

Hoffa, A 3-Time Winner, Takes On U.S. Again



JAMES R. HOFFA

By GAVIN SCOTT
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Another chapter in the life of the nation's most controversial labor leader has been unfolding for two months in a high-ceilinged, compact room on the eighth floor of the Federal Building.

The stage is the courtroom of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, Judge William E. Miller presiding.

The cast is headed by James R. Hoffa, stocky, confident president of the Teamsters Union — the nation's largest. He is accused of using union influence to set up a profitable truck-leasing business chartered here in 1948 as Test Fleet Corp.

Most of the principals are from Michigan, but the government chose Nashville for the trial because the charter was filed here.

Hoffa says he never received a dime from Test Fleet, though his wife owned a 50 per cent interest in the business under her maiden name. The government claims he got around \$500 a month for over 22 years.

Since the trial opened Oct. 22, the prosecution and defense together have put more than 3,000 pages of testimony and now exclude into the record in trying to substantiate their conflicting positions.

The excitement has been supplied by the bit players.

There was the emotional patient with an air pistol and a "vision" to kill Hoffa, and the tearful housewife mysteriously haunted off the jury.

His fourth go-around with the federal government wound up its eighth week yesterday afternoon. In this time more than 3,000 pages of testimony and 600 exhibits have gone into the record. Here is a report on the two-month-long trial.

Court May Recall Attorney Hoffa Fired After Testifying

Labor Chief Disputes Check Swap Testimony

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The government may recall James R. Hoffa's erstwhile friend and attorney—George Fitzgerald—next week to rebut the still unfinished testimony of the Teamsters Union president.

25 Children Unhurt After Church Blast

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Twenty-five children practicing for a Christmas play in a Negro church basement escaped injury when a homemade bomb damaged the church and wrecked two nearby homes.

The shattering blast last night was blamed on racial troubles by a trustee of the church who is active in an integrationist group.

The basement of the Bethel Baptist Church was shattered with broken glass and plaster. The main floor of the church was littered with broken stained glass windows and shattered paintings. The walls were cracked.

The Rev. Fred L. Shuttleworth, Negro leader of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, formerly was pastor of the church.

Only one person was reported hurt — a 6-month-old grand-daughter of a Negro active in Shuttleworth's pro-integration organization.

THIS IS the third time within the past six years that the Bethel church has been bombed. The last church bombings in Birmingham occurred Jan. 16 when three Negro churches, including the Bethel church, were hit.

The culprits were never caught, but Police Commissioner Eugene Connor said they were Negroes.

Shuttleworth's successor, the Rev. V. C. Provitt, occupies one of the houses wrecked by the latest blast. The other is owned by a trustee of the church, James R. Rives.

Rives said that he believed the bomb was aimed at him because of his work with the Alabama Christian Movement Group.

The bomb exploded about 9:30 p.m., blowing a crater 3 ft. x 1 ft. x 1 ft. deep in the concrete pavement in front of the Rives house. Rives and Provitt live across from the church. Houses flanking the church were also damaged by the concussion.

Rives said his granddaughter, Kimberly Rose McKinnis, was sleeping in a bed near a window shattered by the explosion. The baby was showered by splinters of glass, but received only a minor scalp cut.



Ice Action Moves Outdoors

The Coliseum had no monopoly on ice action this week as two teams, easy there! skaters prove at Freedom Park. The costumes weren't as fancy and

Meet Dr. Leggett 'He Has Saved A Fortune In Lower School Costs'

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He has had breakfast in New York, Boston to St. Louis for a conference, and returned in time for a life duty in New York. We have a policy that no return home on the weekend, wherever we are, he said.

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School officials say this is a bargain when taking into consideration that about \$1 million is being spent annually on school construction.

Dr. Leggett, working under the superintendent, has been as a temporary member of the staff here.

He was born 43 years ago in Arlington, N. J. He is married and the father of two children.

HE'S A GRADUATE of Columbia University and holds a Ph.D. in educational research from that institution.

After teaching English and history in the New Jersey public schools, he was named assistant to the president of the

Cuban Ports Still Feeling U.S. Blockade

WASHINGTON — Thirty Soviet bloc ships and 20 non-Communist vessels have steamed into Cuban ports since the U. S. arms blockade was lifted Nov. 20, according to information today.

The figures indicate the volume of shipping has not reached the level which existed before the blockade was imposed Oct. 24.

Last August, 59 Soviet bloc vessels and 49 non-bloc ships put into Cuban ports. In September the totals were 67 bloc and 67 non-bloc ships.

Of the vessels operating under Soviet bloc control since the blockade was lifted 18 were dry cargo carriers, four were passenger ships, seven were tankers and one was a refrigerated ship.

SHIPS OPERATING under non-Communist flags after the blockade were five tankers and 13 dry cargo vessels.

The United States keeps a close check on shipping to Cuba as a gauge of the volume of goods flowing to the island under the Castro regime — as well as for military reasons.

President Kennedy told his news conference Wednesday that the United States will have ready in about two weeks new regulations applying to Cuban shipping. It is understood that the regulations will impose penalties on non-Communist shipping in the Cuban trade, primarily by denying U. S. cargoes to the vessels.

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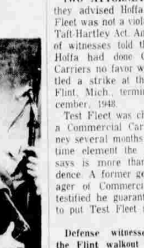
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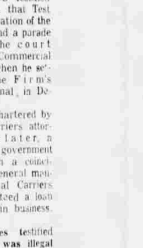
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