

Committee Members Split On Labor Legislation Needs

By ALVIN SPIVAK

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate Rackets Committee is nearing the end of its three-year journey along crooked trails of crime and corruption in labor and management.

Apart from mop-up investigations and a close look at the role unions play in politics, the committee's main effort now will be to prepare a final, comprehensive report on what it has found and where this should lead.

The eight-member committee headed by Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) already has inspired the drive for labor reform legislation which meets its crucial test in the House this week.

Its disclosures have prompted the AFL-CIO to drive the scandal-scattered Teamsters Union from its ranks and knock leaders of several other unions from power.

Committee hearings have touched off a number of federal and state criminal prosecutions, and have sparked a Justice Department investigation of "wholesale" racketeering, perjury and income tax evasion, by various Teamsters officials.

The committee's second interim report, issued last week on the basis of last year's testimony, accused Teamsters President James R. Hoffa of sinister doings which it said, "will successfully destroy the decent labor movement" unless he is curbed.

The tone of the committee's final recommendations will depend to a large extent on the final shape in which labor reform legislation comes through this year. Committee members themselves are divided on how strong it should be.

Testimony before the committee already has amounted to 45,000 pages of original transcript. It covers 282 days of public hearings in which 1,505 witnesses appeared and 341 of them invoked the Fifth Amendment.

McClellan has emphasized repeatedly that the committee's charges of corruption have applied to "a minority of the unions."

Most of the investigative road has run through Teamsters terrain where the committee has endured head-on collisions with Hoffa and Fifth Amendment roadblocks from his aides.

It has been territory which, according to the testimony, has been infiltrated by gangsters and racketeers ranging from street-corner thugs to crime overlords of New York, Detroit and Chicago.

The committee also has tracked through smaller but similar areas of unions including the Bakers, Butchers, Carpenters, Restaurant Workers, Operating Engineers, and others.

And management's sins have been explored in cases where employers paid off corrupt union bosses, or worked with union leaders for their mutual advantage and to the detriment of their workers.

Charges have involved "dictatorships" reaching from local to international levels of several unions; extortion of money from employers; brutality, from anonymous threats to brass-knuckles beatings and murder; graft and collusion, including allegations that some union agents worked with law enforcement officers to take over local vice operations.

The latter sort of inquiry, centering on Portland, Ore., started the committee on its way early in 1957. But before long, the Portland sensations were drowned out by the howling swan song, in a Fifth Amendment key, of Dave Beck, Hoffa's predecessor as Teamsters president.

Beck's downfall began after the committee traced through thousands of financial transactions and came up with documented charges that he "took, not borrowed, more than \$370,000 in union funds."

The committee's dismay over Beck's "uncontrollable greed" soon gave way to anger and shock about Hoffa, leading it to state that Hoffa "presents an even greater threat (than Beck) to the welfare of this country."

Last week's report charged that Hoffa "maneuvered" use of three million dollars in Teamsters insurance money to "pay off a longstanding debt to the Chicago underworld and to the corrupt labor leader who introduced him to Midwest mob society, Paul Dorfman." The report said the money, paid to Dorfman's son and wife over eight years, included \$1,650,000 "in excess commissions and service fees."

In its March, 1958, interim report, the committee said "union funds in excess of 10 million dollars were either stolen, embezzled, or misused by union officials over a period of 15 years, for their own financial gain or the gain of their friends and associates."

The committee's final total is still being tallied.

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TODAY'S 2-MINUTE MYSTERY

THE CASE OF THE PERFECT JEWELS

By Donald J. Sobel

Archibald Van Tiff, head of the world famous jewelry firm, leaned back weakly in his chair as he spoke of the theft of the diamond necklace earlier that morning.

"The necklace was insured for half a million, but money can't replace it," he lamented.

Haledjian asked about the seemingly flawless necklace which was lying on the jeweler's desk.

"Glass," grunted Van Tiff. "But a perfect imitation of the stolen one. The thieves didn't bother with it. That's why I'm convinced someone in my employ directed the business."

"Perhaps," said Inspector Winters. "Now I'd like to question your store manager, Mr. Milross."

Milross, a tight man, told his version of the holdup as he led Haledjian and the inspector from Van Tiff's office and across the ornate marble floor to a high, curving staircase.

"The real necklace and the fake necklace are kept on the second floor in a vault. Shortly after 10, Mr. Van Tiff asked me to bring the imitation to his office. I had just started downstairs, with it when three masked men came charging up."

"One of them grabbed the imitation necklace, fingered it, cursed, and hurled it onto the floor. At gun point they then forced me to open the vault and give them the real necklace."

"Can you tell the two necklaces apart?" asked Haledjian.

"Not with the naked eye. The real necklace is always kept in the bottom drawer of the vault," replied Milross.

"Mr. Van Tiff," said Haledjian, "thinks it was an inside job. I very much agree."

"Whom did Haledjian suspect? And why?"



"They forced me to open the vault."

"Overlapping his part, the thief real necklace."

Haledjian suspected Van Tiff of staging the theft for the insurance money.

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Grandma Found Motorists Aggravating; Towns Better

PORTLAND (UPD) — A 1,000 mile automobile trip is considered long and tiring, but even this long distance seems short compared to the 2,000-plus mile walk from Independence, Mo., to Portland completed three days ago by 71-year-old Emma Gatewood.

Mrs. Gatewood, a great-grandmother from Gallipolis, Ohio, left her home May 2 on a Greyhound bus for Independence, Mo., where she arrived May 4. She departed May 4 en route to Portland along the old Oregon Trail for the Oregon Centennial.

She admitted that the trip was nerve-racking with cars whizzing by.

Mrs. Gatewood, affectionately called "grandma" by people who have become acquainted with her, said that during the trip she became aggravated with motorists, but added that people in towns along the way were "nice."

She said "I never thought of quitting." Mrs. Gatewood, 71 years young said "after starting anything I don't turn back very easy."

Ohio's walking great-grandmother is a guest of the Oregon Centennial Commission in Portland and is currently staying at Portland's Benson Hotel free of charge.

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Officer Gets Final Word

BURLINGAME, Calif. (AP) — The speeder was crafty, but the policeman was crtier.

Patrolman Robert Quinn cited William J. McDonald, 20, for driving 45 miles an hour in a 25-mile zone. McDonald went speeding off.

Quinn, annoyed at the fast departure, pursued McDonald, pulled into a quiet residential area, parked and turned off his lights.

The officer located the car, found McDonald gone, and removed the cap from the distributor.

The driver reappeared and was trying vainly to start his car when the officer showed himself, ticket book in hand. Policeman Quinn said motorist McDonald reacted violently.

In addition to the speeding citation, McDonald was charged with reckless driving, running a stop sign, ignoring a police siren and red light, evading and resisting arrest and assault and battery.

'Queen' Back; Enters Drydock

PORTLAND (AP) — The excursion boat the Centennial Queen was dry docked today for a thorough inspection of possible damages suffered when it ran aground on a sand bar with 500 passengers aboard Saturday.

The converted ferryboat, which travels between downtown Portland and the Centennial Exposition grounds, carried 985 passengers on its two trips Sunday, but ended its runs upstream from the Centennial grounds because of the low water.

The 500 passengers aboard when it became stuck Saturday were transferred to the Mansion Belle, transferred to the Mansion Belle, a smaller excursion boat. The high tide, nearly nine hours after it was grounded.

PHONE COSTS UP
ROME (UPI)—Italy is raising the cost of telephone calls 25 per cent beginning Oct. 1. The price of a "gettone"—a small metal slug used in telephones—is going up from 25 to 30 lire (4 to 5 cents).

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