

BECK

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Tonight the world of organized labor is rocking with rumors - about one of our most powerful Union leaders. The reason - the head of the AFL-CIO has called an extraordinary Executive meeting for Friday. Presumably, George Meany wants to consider - whether Dave Beck should be expelled.

Today, Dave Beck, ^{multimillionaire} head of the Teamsters, took the Fifth Amendment. ~~He~~ Refused to turn over to Senate investigators - his financial records, ^{— where he got all his money,} And ~~he~~ refused to tell about ^{some item of} ~~that~~ three hundred and twenty thousand dollars of Union funds.

Beck's appearance, the climax of a four-week investigation. The hearing room was jammed - when the Labor leader arrived with his battery of attorneys. ~~It was~~ ^{the} biggest crowd - since the Army-McCarthy hearings of Nineteen Fifty-Four.

Dave Beck ~~is~~ described as smiling confidently - when he arrived. But his smile soon disappeared - under questioning.

Committee Chairman ^{Sen.} McClellan of Arkansas opened the hearing by saying - that apparently Beck took ~~the~~ three hundred and twenty thousand dollars from the Treasury of the Teamsters Union in Seattle. McClellan suggesting that the money was, in the Senator's words, "neither a gift nor a loan." The Committee, wanting to know how Beck got the money and what had been done with it.

The Union leader countered by challenging the Committee's jurisdiction - claiming it had no authority for investigating him. The members of the Committee immediately overruled his objection. And then Beck went on to invoke a good part of our Constitution. He mentioned Articles One, Two and Three. And, he used the Fourth and Fifth Amendments - to avoid incriminating himself.

During the questioning, the Committee wanted to know whether Beck's Union was not entitled to a truthful statement about his behavior. Beck answered - he was not hiding behind anything. He said he had no intention of resigning. But he

added - he does not feel bound by the ~~the~~ ethical code of the AFL-CIO.

Committee counsel, Robert Kennedy, threw a barrage of questions at ~~Beck~~ Beck, asking about sums - said to be from Union funds. ~~Beck~~ Kennedy ~~was~~ wanting information ^{regarding some} ~~on~~ ~~about~~ ^{two} hundred thousand dollars that went to pay for Beck's home in Seattle - and other property. ~~Secondly, Canada mentioned~~ ^{also -} eighty-five thousand dollars - that apparently went to pay Beck's personal bills. ~~The~~ ^{also} Counsel ^{an item of} asked about ^{thirty-six} thousand dollars - wanting to find out if it went to pay off Beck's personal loans. And finally, there was the question of ~~almost~~ ^{his} five thousand dollars - deposited in ~~the~~ bank account.

Beck refused to answer any of these questions. ~~Sen.~~

McClellan then asked - whether Beck was afraid he would incriminate himself - by turning over his records and answering the questions. Beck answered, "very definitely."

~~It was a~~ stormy session, with Beck frequently raising his voice. ^{Shouting that} ~~At the afternoon session, he asserted that~~

the Committee has "no proof" - he misused Union funds.

To which Senator McClellan replied: - "We do have proof."

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CAIRO

Meanwhile U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold is on his way back from those talks with Nasser. After a final two-hour conference, today - with the Egyptian Foreign Minister - who presented him with a new memorandum concerning operation of the Suez Canal.

The U.N. Secretary General is saying nothing. He will hold his report until he reaches New York. The report from Cairo is that Egypt will run the canal with Nasser, promising to live up to the terms of the Convention of Eighteen Eighty-Eight - which provided for free navigation for all.

SUBMARINES

The commander of our Atlantic fleet says - Russia can launch guided missiles at us - do it easily - submarines. Admiral Jerauld Wright, telling a news conference - that Russian submarines have been sighted in the Atlantic. Some, close enough to worry our Navy. Altho' the Admiral doesn't know the Soviets have submarines from which they can launch guided missiles, he assumes they have.

Admiral Wright added that what we do know is that Russia now has more than four hundred submarines.

MILITARY

President Eisenhower shuffles his military command.

Today Mr. ~~Eisenhower~~ ⁱⁿ nominates General ^{Nate} Twining, Air Force

Chief-of-Staff -- to be the next Chairman of the Joint Chiefs

~~of-Staff~~ General Twining, to succeed Admiral Radford.

The President
Mr. ~~Eisenhower~~ also named the Secretary of the

Air Force, Donald Quarles - to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

This appointment - touching off more rumors - that Quarles will

soon succeed Secretary of Defense Wilson.

Other appointments today - ^{the able} James Douglas ^{to} succeeds

Quarles - as Secretary of the Air Force. General ^{Tom} ~~White~~ White

^{to} succeeds General Twining - as Air Force Chief-of-Staff.

Admiral Arleigh Burke reappointed as Chief of Naval Operations.

Unchanged by ^{the} ~~the~~ reshuffle, ~~at the top of our~~
~~military command~~ - General Maxwell Taylor, ^{stays on as} ~~his appointment as~~

Army ~~Chief~~ of Staff - ~~does not expire~~ for another two years.

BLIZZARD

The big blizzard, in the Mid-West, fading out - and, on its way East. Western New York now getting rain snow, and sleet. But the gale seems to have blown itself out.

The latest count says at least forty dead, in the storm. And the number probably will go much higher when rescue crews get to all the stranded cars.

BURGLAR

Last night we had a story about an unusual criminal in London - a "human fly", able to climb anywhere - break into any building. Tonight we have a story from Evansville, Indiana, of the same sort. The difference being that in Evansville, they caught him.

Charlie Whitsell, a midget. Charlie, forty-five inches high - weighs forty-three pounds; so small, he's able to squeeze through transoms and the smallest windows.

He operated with a gang. Professional burglars, who would boost the midget up to windows - that no ordinary man could squeeze through. All no problem for Charlie - and his forty-five inches. They looted forty buildings and got away with thousands dollars in goods, and money, before the ~~pink~~ police of Evansville learned about Charlie the midget. They caught him - and are now after his taller friends - the rest of the gang.

ACTRESS

Here's a question for fans of Jean Seberg - star of the movie, "St. Joan". How is she getting along - with her home town of Marshalltown, Iowa?

The point is - Miss Seberg is back in Marshalltown - after finishing her movie. Her arrival, coinciding with the appearance of a magazine article about her. ^{The} article in McCall's Magazine - quotes her as saying that she used acting as a way to escape from life in her home town. The article quoting Jean Seberg as saying, "I never felt as if I belonged there."

How are they reacting to that article in Marshalltown?

Jean's mother says it doesn't sound at all like Jean. And Mayor Leonard Grimes agrees. As for Jean Seberg - she hasn't issued any statement yet - about whether ~~that~~ ^{the} magazine article quoted her ~~right~~ ^{correctly} - when she was supposed to have said of

Marshalltown, "I never felt as if I belonged there." *Maybe a publicity man wrote the piece. They've been known to do that!*

ZEBRAS

The government of South Africa announces - an open season on Zebras. They say that the striped animals have been destroying crops, and they want a thousand zebras destroyed this year. Hunters are reported already moving in. So - if you want a Zebra -!

CATACOMBS

A dispatch from Paris tells of strange noises - coming from the catacombs underneath part of the city. The subterranean Parisien cemetery - where bodies used to be buried centuries ago. Our reporter says that instead of ghostly gibbering ought, coming from the catcombs, the gendarmes have been hearing giggling and singing. Nothing sepulcheral.

What did they find? Those snooping gendarmes found nineteen teen-agers - holding a champagne party, around a big pile of skeletons. Who were the nineteen? Why members of some of the first families of Paris. Singing and dancing - among the skeletons. After which they emerged - escorted to the surface - where conveyances awaited them - Police wagons in which they were taken to the Paris bastille. There's always someone taking the fun out of life.

WEDDING

Tomorrow, east Europe will have - its wedding of the year. America's Olympic champion hammer thrower, Harold Connolly, - to marry the Czech Olympic discus thrower, Olga Fikotová. In Prague, according to all reports it will be a mob scene. And of course members of the diplomatic corps will be on hand, including our Ambassador to Czechoslovakia, Alexis Johnson; also the Mayor of Prague, and, the best man will be that fast-stepping, colorful Czech track star, Emile Zatopik.

Probably the President of Czechoslovakia too.

Quite a wedding! With three ceremonies! First, the civil; then a Catholic ceremony - and finally a Protestant ceremony. So that Harold, the hammer thrower, and Olga, the discus thrower - can become man and wife.

I'm sure we all hope their homelife will be all wedded bliss - and that neither will ever be tempted to start throwing things. And that Harold - the-hammer-thrower and Olga-the-discuss-thrower will live happily/
ever after!

DUKE

The commanding officer of the Royal Scots Greys - is maintaining an attitude of British reserve - following his inquiry into a party thrown by some of his fellow officers. Colonel A.W. Lewis refusing to tell what he found.

It all started with - a bar-maid - in one of the hotels of Darlington, England. Who told about a party - which the Duke of Kent attended, along with other officers of the Royal Greys. According to the bar-maid, a lot of a certain Scottish beverage was consumed at the party. Whereupon - says the wench - His Grace the Duke of Kent and other officers, began playing leap-frog over the bar. Showering each other with potato chips; using martini glasses as footballs; and trying to dance with her. But the pretty maid wasn't having any. In fact she called the Bobbies.

The dispatch goes on to say that in Britain they don't arrest the Duke of Kent. That they even like

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discretion - when any of Her Majesty's officers are
being criticized. So they sent Colonel Lewis of the
Royal Scots to what ho - and all that. So-- what ho?
The Colonel may know - but all he says is tally-ho.

END

Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T.: A year ago today, there was a "summit conference" - at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Which sounds appropriate now - with the Eisenhower-MacMillan Bermuda parley, just over.

Last year, it was a meeting of North American leaders. President Eisenhower, entertaining President Cortines of Mexico, and Prime Minister St. Laurent of Canada. ~~just~~ *just* a year ago, tonight, the three leaders were at a dinner party - a "get acquainted" meeting. *Followed by a discussion* ~~The next day, they began their~~ ~~serious talks on~~ *serious* the problems of our hemisphere.