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UNION -- HOFFA

The world of labor got a shock today - when the F.B.I. arrested James R. Hoffa, vice-president of the Teamsters Union. Charged - with bribing his way into the secret files of the Senate Rackets Investigation. Hoffa - taken into custody at the swanky Washington hotel where he has a suite of rooms. Hoffa - number two chief of the giant union. Second in command - to union president Dave Beck. (Arrested along with Hoffa - Hyman Fischbach of Coral Gables, Florida - one-time counsel for a Congressional committee. Hoffa's secretary, Mrs. Fred Dobrescu - held as a material witness.)

Today, committee chairman Senator McClellan, of Arkansas, declared - that some time ago ~~at~~ the committee had reason to believe that Teamsters Union officials would seek "to plant" somebody in the committee investigating staff. To turn over committee secrets - to union officials. Which expectation sure was realized - according to the story now revealed. <sup>TP</sup> Relating - that Hoffa contacted a New York attorney, John Cyril Cheasty (Shay-sty) - who was formerly



a member of the secret service.. Hoffa offering Cheasty eighteen thousand dollars if he would get a job with the Senate Committee <sup>and</sup> ~~to~~ swipe documents from its files. Turning these over - to Hoffa.

Cheasty listened - and then <sup>in</sup> ~~to~~ formed the committee. Which, called in - the F.B.I. Cheasty told to go ahead with the scheme. And he was given a job as a committee investigator. Whereupon, he received payments from Hoffa. First, one thousand dollars - then, two thousand dollars.

A trap was laid. Cheasty - turning over to Hoffa secret papers from the committee files. Which documents, they say, were in Hoffa's possession, when he was arrested.

Such is the new sensation in the rackets investigation. If convicted, the "Crown Prince" of the Teamsters Union could get three years in jail and have to pay a fine of nine thousand dollars.

Released on bail of twenty-five thousand dollars, Hoffa met with newsmen. Refusing to answer questions -



but reading a statement in which he declares <sup>his</sup> his innocence

and adds: "I will fight this case, until I am cleared."

*The Grand Jury has begun an investigation.*

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## UNION - LANGLEY

Today's hearing by the Rackets Investigating Committee features those two familiar words - Fifth Amendment. The non-incrimination plea - taken by District Attorney, William M. Langley, of Multnomah County, Oregon, in which the city of Portland is located. District Attorney Langley - refuses to answer a whole series of questions propounded by the committee. Explaining - that he is under indictment in Oregon - and the case against him should be tried out there.

The scene - highly dramatized. Langley sitting in the witness chair, while tape recordings were played. Evidence from a loud speaker intended to back up charges made against him. His own voice <sup>identified</sup> ~~heard~~ in conversation with a couple of alleged racketeers.

James B. Elkins, a confessed racketeering gambler of Portland has told the committee a story - of how the Teamsters Union joined with Oregon gamblers in backing



Langley for election as District Attorney. The purpose - to get control of vice and gambling in Portland. Langley was elected - and then, says Elkins, he held a meeting with two Portland gamblers to lay plans. Elkins - having planted a microphone in the room where the meeting was held. With wires - running to a tape recorder in an apartment next door.

*That*  
~~See~~ produced the recording - played at the committee hearing today. - Three voices - identified as those of District Attorney <sup>and</sup> Langley, alleged gambling racketeers Joseph McLaughlin and Thomas Maloney, ~~who~~, said Elkins, had been sent by officials of the Teamsters Union to take over the rackets in Portland.

The conversation from the loud speaker today, presented a discussion of how to run Portland racketeering. In one passage, a voice, identified as the District Attorney's, has the following to say: "Of course, it would have to be cut up a lot of ways. He'd have to bring in some guy to



run it. But this town could stand - a pretty good book, you know."

"Book" meaning, of course, a horse race book<sup>making</sup> operation.

Another passage, attributed to the District Attorney suggested - a gambling racket with cards and dice. The voice from the loud speaker declaring: "Like I told you all along, cards and look - and then, if you get into pinballs and punch-boards, that's all right." All suggesting a comprehensive gambling operation.

Questioned about the tape recording, District Attorney Langley continued his policy - of refusing to reply. Pleading - Fifth Amendment.

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## MIDDLE EAST

The Mid-Eastern crisis takes a sudden turn for the better.

Egypt announces - "full cooperation" with United Nation Emergency Forces in the Gaza Strip. Previously - the Cairo government had been complaining about the way the international police force had assumed the administration of Gaza. At the same time the Egyptian press reversed its attitude - from criticism to friendliness.

This follows an agreement, according to which the Egyptians <sup>would</sup> ~~will~~ take over the administration of the Gaza Strip.

So arranged in a meeting between United Nations Assistant Secretary General Ralph Bunche, and Egyptian President Nasser. The Egyptian administrator named by Nasser - to

proceed on to Gaza, ~~soon~~ <sup>which happened today -</sup>  
~~the new governor~~ <sup>making a triumphal entry</sup>  
~~crowds cheering~~  
From Jerusalem, Israel, too, there are signs of an

easing of the crisis. United Press correspondent, Eliav Simon, cables a series of statements made by what is called an "authoritative Israeli source." Declaring - that Israel



does not, now, plan to get involved in the Gaza business, in a military way. That - the Ben Gurion government is not interested in the possession of the Gaza Strip. Glad enough - to be rid of the problem of feeding three hundred thousand people there, including a host of refugees from Palestine. Also - that Israel is not particularly concerned about legal formalities. If - Israel's own day-to-day life is not interfered with.

Which would seem to mean that Israel will not bother about the legal status of Gaza, so long as there is no resumption of Terrorist raiding.

This new calm attitude reported in Israel does not weaken the Israeli contention that the Gaza Strip must never be used again as a base for attack by Egyptian Commandos. And the Israelis say that if necessary they'll use their own warships to keep the Gulf of Alsaba clear.

But the whole picture indicates that the tension has been eased.



## INDONESIA

Martial law declared throughout Indonesia. President Sukarno - taking full military control. But he says he is not making himself a dictator. Instead, he will name a new civilian premier, to form a cabinet.

The proclamation of the state of war - follows the resignation of the previous cabinet. With most of Indonesia - in a state of rebellion.

Today's dispatch from Jakarta notes - that Java, <sup>the</sup> center of power, has ~~most of the~~ <sup>pop</sup> population - seventy million. But - not of the much ~~wealth~~ of Indonesia. The treasures of natural resources - being on other islands, like Sumatra, Borneo and Celebes. Which are far less populous, but much richer - than Java.

These outlying islands - complaining that Java takes their wealth. Which is the reason - why they are in revolt.

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## NEPAL

At the capital city of Katmandu, the government of Nepal has granted permission - for a Texan to hunt the Abominable Snow Man. Tom Slick of San Antonio, with two companions, on an expedition in the Himalayas to track down that mysterious creature. Which has been a puzzling legend - for years.

Tom Slick - no meer seeker of adventure. He is the founder of a research institute at San Antonio employing some six hundred scientists and engineers. He takes the scientific view - saying the Abominable Snow Man may be an unknown kind of anthropoid ape. Perhaps - a primitive human-type creature - a "missing link."

He bases this notion on eye witness accounts given by native mountaineers of the Himalayas - who tell fearsome tales of the Abominable Snow Man. Also - <sup>some</sup> reports from Europeans <sup>who</sup> tell of sighting strange footsteps in the snow. ~~Human-like tracks of the Abominable Snow Man.~~

Let's hope this new expedition may throw some light - on the singular legend.      ###



## HUNGARIANS

The National Science Foundation in Washington, says that, among the Hungarian refugees, are about one hundred scientists of top rank, physicists, chemists, biologists, and so on - who fled when Soviet Russia crushed the Hungarian Revolution with such brutality, last autumn.

Many of these have been placed in American universities - where they are doing important research.



## CUBA

Today's word from Cuba is that at least thirty-six lives were lost in yesterday's attempted revolution. Twenty of those killed - members of the Palace Guard. Indicating - the fury of the fighting inside the palace of Cuban strong man President Batista.

Thirty to forty Insurgents, mostly students, planned their surprise attack so well - they shot their way into the presidential palace, and got upstairs to the second floor. Where the heaviest fighting took place. The Rebels - using pistols, machineguns and hand grenades. Battling against the Palace Guard - which numbered about one hundred soldiers.

The battle raged along the corridor, where Batista's office is located. A shot - through the door. But Batista was on the floor above, where he waited, with a .45 in hand.

The shooting continued until government reinforcements arrived at the palace - police and soldiers - with tanks.

~~Today~~ Batista <sup>says</sup> declared the brief, abortive revolt  
was incited by Communists. *Today a wholesale roundup of Anti-Batista people.*



## ALEUTIANS

Another violent earthquake in the Aleutians, today - the biggest ever since last leekend. When shocks at the bottom of the Pacific # sent those tidal waves rolling. Today, however, no sign of tidal waves.

The volcanic eruption on Umnak Island - now subsiding. That's the report from an aerial survey which says - the volcanic activity seems to be dying down.

However, report from the nearby island of Adak says that the earthquakes have caused the ground to split. Disrupting highways - knocking down bridges.

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EISENHOWER

Along about now, President Eisenhower is departing from his usual character - that of an inveterate landsman. General Ike - always a ground force officer. Nothing of the Navy - about him. But, this evening, he sails from Norfolk, Virginia - preferring sea to land.

Bound for Bermuda - where he will have conferences with British Prime Minister, Macmillan. But, on the way, he will have an ocean cruise - for a leisurely six days. Getting sunshine and ocean breezes - trying to shake off that stubborn cough and cold.

Previous Presidents have been sea-goers - sailing on cruises for needed rest and relaxation. But, hitherto, Mr. Eisenhower has faithfully stuck to land. Taking his vacations - at places like <sup>where I am tonight - in</sup> the Colorado mountains, or an inland part of Georgia. But, now - the deep blue sea.

Maybe the General thinks he's an Admiral. It would sound odd, wouldn't it - Admiral Ike?

*General - or Admiral -  
You're on, Henry!*

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L.T.           A year ago today - a party of visitors landed on an island in the Indian Ocean. The leader of the party - Archbishop Makarios, exiled from Cyprus, where he had been a leader of the anti-British movement. The British sending him into distant exile. Today Archbishop Makarios is still in exile on an island in the Indian Ocean. The British - still trying to work out a solution of the problem of Cyprus.