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"NOW DON'T YELL AT ME THIS TIME AN' MAYBE I'LL MAKE IT!"

Apathy To Armed Forces Hit By Gen. Jimmy Stewart

BY VERNON SCOTT
UPI Hollywood Correspondent
HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Brig. Gen. Jimmy Stewart was demoted to the rank of major for his new movie, but he's still the first general to wear star billing along with stars on his epaulettes.

Jimmy Stewart, the actor, and Jimmy Stewart the general are astonishingly different people.

Actor Stewart is a seemingly bumbling, inarticulate character with a folksy disposition and a placid view on life. General Jimmy is a tough, dedicated Air Force officer who fires straight from the shoulder.

There was no beating around the bush when Stewart was asked how he felt about being assigned a desk jockey job in Washington contingent on his recent promotion to general. He doesn't like the idea.

Wine Shipments Show Decline

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — California wineries shipped 10,969,824 gallons into distribution channels during June, according to the Wine Institute.

Wednesday's report said that shipments were 3.85 per cent less than the amount shipped in the corresponding 1958 period, but above the figures for the prior five years.

Shipments for the first six months of 1959 were 61,150,482 gallons, compared with 57,909,421 for the first half of 1958.

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"Frankly, I don't think I'll be as effective as an information officer as I would be if I were involved in actual combat command," he said. "The same thing came up during World War II when they tried to make me a recruiter, an information officer and a morale booster. They even wanted me to make movies for the services."

"I talked them into letting me become a pilot, and eventually I flew 20 missions over Europe in B24s."

Jimmy, currently starring as a major in Columbia's "The Mountain Road," is convinced that in case of war, his assignment swiftly would be changed to include an active status in the Strategic Air Command.

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Rackets Group Attorney Says Corruption Dealing Problem For All Nation

Editor's Note: In the following dispatch, the chief counsel of the Senate Rackets Committee concludes that dealing with corruption is a problem for business and the bar—for all Americans—as well as unions.

By ROBERT F. KENNEDY
Rackets Committee Counsel
WASHINGTON (UPI) — In two and a half years, the Senate Rackets Committee has heard a parade of witnesses who have told stories of theft, extortion, double-dealing — or other forms of man's mistreatment of his fellow man.

A great deal of this kind of testimony has led some people to the conclusion that the fault lies solely with labor. Nothing could be further from the truth. The committee has looked into relatively few unions, and where corruption has been shown, the AFL-CIO has often moved vigorously and effectively to deal with the problem. The expulsion from the AFL-CIO of the Teamsters and Bakery & Confectionery Workers Unions are two such examples.

At the same time, the committee has looked into some 50 companies and corporations. No business group has yet to take any action comparable to that of labor against these business enter-

prises which have been shown to have engaged in unsavory practices.

In addition, we have had a number of lawyers about whom there has been serious derogatory information. Some lawyers have invoked the Fifth Amendment before the committee. Yet, bar associations have yet to take the first action against any of these offending members of the legal profession.

The corruption we have uncovered weaves from labor to management to lawyers to all segments of our society. This is not labor's problem any more than it is management's or the taxpayer's problem. It is a problem that strikes at every one of us; this corruption is a problem for all of us as Americans.

The committee of necessity has had to explore the seamy side in the field of labor-management relations, but a great many people showed great courage and we should not lose sight of their brave fight against tyranny and corruption.

James Luken of Cincinnati is such an example. A leading Teamster official, he provided a marked contrast to the 100 fellow Teamster leaders who appeared before the committee and invoked the Fifth Amendment. He testified forthrightly about his

fight with James R. Hoffa since he became head of a Milk Wagon Drivers local in Cincinnati, and then head of the Joint Council there.

He told without dramatics the threats to his life — how a hearse showed up at his home one day to pick up his body; how flowers were sent to his funeral.

He told of his bitter fights with William Presser, the president of the Ohio Conference of Teamsters, whom the committee has labeled corrupt. He related how Hoffa told him: "If you want to get ahead in the Teamsters in Ohio, you take orders from Bill Presser. He's my man." When Presser appeared before the committee he invoked the Fifth Amendment.

The committee has found that the mark of corrupt labor leadership is its affinity for close relationship with employers; the frequent sell-out of union members. In Ohio, where the contracts are higher than the Hoffa-negotiated Michigan contracts, Luken and his associates have had to fight "side deals" executed by Hoffa with large trucking companies, to the detriment of the members. In New York, where the contracts are far superior to those negotiated in the Midwest, Teamster official Tom Hickey stood his ground against Hoffa in 1954 and won for them wage in-

creases far in excess of what Hoffa had told the large motor carriers they could settle for.

Luken and Hickey are but two examples of the majority of Teamster officials throughout the country who are honest and who devote their energies to the improvement of conditions of their fellow workers.

One of the committee's most inspiring witnesses was John McNiff, a 23-year-old lawyer whose New York group took up the cause of thousands of Negro and Puerto Rican workers, working for sweatshop wages and under sweatshop conditions in small manufacturing plants in New York.

He found part of the root of the problem was corruptly led locals of the old UAW-AFL (now the Allied Industrial Workers Union). But he also found that for every crooked labor leader there was a greedy employer, only too eager to do business at the expense of his workers and in the interest of his higher profits. McNiff's fight was made much harder by the attitude of the employers who maintained that the signing of "sweetheart" contracts was just part of routine business practices.

Gary, Eldest Crosby Son, Tells Of Rift With Dad

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI)—Gary Crosby, eldest son of crooner Bing Crosby, admitted today he is bitterly estranged from his father.

"We just don't get along," he told United Press International in an exclusive interview.

Gary, 26, said Bing has not yet come to see him and his three brothers — Dennis, Philip and Lindsay — in their smash new nightclub act at the Sahara Hotel here.

And, he added, he has no intention of extending an invitation to the crooner.

"The other boys can invite him if they want," he said. "Ain't gonna bother me in the least."

There have been reports from friends of the Crosby family that Bing might slip into town quietly some night to catch the show, which began July 28 and will end Sept. 3.

But in Hollywood, Bing's brother and business adviser, Larry, said:

"I doubt it. Bing has no such plans that I know of. One reason is that he's with a group fishing off Alaska."

"I'm not going up to Vegas. The boys want to be on their own, and I imagine Bing feels the same way about it that I do."

Gary, sitting in his dressing room between shows, said:

"Dad did some things last Christmas that I felt were far from right. They're personal, very personal, and I can't explain any more. But he's done a lot of other things in the past that I didn't like. I'm sure no one knows him as well as I do, although a lot of people think they do."

"We always wanted to be together in show business," Gary said. "We just waited until Linnie got out of the Army. We always knew we could get along on our own although some people, of course, didn't think so."

Gary conceded the Crosby name has "helped" the brother act.

"But," he said, "you've gotta have something else to make it because if you're out there five minutes and nothing happens, dad, you're dead."

"And in some ways, the name has hurt us. There's no way for us to start at the bottom, where we could learn. People expect something immediately when they see the Crosby name."



"Ronnie seldom eats between meals, but he eats more meals than the average person!"

Secret Radio Frequency May Prolong Orb's Life

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Explorer VI, the Paddlewheel satellite circling the earth, carries a secret designed to save its life from kibitzers or possible saboteurs.

The secret is the frequency of a receiver to which scientists on earth from time to time send radio commands governing 30 different functions built into the satellite.

One of these functions, which may or may not ever be exercised, is the firing of a five-pound, 14-inch rocket in Explorer's spine.

The rocket was put there to prolong the satellite's life in the event something went wrong at its birth. Nothing went wrong, however, and the rocket was not fired.

But the rocket is still in place. If it were fired accidentally or on purpose at the wrong moment, it could doom Explorer VI to a fiery early death.

As long as the vital frequency is kept secret, however, there is little chance that the firing signal will be dispatched before Explorer VI has lived out its useful span.

The Paddlewheel satellite was launched into an orbit which carries it within 137 miles of the earth at the low end (perigee) and out to 26,400 miles at the top (apogee). Its lifetime is estimated at more than a year, which is what the scientists wanted it to be.

Toward the end of the satellite's natural life span, scientists may fire the kick rocket just as a test. Similar equipment probably will be used some day to control the course of manned satellites or other spacecraft.

But if the rocket were fired at the wrong moment in Explorer's 91,140-mile circuit of the earth, the effect could be to throw the satellite out of orbit and send it plunging like a meteor to disaster.

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City Fire Marshal Martin Scott said a truck was delivering 300 gallons of nitric acid to an electric equipment manufacturer. The truck driver was directed to the wrong pipe, and started pumping the acid into a basement tank that already contained a quantity of hydrochloric acid.

The resulting reaction ate away part of the flange of the pumping pipe and spread fumes through a two-block area. Firemen finally managed to empty the acid into a basement drain, flushing it down with water and neutralizing agents.

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