

2 Racketeers Convicted On Tax Evasion Charge

NEW YORK (AP) — Racketeer Johnny Dio has been convicted of federal income tax evasion. U.S. Judge Edward Weinfeld announced the decision Thursday against Dio and his bodyguard, Teddy Ray.

The two had asked Weinfeld to hear the case without a jury. They were continued free on bail until sentencing April 28.

Dio, 46, faces a possible maximum 20 years in prison and \$10,000 in fines on a count of conspiracy and three counts of income tax evasion.

Ray, also 46, was convicted of a single tax evasion count plus conspiracy. He can draw 10 years and \$20,000 in fines.

It was the second time the federal government had moved against Dio, whose real name is John Dioguardi. The notorious strong-arm man was indicted in 1956 in the Victor Riesel blinding case.

Someone hurled acid in the face of the syndicated newspaper labor columnist on a mid-Manhattan street in the early morning dark. A Federal conspiracy case against Dio collapsed for lack of witnesses and he never went to trial.

In 1937 Dio was sent to state prison for three to five years for shaking down garment district truckers.

He also got two years in 1937 in a \$30,000 union extortion conspiracy.

That term was interrupted in 1938 by his conviction for still another labor shake-down that brought 15 to 30 years in Sing Sing. Of this he served about 17 months before he won a court reversal and release. The Federal government was waiting for him with the income tax charges.

In the tax case, Dio was charged with cheating the government of \$13,000 in taxes between 1950 and 1952. Ray was accused of holding back \$273 in 1950 and conspiring with Dio to conceal income.

Testimony in the trial, which began March 21, told of payoffs to Dio or to him through Ray by garment manufacturers to keep the union out of their shops.

Engineer Joins Park

Supt. Otto M. Brown announced the entrance on duty today of James L. Bainbridge as park engineer at Crater Lake National Park. Bainbridge, who has been serving as a general engineer at the Public Works Department, UNSS Tongue Point, Astoria, accepted a transfer and promotion to the position vacancy recently created by the transfer of Richard Holmes to Mt. Rainier National Park.

Bainbridge, a veteran of over six years with the U.S. Navy from July 1946 to August 1949, attended the University of Idaho graduating in 1953 with a degree in civil engineering.

In addition to various engineering positions he has held in his home state of Idaho, which included work for the state highway department, state reclamation department and city of Lewiston, Bainbridge worked for the Corps of Engineers, War Department at Anchorage, Alaska Road Commission at Juneau and Fairbanks for over a three year period. His assignment with the Public Works Department at Astoria, from which he is being transferred, was continuous since May of 1955.

Bainbridge and his wife have three children, ages 6, 5 and 3. They will live in government quarters at Crater Lake.



"He called me Father instead of Daddy-O! Is he growing up mentally or getting short financially?"

Station Advisory Group Holds Meet With Farmers

Recently an open meeting was called at the Klamath Branch Experiment Station by the local Station Advisory Committee to review with farmers the work of the station and to discuss problems of agriculture the station might be able to assist in. The meeting was well attended by farmers interested in a progressive agriculture in the Klamath Basin.

Mr. E. A. Geary, Chairman of the Committee, outlined the progress of the station. He indicated the very great progress that cereal production has made in this area by using the oat and barley varieties introduced by the station, and also called attention to the improved soil fertility situation especially on the muck soils of the area.

The problem of new crops for the area was discussed at some length. This is a problem of wide and continuous interest. It was pointed out by several present, however, that there were many practical problems that limit the use of new crops. First, there must be an established need or market for the crop. Then, any new area must decide whether or not its economy will permit effective competition. Most limiting of all, any new crop in the Klamath area must have frost tolerance. Generally, it was agreed that the work being done selecting improved varieties of adapted species was most productive of results.

The question of what can be done to assist the small farmer came in for considerable discussion. Some felt something must be done to keep him going; others felt that as industry came into the area many would move into industrial jobs completely while others would be putting their farms into pastures which require relatively little labor and this could be provided by the family. Maintenance of the potato industry seems to offer the greatest hope for a high cash crop per acre for the smaller farmer.

Greater effort to solve potato production problems was requested. This is especially needed in the control of verticillium wilt and other diseases.

It was felt that the new pasture program of the station would be widely applicable to all size farm enterprises. This work involves the testing of various species combinations under actual grazing conditions. Livestock gains will be the basis of measuring the production. Grazing will begin this season.

There was an expressed desire to have farm tours of successful farmers conducted so that methods and practices responsible for their success could be studied.

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GRANGE NEWS

MIDLAND GRANGE

Midland Grange Home Economics Club members were asked by Nelly Molschenbacher, display table chairman, to bring some article they have made since the new year for display April 29, during a recent meeting in Midland Grange Hall.

She also reported that Mt. Laki Garden Club will meet April 13 from 2 to 5 p.m. when Jim O'Donahue will show photographs.

Alice Hoover, club president, and her staff presided. A business meeting followed a noon luncheon. Eleven members were present.

Committee reports were read after a prayer was recited by Chaplain Laura Walker.

Members decided to purchase tablecloths for grange tables and a committee was appointed to make the purchase before a public breakfast to be served at Midland Hall April 24.

Get-well cards were sent to Mrs. Rosa Benoit, Laura Milani, Mr. and Mrs. Hip Largent and Gertrude Huff.

Chairman Hoover thanked members who helped with the recent public ham dinner served by Midland granges. She asked that regular card parties be continued during her term of office, and she reported that Midland Home Economics Club voted to contribute to the Spence Memorial Fund, during a district home economics meeting at Shasta View Grange March 24.

Members suggested contributing goods or service to the veterans' hospital at Camp White, Medford, and also to the Gospel Mission, Klamath Falls.

Sample material for club altar cloths was circulated and discussed. Action was tabled for a subsequent meeting.

Members learned Youth Drill Team will be judged April 30 by three state grange officers. The judges will be Henry Hendrickson of Sherwood, Roy Means of Redmond and Victor Croston of Central Point.

After judging, pictures will be shown of Klamath County grange activities, and also of Hendrickson's recent tour of Sweden.

The meeting that day will begin with a no-host potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Next Midland home economics meeting will be May 3 at 1 p.m. at the home of Kathryn Smith of Midland.

Mate Leaves Wife In Road

FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) — It was late at night, and Paul Thompson's wife and two children were asleep in a camper in back when he stopped his pickup truck here to ask directions.

Before he climbed back into the truck, the Norwalk, Calif., man shone his flashlight into the campsite—just to make sure no one had gotten out during the pause. His wife thought he was signaling her. Sleepily, she climbed down to see what he wanted—just in time to watch the truck pull away without her.

Thompson was back for his wife two hours later.

Hospital Frees Accident Victim

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. (AP) — A man who had 120 feet of rusty bridge railing pass through his body—and lived—has been released from the hospital.

Bruce E. Wixon, 24, of nearby Barryton, left Community Hospital Thursday.

Wixon was hurt March 27 when his car skidded on a bridge near his home and struck the guard rail. The rusty 1 1/2 inch rail smashed through the front of the car, went through the right side of Wixon's body and continued on through the auto.

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