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Two Say Union, Gangsters Tried To 'Take Over' City

Moonshine: All Kick, No Taxes

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(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Franklin)

ABC official Henry Severs with confiscated 'lightning'

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That's Why Our Potent Booze Is So Popular

By CHARLES KURALT
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(Last in a series)

"Why do you drink this terrible stuff?"

ABC enforcement chief Henry Severs eyed his subject curiously. The man was caught in a raid at a local bootleg establishment.

"Why do you drink this white liquor and break the law when you can go up to the ABC store and get better liquor cheaper?"

"I know what you're talking about," the man said. He thought about it a minute.

"It's this way," he said. "If I buy a bottle and go home, my wife won't let me drink it. If I drink it anyway, she'll complain about it. . .

"Down here, I get a dollar's worth of bad liquor and $500 worth of good conversation."

Camaraderie in back rooms is just one of the venal pleasures lawmen have to combat when they go out to beat the bootleggers at their profitable game.

CHEAP WHISKY

Bootleg whisky is cheap as whisky goes. The whole idea is to produce a beverage with the kick of a mountain mule minus the stiff taxes imposed by federal, state and local governments.

But by the time transporters, wholesalers and retailers have added their own profit, the consumer often finds the price actually higher than the bottled-in-bond variety of alcohol which lines the shelves in Mecklenburg's ABC stores.

For a six-gallon case, the still operator may get $20 if the demand is high. The wholesaler resells it for $40. The retailer gets $5 a jar in these inflationary times, or $60 a case, and the guy who buys it might resell it at a dollar a drink.

That's a pretty high price for a brew that's aged maybe 24 hours and has been run through a felt hat to strain out the dead birds and flies.

Down in the Brooklyn section of Charlotte, they used to call the stuff "Joe Louis" and with considerable logic. Perfectly reasonable people can still be heard to claim they like clear corn liquor because "it has no after effect," something like saying there's no after effect to getting hit in the head with a baseball bat.

There is a whole literature concerning those toughminded mountaineers who make white liquor and the men who run it through imposing obstructions of terrain and law.

The under-the-counter salesman is no less colorful, no less wily and no more lawabiding.

"Unloading white liquor is a science in itself," ATU agent Fred Mercer says.

"The guys who unload it from the car or truck that brings it in never know exactly when it's coming. That's so nobody can tip off the police. They'll just be told to be at such and such a corner that night.

"It generally comes in after midnight, into Brooklyn or Greenville sections. These fellows will just stand around on the corner talking. When the car comes and stops, they can unload it in a matter of seconds and just vanish. You can stand there and watch it and not know what's going on, it happens so fast.

COLLECT LATER

"Now, the man who brings that liquor in, he'll collect later, or maybe he's already collected. He doesn't wait around then. He wants to unload it and get out of there."

Hiding white liquor is another subtle art of the bootlegging trade. In recent months, officers have found the stuff in milk cans sunk in the ground; in jars behind secret panels in houses; in hidden compartments in dresser drawers.

Something of a classic hiding place was uncovered in Gaston County last week. Sheriff's deputies found a complete water system in a bootlegger's house—converted to a liquor system. It had a pump, a "well," a spigot and a sink. Only what came out

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Here It Is: Your Big Southern Cookbook

Your first annual Charlotte News Southern Cookbook is distributed with today's issue of The News. It is Section C of this paper.

The Southern Cookbook is 48 pages big, chock full of the favorite recipes of hundreds of News readers.

Anticipating extra demand for the Cookbook, The News has printed an additional supply of copies. They are available at The News, 126 S. Church St., for 5 cents, or may be ordered by mail or phone for 10 cents.

The supply is limited, so get your order in now.

Army Okays Training By Guard

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army and National Guard today agreed on a compromise to end their dispute over active duty training for new Guard recruits and a House Armed Services Subcommittee gave the plan its endorsement.

Rep. Overton Brooks (D-La) said the agreement will go to the full Armed Services Committee at its next meeting, probably next week. Approval there was virtually certain. That would end the row, since new legislation is not required.

The subcommittee which Brooks heads was understood to have approved the compromise with only one dissenting vote. In advance of its closed meeting, Brooks had announced "full agreement" between the Army and Guard on the compromise.

AGREEMENT OUTLINED

The heart of the agreement as Brooks outlined it is this:

The National Guard would be given the rest of this year in which to recruit youths 17 to 18½ years of age with the understanding they would be required to take only 11 weeks of active duty training.

But they would have to enlist in time to complete 11 weeks training before next Jan. 1.

For new recruits over 18½ and having no prior military service, six months of active duty training would be required, corresponding to the minimum requirement in other reserve programs.

The current 11-week training program of the Air National Guard would not be affected.

The Army had pressed strongly for six months of training for everyone.

Impaled, She Still Lives

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—A 49-year-old woman was in critical condition today after being impaled for three hours on a sharp willow sapling.

A few yards away was the hustle of a busy street. But Miss Louise Lohmeyer, crouched at the bottom of an embankment, could do nothing but wave weakly with one hand.

Her other hand clutched the three-inch sapling, whose sharp point had driven into her throat, fracturing her jaws and the base of her skull. She was semiconscious, unable to call for help when found.

An ambulance crew sawed off the stump a few inches below her chin. She was taken to a hospital with the willow shaft still protruding from her throat.

A brother said Miss Lohmeyer apparently fell down the bank while seeking willow cuttings to plant in her lawn.

Evening Prayer

Almighty God, as Thou hast given unto us a new week, so may it be a symbol that for us Thou canst make all things new. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

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JUMPED AT ME

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — A loud crash attracted officer Ralph Cullen to an intersection in time to see an auto limp away from a collision with a light post. John Wright, 35, booked on suspicion of drunk driving, complained: "That pole jumped out and hit me."

(AP Photofax)

FRENCH PREMIER Guy Mollet comes to the White House as President Eisenhower (right) does the front porch honors. They plan two days of talks on mutual problems. The man at center was not identified.

GOP Leaders See Passage Of Civil Rights Legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republican leader Knowland of California said today he believes the Senate will approve civil rights legislation at this session despite the inevitability of a filibuster by southern Democrats.

House GOP leader Martin of Massachusetts said at the same time there is "no question" that the House will pass similar legislation.

Knowland and Martin expressed their views at the White House after the regular Tuesday morning conference of Republican legislative chiefs with President Eisenhower.

SENATE DEBATE

Knowland said he looks for civil rights legislation to come up for Senate debate after final action on the Middle East resolution.

Asked about his pending bill to revise Senate rules to make it easier to end filibusters on such issues as civil rights, Knowland said that measure is still in the Senate rules committee and probably won't be acted upon in advance of a showdown on the administration's civil rights program.

As for the time element, Knowland said he hopes to get a vote on civil rights before the Easter recess.

Martin said civil rights legislation should be ready for House action about March 15.

"We'll pass it," Martin said, "there is no question about that. It will take about two days."

As Knowland and Martin expressed confidence for the legislation, Sen. Thurmond (D-SC) called it a form of "tyranny" which should not be "foisted on the American people."

Thurmond attacked the proposals in testimony prepared for a House Judiciary Subcommittee at the windup of its hearings on civil rights bills.

WEATHER

Cloudy and mild this afternoon, gradually clearing and turning some cooler tonight. Tomorrow partly cloudy.

Low this morning	57
Low tomorrow morning	56
High today	68
High yesterday	63
High tomorrow	60

Sunrise today 6:57 a.m.; sunset today 6:16 p.m.

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Did Stalin Death Prevent New War?

LONDON (AP)—The Daily Telegraph said today Joseph Stalin was on the verge of plunging the Soviet Union into war with the West when his death intervened in March, 1953.

David Floyd, a Telegraph reporter recently in Moscow, said he was told this by a high Communist source "who had occupied for many years positions of responsibility in the Soviet regime."

The source declared the brain hemorrhage which ended Stalin's life was caused by rage at the signing of the Balkan treaty between Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia by the independent-minded Communist, Marshal Tito.

PROVOKED WAR

"In 1950 Stalin deliberately provoked the Korean War with the intention of engaging the Americans in the Far East while he proceeded with his conquests in Europe," Floyd said he was informed.

"By the beginning of 1953, my informant said, it was apparent that the explosion was near; the preparations for war were obvious.

"All in high positions around him were convinced that Stalin was planning to go to war in the spring or summer of 1953.

"My informant drew my attention to what, he implied, was more than a coincidence, later obscured by the confusion surrounding Stalin's death.

TITO SIGNED

"Tito signed the Balkan treaty with Greece and Turkey on Feb. 25, 1953. News of this development reached Stalin on March 1. That same night he had the stroke from which he died a few days later. My informant said it was his rage at Tito's perfidy and the formation of another pact against him which brought about his death.

"My Communist friend was obviously sincere in regarding Stalin's death at that particular moment of history as a 'miracle' that saved the world from the horror of a third world war."

Northeast Area Yet To Feel Effect

Violence Marks Dairymen's Strike

NEW YORK (AP) — A strife-marked milk withholding scheme today was reported spreading among New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania dairy farmers seeking higher prices. They claim they are going broke at present figures.

A few plants have indicated willingness to pay more since the boycott began, it was said.

These developments were reported by the Rev. John W. Dorney, a Congregational clergyman of Baleville, N. J. He is executive secretary of the Tri-State Master Dairy Farmers Guild, which launched the campaign Sunday.

Turmoil quickly followed the action. Among other disorders there have been gunfire, arrests, milk dumping, plant picketing, fist-fights and a dynamite blast.

Pickets have ringed many milk receiving plants in an effort to shut them down, but reports on the success of the moves have been conflicting.

MILK COST

Some milk loads have been spoiled by dumping kerosene into them. In other instances, groups of men halted trucks, opened valves and spilled the milk contents.

Six men were arrested near Monroe, N. Y., last night after a milk tank truck was punctured by a rifle bullet, causing the milk to spew out. Other tank trucks were fired upon in Sussex County, N. J.

Clarence Stanton, a member of the United Milk Producers Association of Trenton, N. J., said a dynamite blast was set off on the lawn about 60 feet from his home at Wantage, N. J. but caused no harm.

New York and New Jersey ordered out extra state police.

So far, consumers have not been affected because supplies of milk already on hand are sufficient for a day or two.

Dorney predicted the public would begin to feel a pinch shortly, asserting some 25,000 dairy farmers would be taking part in the boycott by Saturday.

A DISPUTE

His claim was disputed, however, by spokesmen for other organizations.

In New York, the Dairymen's League Cooperative Association, the metropolitan area's major supplier, termed the guild "solely a splinter group" with only some 3,500 members out of a total of 46,000 farmers.

A league spokesman said the guild movement has not seriously affected the city's milk supply and "I don't think it will."

The spokesman and other industry officials believed the effect would continue minor unless the boycott action grows far greater.

The disgruntled dairy farmers want a price of $5.75 per hundred-weight (46½ quarts) for their milk. They are now receiving about $4.67.

Portland Newsmen Talk To Senate Investigators

WASHINGTON (AP)—A nationwide Senate investigation into alleged labor-industry racketeering opened today with testimony by two Portland, Ore., newspapermen that a gangster-union combination "tried to take over our city government."

The newsmen were Wallace Turner and William Lambert, reporters for the Portland Oregonian.

Their series of stories on alleged connections between hoodlums and officials of the Teamsters Union in Portland won them the 1956 Heywood Broun award of the American Newspaper Guild.

Sen. McClellan (D-Ark), chairman of a special Senate committee established to make the inquiry into alleged gangster infiltration of labor organizations and industry, promised the committee revelations would be "stupendous."

YEAR OR MORE

McClellan's statement opening the hearings, expected to run a year or more, said committee investigators already have leads on alleged illegal or improper practices in some 29 cities.

Robert F. Kennedy, committee counsel, said the initial phase of the hearings would touch on affairs in Spokane, Wash., as well as Portland.

Turner and Lambert read prepared statements relating what they called a "conspiracy" between Portland officials, Teamsters Union officials and "gangsters" to establish organized gambling and prostitution in Portland.

THE NAMES

They named the Portland Dist. Atty. William M. Langley; Clyde C. Crosby, international organizer for the Teamsters Union; and James B. Elkins, a Portland "racketeer," as among those involved and said they have been indicted in connection with the "conspiracy."

Turner said Elkins, "who will identify himself to you as a racketeer," provided the two reporters with original leads.

Turner also said that while he abhored the rackets Elkins had operated he felt that what Elkins "has done during the past year toward wiping out a criminal conspiracy, I believe to have been in the public interest."

In running down their story, Turner said, "Time and time again we have been visited in secret places at night by honorable working men who complained of their inability to take action to stop the improper activities of their union leaders.

TERRIBLE FEAR

"Without exception, they were in terrible fear that their visits to us might become known to their union bosses.

"The fear of retaliation is one of the most potent weapons to silence criticism from within the Teamsters Union in the Pacific Northwest. That fear pervades this organization."

Both Turner and Lambert said various local and state authorities have been unable to run down and punish participants in the alleged "conspiracy." They said Congress is the only organization with sufficient power to do that.

"Our experiences in this investigation," Lambert said, "have made abundantly clear to us the need for new federal legislation in the field of labor to reduce the opportunity now existing for racketeers to attain, and hold, positions of unbridled power in the labor movement."

Presbyterian Names Three Administrators

LUMBERTON (AP) — Trustees of Consolidated Presbyterian College today picked a team of top administration personnel for the proposed institution at Laurinburg.

Hector McLean of Lumberton, chairman of the trustees, said that Dr. Marshall Scott Woodson and Dr. Louis C. LaMotte would serve as permanent vice presidents, with Dr. Woodson as acting president.

A position as vice president also was offered Dr. William C. Pressly, president of Peace College, Raleigh, who has not yet accepted.

SPECIAL POST

To complete the team, the board named Dr. W. Talliaferro Thompson of Richmond, Va., present moderator of the Southern Presbyterian Church, to a special post of consultant and administrative secretary of the board of trustees.

Dr. Woodson will continue his position as president of Flora Macdonald College at Red Springs, while serving as president of the new school, which is a merger of Flora Macdonald College, Presbyterian Junior College at Maxton, and Peace College.

Dr. LaMotte will also continue as president of Presbyterian Junior College.

Dr. Woodson, in addition to his new position, is moderator-elect of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina. Dr. Thompson recently retired as a professor at Union Theological Seminary at Richmond. He was elected Presbyterian moderator last June.

INSIDE OUT

Chairman MacLean said, "We believe that a college should be planned from the inside out. It is first necessary to define the purpose and program of a college, and then the buildings can be designed to house the program.

"The board of trustees has charged a committee chairmained by Dr. Warner Hall, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church at Charlotte, with the task of answering such fundamental questions as 'What should a college student know?' and 'What kind of a person should he be?' and then setting up a curriculum to achieve their purposes."

Great-Granddad Also Father At New Bern

NEW BERN (AP)—At 73, D. T. Gaskins is a great-grandfather. He is also the father of a brand new daughter.

St. Luke's Hospital reported last night that the daughter and her 40-year-old mother, Mrs. Maggie Noble Gaskins, were doing nicely.

The Gaskins, who were married eight years ago, have named their daughter Sadie Bertie Dell after Mrs. Gaskins' mother and Gaskin's first wife, who died several years ago.

The little girl has a half-sister 47 years old and a half-brother 37 years old and she was a great aunt the second she arrived in the world.

Gaskins worked as a boilermaker welder in railroad shops here for 39 years. For the past 14 years he has worked as a welder at the Cherry Point Marine Air Base.

WHAT'S THIS!

DETROIT (AP) — Philip Corton O'Neals asked Probate Court for the right to change his name because it causes "too much confusion." He wants to be called Mohandus Takai Asaka.