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Chief Littlejohn Puffs, Hmms, Juts Chin, Thinks, Gestures And Wipes Face As Testimony Progresses

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Bank Robbed

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (P)—A lame robber made off with a reported \$40,000 to \$50,000 from the Marlow Heights branch of the First National Bank of Southern Maryland today.

Reservists Called

PARIS (P)—Premier de Gaulle prepared today to call up more officers to fight a 31-month nationalist rebellion in Algeria. A decree in the official government gazette said 600 reserve officers between 27 and 32 years old would be called for a year or more.

Forces Ready

WASHINGTON (P)—Secretary of Defense McElroy said today that he thinks the American people can be assured our forces are ready for any assignment.

Barges Still Burn

GRAND LAKE, Ark. (P)—Three gasoline barges still burned at an Esso Standard Oil Co. terminal on the Mississippi River today as a result of an explosion Monday. One barge worker died as a result of the blast.

Approval Near

WASHINGTON (P)—A \$396,679,000 atomic energy authorization bill—double the size asked by President Eisenhower—was assured today of final congressional approval.

No Other Harp Like Happy John's

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Chief Littlejohn Says Henkel No Longer Useful As Officer

Beirut Drive Rings Docks

BEIRUT (P)—U. S. Marines occupied Beirut's port area in force today as their numbers swelled to 3,600 men with the landing of another battalion.

Dag Claims UN Not Needed In Lebanon Action

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (P)—Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld said today that no international military force is needed to stop the flow of outside aid to Lebanese rebels. The secretary general addressed the 11-nation security council briefly just before U. S. Delegate Henry Cabot Lodge formally called for the establishment of a security force to supplement the U. N. observer group now in Lebanon.

Hammarskjöld said he had been informed by the observation group that it had successfully completed arrangements for inspection of the entire Lebanese border. "It is my feeling," he added, "that with the results thus achieved, the observation group is fully equipped to play the part envisaged for it in the U. N. total effort, with its general purpose of ensuring against infiltration and smuggling of arms."

NO STOPPERS

One of the reasons given by the United States for the landing of American Marines and for proposing a new security force was the inability of the U. N. observers to stop the flow of aid from the United Arab Republic to the Lebanese rebels. In his speech this morning, Lodge commended the work of the observer group but said the proposed international force was intended to give it added strength. "We recognize," he said, "that the means available to this organization (observer group) are insufficient to meet all aspects of the situation. This is particularly true in the light of recent events in Iraq and... efforts to overthrow the lawful government of Jordan."

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—AIRLIFT BUSY IN NIGHT—

NC-Based Marines Fly East

CHERRY POINT (P)—Combat-ready Marines, tough and eager, continued to leave here today for the Middle East to back up Marines who already have landed in Lebanon. The first contingent of troops began the long flight last night. Others left at irregular intervals throughout the night. The Cherry Point Marine Base public information office said the airlifts were to continue this afternoon. But the PIO still was unable to say the number of men, their specific destinations and the number of Marine Flying Boxcars carrying the men of the 2nd Marine Division based at nearby Camp Lejeune. Other units of the 2nd Marine Division landed at Lebanon yesterday in a surprise move. The Defense Department said any such move would only say they were bound for an intermediate destination in the Mediterranean area where they will be in support of the 4th Fleet landings in Lebanon. The airlift began last night after a general alert for all personnel, units and ships of the Atlantic Fleet, which is headquartered at Norfolk, Va.



A Marine of the U. S. 6th Fleet receives first aid after he was felled by heat during landing operations on the beach at Beirut airport. Other members of the landing party take it easy in the background.

43 In 6 Months

Goldfine-Adams Calls Frequent

WASHINGTON (AP)—Bernard Goldfine testified today he made 43 telephone calls to presidential aide Sherman Adams in a recent six-month period. In explanation, the Boston millionaire told House investigators that Adams is "one of my best friends... and a friend you call whenever you see fit."

Goldfine said, too, that sometimes the calls were on such matters as tariff regulations which were of interest to his textile firm. The 43 telephone calls were during the period Nov. 30, 1957, to May 11, 1958.

It was Goldfine's seventh day of testimony before the House subcommittee digging into charges that his business interests have received favored treatment from federal regulatory agencies because of his friendship with Adams.

Both Goldfine and Adams have denied any preferential treatment but have told of gifts exchanged between them.

Goldfine refused to say whether he treated gifts to personal friends, other than Adams, as business expenses on his income tax returns. He has acknowledged returning gifts to Adams as business costs.

Goldfine blamed that on his accountants. He and Adams both swore they exchanged gifts just as friends.

Chairman Owen Harris (D-Ark.) indicated that once the subcommittee finishes with the 67-year-old Goldfine it will go into a recess to let the Army have with a bill in New Hampshire. Adams was once governor of that state.

Harris said Goldfine was not connected with this matter.

Goldfine testified his 43 telephone calls to Adams were made both to the White House and to Adams' private number.

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Gas Explosion Injures Four

NEW YORK (P)—A gas explosion blew a \$300,000 Queens home to bits at 3 a. m. today and critically injured a family of four.

The split-level home in Douglaston near Little Neck Bay was demolished as a couple and their two small daughters huddled in the living room.

The four apparently were blown out into the yard. A policeman said "it was a miracle that any one got out of there alive."

The explosion scattered parts of the house over a radius of 50 yards. Pieces were found in nearby trees. Fire broke out in the debris.

A neighbor said, "I heard a child screaming 'mommy, mommy.' It was horrible."

The small of gas wafted the family—Joseph Gulick, 40, a musician; his wife, Frances, 37; Joseph, 11, and Rosemary, 7.

As the father rested the two girls in his arms, the mother telephoned the Consolidated Edison Co. and told an operator, "I smell gas escaping. We've got two children here. What do we do?"

Before the operator could reply, he heard the blast.

Alleged Violations Recited In Testimony

By JOHN KILGO
News Staff Writer

Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn testified at Capt. Lloyd Henkel's Civil Service hearing today that "Capt. Henkel's usefulness as a police officer is absolutely beyond repair."

The veteran police chief made the statement while under cross-examination by Henkel's attorney, Henry Lee Harkey.

"I'll help Capt. Henkel get a job," Chief Littlejohn said, "but I think his usefulness as a police officer is absolutely beyond repair."

Chief Littlejohn also testified that remarks that the city court investigation was directed at Capt. Henkel is "completely untrue."

Littlejohn was put on the stand by his attorneys to corroborate evidence already presented at the hearing.

CASES CITED

He told of a case where Capt. Henkel allegedly was three months late in making a check for \$40 to the Randolph County Recorder's Court.

He said Capt. Henkel cashed checks in the traffic division in 1954 after Littlejohn had ordered him not to do so and after Henkel wrote a letter saying the practice would stop.

Chief Littlejohn claimed that a Henkel reportedly had over \$400 was held in the traffic office for about three weeks as cash.

The chief also testified about a drunk driving charge that Henkel reportedly had changed to reckless driving. The case was pigeon-holed and was about a year late in coming to trial.

He said Capt. Henkel told one of his patrolmen that he was going "to let the case rest for a while."

Littlejohn also said Henkel gave bad checks to Grady Cole and Charles Lowe, and was delinquent in paying his account with the Department store.

Mr. Harkey called Charles Lowe to the back at the hearing this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Lowe testified yesterday that he thought Chief Littlejohn had told him Littlejohn paid one of Capt. Henkel's notes.

Littlejohn denied this today and said, "Wouldn't I be a stupid, asinine fool to say I paid the note when Capt. Henkel still had it in his possession?"

Littlejohn made it clear that he

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Hodges Urges Party Changes

RALEIGH (AP)—Gov. Hodges today confirmed reports of changes he will recommend in the state Democratic party at a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee here July 25.

Hodges told his news conference that he was recommending changes in the party's platform, its rules and its constitution.

Hodges expressed hope that the executive committee would accept his recommendations, and said he was confident the changes "will be made with friendliness and enthusiasm."

The governor said Larkins deserves this promotion. He predicted Jones will do an outstanding job.

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saddle a .22 caliber rifle, said by police to be the type of weapon used to shoot the three little girls, and two other rifles and a knife.

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—THREE CHILDREN SLAIN—

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Hearing's Rival Lawyers Once In Partnership

A reporter's courtroom notebook...

Wendell Wilmoth, one of Chief Littlejohn's attorneys, was a law partner of Capt. Lloyd Henkel's attorney, Henry Lee Harkey, for four years.

They dissolved their partnership on Jan. 1, 1956. Yesterday Mr. Wilmoth told the commission, "I'm tired of Mr. Harkey bringing my name into this thing. I'm not on trial here, Capt. Henkel is."

It looks as if the courtroom is "bugged." During the hearing yesterday afternoon Capt. Henkel leaned over and whispered, "Must be some mosquitos under the table. They're biting my ankles."

One of the character witnesses yesterday was J. Lester Wolfe, veteran clerk of Superior Court. "You're new on your job, aren't you, Mr. Wolfe?" Mr. Harkey asked. "Yea," Mr. Wolfe said. "I haven't been here but 24 years."

Attorney Samuel Millette asked Mr. Wolfe how long he has known Chief Littlejohn. The white-haired clerk laughed and said, "You better ask him (chief), I'm ashamed to say."

At 4:30 p. m., City Attorney John Shaw said, "Anyone in the audience who is parked on 4th St. had better move or your car will get towed in."

The first person to jump up and head for the exit was Sgt. O. R. Roberts of the State Highway Patrol. His patrol car was parked in a no parking zone.

A little later Sgt. Roberts came back to testify to Capt. Henkel's "good character," and Henkel said, "I'm glad he testified before his car was towed off."

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