

Ex-Labor Leader Hits Teamsters

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (AP)—A former officer of the Michigan Federation of Labor testified today the Teamsters Union used threats, rigged elections and links with the underworld to build up power in his state.

Robert Scott also told the Senate Rackets Committee that

James R. Hoffa, Midwest boss of the Teamsters, threatened "to break both my arms and legs" when Scott threatened to resign from the federation in protest against the way Hoffa and others were changing the constitution. Scott said he resigned anyway.

He was placed under the protection of the committee after reporting that he received two threatening telephone calls last week warning him not to testify in Washington.

Today's hearing ended with an outburst from William Buffalino, president of Teamsters Local 985 in Detroit, that the committee was using "Gestapo tactics" and "trying to get information at gun point."

Robert F. Kennedy, committee counsel, acknowledged that one of his investigators had drawn a pistol on Harry Newman, the business agent of Buffalino's local. Kennedy said the incident occurred after Newman started pushing the investigator around.

Scott, who lives in Pontiac, Mich., was secretary-treasurer of the State Federation of Labor from 1946 to mid-1952. He is now a member of the Michigan State Board of Barber Examiners.

Scott told the committee he hoped Congress would pass a law enabling labor union members to appeal to the courts for redress of grievances.

"In local 614—a Teamsters unit in Pontiac—the rank and file knows what's going on," he said. "They can't get redress from Mr. Hoffa... Jimmy can do anything he wants to, contrary to the constitution, and who are you going to appeal to?"

Negro College Set On Fire

ALBANY, Ga., Sept. 27 (AP)—A pre-dawn fire was set deliberately at the Albany State College for Negroes today, officers reported.

But whether the arsonists were white or Negro, investigators did not agree.

Varying reports placed a blond white man in a red-checked shirt and three 17- or 18-year-old white youths—all unidentified—suspiciously at the scene between 3 and 4 a.m. But a city fireman declared that three men whom he saw running from a flaming building were Negroes.

Wiped out was the \$250,000 brick, one-story Hazard training school, attended by some 250 elementary pupils and used by the college to train young Negro teachers.



J. Edgar Hoover Accuses Faubus

FBI Head Says Faubus Spread Misinformation

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (AP)—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover accused Gov. Orval Faubus of Arkansas today of "disseminating falsehoods" by saying the FBI had held teen-agers incommunicado in Little Rock for hours of questioning.

Hoover issued the following statement:

"The statement of Gov. Orval Faubus last night that FBI agents held teen-aged girls incommunicado for hours of questioning is as false as his recent statement that the FBI tapped his telephone.

"No teen-ager or anyone else has been held incommunicado by the FBI for hours of questioning.

"We of course have talked to students, including those whose names have been furnished to us by Gov. Faubus' counsel for the purpose of securing information with respect to possible violence.

"Had Gov. Faubus been interested in securing the truth rather than disseminating falsehoods, a telephone call to the Little Rock office of the FBI or to me would have provided him with the facts."

Faubus told a television audience last night that:

"Literally swarms of FBI agents have been operating throughout the city... Teen-aged girls have been taken by the FBI and held incommunicado for hours of questioning while their frantic parents knew nothing of their whereabouts."

Hoover's remark that Faubus had said earlier that the FBI tapped his telephone goes back to a Sept. 4 incident when the governor sent a telegram to President Dwight D. Eisenhower saying, among other things:

"I have strong reasons to believe that the telephone lines to the Arkansas executive mansion have been tapped—I suspect the federal agents."

In another offshoot to the Arkansas racial troubles, the Army sat tightly on the question of what officer sent out an order Wednesday calling for stepped-up riot training for troops stationed in the South.

Syria's Moscow Dealings No Threat Says Saud

DAMASCUS, Syria, Sept. 27 (AP)—Escorted by a squadron of Syria's new Soviet MIGs, Arabia's King Saud flew home today expressing belief that this country's deals with Moscow are no threat to her neighbors.

In a departing statement, broadcast by Damascus radio, he declared: "I am certain from what I felt during my brief stay in this sister country that Syria poses no threat to any of her neighbors and it is unreasonable that there should be any such inclination."

He announced, "with complete frankness," that Saudi Arabia would resist aggression from any direction against Syria or any other Arab country.

By these statements Saud indicated that in his three-day stay here he had been satisfied Syria is not irrevocably binding itself to the Eastern bloc despite arms and economic deals and a shift in army command to leftist officers.

His strong words also lent support that he has interceded with President Eisenhower to take a new look at U.S. policy toward Syria.

The Saudi monarch came here amid reports that he was disturbed by the looming split in the Arab world over Syria's deals. A strong anti-Communist himself, it was reported he was seeking a middleman's role in easing the differences between Syria and the West and between Syria and the Arab neighbors who have enrolled under the Eisenhower Doctrine.

One of the most important developments of his stay was the sudden willingness of Syria to talk business with Iraq, a member of the anti-Communist Baghdad Pact. Iraqi Premier Ali Jawdat came from Lebanon at Syria's invitation yesterday on the first such visit since the Baghdad Pact was set up in 1955.

Jawdat returned to Baghdad today declaring he was "optimistic" about his talks with President Shukri Kuwaty, Premier Sabri Assali and Saud.

Power, City Heads Meet On Niagara River Project

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., Sept. 27 (AP)—State Power Authority officials met today with city leaders in an effort to settle differences that could stall start of the Niagara River power redevelopment project.

There were reports that the state was offering a "package deal" to allay objections of the city, but the meeting was closed and no details could be obtained.

Leader Grants Stay

HARRISBURG (AP)—Papers were readied in Gov. George M. Leader's office today postponing the execution of Norman Moon, convicted slayer of a Warren County judge, from next Monday to the week of Nov. 18.

Week's Flu Cases Show Sharp Rise

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (AP)—A sharp upturn in the number of Asiatic flu cases around the country was reported today by the Public Health Service.

The number of new cases jumped by 122,650 in one week, the service reported, bringing the total since the disease first made its appearance in late May or early June to 222,650.

The PHS's latest estimate, based on incomplete reports from state health officers and the armed forces, covers the week ended Sept. 21.

By that time, the service said: "Epidemics, some of them explosive in nature, were reported in a number of schools and colleges located in various parts of the country."

Surgeon Gen. Leroy E. Burney has said cold weather seems to "trigger" flu attacks.

Two new deaths were mentioned in today's summary as possible attributable to influenza. One of these was in Oklahoma and the other in Arizona. A week ago the PHS reported that Asiatic flu had caused 14 deaths in this country.

Today's report covered virtually every part of the country. It told of schools closing in some sections, including parts of Texas and Idaho, and of outbreaks in colleges, institutions and military installations. None was identified by name.

Carrier Proven Match For Sub

ABOARD CARRIER USS FORRESTAL, Sept. 27 (AP)—U.S. Adm. Jerauld Wright, NATO's sea commander, said tonight Exercise Strikeback has shown a carrier striking force can break through a submarine barrier.

He told newsmen naval commanders in the North Atlantic air-sea maneuvers had reported only a few instances of submarines scoring simulated torpedo hits on the fleet of big British and American warships.

This means the fleet's anti-submarine capability "has been satisfactory demonstrated," Wright said.

Soviet Russia has the world's biggest submarine fleet. No match for the Western Powers in surface ships, it has more than 400 undersea craft.

Typhoon Hits Okinawa; Dead May Number 100

NAHA, Okinawa, Saturday, Sept. 28 (AP)—Typhoon Faye, the most savage storm in recent Okinawa history, is believed to have killed at least 60 persons and perhaps more than 100.

Twenty are known dead—including one American Marine—from the surprise assault by winds that raked the U.S. fortress island for 10 hours Thursday. The U.S. Army reported 49 other Okinawans missing. Other sources put the figure at 100, mostly fishermen.

Casualty totals mounted as communications were gradually restored Friday throughout the battered 65-mile-long base, 400 miles off the Red China coast.

The Ryukyus government and the U.S. Army said 112 Okinawans and 34 Americans were injured, 2597 Okinawa houses and 88 public buildings destroyed,

3412 houses and 40 public buildings damaged, five Okinawa ships over five tons sunk, 24 grounded, 23 damaged and 39 smaller vessels damaged with 18 still missing. Three bridges were smashed.

The Air Force kept its losses under a tight security lid. Unofficially they were reported very heavy. A spokesman admitted they were "extensive" but released no details.

Faye, only a minor tropical storm late Wednesday, suddenly ballooned into a savage giant and veered sharply into the sleeping island. There was little warning.

Many planes were reported picked up and smashed. A Marine tent city was destroyed.

The lone American death was caused by a skull fracture from flying debris. The Marine's name was withheld.

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Ike Gives No Hint On Troop Stay

NEWPORT, R.I., Sept. 27 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower kept close watch today on the quieting Little Rock school integration situation but gave no hint as to when federal troops stationed there would be withdrawn.

His press secretary, James C. Hagerty, told a news conference "there is nothing I can say" when asked how long the soldiers would stay on duty in the Arkansas city.

Newsmen had asked whether the lack of violence in the past two days had led to any indication of when the troops would be removed.

Hagerty gave the same "don't know" answer when asked whether the troops might be withdrawn by Tuesday, when the President will confer in Washington with a committee of five Southern governors.

The governors asked the conference solely to seek earliest possible withdrawal of the troops, but Eisenhower agreed to the meeting with the understanding the school integration question generally would be discussed.

Hagerty said the President had talked by telephone twice today with U.S. Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr. on Little Rock.

Contractor Guilty In 'Cinder' Trial

HARRISBURG, Sept. 27 (AP)—A Schuylkill County contractor was convicted today of conspiring to defraud the state of \$5000 in the sale of cinders in York County.

A jury of six men and six women returned the verdict in Dauphin County Court in the case of Viktor Patrikonis Prep, head of the Prep Construction Co., Frackville.

The verdict, after one hour and 20 minutes of deliberation, ended a four-day trial on charges of conspiracy and false pretense.

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