

LT BUICK, FISHER, THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1965

HOFFA

Teamster boss James Hoffa today lost another crucial round in his long and continuing battle with the government.

A Washington Appeals Court ruling that the Labor Department--does indeed have the right to examine the Teamsters' financial records. The Labor Department trying to find out whether Teamster funds were used illegally--to help pay the cost of Hoffa's jury-fixing trial. Next stop--the Supreme Court.

FLOOD

I flew over the most dramatic part of the Mississippi flood area today. Motine, Rock Island, Davenport. The big airport at Davenport looked like a lake. Blocks and blocks of factories and other buildings looked as though in the middle of an inland sea.

That massive Mississippi flood wave--swept ten feet deep today--through the all-but-abandoned city of Gulf Port, Illinois. The raging river seven miles wide. The greatest flood in the history of the Upper Mississippi--roaring southward at the rate of one billion gallons an hour.

In all--some forty-thousand persons driven from their homes so far. With at least fourteen dead and flood damage estimated at more than two-hundred million dollars.

QUAKE

That earthquake in the Pacific northwest--is described tonight as the worst to hit that area in sixteen years. The quake registering a full seven--on the Richter Scale. Stretching along the coast from Oregon to British Columbia and as far east as Kalispell, Montana.

The tremor shaking buildings, shattering windows; knocking down power lines--also disrupting bridge and highway traffic. At least two persons dead--both in Seattle.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee--today approved a one-year extension of the Foreign Aid Program; slightly less than the amount asked by President Johnson.

Meanwhile, a stern warning from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee--which has already approved a similar appropriation. The Senate body declaring that continued aid to foreign nations--is dependent in part on "mutual cooperation and civilized behavior"--toward the United States. Adding that "mob action--directed against the United States and condoned by a foreign government--obviously disrupts, if it does not completely dispel--such an atmosphere."

DOMINICAN

Some five hundred combat-ready Marines--tonight form a ring of steel around more than a thousand refugees in Santo Domingo. These American nationals and other foreigners--caught up in the Dominican revolt--which has already claimed an estimated four hundred lives. Amazingly--no American casualties as yet. And another thousand Marines are standing by offshore to make sure there are none.

The rebels are sniping at government troops--from rooftops with telling effect.

Outcome of it all--still in doubt.

In Washington, the rebel forces are said to be "definitely Communist orientated with a Castro background."

PRESIDENTS

President Camal Abdel Nasser of Egypt--and
president Tito of Yugoslavia--met today at Cairo. Purpose--
to discuss ways of maintaining world peace. Also--ways
of strengthening the United Nations.

Decisions reached in thier talks--to be disclosed
tomorrow in a joint communique. Can you wait?

VIET NAM

In Viet Nam--three major assaults against the Communist Viet Cong. A U.S. military spokesman in Saigon--today reporting nearly three hundred guerrillas--killed or captured in the fighting.

KUTCH

Pakistani Army forces still continue their push--
across the desolate Rann of Kutch. Today overrunning an
Indian outpost--about a mile from Biarbet--in this there
deepest penetration of the disputed territory.

Indian troops--said to be vastly outnumbered.
But a government spokesman at New Delhi--predicts they
will make a stand shortly "at a place that is advantageous
to us," said he. Indian Premier Shastri adding that the
nation--"must be prepared for any eventuality.¶

EMPEROR

EMPEROR HIROHITO OF JAPAN TODAY CELEBRATED HIS SIXTY-FOURTH BIRTHDAY-- BEHIND THE GRIM, GREY WALLS OF TOKYO'S "CHRYSANTHEMUM PALACE." NO PUBLIC OBSERVANCE OF THE OCCASION. HOWEVER, THOUSANDS OF JAPANESE STREAMING INTO THE PALACE--TO SIGN THE GUEST BOOK OF THE IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD. SOME HAVING WAITED ALL NIGHT--FOR THE PRIVILEGE. THIS THE CUSTOM BY WHICH THE JAPANESE WISH THEIR IMPERIAL LEADER--A HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

BASUTOLAND

IN THE BRITISH PROTECTORATE OF
BASUTOLAND--AT THE TIP OF SOUTH AFRICA--
FIERCE MOUNTAIN TRIBESMEN TODAY Poured
INTO POLLING PLACES--AT THE RATE OF
THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND AN HOUR. THIS
BASUTOLAND'S FIRST ELECTION--OF ITS
OWN SEMI-AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT. ALSO
THE FIRST STEP TOWARD INDEPENDENCE
NEXT YEAR--WHEN BASUTOLAND BECOMES THE
KINGDOM OF LESOTHO. — *An all black
island in So. Africa.*
EXTRA BLOOD PLASMA FLOWN IN FROM SOUTH
AFRICA--IN CASE OF EXPECTED TROUBLE.
INSTEAD--A CARNIVAL AIR--AS THE VOTERS
STREAMED IN--BY BUS, ON HORSEBACK AND
ON FOOT. THE TRIBESMEN--FOR THE MOST
PART--SPORTING COMICAL STRAW HATS--AND
BRIGHTLY COLORED BASUTO BLANKETS. QUITE
A CONTRAST--TO SOME OTHER RECENT AFRICAN
ELECTIONS.

KENYA

SPEAKING OF AFRICA--THIS DISPATCH FROM NAIROBI. THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA-- TODAY REFUSED ~~TO~~ TO ACCEPT A SHIPMENT OF ARMS FROM RUSSIA. KENYA'S PRESIDENT JOMO KENYATTA REPORTING THAT ALL THE WEAPONS-"ARE OLD AND SECOND HAND "-- AS HE PUT IT. THESE--SAID HE-"WOULD BE OF NO USE TO THE MODERN ARMY OF KENYA."

TAXES

SENATOR JOHN WILLIAMS OF DELAWARE--
TODAY ISSUED HIS ANNUAL REPORT CARD ON
THE NATION'S TAX COLLECTORS. THE
SENATOR'S GRADING SYSTEM--BASED ON THE
TOTAL AMOUNT OF DELINQUENT TAX PAYMENTS--
STILL ON THE BOOKS IN VARIOUS OFFICES
OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

TAX OFFICERS LISTED AS "EXCELLENT"--
THOSE IN AUGUSTA, MAINE, AND PARKERSBURG,
WEST VIRGINIA. LISTED AS "GOOD" --
THOSE IN PROVIDENCE; DES MOINES,
BALTIMORE, PHILADELPHIA, HONOLULU,
FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA; ALBANY, NEW YORK;
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE; AND PORTLAND,
OREGON. THOSE LISTED AS "BAD"--IN
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO AND AUSTIN, TEXAS.

BUT THE WORST--ACCORDING TO WILLIAMS--
IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA. THERE
TAXPAYERS ARE BEHIND IN THEIR PAYMENTS--
TO THE TUNE OF FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS.

PAGE TWO TAXES

that is

Dick - SAID THE SENATOR -- AN ALL-TIME
HIGH. — or in another sense an all-time low!

SAILOR

Thirty-Nine-year-old William Verity -- of Fort Lauderdale, Florida -- set sail today from Vera Cruz, Mexico -- in a tiny Twelve-Foot sloop. His Destination -- Ireland. Bill Verity attempting to prove that Ireland's Saint Brendan -- could have crossed the Atlantic in the Sixth Century. Could have crossed it in a crude twelve-foot boat -- just as the legend says he did.

The young skipper -- predicting his voyage will take about Ninety days at sea -- assuming the elements are with him. The boat -- which he built himself -- carries about one-hundred square feet of sail -- but it has no engine. All I can add is -- verily, verily I say, may the saints be with thee Bill Verity.