let this fellow keep you under a state of fear for the rest of your life?"

As for the Diablo Dam, Eisenhower is understood to have told Lopez Mateos that his administration—after years of considering whether to go ahead—now has decided to ask Congress for the funds needed to join Mexico in the project.

Eisenhower got a rousing welcome on his arrival at Acapulco and another enthusiastic reception when he motored through the heart of the city to board the yacht. He drew more cheers when he was the dinner guest of the Mexican president at the Mirador Hotel.

Among the guests at the presidential table was former British Prime Minister Anthony Eden, who retired in January 1957 because of ill health. It was his first public appearance since coming to Acapulco last Dec. 17 to convalesce and work on his memoirs.

Eisenhower was to be host today to Lopez Mateos at both lunch and dinner. The evening affair will be at another of Acapulco's fashionable night spots, the Ski Club.

PARIS (AP)—Opposition political leader Jacques Opengault has been arrested in Brazzaville, capital of the Congo, following political riots in which 72 Africans were killed.

Opengault was charged with inciting to sedition, rebellion and pillage.

Macmillan leaves for Moscow Saturday to spend 10 days sounding out Soviet leaders on possible grounds for a compromise in the cold war. He is especially anxious to find out what Western concessions the Kremlin is really angling for—without making any commitments on behalf of the Allies.

"We must be firm but flexible," he told Commons.

Macmillan emphasized that any proposal by Khrushchev for disbandment of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was out of the question.

"Nothing must be done which would result in the withdrawal of American and Canadian forces from the continent of Europe," he said. "Within that, nothing ought to be excluded."

The prime minister emphasized that a firm Allied policy has not yet been formulated. When it is, he said, "great decisions will have to be taken."

"We shall have to face in the next period the supreme test of direct negotiations with the Soviet government. It is for that—and it is a grim prospect as well as an inspiring one—that we have to fit ourselves."

Dave Beck Found Guilty In Tax Case

TACOMA, Wash. (AP)—Convicted of cheating on his income tax, millionaire labor leader Dave Beck Sr., 64, spent time behind bars for the first time in his life Thursday night.

The former president of the

huge Teamsters Union was found guilty on all four counts of income tax evasion—covering \$240,067 for the years 1950-53—and two counts of filing false returns. He could receive up to a five-year sentence and a \$10,000 fine on each count.

U.S. Dist. Judge George Boldt, who set sentencing for Feb. 27, was to hold an appeal bond hearing in Seattle today.

Beck's lawyers said the verdict would be appealed "all the way."

The one-time laundry truck driver, who prided himself on not smoking or drinking, appeared more shaken at having to spend the night in jail than by the verdict.

The portly Beck, nattily clad in a blue suit and polka-dot tie, gripped the edge of a table but showed little emotion as the clerk drew "guilty" six times Thursday afternoon. Later he was heard to remark to a friend he just couldn't understand why he had to remain in jail.

When found guilty, his \$25,000 bail was revoked.

His quarters in the federal section of the city jail were a world apart from his lavish home in the so-called "Beck Compound" on the shores of Lake Washington in Seattle.

Just three years ago he was a respected millionaire businessman, international president of the Teamsters Union—considered the largest in the country—and a vice president of the AFL-CIO.

The self-made man who had left high school before graduation had even served as president of the University of Washington Board of Regents.

Today he is under the shadow of two convictions. Beck was sentenced to not more than 15 years in prison after a 1957 conviction for grand larceny in the embezzlement of \$1,900 from the sale of a union-owned Cadillac. The State Supreme Court is scheduled to hear his appeal next March.

Richards conceded that such a thing could happen but said that was a problem that would have to be faced eventually.

"This bill is no curial," he said, "but it is a step forward."

Richards said statewide uniform standards are necessary so that the automotive industry and others working on general control devices for motor vehicles will know what they must come up with.

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Plane Falls At SF Airport

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—A Pan American DC7 carrying a three-man training crew crashed, broke into two pieces and burned today on the rain swept runway of San Francisco International Airport.

The crewmen escaped serious injury.

No passengers were aboard the big four-engine airliner, which crashed on landing after a training flight shortly before 8 a.m. p.m.

An official in the airport tower said the DC7 "burned completely. It looks like a complete washout."

Peak hour commuters on the Bayshore Freeway leading to San Francisco caused a huge traffic jam as they slowed to view the burning plane.

A half dozen airport fire trucks raced to the crash scene to fight the flames.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—A burst of white light high in the sky early today marked the explosive ending of an Atlas ICBM after a three-minute flight.

The powerful war rocket shattered to bits in a spectacular fireworks display over the Atlantic when an undetermined malfunction occurred, the Air Force announced.

The 30-foot missile was blazing at full steam on the start of what reportedly was a 4,900-mile flight test when it burst apart.

The surprise blowup broke an impressive string of seven successful launches in the last five months for the huge missile that carries U.S. hopes of catching the Soviets in the space race in the near future.

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"I wouldn't trade it for anything," she said. "It was a wonderful experience."

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Mostly cloudy through Saturday with occasional snow. Low tonight 27-34. High Saturday 37-43.

High yesterday 48 Low last night 21 Precip. last 24 hours trace Since Oct. 1 3.63 Same period last year 12.53

Northern California—Cloudy with scattered showers through Saturday. Little change in temperature. Westerly to southwesterly coastal winds 10-20 miles an hour, locally 25 in extreme north.

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