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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In Sacramento the other day, a senate committee charged that unscrupulous bill collectors, often using strong-arm tactics of posing as police, are preying on businessmen and the public.

Beatings, embezzlement and impersonation of law enforcement officers by thugs were cited in a 64-page report prepared by the senate interim committee on collection agencies, private detectives and debt liquidators. The report adds that auto repossession, which is free from state control, have provided a hunting ground for petty racketeers, ex-convicts and musclemen.

The committee's report is based on two years of hearings held all over the state of California.

It is an interesting report. It is interesting for a variety of reasons. Among other things, it provides an example of what can happen when our lawmakers get so busy with providing the services that go along with the modern welfare state that they forget to provide the protections that the general run of people are entitled to receive as a part of the legitimate police powers of government.

The conditions described by the report are bad. The conclusion is inevitable that steps must be taken to protect people against that kind of harrory.

Providing that kind of protection is what government is for.

I can't help hoping, though, that in taking steps to remedy injustices such as are described in this interim committee report to the California legislature we don't go to the opposite extreme and make it too easy to avoid the payment of legitimate bills.

We mustn't permit ourselves to fall into the delusion that bills shouldn't be paid — that collection of legitimate bills is bad business and that avoiding payment of legitimate bills is something to be excused.

If you want to get anywhere in the world, KEEP YOUR CREDIT GOOD. That is one law of sound business to which there are few exceptions. If you want an easy mind, as well as a good reputation, see to it that your bills are paid at the earliest possible moment.

Also—

If you are a creditor—
Be as tolerant and as helpful as possible to your debtors. Remember that when you sold them the goods you willingly took a chance in order to increase your volume. This business of credit is one of the important institutions of the modern world. It deserves thoughtful and intelligent handling.

Committee Blasts GOP

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Appropriations Committee today accused the administration of having "gone so far as to set back the medical research program" in "a desperate attempt to present, on paper, a balanced budget."

The committee's criticism was embodied in a formal report sending to the House floor for debate this week a \$3,915,084,181 bill to finance the Labor Department and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for the fiscal year starting July 1.

The total included \$547,114,500 for the Labor Department, \$3,348,472,281 for the Welfare Department, and \$19,497,400 for miscellaneous agencies.

This is \$158,235,600 more than President Eisenhower requested.

Fourth Estate Blasted In Probe On Nepotism

By NORMAN G. CORNISH

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The first hearings on congressional nepotism in many years turned out to be more of an inquiry into "the evils of the press."

Scripps-Howard Reporter Vance Trimble — who set off the firestorm with a series of stories on congressional payroll abuses—was cast in the role of Satan. But he grinned through it all.

The hearing itself got off the ground Monday like a lead balloon.

At first it was unannounced. Reporters found out about it anyway.

Then it was to be held behind closed doors. But newsmen discovered this also was subject to change. At the last minute, they were told they could come in after all.

The subcommittee took a look at proposals that would force House members to make public a lot more information about the people they hire, especially if they were relatives or business associates.

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MORE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT is scheduled for the link of Highway U.S. 99 south of Dunsuir. Here, highway equipment is busily at work on a scenic bend of the highway just south of Dunsuir. The snowcapped top of Mt. Shasta can be seen in the background. Bids on another

five mile link of freeway from the Shasta County line through Castella are to be announced on Wednesday by the California Department of Highways. — Photo by Don Kettler

Park Chief To Quit Post

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World News In Brief

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
EAST-WEST — Paris — Secretary of State Herter arrives in Paris.

REDS — Warsaw — Members of Warsaw Pact wind up pre-Geneva meeting today, communicate expected to endorse Soviet plans.

LYNCH — Poplarville, Miss. — Search for lynched party members and victim spreads to neighboring Louisiana.

NUCLEAR — Geneva — Soviet proposal to limit number of inspection sites in nuclear test ban seen as backdown from insistence on veto right.

VETO — Washington — Congressional Democrats see good chance of handing Eisenhower his first setback on veto.

FATHER — Los Angeles — Father who for 10 years has traveled to Mexico to see Mexican-born wife and their six children hopeful family may soon enter U.S. under new immigration law.

DAM — Washington — Alaska, now the largest state, proposes dam project that would stagger imagination of Texas.

LUCE — Washington — Clare Boothe Luce appears sure of Senate confirmation today as ambassador to Brazil despite attack by Democrats.

GAS WAR SPREADS
PORTLAND (AP) — Stations of one major supplier cut gasoline prices to 28.9 cents a gallon for regular here in a spreading gas war.

Prices generally had ranged from 32.9 to 34.9 cents a gallon for regular before the latest rate slashing began, about a week ago.

Herter Arrives In Paris; Confident Of West Unity

PARIS (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State Christian A. Herter arrived from Washington today to help wrap up Western proposals on Germany for the Geneva foreign ministers' conference with the Soviet Union.

In a brief arrival statement, Herter said he is confident the West will approach the Geneva meeting "with unity and firmness of purpose."

He referred to disagreements among the Allies over proposals to be made to the Soviet Union saying, "It is wholly natural that the Western Countries should regard the questions to be discussed with the Soviets from somewhat different points of view."

But he said he has no doubt the Western Allies will "agree wholeheartedly" on the position they will take in Geneva.

Herter stepped from his four-engine Air Force plane and walked easily down the ramp. He had a broad smile and warm handshakes for the welcoming party.

With the aid of crutches he walked over to a group of photographers behind a police barrier and posed for several minutes.

Then Herter went into an airport reception room and made his statement, first in slightly accented French and then in English.

Herter expressed confidence the allies would "reach the right result" as he left Washington by plane Monday night for his first foreign assignment as secretary of state.

Herter is to meet for three days, beginning Wednesday, with the British, French and West German foreign ministers.

The new U.S. Secretary said the Allied ministers "will be primarily concerned with reaching final agreement among ourselves on a common Western position on outstanding questions related to the German problem which can be expected to arise during the Geneva four-power meeting."

"We have found the basis for a general agreement," a top French diplomat reported. An American source added: "I'd be surprised if we didn't have it wrapped up beautifully before Geneva."

The four Western ministers will work on recommendations drawn up by a team of experts at London meetings which ended last week. They also will have suggestions from their North Atlantic Alliance partners who have studied the experts' recommendations.

They may also get a new inkling of Soviet views on the Berlin and German problems from the Warsaw Pact conference which opened in the Polish capital Monday. It is expected to end quickly with a declaration of Communist unity, having apparently been called to approve the Kremlin's decisions.

Herter is to get him out today or else," said Larry Wilson, the dog's owner. "A veterinarian said he probably can't last the day unless we do."

Albert Leeds, 37, volunteered to try to squeeze his 3-foot, 60-pound frame into the narrow fissure in an attempt to free Little Richard.

Rotary drills and jack-hammers have been used on the thick rock. Workers ground to within two feet of the hound when they quit at midnight, but Wilson said the pace wasn't fast enough.

"The drills and hammers won't work," he added. "The rock is just like soap. They've made holes all over the rock but it won't crack or crumble."

Wilson visited Little Richard at his stony prison about dawn and reported the dog was "awfully weak" and no longer barking or whining.

An ambulance is on call waiting for rescue workers to announce the breakthrough. So is an Owasso veterinarian who will treat the 2-year-old dog for shock.

Larry Wilson, the dog's owner, has tried to free him since Friday. He was joined by two utility firm crews and scores of ordinary dog-lovers Sunday.

Little Richard became a celebrity Monday in this hill country town 20 miles northeast of Tulsa.

Panama Says Invasionists Mass In Cuba

PANAMA (AP) — Panama charged Monday night that hired fighters are massing in Cuba for more invasion attempts to overthrow President Ernesto de la Guardia.

Minister of Government Jose D. Bazan told the National Assembly two or three more invasion boatloads are being prepared in Cuba to bring to "about 400 the number of Cubans attempting to invade Panama." The government claims the Cubans are hired by Panamanian revolutionists.

Bazan indicated his information about more invaders came from three captured members of the first landing group — 82 Cubans and 4 Panamanians who landed on a deserted beach on Panama's east coast Saturday. There were drowned in the landing, including the Panamanian commander.

Bazan said the main body of the invaders had occupied and sacked the town of Nombre de Dios Monday after an advance of 35 miles along the coast. He gave no details of damage to the town or its people, but said National Guard troops were patrolling off the coast of the area.

Both the Panamanian and Cuban governments were trying to get the invaders to surrender without a fight. Two officers from Fidel Castro's Cuban army arrived early today from Havana to try to contact the invaders. The Cuban charge d'affaires and the Panamanian government appealed by air-dropped leaflets.

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