



## Labor Awaits Union Action About Beck

WASHINGTON (AP)—Leaders of organized labor today awaited word on whether Dave Beck's teamsters will back him or dump him in the wake of his suspension as an AFL-CIO chieftain.

Beck, president of the Teamsters Union, gave every appearance of being determined to fight it out.

His troubles mounted on the heels of the AFL-CIO Executive Council's action yesterday suspending him as one of its members and as an AFL-CIO vice president.

The council — top command of the 15-million member AFL-CIO — ordered a full scale investigation by the federations' Ethical Practices Committee into charges that Beck "has brought the labor movement into disrepute."

Meanwhile, Sen. A. Frankfurter's committee sources say they are not "half through" investigating Beck's complex financial dealings, but may not call him back for quizzing unless he agrees to talk. They said other witnesses and documentary evidence could tell most of the story.

## Rayburn Feared Misunderstanding

WASHINGTON (AP)—House Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) reportedly has told President Eisenhower that if he makes a personal request for "temporary presidency" legislation, people will think he plans to give up active presidential service.

A source said today Rayburn told this to Eisenhower yesterday during a White House conference with Democratic and Republican congressional leaders. Eisenhower was said to have replied that he didn't see how such an inference could be drawn.

At this conference, Eisenhower proposed a Constitutional amendment to authorize the Cabinet to decide by majority vote when the Vice President should assume temporarily the duties of a disabled President who was unable or unwilling to make the decision himself.

## 'Foreign Lady' Seen In Desert

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—A U. S. embassy spokesman said today police searching for a kidnapped American woman have reported finding a witness who claimed to have seen a "foreign lady" traveling with a handi bag toward the Iran-Pakistan border.

The spokesman disclosed the witness report in denying rumors that Mrs. Anita Carroll of Issaquah, Wash., had been abandoned by her captors. She was seized last Sunday after an outlaw band in wild southeast Iran killed her husband, another American and two Iranians.

"Gondames, searching for the missing American lady have reported coming across a witness who claimed to have seen a foreign lady on a mule traveling with handbags in the desert toward the southeast, Iran-Pakistan border," the embassy spokesman said.

## President's Speed Criticized

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) today criticized what he termed "excessive disregard of the speed laws and elemental traffic safety" during President Eisenhower's drive to Gettysburg, Pa., yesterday.

Neuberger's comment was made after reporters accompanying the President said Eisenhower was driven to his Gettysburg farm at speeds up to 70 miles an hour. The car was driven by a Secret Service man.

Sen. Goldwater (R-Ariz.) said that he would also show him, as he started his attack. He said the Mayor cursed him as he left the building. He also said a cause the publisher could give for the incident was that the Mayor must have connected the newspaper in some way with his political defeat.

## Teamsters Invest In Track

CLEVELAND (AP)—One million dollars of Teamsters' Union pension fund money has been invested in two Cleveland race tracks.

But James R. Hoffa, head of the Central Conference of Teamsters, said the loan was made on "the real estate, not on the tracks."

Continuing a report yesterday

## Dirt-Gathering Rocket Planned

BALTIMORE (AP)—About 50 space scientists have decided to attempt to fire a rocket 2,600 miles into space where it will collect vacuum up some scientific dirt and bring it back to earth.

But there's a bit of planning yet to be done.

The Martin Co. conceived the

## Convicts Fight For Cash To Build Prison Chapel

JACKSON, Mich. (AP)—In Southern Michigan prison where rioting inmates burned down the prison chapel in 1952, prisoners fought again last night — this time by Marcus of Queensbury rules — to earn money to rebuild the chapel.

It was the first time in almost 20 years that public attention has been lent inside the gates of the world's largest walled prison.

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**RIGHT NAME**  
LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Owners of the shoe store here are thinking about changing its name. It's now called Thieves Market. Burglars apparently believe in signs, for one entered the store through a skylight, stole a pair of shoes, took \$19 in cash, and left his old shoes.

## Strictly Political Editor Says Kershaw Mayor Attacked Him

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According to the Kershaw, S. C. News-Era, they had a little excitement in Kershaw this week.

But Richards, editor and publisher of the News-Era, claims he was attacked physically by Mayor Arthur L. Jones Wednesday.

Jones is remembered as one of the lawyers who is defending the men named in the Guy Hutchins dogging case in Camden. He's been mayor for eight years in Kershaw, but lost in Tuesday's municipal election to John M. Graves.

The account of the alleged attack was published in the News-Era Thursday. It said:

"But Richards, publisher of The Kershaw News-Era, Wednesday was attacked by Mayor Arthur L. Jones in the newspaper office and whupped about the head and shoulders with a stick."

"JONES, who had lost a bid for reelection to the office he had held for eight years in Tuesday's municipal elections, walked into the News-Era office shortly after noon Wednesday. Richards was typing at the time he entered and on rising to greet the Mayor was, without warning, suddenly subjected to a rain of blows with a stick, which the newspaper man said he believed to have been a ruler.

Richards, who previously had been struck by Jones during an open Town Council meeting, said he did not return the attack but left the office by the rear door.

"ACCORDING to Richards' account of the event, Jones made some remark to the effect that he would show him, as he started his attack. He said the Mayor cursed him as he left the building. He also said a cause the publisher could give for the incident was that the Mayor must have connected the newspaper in some way with his political defeat.

The earlier incident occurred during a Council meeting when Mayor Jones without warning struck Richards in the face with his fist following a disagreement. Richards' glasses were broken by the blow.

**JOBS:** One of the toughest subjects at the County Courthouse is that of job classification. But it may not be much longer. Just the new county budget going to write out the position of a job classifier?

**ASST. Police Chief John Hord** did a double take the other day. Seems the fire department always sends its list of prospective firemen's names over to his department for a routine check of police records.

Chief Hord took one look at one of the names on the list and nearly flipped. He remembered the name all right—it was the name of a man who was a confessed local arsonist!

But all turned out well. A check of the records showed the names the same, but age, race and address were different.

**FEDERAL "zaming"** licenses have been issued recently in at least seven instances in the Spartanburg area.

This indicates there won't be any gambling when it comes to taking chances on another raid. Last May there was a crack-down in the area which saw pinball machines confiscated.

**CITY LIMITS:** Several calls from local citizens wanting to know the number of the bills introduced in General Assembly on city limits extension. And what committee has them.

Sen. Bell introduced S. B. 193 and in the House the identical bill was tagged H. R. 478. Senate Judiciary 2 and House Judiciary 2 have the bills.

## Our Weather

Generally fair today and tonight, scattered frost tomorrow morning. Sunday fair.

Low this morning 37  
Law tomorrow morning 42  
High today 64  
High yesterday 65  
High tomorrow 62  
Sunrise today 6:15 a.m.; sunset today 6:24 p.m.

## Evening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, may the bustle of the Easter message not dim in our hearts. Through the open tomb may we find the symbol of Thy power, Thy love, and Thy eternal Presence. In Christ's name. Amen.

# N. C. Prison 'System' Makes Escaping Easy



THE MEN who keep N. C. Prison Camp 1003 at Huntersville running are R. C. Dickerson, right, and L. W. McConnell, left. Dickerson is supervisor of the Tenth Highway Division and is in charge of all prison camps in the Tenth. The area includes Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Stanly, Union and Anson counties. Mr. McConnell is superintendent of the Huntersville camp.



THERE ARE no guards in this guardhouse on the roads or in a stone quarry nearby. When the guards do use the tower, they carry only pistols and do not carry arms to fire at prisoners. Huntersville is a camp for misdemeanor offenders who cannot be shot while in flight.

## —THEY GOT THEIR MAN—

## 'King,' Pals Keep Busy

With more than a thousand prisoners running from North Carolina prison camps last year, one of the state's busiest employes was the bloodhound.

In Huntersville these big, red and brown dogs are legendary. There was "Man" and "Thirty" and others who patrolled the woods and fields in search of escapes.

Dogs used here live at Mt. Pleasant at the prison camp. They live well, but they work hard for their state support.

Take "King," for instance.

"KING" is far from the most handsome bloodhound around. He is not full-blooded — no one really knows the mixture — but he is bloodhound through and through. One ear is damaged and his face isn't pretty, but "King" is a workhorse.

His daily workouts cover from one to five miles and "King" can wear down two or three men in an all-night chase.

During these practice workouts, prison employes lay out a trail and let "set" for 30 to 60 minutes. Then they let "King" pick up the scent. He's off to — and he'll run it down until he gets his man.

They tell a lot of stories about "King," but the three-year old is especially pruned for his work around streams and creeks.

HE ONCE crossed the Rocky River near Mt. Pleasant three times in pursuit of an escapee and never lost the trail. He has doubled back scores of times, crossing many tracks, and still manages to keep on the heels of a fleeing convict.

They say "King" can go nearly 24 hours and still have power for a strong finish.

And what when the bloodhound finds his man?

They're gentle dogs. They make no distinction among men. They may just lick his hand.

## Officials Not Upset, Say Setup Good One

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It is comparatively easy to escape prison. And Tar Heel criminals—who learn quickly you don't have to be a mastermind to escape—take advantage of the laxity of our statewide system of prisons.

In 1956, 1,008 prisoners fled Tar Heel prison units. In 1957, more than 150 prisoners have already gotten itchy feet.

While you are reading this, the odds are that two more Tar Heel prisoners will flee detention at one of the state's 94 prison units.

They return, however, either by capture or voluntarily. Of the 1,008 who fled last year, 954 were returned to confinement.

Custody is a serious matter with state prison officials, but there is no way to cut down on escapes.

## Prison Officials Aren't Worried

Prison officials, however, are not worried. It is all a part of "the system," they say, and they maintain the system is a good one.

The North Carolina plan is different from that in many states. Instead of having one or several high-walled units, North Carolina lawbreakers are assigned to 94 "camps" throughout the state.

Two of the units are located in Mecklenburg—a Negro misdemeanor camp near Douglas Municipal Airport and a white misdemeanor camp near Huntersville.

The program is one of work and rehabilitation and the prisoner—if he proves himself—is given much freedom.

The problem of the escapee is a constant and aggravating one, but state legal statutes are so worded that there's no apparent answer. Prison officials have come to accept it and worry only when cost of apprehension is too high.

## Bloodhounds Stay Busy All Year

Thus, bloodhounds at the state's camps are busy around the clock 265 days a year.

As shocking as 1,008 escapes may seem, the mathematics of it are not so startling.

These escapes represent only about six per cent of the total prison population.

Last year the prison population in North Carolina was 18,256 and is about the same in 1957.

About 15,000 of these prisoners were out of confinement nearly every day and around 13,000 were "honor" or "A" grade prisoners.

Most of the escapes are from the upper classifications and they are not closely guarded. Most of these men cannot be fired on if they attempt to escape.

At Huntersville, for instance, two prisoners walked away from a stone quarry. They stood on a bank and whistled at a guard. When the guard turned and saw them, they waved and strolled away.

## Guns Carried For Self Protection

Last year about a dozen prisoners fled the Huntersville unit. These men were convicted of misdemeanors and the law protects them from armed assault. Guards at Huntersville carry only pistols—mostly for self protection—and the guardhouses on opposite ends of the fenced-in camp are usually vacant.

Felons do come "under the gun," but felons are a minority group in our prisons. Eighty-six per cent of the prison population in North Carolina is made up of misdemeanor prisoners. Felony and misdemeanor prisoners are confined in separate units.

Not many prisoners below the honor or "A" grades attempt escape. Almost no prisoners escape maximum security units such as Central Prison in Raleigh or Ivy Bluff Camp in Caswell County.

## No Real Reason For Escaping

There is often no real reason for a prisoner's escape. "They just take off," says Prisons director Col. W. F. Bailey. We ask them why they do it and usually they can't give an answer.

If the reason is negligence of prison officials, Bailey deals with the officials sternly.

Most prisoners have no definite plans when they run off. Many simply head for home, itching feet is a more serious malady when prisoners are sent to camps close to home.

Many of the riots and disturbances at Tar Heel camps have been stirred up by young prisoners with energy to burn.

Sometimes a prisoner gets across a state line. If he can, the department simply sits back and waits. When the prisoner is involved in his original criminal action, fingerprints usually result in his return.

The percentage of returns is high. Through March 15 of this year, as an example, 149 escaped North Carolina units. Records show 156 prisoners returned to camps in the same period, many, of course, had escaped in another period.

## Prison Officials Favor Freedom

While prison officials say they favor the freedom given top-grade prisoners, they do not turn their backs on escapes. Under state law, a two-time escapee becomes a felon after a court trial convicts him.

When he joins the new ranks, he, too, is subject to more rigid surveillance, and the gun.

The 15,000 prisoners who are out of confinement each day work at a number of jobs. In Raleigh they are seen working in state office buildings. On the highways they do repair and maintenance work, and many work on prison farms and in prison industries.

For this work a prisoner gets what is known as "gain time," time off his original sentence. This shortens his sentence and also helps pay for the cost of his confinement.

Here is the prisons set up:

## State Has Two Top Security Prisons

There are two maximum security units, Central Prison in Raleigh and Ivy Bluff in Caswell County. These prisons contain the long-termers and those who present custodial problems.

There are ten "close custody" units which house prisoners who have not yet proven themselves fit for more freedom.

There are 79 "medium security" camps, including Huntersville. See N. C. on page 2-A.