

# Judge Accused Of Bias By Hoffa

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — Teamsters President James R. Hoffa said Tuesday he cannot get a fair trial on jury tampering charges next month because the judge scheduled to try the case is prejudiced.

Attorney James Haggerty, representing Hoffa, filed the nine-page indictment signed by the union leader, in U.S. District court here.

Hoffa accused federal Judge Frank Gray Jr. of "bias and prejudice" and asked Gray to excuse himself from the Jan. 6 trial. A Dec. 16 hearing on the motion was requested.

Hoffa and six others are charged with attempting to bribe and influence jurors in Hoffa's 1962 conspiracy trial. The affidavit said Gray had "formed an opinion that the de-

endant is guilty of the charges that are pending against him." The brief referred to the disbarment last month of Z.T. Osborn Jr., a local attorney, on grounds Osborn attempted to bribe a juror in Hoffa's forthcoming jury tampering trial.

Presumably in reference to a decision by Gray and Judge William E. Miller to disbar practice, Hoffa's statement read:

"I have been informed that Judge Frank Gray Jr. has formed and expressed the opinion that evidence in the record not only shows that Osborn, my attorney, has been guilty of improper action in my case but that improper efforts have been made to influence jurors."

The two federal judges said they would withdraw from Os-

born's trial since both had recently "rendered a judgment" involving the attorney. The announcement was made as the Hoffa brief was filed.

Gray and Miller denied Osborn's request for a new hearing in the disbarment matter on grounds that the attorney "voluntarily" admitted authorizing an alleged bribe offer.

The same federal grand jury which indicted Hoffa and the other defendants in May returned indictments against Osborn last Friday.

## Fence Cut By Thieves

Thieves cut through a fence at the Pacific Co-op Supply, 402 1/2 South Sixth Street, and entered the premises Monday night, when they broke a lock on a fuel tank and escaped with approximately 13 gallons of gasoline, Oregon State Police have disclosed.

The damage to the fence and fuel tank was noted about 9 o'clock the following morning and reported to state police. State police are continuing to investigate the theft.

## Motorist Cited After Accident

A Bonanza motorist was cited for failure to yield the right of way following a two-car collision which resulted in moderate damage to both cars but no injuries to the drivers, Oregon State Police have reported.

Cited was Bonnie Joe Watson 31, who was eastbound on Mission Street in Bonanza about 8:15 a.m. Tuesday when her car struck the driver's side of a northbound automobile operated by Jesse Jackson Angel Jr., 42, Dairy, at the intersection of Mission Street and Fifth Avenue.

There were no injuries, police said.

## Foes Join Forces In Court

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Justice Department and two prominent civil rights organizations teamed up today to support a couple of segregationists in an unusual free speech case called up by the Supreme Court.

The segregationists are Edward R. Fields, information director of the National States Rights party, and Robert Lyons, the party's youth organizer. They were convicted of contempt of court in Fairfield, Ala. after defying an order not to distribute handbills and hold a public meeting.

Despite the party's advocacy of white supremacy, an attorney from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is arguing the case. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) also filed a brief supporting the defendants.

The gist of their argument is that the court order was based on two local ordinances which violated the Constitution. The local statutes prohibit the holding of public meetings without a permit and the distribution of handbills. It is contended that these ordinances infringe on the constitutional right of free speech.

The argument goes still further. The Justice Department and the ACLU say that in free speech situations individuals should have the right to test a court order by disobeying it. The Supreme Court ruled otherwise some years ago in a United Mine Workers strike case, but free speech was not involved in that instance.

## Senators Can't Decide How Far To Go With Baker Investigation

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate investigation of former Democratic aide Robert G. 'Bobby' Baker was snarled today over how far it should go, and what it should investigate.

The dispute centers on whether the Senate Rules Committee should look into such related matters as the moral improprieties of employees as well as their financial transactions.

The controversy may be settled Thursday when the committee meets in closed-door session to work out procedures for the inquiry, including its scope.

The procedure session also will discuss the matter of public hearings on the Baker case. Baker, a former secretary to the Senate Democratic majority resigned after his widespread business activities came under criticism.

Other congressional news: Taxes: The Senate Finance Committee meets in executive session to begin voting on amendments to the \$11 billion tax cut bill. The first amend-

ments to be introduced are those backed by Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La. Among Long's nine amendments is one that calls for an optional plan permitting taxpayers who give up most of

their deductions, to be taxed at a top rate of 50 per cent, instead of the 70 per cent maximum set in the pending tax bill. Eulogy: The Senate meets today to hold its special eulogy

service for President Kennedy. The entire session was reserved for eulogies to the slain President. Kennedy served in the Senate for eight years before he was elected to the Presidency.

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## Theft Try Fails Here

Klamath Falls police are investigating the apparent attempted burglary of Ed's Shoe Repair, 1022 Main Street, Monday night.

Tom Dunn, owner of the shop, reported the attempted break-in late Tuesday morning.

Police found that someone had apparently attempted to pry open a rear window, but was unsuccessful.

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