

Misuse of Funds Alleged In New Hoffa Indictment

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Teamsters Union President James R. Hoffa, who became involved in a Florida real estate development, was indicted yesterday on mail fraud charges involving alleged misuse of union funds.

The charges were contained in an indictment returned in U.S. District Court and stem from the union president's connection with Sun Valley, Inc., a company formed to develop a 2400-acre tract in adjoining Brevard County on Florida's east coast.

Only six houses had been built on the project before it became involved in lawsuits and subsequently was sold to a Titusville banker and land developer.

A federal grand jury began looking into Hoffa's connection with the project 11 months ago. It recessed after about two months and did not resume its investigation until October.

The indictment was announced in Washington by Atty. Gen. William P. Rogers about an hour before a copy of the charges was made available to newsmen in Orlando.

In addition to Hoffa, the indictment names Henry Lower, former officer of a Detroit Teamsters local, and Robert E. McCarthy Jr., one-time branch manager of the Bank of the Commonwealth at Detroit.

Rogers said the indictment accuses the three men of using more than half a million dollars of Teamsters funds on the project, conceived as a retirement haven for union members. The 12-count indictment also charges misuse of the mails to defraud on eight occasions and use of interstate telephone and telegraph service for the same purpose three other times.

New Satellite Put Into Orbit By Air Force

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — The Air Force, using a new "hot rod" booster, fired into polar orbit yesterday a Discoverer satellite containing human tissue and sky spy gadgets.

Planes later will try to recover the cargo by catching the moon-let's parachuting space capsule in the air.

The new satellite is girding the globe once every 94 minutes in an egg-shaped path whose far point is 450 miles, near point 150.

Discoverer XVIII soared skyward at 12:20 p.m. burning louder and brighter and moving faster than any of its predecessors.

This was due to improvements in the engine of its Thor IRBM booster rocket. Its thrust has been souped up 15,000 pounds to a total of 165,000.

The power increase, officers said, will help the Discoverer program by permitting orbits at higher altitudes to gather data not available at present levels and by enabling the second-stage Agen B — all of which orbits — to carry more fuel. This means it can start and stop its engine in flight, and maneuver in space.

The human tissue, from the underside of an eyelid, was in a 300-pound capsule in the nose of the second stage. With it were bits of human bone marrow, algae, spores, gamma globulin, albumin, gold foil and various kinds of film.

Scientists sent them aloft, and hope to recover them, to learn how they are affected by radiation—vital for the man in space program.

The spy gear was secret, but presumably included instruments being tested in the Midas and Samos satellite series.

Agnew Chosen by GOP

HARRISBURG (AP) — A young Allegheny County representative — showing surprising strength — was elected yesterday as the leader of the 100-member House Republican delegation for the 1961 session.

Rep. Willard Agnew of Aspinwall, defeated 1960 leader Rep. Albert W. Johnson, McKean, by a vote of 56-35 and immediately promised vigorous leadership.

Army Rules Province

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP)—The head of the Congo's provisional government announced last night President Joseph Kasavubu has placed rebellious Oriental Province under martial law.

Justin Bomboko, chief of Col. Joseph Mobutu's college of commissioners, said the decree placed everyone in the province under the jurisdiction of Mobutu's army.

Kennedy Gives Arizona Rep. Cabinet Post

NEW YORK (AP) — President-elect John F. Kennedy yesterday selected Rep. Stewart Udall of Arizona to be his secretary of the interior—the third of the 10 Cabinet posts to be filled for the new administration.

Kennedy said in a statement that the 40-year-old congressman will bring to the position "vigor and imagination," for the important task of preserving and developing "America's vast and abundant natural resources."

The Udall appointment was by no means a surprise. It had been a virtual certainty for days.

The Arizona House member will serve alongside two governors, Abraham A. Ribicoff of Connecticut, Kennedy's choice for secretary of health, education and welfare, and Luther H. Hodges of North Carolina, who will be the new commerce secretary.

As secretary of the interior, Udall will be the first Arizonan to serve in a Cabinet post. He should be well prepared. Study of the Interior Department is bread-and-butter stuff to Arizona politicians. Udall's district, for example, includes the nation's two largest Indian reservations along with important reclamation projects.

Blue Laws Fought By Kosher Market

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Massachusetts kosher supermarket yesterday fired the first gun in a combined attack in the Supreme Court on state Sunday closing laws—better known as blue laws.

Attorneys for the Crown Kosher Supermarket of Springfield, Mass. argued that the state law forbidding sale of kosher meats on Sunday except between the hours of 6 and 10 a.m. creates severe hardships for Orthodox Jews.

JFK II to Be Baptized
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