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Bribe Charge Stirs House Committee

Report Effort To Sway
Postal Pay Legislation

By R. L. LIVINGSTONE
WASHINGTON (AP)—Chairman Rees (R-Kan.) said today the House Post Office Committee would "leave to the FBI" an investigation of a reported attempt to bribe a member of the committee.

Rees declared himself "stunned" by the report, but said he planned no independent inquiry because "it's a matter for the Department of Justice."

Atty. Gen. Brownell late yesterday verified widely circulated rumors that the FBI was looking into a report that a committee member had been approached in a purported attempt to influence his vote on legislation to raise the pay of postal workers.

Brownell told newsmen the report was made by Rep. Brophy, Virginia Republican and wealthy building contractor of nearby Arlington, Va.

\$500 CAMPAIGN OFFER

According to the report by the FBI, the alleged bribe attempt was in the form of an offer of a \$500 campaign contribution. Brownell is seeking reelection this year.

Neither Brownell nor Brophy would say who made the alleged offer, who received it, or when it took place. Brophy is a committee member.

The heads of two AFL unions which have been seeking a pay raise for postal workers both denounced the reported overture.

Las E. George, president of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, termed it "so reprehensible that it is impossible to believe" and urged a full investigation.

William C. Doherty, president of the National Assn. of Letter Carriers, called it "preposterous—unthinkable."

Rees and other members of the committee who could be contacted said they had no previous knowledge of the alleged bribe offer.

But Rep. Gross (R-Iowa) told reporters he was "surprised that Brophy didn't come to the committee in the first place."

The Post Office Committee has been engaged in a long battle to wrangle over legislation to give a pay increase to the half a million members of the Post Office Department.

Postmaster General Summerfield has insisted that any pay increase bill carry authority to reshuffle and consolidate the myriad of job and salary schedules within the postal service.



ADVICE TO THE BOSS is offered by Assistant Secretary of Defense Fred Stinson to Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson, at an Armed Services Committee meeting. Wilson told Senators that the Pentagon has tightened up on security all along the line without infringing upon the rights of individuals. (AP Wirephoto)

Two Bodies Found Floating In Pond

LINCOLN TON, N.C.—The bodies of two men were found floating in a nearby pond last night. Authorities sought their fishing companions as saying the fishing party had fought while drinking whisky.

Three boys fishing in the Long Shoals community, found an other member of the fishing party had fought while drinking whisky.

Two other men arrested at their homes were quoted by authorities as saying they were members of the fishing party and had a fight over while whisky.

They were Bill Caldwell and Ray Hurt.

Scence said Caldwell admitted stabbing Stamey. Caldwell was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Hurt was held on suspicion of differences blocking a truce agreement.

"NO PROGRESS"

One authoritative source said there had been "no progress at all" on any of the real issues.

It was Mendes-France's second abortive party with Molotov in 24 hours. Earlier the Reds had boasted Western hopes they were ready to compromise and allow the French premier to win his dramatic race to the London-Washington talks.

The French premier has promised to resign if he doesn't achieve a settlement agreement by July 20.

Informants said Mendes-France last night handed Molotov the first detailed draft of Western proposals.

The Communists and the Western ministers have failed to agree on a partition line through the pivotal Indochinese state of Viet Nam.

CHURCH BELL RUNG LAST BY LIGHTNING

ATLANTA (AP)—Lightning tolled the bell of historic Bethesda Baptist Church, set the structure on fire and neighbors who rushed to the scene were unable to save the 93-year-old building.

Violent ringing of the bell summoned the pastor, the Rev. A. O. Williams Jr., who called to 1961 and served as barracks for Sherman's troops during the Civil War.

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SC School Segregation Solution Is Outlined

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Negroes received from local school officials. The commission, which met here at the governor's office, will meet again Aug. 16.

It approved a 20-million-dollar bond issue for further schools and more school buses and added \$60,222 to approved projects, which now total \$109,347,721.

Negro schools have received 65.1 per cent of the total.

Gov. Byrnes, who had stopped \$16,843,646 worth of school projects several weeks ago when the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed school pupil segregation, emphasized the commission's action.

He said the stop order had served the "useful purpose" of giving local school officials a chance to relocate planned Negro schools in Negro areas and white schools in white areas.

DODGES LAW SUITS

He admitted that no effort to have voluntary segregation could be perfect but said the "proper" location of schools would minimize law suits.

The 2½ million in stopped projects that still are in limbo because of survey reports on them had not

Michigan Man Freed In Triangle Death Case

ALLEGAN, Mich. (AP)—The long-triangular murder case against Dr. Kenneth B. Smith, Detroit dentist who killed his pretty wife, Edith, ended in a dramatic verdict of acquittal by reason of insanity early today.

An Allegan County Circuit Court jury of 11 men and one woman returned its verdict at 1:40 a.m. EST after five hours, four minutes of deliberation.

Women spectators screamed. Others applauded. Some women wept.

The verdict, in effect, held that Dr. Smith, 31, society dentist, was not mentally responsible when he shot and killed his wife, Edith, 30, mother of three boys, was a guest with him at his home party. The husband had been trailed to the cottage after he

Dentist Is Acquitted 'By Reason Of Insanity'

coming suspicious of her story she was with a woman friend in Chicago.

As the verdict was being read, Dr. Smith sat quietly. His eyes were closed. It appeared he might have been praying.

SMILES

At the "not guilty" declaration he looked behind him to smile at his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Smith.

Friends rushed to his side to clasp his hand.

Mrs. Smith was not in the court room at the time of the verdict. Judge Raymond L. Smith refused to let her see her son until the state decides that he is sane. It was 10 minutes before the spectators quieted.

Michigan law requires that Dr. Smith be kept in a state hospital until the state decides that he is sane, or insane. This means he is a house party. The husband had been trailed to the cottage after he

Released Soldiers Tell Of Threats

By TOM STONE
FUERTH, Germany—(AP)—Seven American soldiers held 12 days in Communist Czechoslovakia said today their captors threatened them with imprisonment if they did not reveal U. S. military secrets.

Capt. Jack Davis, 31, of Raytown, Mo.—one of the captives—said Czech army officers told the men "after a year or so (in prison) you will probably give better answers."

Davis, speaking for the others at a news conference in an Army military courtroom crowded with photographers and newsmen, said they were never bodily harmed or threatened with physical violence.

The seven are: Davis, Pvt. Richard J. Junger, 21, Bonnevill, Miss.; Pte. Leonard D. Tenny, 22, Alliance, Ohio; Cpl. John F. Glasco, 24, Okadale, Calif.; Pte. Jerry G. Griffin, 22, Springfield, Ohio; Pte. George Switzer, 23, Milburn, Neb.; and Pte. Ross McGinnis, 21, Greensburg, Pa.

Davis, chubby, freckled medical officer, said the men went to the border July 4 "to take a look," and that they were captured by a roving Czech border patrol of about 20 armed men.

He said the Czechs fired several warning shots at the men "so they would capture us."

After they were captured, Davis said he protested and explained they were only on a holiday.

The seven appeared nervous but otherwise seemed calm. They had changed from the rumpled, dirty clothing they wore on their release July 15, and were neat and clean shaven.

Davis said the Czechs took them from Baerwald West. German army crossing point to an unknown location inside Czechoslovakia.

"We do not know where they were held," Davis continued. "It may have been Prague and it may

Smith Returns To Conference On Indochina

By EDDY GILMORE
GENEVA (AP)—U.S. Undersecretary of State Walter Bedell Smith arrived by plane today to strengthen France's hand in the rough bargaining for peace in Indochina.

The U.S. diplomat, returning to the delegation he left four weeks ago, was greeted by members of all the non-Communist delegations.

Significantly, the delegations of the three Associated States of Indochina, Viet Nam, Cambodia and Laos, were represented at the airport by the heads of their delegations.

The three states are counting heavily on the influence of the United States to save them from submission to excessive Communist demands in the impending armistice negotiations.

French Premier Pierre Mendes-France and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden arranged to confer with Smith after his arrival.

Gloom spread over the conference last night after Mendes-France and Eden spent three apparently fruitless hours wrangling with Russia's V. M. Molotov over differences blocking a truce agreement.

10 May Be Lost As Boat Sinks

FREEPORTE, Tex. (AP)—Chief of Police A. J. Schamerhorn announced today that a commercial fishing party's charter boat sank 12 miles south of Freeporte today and that 10 persons may be missing.

Schamerhorn said the Coast Guard had one report that all persons on the fishing boat had been accounted for but doubts that this is true.

"The Coast Guard understands there were 14 persons on the Pearl Louise and believe 10 persons may be missing."

WHAT'S INSIDE

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A COLLEGE FOUNDERS STATUE was among the victims of a violent Rahrish windstorm which toppled trees throughout the city. The bronze memorial to Dr. Charles D. Mc

Flanders Says Vote Will Be Test Of Political Morality

By G. MILTON KELLY
WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Flanders (R-Vt.) said today the Senate's handling of his demand for a vote of censure against Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) will test its "political morality."

Flanders yesterday announced he was abandoning efforts to get the Senate to fire McCarthy from committee chairmanships.

He said he would offer on Tuesday a resolution which would place the Senate on record as declaring McCarthy's conduct as chairman of the Senate investigating subcommittee "is hereby condemned" as unbecoming a senator.

Flanders said he will seek an immediate vote on it Tuesday—the same day McCarthy faces a threatened showdown with subcommittee members seeking to force a shakedown of his staff appointments.

McCarthy, watching his bubbling troubles on both fronts, said he feels "no concern" about Flanders' new move, and told reporters that "as far as I'm concerned" it will be all right for his subcommittee to bring the staff problem to a head at its closed door meeting Tuesday.

He had blocked a staff shakedown by Sen. Potter (R-Mich.) Thursday by throwing out as invalid the proxy vote of the absent Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.). McClellan's vote, with that of the two subcommittee Democrats present, would have given Potter's motion a majority on the seven-man group.

The Senate GOP leadership, however, has been in a switch in business of things involving McCarthy, cracked down yesterday on his plan to launch public hearings on the investigation of Communist infiltrations of defense plants. Majority Leader Knowland of California said he didn't want any committee meeting outside Washington with to leave a session here today.

McCarthy cancelled the Boston trip, and said he would hold the hearings in Washington instead, on Monday and Tuesday.

Flanders issued a prepared statement to announce his switch in plans. He said his original resolution, which would have ordered McCarthy fired as chairman of the investigating subcommittee and its parent, the Government Operations Committee, was designed "to give the Senate the opportunity to take action on the 'muclear' weapon."

Federal Development Of Atom Power Asked

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore) and Lehman (D-La.) called today for government development of atomic power, and criticized as a "give-away" pending legislation to permit private firms to take it over to meet the July 31 target date for adjustment.

The provision, included in a general revision of atomic energy laws, would allow the granting of licenses to "a very few large and monopolistic private companies" to develop industrial atomic power, Lehman told the Senate.

It would give away the public's rights to the peacetime development of atomic energy, he added, calling it "a giveaway of such proportions as to dwarf the imagination."

In a speech prepared for the Senate, Morse declared a bill to carry out President Eisenhower's atomic policies is "designed to turn over the power features of the atomic energy program to private industry."

Opponents of the plan have hammered away at AEC's authority to make such a contract.

On another aspect of the bill, Sen. Stirling Cole (R-N.Y.), chairman of the Senate House-Atomic Energy Committee, said on Tuesday the bill designed to allow private industry into the atomic field and to authorize disclosure of limited nuclear secrets to allies.

Morse yesterday blocked an attempt by Senate Republican Leader Knowland of California to bring

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EVENING PRAYER

God, our Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast spoken unto us by Thy Son, Grant us wisdom and courage to seek for nothing less than the supreme gift of life which Thou hast offered us through Him. In His name. Amen.

On the witness stand Mrs. Small, amid tears, said she told her husband of losing her heart to Lark.

Dr. Small, a slim six-footer, also wept while testifying in corroboration of much of his wife's story.

Both wife and husband told of their own history of Michigan romance culminating in their marriage nine years ago.

All week the courtroom was the scene of a battle between Dr. Small's father, Jacob Small, 61, collapsed of a heart attack the day he was to testify. He testified later.

Psychiatrists for the defense and prosecution gave conflicting opinions as to Dr. Small's sanity at the time Lark was killed.

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