

### Commission Okays Firing Of Inspector

Emploees Tell Of Gifts Offered  
By City Official

The Civil Service Commission last night unanimously upheld City Council's decision to fire Senior Plumbing Inspector Henry A. Parker.

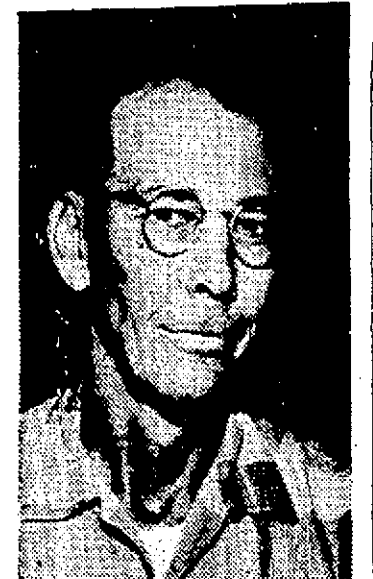
The five-hour hearing was Parker's last chance to appeal his dismissal. After the Commission's hearing was announced, Chairman W. R. Adair glanced at the tall, nervous Parker and said, "Sorry." Parker was charged with trying to bribe junior inspectors to approve faulty plumbing.

#### Plumber Out of Town

Instances of faulty plumbing mentioned in testimony last night concerned work done by the Cole Plumbing Co. of 720 North Copia street.

Dean Cole, operator of the plumbing company, was summoned as a witness but did not appear. He is in California, Chairman Adair was told, but will be back next week.

Red tags placed on the plumbing



Henry A. Parker

ing to show poor workmanship showed the work was done by Cole, City Engineer Gerald Turner testified.

Parker was fired last week on a charge of offering gifts to Cortez Martin and Donald Naron, both junior plumbing inspectors, the discharge document read. Testimony in the hearing indicated the gifts were supposed to influence Martin and Naron in their inspection of faulty plumbing jobs.

#### City Submits Photos

During the hearing, Parker grew tense as Martin told of three instances of receiving money from Parker. Naron mentioned two such occasions. Another tactic in the City's case against the inspector was to submit as evidence photographs of one case of faulty plumbing Parker had okayed, and several instances of poor workmanship passed by his junior inspectors.

In rebuttal, Parker said that money passed between him and Martin only once, and that "was a loan." He denied all five instances of bribery reported by Martin and Naron.

When Assistant City Attorney Hans Brockmoller presented a photograph of a dummy "drum trap" which Parker okayed on an inspection job, Parker said, "Yes that is certainly bad plumbing. I was fooled by it and didn't have the tools with me at the time to check it."

#### Extra Money Offered

A "drum trap" is a small hole which makes bath room plumbing accessible for repair without making it necessary for floors or tiles to be torn out. In the photograph, the chrome top supposed to cover the trap covered only blank tile. Other pictures showed examples of sewer pipe which had been installed and okayed without having regulation ports.

In their testimony, both Martin and Naron referred to conversations with Parker in which he asked, "How would you like to earn some extra money?"

#### How To Be Supervisors

Both witnesses said Parker then said the two could earn as much as \$100 a month extra by "acting in a supervisory capacity for six plumbing contractors."

The supervisory capacity referred to, both Naron and Martin said, would be to avoid hanging red "disapproval" tags on bad plumbing jobs. Instead, they were to call the contractors and tell them of the job, so the defects

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The girl who loved and lost must have had a stupid lawyer.



**COLLAPSES**—Mrs. Marjorie Meade is comforted by her husband Fred after Producer Paul Gregory testified he had been offered a chance to pay between \$800 and \$1000 to keep a "scandalously injurious" article from being published in Confidential. He identified Mrs. Meade as the one who made the proposition. Mrs. Meade collapsed into the arms of her husband and the trial was recessed for three hours as she was taken from the swarming courtroom into the judges quiet chambers.

### Filmland Fears More Libel Trial Testimony

**HOLLYWOOD**, Aug. 17.—Movieland quaked in its boots today with film stars accused of sexy escapades having little hope of escaping further embarrassment resulting from sizzling testimony recorded in the Confidential magazine criminal libel trial.

Highlight of the trial thus far came prior to adjournment yesterday when red-haired Maureen O'Hara's alleged cuddling session with a Latin escort in the darkened last row of Grauman's Chinese Theater was described in detail by Defense Witness James Craig.

Spectators gawked when a buxom, blonde newspaper woman and Craig, a former assistant manager of the theater, entangled themselves across three courtroom chairs recreating the scene Craig said took place.

#### Cause to Fret

This testimony, plus Defense Attorney Arthur Crowley's promise to call more witnesses to relate other playful indiscretions, indicated that subpoenaed movie stars had cause to fret.

"I've subpoenaed a hundred people," Crowley said, "and you may be sure I'll call in as many stars as I deem necessary to win my case."

Craig was the first witness called

by Crowley to prove the truth of stories published in Confidential and Whisper in the case against Fred and Marjorie Meade, who ran Hollywood Research Inc., West Coast listening post for the magazines.

Craig told the jury he had met Miss O'Hara in Ireland previously, and recognized her when she entered the theater with a man in November, 1955.

#### Looked Untidy

"An hour after they were seated," he testified, "I found the gentleman was seated facing the screen, but Miss O'Hara was laying across his lap. Her blouse was undone. She looked very disheveled and very untidy."

Craig said he returned with a flashlight, playing the beam across their bodies to halt the proceedings.

"They both came to a proper sitting position," he added, "but later I found the gentleman sitting on the seat and Miss O'Hara sitting on his lap. I asked them to leave."

### Future Brightens Elks Offer Carolyn Free Care in Hospital

The future was brightened today for 13-year-old Carolyn Koonce, who doctors say will never walk again as the result of a tragic family shooting which left her paralyzed from the waist down.

William J. B. (Bill) Taylor, president of the Texas Elks State Assn., has offered to enter Carolyn in the Texas Elks' hospital for crippled children at Odine, Texas. There, Carolyn would undergo rehabilitation at expense of the Elks organization.

Contributions to a fund for the girl's welfare continued. Employees of the Rocky Mountain Bank Note Co. at 301 South Campbell street gave \$27 to the "It's for Carolyn" fund.

The Anthony girl underwent surgery at Southwestern General Hospital Thursday. Doctors found her spinal cord had been severed by a bullet fired by her stepfather. The damage could not be repaired, doctors said.

Money is needed to pay hospital and surgical bills, and to help Carolyn adjust to a new life. Contributions should be sent to the Anthony State Bank, marked "It's for Carolyn."

Carolyn has been in the hospital since July 7 when her stepfather, John F. Koonce, shot her three times after failing to kill his wife. He also wounded two neighbors before killing himself with the last shot in the gun.

Neighbors said Carolyn was wounded while trying to rescue her five-year-old brother Billy from her enraged stepfather.

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# Senator Blasts Ike On Foreign Aid Bill

## Top Reds Due to Make Syria Visit

Khrushchev, Zhukov To Extend Bid For Friendship

**LONDON**, Aug. 17.—Soviet Communist Party Chief Nikita S. Khrushchev is planning a barn-storming trip to Syria and Egypt to woo both countries further away from the West, diplomatic sources said today.

The sources said they learned that Khrushchev may accompany Defense Minister Georgie Zhukov, the powerful Red army chief who already has accepted an invitation to visit Syria in the near future.

It was believed that Khrushchev and Zhukov planned to cash in on new Soviet economic and military ties with Syria which is on the verge of becoming an outright Soviet satellite in the Middle East.

According to diplomatic dispatches, the Kremlin sees in Syria and Egypt an opportunity to strike another blow against the Eisenhower Doctrine.

Syria appeared to be the country for which the Soviets are angling the hardest.

A Russian-Syrian "economic aid" pact has been signed in Moscow. The Syrian regime is moving to purge anti-Communist elements from the Syrian army. The Damascus regime has accused the United States of a "plot" to overthrow it.

Diplomatic sources said that while details of the reported Soviet Middle East tour were not known, there were strong indications that it would be staged shortly.

## Syrian Army Declared In Control of Nation

**BEIRUT**, Lebanon, Aug. 17.—Leftist army officers in Syria have ousted civilian politicians in a struggle for power that has transformed the country into a "Red colony," diplomatic observers said today.

They said the "resignation" this week of moderate Gen. Tewfik Nizamuddin as chief of staff and his replacement by "clever, dangerous" Col. Afif Bizri signaled the victory of the army clique.

"Syria is not becoming a Red satellite," one veteran Western diplomat said, "It has become a Red colony."

Unconfirmed reports said the appointment of Bizri was dictated by the Kremlin as part of its price for the recently-concluded agreement to give Syria 100 million dollars worth of Soviet arms.

## Atom Device Shoot Again Called Off

**LAS VEGAS**, Nev., Aug. 17.—Detonation of atomic device Shasta early today was postponed for the 19th time when Atomic Energy Commission officials determined wind conditions would result in an unacceptable fallout pattern.

The AEC rescheduled the test for Monday morning.

An AEC spokesman said weather conditions would have dispersed fallout on populated areas to the northeast of the Yucca Flat test site. The decision to halt the firing came about a half hour before zero hour.

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**FREED AFTER KIDNAPING**—Carl Wagner, 21, and his wife, 18, left, embrace happily in Kansas City, Mo., after being kidnaped, robbed and beaten by James Richard Essen, right, a hitch-hiker, escaped convict from Ohio State Penitentiary. Their ordeal ended when a Kansas City traffic officer spotted an arm protruding from a car trunk, halted the auto and discovered the couple in the trunk compartment. Both were treated for lacerations inflicted by a gun wielded by Essen. (United Press Telephoto)

## GOP Stands Pat On Civil Rights

**WASHINGTON**, Aug. 17.—House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. said today after a breakfast meeting with President Eisenhower that House Republicans are "still standing pat" for a civil rights bill that will adequately protect every American "who wants to vote."

Martin said he did not think the President would settle for a modification of the Senate-passed civil rights bill limiting the controversial jury trial amendment to civil rights cases. As passed by the Senate, the amendment, which the President strongly opposed, would require jury trials in all types of cases involving criminal contempt of court.

A Democratic move has been launched in the House to limit the jury trial amendment to voting rights cases, but Martin said this still would not result in "the kind of a bill" the President wants.

He said the President is not and never has been "against compromise." But he said what the President wants is a bill that would give "adequate protection to every single American who wants to vote."

#### Stand Pat

"We're still standing pat for the type of bill the President wants," Martin said.

Martin breakfasted with the President amid indications that House Republicans were stiffening again in their opposition to accepting the Senate bill with only a slight modification of the jury trial amendment.

Representative Leo E. Allen, Illinois Democrat, ranking GOP member on the House Rules Committee, had said yesterday that "things are pretty well ironed out" toward a compromise. Based on Allen's statement, Speaker Sam Rayburn scheduled House action on the bill for next Wednesday.

## Assassination Try On Red Causes Riot

**TRIVANDRUM**, India, Aug. 17.—Several persons were hospitalized in this Communist-ruled state capital as the result of rioting touched off by an attempt to assassinate Red Education Minister Joseph Mundassery.

No accurate count of casualties was available immediately.

An anti-Communist demonstrator, brandishing a knife, rushed Mundassery as he was leaving a boat in Alleppey, a seaport 80 miles northwest of here. Bystanders disarmed and beat up the would-be killer.

Word of the attack spread rapidly. Anti-Communist demonstrators started a parade through the streets of Trivandrum, but supporters of the regime rallied quickly and attacked the marchers.

## QUAKE SHAKES 'FRISCO

**SAN FRANCISCO**, Aug. 17.—A short sharp earthquake jiggled the western part of San Francisco at 10:25 last night. No damage was reported.

## INSIDE WASHINGTON

Weekly Size-Up by Washington Staff Of Scripps-Howard Newspapers

**WASHINGTON**, Aug. 17.—Government's setting a new high in end-of-session confusion. In Congress it's partly because members change sides almost hourly on civil rights, partly because of fatigue, boredom, the urge to go home. At the same time, the Administration itself changes about as often as spending.

In this aura of confusion, such things happen: Representative Charles Porter, Oregon Democrat, challenging four colleagues to meet him "in open, simultaneous debate."

Post office turning thumbs down on a chain letter offering 100 golf balls ultimately if you send in two.

Testimony about snack bars disclosing highly secret information as to location of our atomic stockpiles.

And then there was the letter received by the Air Force: "To hum it may consume: I got a letter from my wife telling me I had a \$100 check from you all, but her and I are busted up—and fur spite—she won't send it to me, so I was wondering if you could send me one, and I will return the one she has if she ever sends it to me, which I dauth."

THERE'LL BE action on three major issues before Congress goes home. Civil Rights: Things seem to be breaking for Democrats who want credit for passing a bill. A vote is tentatively scheduled for next

Wednesday, if the Rules Committee acts; and chances are it will act early next week. (It's now tied 6-6.)

The committee could set it up for the House to vote on accepting the Senate Civil Rights Bill with an amendment limiting jury trials to voting-rights-criminal-contempt cases. Democratic leadership favors this.

Or it could set up a vote on sending the bill to conference—which Republican leadership favors. That would mean no bill this session.

The feeling is growing Ike will sign scaled-down Senate bill if it's sent to him. As one House Democratic leader put it: "He'd sign a Chinese laundry ticket if it were labeled civil rights."

Foreign aid: Senate will restore some of the House cuts and there'll be a compromise in conference. It's a good guess that final appropriation will be \$300 million to \$400 million below the President's request.

Government workers pay bills: Senate will act on postal pay bill and one hiking salaries of other

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## Solon Blames Mishandling For Slashes

Fulbright Attacks President For Failure to Fight

**WASHINGTON**, Aug. 17.—Senator J. William Fulbright said today President Eisenhower must take the blame for big cuts in his foreign aid program because he has "mishandled it all the way through."

The Arkansas Democrat, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he would vote to restore some of the cuts but "I'm not going to knock myself out." He added that he was "sick and tired" of "fighting for a fellow who won't fight for himself."

#### Plea for Restoration

He asserted the President has not properly fought for his program. "He waits until the last minute and then puts on a big show," he said, referring to Eisenhower's sudden warning that he might call Congress back for a special session if the aid program is cut too much.

The White House plans to send Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and other officials to the Capitol Monday to spearhead the Administration's plea for restoration of \$809 million slashed by the House from the \$3,367,000,000 authorized for the program and asked by the President.

Dulles moved up his scheduled return from a Canadian vacation by one day to be here for the closed-door Senate hearing. He will be accompanied by John B. Hollister, outgoing director of the International Co-operation Administration which handles the aid program, and Adm. Arthur W. Radford, former chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

#### Should Be Restored

Although the Administration pinned its hopes on the Senate for getting back at least part of the cut, prospects still were cloudy today. Key Republicans conceded the program faces stormy going. Sentiment among many senators on both sides was for holding to the House cuts.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerly said Dulles and the others would tell the Senate group why "the President and everyone else in the Administration" believe the cuts should be restored.

## Rangers Sent Out After BenJack

**AUSTIN**, Aug. 17.—The House Investigating Committee directed the Texas Rangers today to find Promoter BenJack Cage and have him here for questioning Aug. 26.

Representative Reagan Huffman of Marshall said: "We are not disposed to set our hearing to suit the convenience of those who run and hide nor those who may be harboring any person we seek now or in the future."

Reported in L. A.

The investigating committee voted to issue the subpoena for Cage, who promoted the defunct ICT Insurance Co., of Dallas. It said its first order of business would be to investigate the company's collapse, which early this year started other investigating committees and grand jury probes.

Cage is reported out of the state, visiting his mother in Los Angeles. His attorney, M. R. Irion of Dallas said: "They can issue all the subpoenas through me but they won't reach Cage."

Cage is free under \$10,000 bond on charges of embezzling more than \$600,000 from the company he organized and headed. The Travis County grand jury has directed Cage to appear Tuesday, but the elusive playboy promoter has not been served with a subpoena.

## Date Sept. 3

The Dallas grand jury has a date set with Cage Sept. 3. His testimony there would be secret. The House committee's hearings would be open.

Both the Dallas and Travis County grand juries have been checking the collapse of ICT.

State Police Director Homer Garrison Jr., said Cage could not be brought in before the House committee if he is out of state.

"He could be informed, but not legally returned," Garrison said.

## Los Angeles Police Join Search for E. P. Couple

Los Angeles and Miami police today joined the search for Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson, El Paso couple who disappeared March 12.

Sheriff W. O. Hicks asked authorities in the California and Florida cities to seek the trail of the missing pair, after a week of fruitless effort to find some trace of them here and in Mexico.

Patterson, who operated a local photo supply firm with his wife, was a fishing enthusiast and made frequent trips to Guaymas and other Mexican west coast ports.

Their business is now being run by Herman Roth, the firm's accountant, who said he received a telegram from Dallas signed by Patterson, authorizing him to do so.

Attorney David J. Smith, Patterson's lawyer, said the telegram stated that Roth was to operate the store on East Main street. The message was sent March 14.

The Sheriff's department took action to locate the Pattersons at the request of friends here, who said they were concerned by the couple's lengthy absence.

The Pattersons' Kern Place home is now occupied by a British couple, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Philip Beison. They rented it through a local real estate firm whose officials said they dealt with Roth and D. G. Kirkland by Duffy's Photo Service.

## N. M. Governor To Visit Ft. Bliss

Governor Edwin L. Mechem of New Mexico arrives tomorrow to inspect training activities of the New Mexico National Guard at Ft. Bliss.

He is due at El Paso International Airport at 8 a. m. and will leave shortly afterward for the Organize target range.

The Governor will be accompanied by Adjutant General Manuel Shiffoni.

## Work to Start On Flood Dams

Construction of two small concrete dams to divert flood waters from the Ledo-Saipan-Durazno area will probably begin Tuesday, City Engineer Gerald Turner said today.

The dams probably will cost less than \$2000, Mr. Turner said. They will be built in the Government Hill ditch at Alamogordo and White Oaks streets between Crockett and Bowie streets.