

Store Owner Paid \$10,000 To Quiz Show

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP)—Max Hess, the owner of a large department store, said Friday night that he paid \$10,000 to help get a former employe on the television quiz show, "64,000 Question."

He explained this to a reporter in revealing that he had been subpoenaed to appear Monday before a House subcommittee investigating the rigging of quiz shows.

"It was worth every cent of the money," said Hess, president of Hess Brothers Department Store, "because it proved to be a highly talked about program which focused the public eye on Hess Brothers and the city of Allentown."

Hess said he was subpoenaed to appear before the Legislative Oversight subcommittee to explain the role he played in getting Kenneth Hoffer on the quiz show.

Hoffer, of Reading, appeared once on the Columbia Broadcasting System quiz show, in August 1955. He missed his third question—for \$512—and went home without a nickel's winnings.

"This didn't bother us," explained Hess, "because the young man was eager to appear on the program and attempt to win on his own merits, and as far as we are concerned we had achieved our goal—to once again expose the name of Hess Brothers and the city of Allentown to millions of people."

Bomber-To-Missile Change Effected In Middle-East

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Western powers apparently have practically completed a shift in European defense emphasis from bombers to missiles. Two developments make this clear:

1. The United States has agreed to close down its four air bases and one naval base in Morocco.
2. The United States has reached an agreement with Turkey to set up an intermediate-range Jupiter missile base in that country, strategically located on Russia's border.

The issue of the American air bases in Moroccan soil has been politically explosive since the little North African kingdom gained its independence in 1956.

The Moroccans have long wanted the American forces withdrawn. The State Department announced that plans for the withdrawal have been presented to the Moroccan prime minister.

Negotiations for the missile base in Turkey, which will offset the loss of the Moroccan bases, have been underway for some time. Formal agreement was announced Friday.

The abandonment of the air bases follows a change in strategy

that began in December, 1957. The Allied high command at that time decided to gradually shift emphasis from bombers, now becoming obsolete in the missile age, to rockets capable of carrying nuclear warheads.

Two Jupiter bases are being set up in Italy. Four squadrons of the \$1,500-mile Thor missiles are being delivered to Great Britain.

The Pentagon said Friday it was cutting down the number of Europe-bound Thor squadrons from five to four. The four in Britain remained unchanged. The fifth was to have gone to another country.

But France and West Germany have balked at having these missile bases established on their soil. Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev has made pointed threats about countries that harbor Allied missile bases. Greece also was approached, but nothing came of it.

This probably was a factor in the cutting down of the number of Thor squadrons.

The bomber bases overseas cost many millions of dollars and in the postwar years were an essential part of the Allied defenses. But the medium range B47 bombers they were set up for are getting out of date.

Bomber bases will be maintained, however, in Spain and England.

At the same time the United States is steadily increasing its force of B52 intercontinental bombers, which can be based in this country.

These bombers, the mainstay of the Strategic Air Command, eventually will be replaced by missiles. But until the intercontinental missiles are perfected, they remain an important defense requirement. The use of the B52 also cut down the need for maintaining air bases in Europe and the Mediterranean area.

Note Brings Civil Suit

Glenn D. Ramirez has filed suit in circuit court to recover a \$2,500 promissory note signed October 6 by Ronald J. Hatfield.

Ramirez' suit maintains that the note was assigned to him by Joseph O. Stearns of Portland. He also seeks \$55 which he says Stearns had lent Hatfield in personal loans.

Other suits on file: Prudential Insurance Company maintains that Bessie M. Campbell and Robert and Evelyn Seater owe \$26,200 of a \$31,000 promissory note signed July 1, 1955.

Virginia Bonney has brought suit against Bernard's Floor Covering Company and Jake W. Covey, a company driver, for damages alleged from an accident November 12, 1957. She maintains that a company truck struck her as she was walking at the Main and Ninth Street intersections.

Coast Guard Exams Open

Examination of applicants for the Coast Guard Academy will be conducted February 23 and 24. Deadline for application is January 10.

Young men who have been graduated from high school with 15 units, including three in English, two in algebra and one in plane geometry and who are in good physical condition will be considered. Vision must be at least 20-20 correctable to 20-20 in each eye.

The Coast Guard offers a four-year course leading to a bachelor of science degree.

Information is available from the Officer in Charge, U. S. Coast Guard Sub Recruiting Station, Eugene.

Trial Witness Describes Finding Weapon Near Bly

The almost unbelievable chain of circumstances that placed a gun, found beneath a juniper tree near Bly, at the scene of a death crime in San Francisco last December 30, is one of the most unusual actual stories to appear in print for some time.

The finding of the gun, a .357 Magnum that killed Police Sergeant Joseph Lacey of the Bay Area city during a 1956 holdup, involves a Klamath County deputy sheriff, John Holloway of Beatty, and a Southern Oregon boy, Clifford Pinkham, 14, who sat calmly in a San Francisco courtroom this week and detailed for a jury the finding of the heavy weapon last July 18.

He had wandered away from his father's car, stopped on Highway 66 a short way East of Bly after Arden Pinkham, a Medford insurance man, had been stopped by the officer for speeding.

As he held the weapon on the stand, the round-faced youth described the finding. "I walked over by this tree and I saw what looked like the cylinder of a gun in the dirt. I took the gun out of the ground. It was pretty rusty. 'I look it over to my father, he looked at it and so did the deputy sheriff."

The deputy jotted down the gun's number and told Clifford he could keep it. The boy and his father continued toward Lakeview.

When he reached his Central Point home, Clifford tried to clean the gun every way he knew how, he rubbed it with steel wool.

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dipped it in kerosene but nothing worked so he took it to a sporting goods shop operated by Mervin C. Gleason who gave him \$10 for his find.

Then came another fantastic incident. Gleason tried to have the original bluing restored but the gun was too far gone. Then—sometime between the close of business on August 26 and the opening of the shop on August 27—his shop was robbed and two guns were taken, the Magnum and a .38 revolver.

On October 8, an unidentified housewife, sprinkling her garden found a gun on the ground. She took it at once to the Salinas Police Department and police filed a report with the State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation in Sacramento.

The State Bureau found that the serial number was "hot." Home-side Inspector Joseph Curtin hit a plane for Oregon after talking to two prisoners from Oregon in the Salinas jail. One of them had given the information that the gun

was one of two taken in the Central Point robbery.

The gun was traced there to Clifford Pinkham, and its fantastic history was completed.

George Cole, being tried for the murder of the police officer, was found and arrested in Des Moines, Iowa, last July. If convicted, he may wonder about fate that placed a curious teen-ager at the exact spot where the Magnum was thrown or buried beneath a tree in a wide expanse of wasteland in Southern Oregon.



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