

BECK

L.T.-Delas. Thurs. May 9-'57.

The Anheuser Bush brewery - ~~he was~~ pressured by Dave Beck, President of the Teamsters Union. Pressured - into giving the West Coast agency for Budweiser to a firm headed by ^{- - -} Dave Beck, Jr. ₋

So testified - by Anheuser Bush officials, today. Who said - that Beck used his power as boss of the Teamsters to get control of Budweiser in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. The company didn't want to turn the distribution of Budweiser over to Beck's son - not thinking much of him. But they yielded - and the Beck interest in the firm was, later, sold for eighty-five thousand dollars.

The Anheuser-Bush officials went on to say - that the company had got assistance from Beck in connection with labor matters on the West Coast. Information - for example - concerning the Teamster negotiations with rival breweries in California.

The testimony - getting a bit complicated. Leading committee member Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts to say -

that, apparently, union President Beck associated himself with Anheuser-Bush "in limiting a wage increase" for his own union members.

From all of which it might possibly be inferred - that Beck got the Budweiser business, while the beer drivers got less in wages than might ~~xxxx~~ otherwise have been the case.

Committee Counsel Robert Kennedy, brother of the Senator, says that Dave Beck Jr. has apparently, slipped off into Canada. The committee wants to question him. But the younger Beck, together with two other prospective witnesses appears to be in Vancouver. Where they cannot be reached--- by a subpoena from the Senate committee. No way to extradite them - as witnesses.

BUDGET

President Eisenhower gives a minimum -- for foreign aid. Saying-- three billion, eight hundred and eighty eight million is the rock bottom. He stated this at a White House meeting with Democratic and Republican leaders of Congress.

The budget calls for four billion, ~~■~~ four hundred million in foreign aid. The President -- willing to take fifty-two ~~million~~ million less than that. In the face -- of Congressional demands for economy. Which threaten to slash -- the foreign aid program.

Meanwhile, the White House has asked for radio-television time on Tuesday next. Half an hour to take ~~his~~ ^{the}

budget
~~case~~ to the people, ~~on the subject of the budget.~~

~~Another ~~radio~~ radio-tv appearance a week later.~~ In the first of the two talks, the President will discuss the cost of government. In the second -- he'll concentrate on the foreign aid program.

HOUSING

The House of REpresentatives, today, passed a housing bill -- coming to nearly two billion dollars. A catch-all measure -- putting up money for all kinds of things connected with housing.

The bill goes far beyond the recommendations presented by President Eisenhower. Putting up a lot more money for such matters as expansion of credit, slum clearance, college housing loans.

Congress is hot for economy and budget slashing -- but not in a matter like this. Increasing, instead of reducing.

But the Senate committee, this evening, voted a big slash in funds for the Post Office Department. Cutting the Post Office budget by ~~fifty eight million dollars~~. This -- in spite of administration warnings of cut-backs in mail service if Congress doesn't put up enough money for the post office.

ISRAEL

Tonight the Secretary General of the U N is in Jerusalem, Israel, ~~where he is having conferences~~ ⁱⁿ with Premier Ben Gurion, ~~Discussing problems~~ ^{re} in the Mid-eastern crisis.

Dag Hammarskjold's arrival in Israel today was guarded by vigilant security precautions. The Israeli government -- afraid there might be popular demonstrations against him. Lingering bitterness -- over the Suez ^z crisis. Many people in Israel -- blaming Hammarskjold for the U N action that persuaded the Israelis to withdraw from Egyptian territory.

When he landed at the Lydda airport, all approaches to the field were blocked off by police. ~~He was~~ ^{He was} Then -- rushed ~~swiftly~~ to Jerusalem, in a convoy, ~~along the old Jaffa to Jerusalem Road.~~ ^{along the old Jaffa to Jerusalem Road.}

~~The talks will continue tomorrow.~~

ATOMIC

Soviet Premier Bulganin declares that Russia is ready to halt atomic and hydrogen bomb tests -- if the United States and Britain will do the same. Bulganin telling this -- to a Japanese peace committee.

But, once again -- what guarantee of good faith is there? Some suppose that any nuclear explosion can be detected around the world. But, - can it? Matters to be looked into -- if we're to take, seriously, the new Russian declaration in favor of halting atomic and hydrogen bomb tests.

COLOMBIA

Here's an odd thing for a South American President to do - in the face of a threatened revolution. Drafting all bank employees into the army. Sounds like finance ~~is~~ in a state of insurrection. Which, in a way it is.

In the Republic of Colombia, President Rojas Pinilla was re-elected by the National Assembly -- which is dominated by partisans of his. Provoking discontent - all over Colombia. Various business places closed - in protest. Including - all private banks in Colombia. Doors shut - ever since Monday. Part of a passive resistance movement.

So, today, President Rojas Pinilla drafted all the bank people - they're in the army now. Under orders - to reopen the banks and keep them running. Making them liable to military trial as deserters - if they refuse to obey.

HITLER

In a German court room - testimony concerning one of the sinister, savage episodes of the reign of Hitler, The Nazi blood purge - in Nineteen-Thirty-four, When, with mass killings - Hitler ~~xxx~~ crushed a revolt among his own brown shirt storm troopers.

On trial - Sepp Dietrich and Michael Lipert. Charged - with having played a leading part in the Nazi blood bath. In particular - the execution of Roehm, Hitler's former friend - who was the storm troop commander.

Today as witness - former Admiral Conrad Patzig. Who, then - headed Nazi military intelligence.

He told the court - how he received many reports, that the storm troopers were preparing a revolt. Roehm - planning to seize power from Hitler.

He said - a secret munitions train was on its way to Roehm's headquarters from Munich. Apparently - to be used by the storm troopers in an ~~xxx~~ insurrection.

But Hitler discovered the plot, and struck first -

with the Nazi blood purge. Shooting Roehm - and decimating
the ■■ storm troopers.

FOREST FIRES

Those forest fires -- have little respect for history. A blazing tempest -- bearing down on Plymouth, Massachusetts. Five hundred cottages evacuated from Priscilla beach -- as the flames roared along the treetops to the Sea. Let's hope the town itself, is entirely safe. ^{with} ~~The~~ Plymouth Rock - in no danger of getting scorched.

The fire - believed to have begun in the Miles Standish reservation - a twelve thousand acre pine forest. The wind - blowing the flames from the Miles Standish Reservation on a ten mile fiery front. Until they hit - Priscilla Beach.

All of which is a blazing reminder of the old story -- how Miles Standish sent John Alden to court Priscilla for him. But Priscilla said: "Why don't you speak for yourself, John?" Today, the ² ~~fi~~rest fiery message -- from _^ Miles Standish to Priscilla.

Governor Furculo of ~~Massachusetts~~ Massachusetts has

declared a state of emergency - as New England faces the worst forest fire peril in ten years. The menace of the blazing woodlands - especially bad in Maine.

FLOOD

In Denver - a deluge. Flash floods - driving hundreds from their homes. Torrential rain storms - with a swift melting of deep snow in the mountains. Wide areas under water. The flood entering Denver, itself.

PLANE

This morning at seven-forty-nine, Eastern Daylight Saving Time, a distress call was received from an American military plane out over the ~~ax~~ Atlantic. An Air Force tanker plane with seven aboard. Which reported -- three engines ~~out~~.

The plane, on its way from North Africa to the Azores.

Impossible to make the Azores on only one engine. ~~Then~~

At eight sixteen A.M. the tanker plane plunged into the Atlantic -- one-hundred-and-fifty-five miles east of the island.

When the first S o S was flashed American search planes took off from points as far away as Germany and Scotland. Five Navy vessels -- joining the hunt for survivors.

Shortly after noon - planes in the search - spotted wreckage. A few minutes later, they picked up distress signals from an emergency radio transmitter. Twelve-thirty-six p.m. a ship spotted a life raft, and search planes were circling the raft. Heavy seas running. Making rescue difficult -- and it was not accomplished until about

three p.m.

All seven airmen, the crew of the wrecked plane
safe and sound. Happy ending in another air and sea adventure.

Today, the Senate voted okay on Scott McLeod
named by President Eisenhower - as Ambassador to Ireland.
A Democratic minority made a vigorous ^{against} fight him -- criticizing
the way he handled his job in the State Department. In
charge of security and the refugee program. But the Senate
ratified, [^] sixty to twenty. Ambassador Scott McLeod --
now going to Dublin.

Another Ambassadorial nomination -- approved
by a voice vote. So little opposition -- there was no need
of a count. Henry J. Taylor becoming U.S. Ambassador to
Switzerland. Which is a joy to a whole lot of people in

^{wise} radio. Genial, ^{globe wanderer,} ^{chatty} Henry J. Taylor, a favorite radio
commentator for years. ^{Always moving about the world,} ~~A globe-trotting traveller~~ -- seeking
out angles of news. ^{He should make a top} ~~Certainly the stuff of which Ambassadors!~~

~~should be made?~~

PINZA

The world of music has lost - Pinza. Succumbing -
at the age of sixty-five - after a series of heart attacks.
Pinza - who made the remarkable jump from the metropolitan
opera House to stardom on Broadway. Where the famous basso
won a new brilliant success as a middle-aged lover in
"South Pacific".

But, then, Pinza's greatest operatic role had
been, perhaps, that of Don Giovanni; Mozart's version - of
the eternal Don Juan, ~~So who is become a better middle-aged~~
~~lover than~~ the cavalier of Spain; Who symbolized - the
gay romancer of all the world?

Y

Last night I was broadcasting from the hall of a University in New Jersey; and, tonight, I'm on a lake in New York state; this time broadcasting from a branch of a world-wide organization that is represented in over two thousand communities in this country, with a membership of more than three and a half million, most of whom are under twenty-five years of age.

The name of the place where I am at this moment is Holiday Hills. During the Second World War it was the number one rehabilitation center for the U.S. Air Force. Here to this restful atmosphere on the shores of Green Mountain Lake, near Pawling, New York, came airmen from all over the world, some wounded - some a near physical wreck. They came here to get themselves back in shape.

After the war, this Shangri La was taken over by the YMCA, and is now a place where Y secretaries, - and

members too, - came for special conferences, and meetings of various kinds.

I have had a great admiration for the Y ever since World War one, when I saw what it did for our armed forces overseas, in the days when General Pershing made the remark that the Y did ninety percent of the total welfare work for the A E F. And, I have also seen a little of the work done by the Y in many countries.

You may have forgotten - I had - that the YMCA originated in this country more than a hundred years ago. Since then it has been responsible for many things, including much of our present day knowledge about physical education. For instance, many games got their start at the Y: basketball in Eighteen Ninety One. Volley ball too. Last year nearly a half a million learned to swim under Y instructors. Its camping program, what it does for youth in connection with government, - well, it would take more than a broadcast just to hint

at what the Y has done for the youth of this country and some forty foreign lands.

COLLEGE

Two students of the University of Wisconsin - in jail. And - no wonder! If anybody ever deserved the ^{cooler} ~~hoosgow~~ - it was those two frolicksome undergraduates. Shocking - to tell what they did.

Two fraternities - getting into a water battle. The fraternity brothers - dousing each other with buckets of water; A fracas - wild and wet; When up came the dean of men, in all his dignity. Dean Zillman - taking his place at a loud speaker, and reading the riot act. Declaring sternly - that the water fighters would be severely punished. So what happened?

Well, those two flagrant undergraduates sneaked up - each with a bucket of water. And - doused the dean. Drenching Dean Zillman - with two buckets of water.

Whereupon the other water fighters hailed the dripping Dean by singing - "for he's a jolly good fellow."

They also poured a bucketful ^{on} a motorcycle cop. But that was as nothing beside - the dousing and the drenching of the Dean.

DUKE

In London, there's a fifty-six dollar a week assistant plant manager, who suddenly finds himself a Duke - with eighteen titles of nobility in all. George Ian Murray, a cousin and the closest living relative - of the Duke of Atholl, whose death appears in the news today. The assistant plant manager inheriting - one Dukedom and four earldoms. In addition - to which he's a viscount three times, ~~and~~ Marquess twice, And a baron eight times. The accumulation of titles - of one of Scotland's ancient families.

Henry, The new Duke says he likes his job at the factory, and hopes to keep it. Making him - the noblest plant manager of them all.

END

Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T. This time, last year, I was wondering - how things were going back home. Politics, especially - presidential year. While I was on the other side of the world - in a Himalayan valley, where we heard no news from the outside - here at home the Presidential primaries were on. Forecasting in a remarkable way - the result in November.

Remember a year ago, today, the figures from Indiana? Eisenhower and Kefauver, ~~was~~ unopposed. The returns prophetic. President Eisenhower - three-hundred-and-fifty thousand votes. Senator Kefauver - ~~a good deal less than~~ ^{around} two hundred and fifty thousand. A true forecast of what was to happen in November. And that's what I ~~am~~ recall tonight as I say - SOLONG UNTIL TOMORROW.