

Beck Berated By Judge; Then Fined, Sentenced

TACOMA, Wash. (AP)—Former Teamster Union President Dave Beck received a five-year sentence and \$50,000 fine Friday for income tax evasion, plus a double-barreled denunciation from the judge.

"The exposure of Mr. Beck's insatiable greed, resulting in his fall from high place, is a sad and shocking story," said U.S. District Judge George Boldt, in a scathing, 20-minute lecture before passing sentence.

Beck quickly posted \$70,561 to cover the fine and court costs and was released. After his conviction Feb. 19, Beck spent a night behind bars for the first time in his life before appeal bond was set.

A motion for a new trial was denied.

The government could claim more than half a million dollars from Beck.

He was charged with evading \$240,607 for the years 1950-53, but the government raised its estimate of the amount actually owed to \$258,636. In addition to the fine and court costs, a 50 per cent fraud penalty of \$129,318 and \$96,996 in interest at 6 per cent brings the total to \$55,911.

Beck, 64, stood calm and quiet, one hand clenched behind his back and the other in a trouser pocket, as the judge began his denunciation.

He refused two invitations to

address the court. But later he told reporters, "I am not the first innocent person to be sentenced nor will I be the last."

He said he had authorized his attorneys to push the appeal, filed last week.

Boldt said Beck's rise from a laundry truck driver to millionaire labor leader was a better rags-to-riches story than any of Horatio Alger's plots. But he said "Beck must take first place among the more than 50 tax evaders I have sentenced."

"Mr. Beck plundered his union, his intimate associates and in some instances his personal friends, most of whom quite readily would have given him anything he asked," the judge said.

Other excerpts from the judge's speech:

"Mr. Beck's willful evasion of taxes and his stealthy and circuitous appropriation to his own use of funds were in large amounts and continued over a period of years."

"Actually, the evidence of the incidents of fraud involving relatively small amounts show the avarice and culpability of Mr. Beck with striking emphasis."

"Mr. Beck cheated every last humble American who pays income taxes by attempting to evade his personal taxes and thus cast his share of the tax burden on his fellow citizens."

CITY BRIEFS

Henley-Bethel No. 51. International Order of Job's Daughters, will have a dinner for the Bethel daughters and fathers at 6 p.m. Monday, March 2, at the Henley Grange Hall. All daughters and fathers are urged to attend. Following the dinner, a stated meeting will be held at 7:30 with Honored Queen Becky Short presiding.

DAR — Eulonia Chapter, DAR, will meet at 8 p.m. Monday, March 2, at the home of Mrs. R. E. Wright, 635 Alameda. Mrs. Paul Deller will present the program.

Midland Grange—Home Ec Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Ralph Benoit Tuesday, March 3, at 1:30 p.m. All Grange ladies are invited.

Licensed—Practical Nurses will meet at the county library on Monday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. There will be a speaker and all members are urged to attend.

Honor Roll—Helen Henris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C.

Weber, 4740 Laverne Avenue, was on the first semester honor roll at Pacific University, Forest Grove. Miss Henris is a senior mathematics major.

Correction—Inadvertently names were reversed under two cuts in Thursday's Herald and News. Jim Mosley, who has returned to Klamath Falls to manage the Eighth Street Safeway Store, is at left and George Kirkpatrick, transferred from downtown to manager of the South Sixth Street store, is at right.

Home —Mrs. Mary Lewis, 5648 Denver Avenue, has returned from two weeks' vacation at San Francisco, Watsonville and Sacramento.

Bandages—There will be a cancer bandage rolling session at the Episcopal Church on Thursday, March 3, at 1:30 p.m. A film on the subject will be shown. All are welcome.

Roosevelt PTA—study group will meet Monday, March 2 at 1:45 in Room 118 of Klamath Union High School for a discussion on "Human Growth and Heredity."

When Ultimatum Expires WW III Could Commence

BERLIN (UPI)—What will happen on the lifelines to isolated West Berlin May 27 when the Soviet six-month ultimatum expires? No one knows for sure, but all responsible diplomats believe something is going to happen. And that "something" could start World War III.

Will East German Communists armed with new control powers refuse to pass Western allied military traffic? Will they make demands the Americans, British and French will not accept? Will they attempt to interfere with commercial air traffic in the city?

Diplomats here believe these questions have brought the world closer to war than it has been since the beginning of the 1948 Berlin blockade.

In other recent East-West crises, the United States and the Soviet Union did not clash directly. True, the danger of war existed in the Quemoy and Lebanon crises.

But there was one great difference between those trouble spots and Berlin. No Soviet troops were committed at Quemoy or Lebanon. In East Germany, 300,000 Soviet troops stand ready to go into action if the Soviets consider East Germany's borders violated.

The Soviets and East Germans have not spelled out in detail what they have in store for the West on May 27.

On that date, the six-month deadline set by the Soviets for conversion of West Berlin into what they call a free, demilitarized city expires.

The Soviet plan calls for the withdrawal of Western allied troops from West Berlin and transfer to East Germany of authority over Western allied military traffic through the Soviet zone to West Berlin.

Western diplomats have been able to piece together from Eastern statements the plan's rough outline.

They have reached these conclusions:

—The Soviets will not use force to attempt to get the U.S., British and French garrisons out of West Berlin.

—There will be no immediate blockade of vital German supply traffic to the city.

—Any interference with traffic at the beginning will be confined to Western allied traffic. But as time goes by the Communists will institute blockade measures against the German civilian supply traffic that keeps West Berlin alive.

It is thought that at the beginning at least the East Germans might merely insist on the right to check Western allied travel documents as the Soviets already do.

However, the Western allies do not recognize East Germany and they have said they will not allow East Germans at border checkpoints to control Western allied traffic in any way.

Such a stand could put the Western powers in a position where they might appear to be blockading themselves.

"Show us your papers and you can go through," East German border guards might say on May 27.

The Western allies then could either show their papers, or refuse to go through on such a basis and push through East German border controls instead.

Some diplomats think it will be difficult to explain to the world why it would be considered necessary to break through barriers.



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Lieutenant Has Hunch Russians Snapped Cables

ARGENTINA, Nid. (AP)—The U.S. naval lieutenant who searched the Novorossisk says the Soviet trawler "probably quite likely" had something to do with breaking transatlantic cables.

But, he emphasizes, "I don't know whether accidentally or intentionally."

Lt. Donald Sheely of Falls Church, Va., told a news conference here Friday night that the Soviets offered no resistance to his boarding party on Thursday and sailed away on being told to leave the Grand Banks area where five cables were broken.

In Sydney, N.S., the Eastern Telegraph and Telephone Co. said a patrol plane had sighted about 20 trawlers—15 of them Soviet—still operating in the area Friday. The pilot said the ships "just appear to be fishing."

Rough seas and drifting ice held up repairing of the cables. Two Western Union cables are standing by but the weather forecast was gloomy for beginning work for some hours.

The Soviet Communist party newspaper Pravda called the boarding illegal and the official Soviet news agency Tass described it as the "unlawful action of the American naval fleet in the open sea."

Neither gave any immediate indication whether the Soviets intend to make a formal diplomatic protest. If they do, they face a rebuff.

U.S. State Department press officer Lincoln White said in Washington "I don't think any apology is involved in any way, shape or form. This was not a hostile action, but an investigation clearly provided for under terms of a treaty."

The Soviet accounts of the boarding in the Grand Banks fishing grounds off Newfoundland made no mention of the 1954 treaty which permits inspection of the documents of ships suspected of damaging oceanic cables, intentionally or accidentally.

Moscow Radio, in a newscast to the Soviet people, tended to treat the boarding as a routine story. It quoted Adm. Jerauld Wright, commander of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, as saying "The skipper of the Soviet trawler showed a friendly attitude and acted in a

cooperative spirit and that nothing was found to show any other object than fishing."

Cmdr. Ernest J. Korte of U.S. Navy radar picket ship Roy O. Hale, who sent the party aboard the Soviet trawler said the cable breaks occurred in about 175 fathoms of water about 180 miles due east of Cape Bonavista, Nid.

Radioman J.C. Roland A. Poulin of Chicopee, Mass., who acted as interpreter for the five-man boarding party, said the trawler's journal "indicated she had been operating in the area where the cable was broken."

The U.S. Navy men led by Sheely inspected fishing equipment and anything aboard the Novorossisk which looked capable of cutting cable.

"She had been fishing on the bottom and there was a break in her trawling cable that could have been caused by snagging of the bottom," said Sheely. "The ship was about one-third full of fish."

Sheely said "I believe it definitely possible and probably quite likely the trawler had something to do with breaking the cables—I don't know whether accidentally or intentionally."

Sheely disclosed that the day before his men went aboard a plane was sent out by the cable and telephone companies warning the trawler away from the area.

The plane's crew dropped a message written in English and Russian which, he said, advised the Soviets in effect "Stop fishing here. You have cut the cable four times. Stop fishing here and go south."

The Soviets got the message, Sheely said, and showed it to the boarding party on request but the trawler did not leave the area until directed to by the U.S. Navy the next day.

The Soviets, he said, showed no hostility but "they were not so-called friendly; they made us no offer of such things as cigarettes or coffee."

Sheely said the trawler "carried equipment you would expect to find aboard such a vessel."

The only things that seemed unusual to him were a sounding cable 2,500 to 3,000 feet long and the amount of radio equipment. But authorities later discounted any significance to the sounding cable

Pan-American Averts Strike

NEW YORK (AP)—A federal mediator announced Saturday that a threatened strike Monday by 8,000 employes of Pan American World Airways has been averted.

Agreement "in principle" was reached after an all-night negotiating session, according to Francis A. O'Neill, Jr., a member of the National Mediation Board.

He said the Transport Workers Union negotiating committee will have to vote on the agreement, which will then go before the membership for ratification. No date was set for the ratification vote.

O'Neill said the agreement concerns "wages, rules and working conditions," but would not specify further. A shorter work week was a major object of the union, but there was no indication whether or not the agreement provided for a shorter work week.

The union, which represents ground and air personnel such as stewards, stewardesses, mechanics and pursers, had made plans to strike at midnight Monday.

The union maintained a shorter work week was needed to offset what it predicts will be a decrease in employment because of the replacement of conventional planes by jets. The workers involved now work either a 37½ or a 40-hour week.

The jets carry more people faster, requiring fewer aircraft, and smaller inspection and maintenance crews, the union held.

Breakfasts Aid Learning

PEARL RIVER, N.Y. (AP)—Pupils at the Pearl River Junior-Senior High School seem to agree that a hearty breakfast may aid learning.

As the climax of a two-week nutrition drive, the school held a mass breakfast Friday. Of 640 students, about 400 showed up and consumed an "ideal" morning meal of juice, cereal, milk, toast, jelly, and an egg. Cost: 15 cents. Most of the food was contributed by local concerns.

Principal Walter Reiner said teachers have complained that pupils showed restlessness and lack of attention during late morning class sessions.

Reiner, hoping good breakfasts would eliminate that fidgety feeling, said: "Now it is up to the parents and students to carry the ball."

Commented 7th grader Barbara Alper, 12 years old, "I sure ate more than I usually do and it tasted good."

"It's a very good idea," declared junior Patricia Martin, 16. "It made us all realize what we should do before we dash off to school."

Estranged Pair Reach Accord

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—Singer Sammy Davis Jr. and his estranged wife, Loretta, have reached agreement on temporary alimony, reports Davis' attorney.

The agreement was announced Friday when Mrs. Davis' request for temporary alimony was to have been heard in court. The court was informed that Davis would not contest the divorce suit in which he is charged with extreme cruelty. Mrs. Davis is asking \$2,000 a month alimony. The amount agreed upon temporarily was not disclosed.

Deaf Mute Gets Divorce

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—Beatrice Carpenter, a deaf-mute, used sign language to tell a judge her husband was unfaithful. She won a divorce.

Mrs. Carpenter accused her husband, Alonzo Sr., also a deaf-mute, of adultery, the only ground for divorce in New York. Her tale of marital infidelity was interpreted by her son, Alonzo Jr.

The couple was married in 1931. None of their three children are deaf-mutes.

Mrs. Carpenter lives in Castleton; her husband in Rensselaer. Justice Herbert D. Hamm of State Supreme Court granted the divorce. He called the sign-language trial unprecedented.

SPUTNIK STILL SENDING

MOSCOW (UPI)—Russia says its Sputnik III, launched on May 15, 1956, is still sending signals to earth.

The U.S. Agency said the satellite completed its 4,000th trip around the earth Friday.

WESTERN MUSEUM PLANNED

FORT WORTH, Tex. (UPI)—A million dollar museum of western art will be built here with money left by Amon Carter, publisher of the Fort Worth Star Telegram, at the time of his death.

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