

MOYER'S SPEED LIMIT FIZZLES

GM's Chief Hears Self Denounced

Letter by Dealer Claims Curtice Is 'Arrogant, Selfish Dictator.'

WASHINGTON—Harlow H. Curtice, president of General Motors, heard himself denounced by one of his own auto dealers Friday as an "arrogant, selfish dictator."

The charge was in a letter from M. H. Yager, Albany, Pontiac dealer, who sat across a table from Curtice in a senate hearing room.

Curtice sat impassively as Senate Minority Subcommittee Chairman O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) read the letter, which accused the GM chief of attempting to force dealers in an effort to force "wild and wilder" sales practices.

Curtice was waiting to read a 97-page prepared statement denying that GM has resorted to unfair or questionable business practices to become the world's largest industrial concern.

Already Made Public.

Curtice's statement already had been made public by him in anticipation he would be the day's first witness. In it, he said the firm's success is due largely to superior management making the most of the nation's tremendous economic growth in the last 35 years.

"I know of no management organization that has a higher standard of business ethics, a greater sense of public responsibility or a more genuine regard for the equities of the various groups with which we have contact—customers, employees, suppliers, dealers and shareholders," Curtice said.

Although advance release of such testimony is a frequent practice, O'Mahoney complained that Curtice was "padding around with this committee by giving out advance copies before senators received it."

O'Mahoney said Curtice would be limited to "a brief statement" during the day, because the subcommittee staff had agreed that Alfred P. Sloan, former GM president and now its board chairman, was to be the "main witness" ahead of Curtice.

Most Unfavorable.
For the last four weeks, the subcommittee has been making a case study of GM to determine its effect on the nation's economy.

Most of the previous testimony has been unfavorable to GM. Numerous witnesses have charged the giant concern used unfair or questionable practices to dominate allied fields, as well as the auto industry.

A parade of disgruntled dealers Wednesday and Thursday charged that GM tossed them aside because they didn't sell enough cars to satisfy Curtice and other top officials.

Some testified that Curtice personally turned them down when they appealed to him in Detroit.

Called "a Red."

One dealer, Lee C. Anderson of Lake Orion, Mich., testified that Curtice called him "a Red" because of his vigorous opposition to a GM policy of selling autos at cost price to foremen and some other factory employees.

Some testified that they were pressured into registering Chevrolet as having been sold even before they reached the dealer—to make the GM car look better in its sales race with Ford.

Curtice coughed his defense in general terms and didn't reply directly to specific charges by previous witnesses.

Knew His Place.

DUDLEY, England (UP)—Nurses telephoned the zoo Thursday when an unexpected visitor turned up at the hospital maternity ward. Zookeepers caught an escaped stork.

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RESCUED FROM DEPTHS—Navy Diver Joe Tallarico, 35, reaches for a pair of shoes as he steps from a decompression chamber in which he was placed following nine hours at the bottom of the Patuxent river. He was trapped when his air hose caught on a test mine he had gone down to recover.

Diver 'Ready To Go Down Again' After 9-Hour Siege

SOLOMONS, Md. (AP)—A navy diver, apparently unharmed after being trapped nearly nine hours in the chilly depths of the Patuxent river, said Friday: "I'm ready to go down again right away."

Chief Metalsmith Joe Tallarico, 35, walked unassisted Thursday night from a decompression chamber where he spent four hours after being lifted from the floor of the river, 120 feet down.

Tallarico, former Chicagoan with 20 years' experience as a diver, was caught when his lines became fouled on an anchor attached to a test mine he had gone down to recover.

Fifteen other navy divers worked in relays to free him from waters off the naval ordnance laboratory test facility, about 70 miles southeast of Washington.

"Toughest Was Cold."

Afterwards, Tallarico told newsmen: "The toughest part was the cold. After I'd been down four hours, I got a leg cramp—I thought I never would come up again. Did I say any prayers? Plenty of them."

Tallarico's wife, Carmela, pressed through the circle of newsmen and rushed into her husband's arms. He patted her shoulder as she fought back tears.

Tallarico dived from a navy launch Thursday morning for a routine job, requiring no more than 18 minutes.

Hose Snagged.

He had been in the water about 15 minutes when he reported his air hose fouled around the anchor. Boatwain Mate William G. Fisher, Williamsport, Pa., went down and found Tallarico pinned to the mine.

"I struggled for almost 30 minutes, and I had almost worked Tallarico's lines clear when the tide grabbed me and pulled me away," Fisher said. "It was an awful feeling to have to come to the surface without him."

Other divers went down, one after the other, but could not even reach Tallarico in the rushing tide.

Finally Reached.

Finally, Chief Gunners Mate Gray Renegar managed to get to Tallarico, and the slow process of bringing him to the surface—along with the mine on which he was snagged—began.

Because Tallarico was under terrible water compression so long, doctors on the rescue launch warned that bringing him up immediately would kill him. So despite the cold and long exposure, the lifting operation in a 60-foot derrick took an hour and a half to give his body a chance to adjust.

The task continued under the boat's spotlights after darkness.

Study Iowa, Kansas Link In Slayings

Woman Operating Drug Store in Kansas City Found Murdered.

DAVENPORT (UP)—Davenport and Kansas City, Kan., authorities conferred Friday about similarities in the slaying of Lucille Bacher, 43, here Tuesday and a murder at Kansas City Thursday.

Mrs. Bacher, who operated the Lincoln pharmacy with her husband, was slayed and beaten to death, three days ago.

Nell Lilley, 43, partially-crippled operator of a Kansas City drug store, was found beaten and slashed to death in what police described as a second "senseless" killing.

Evidence of Struggle.

A woman's glove had been stuffed into Mrs. Lilley's mouth and a silk stocking wrapped around her face, apparently before the killer murdered the woman. There was evidence of a struggle and police found broken bottles strewn about.

The case paralleled the murder of Mrs. Bacher, whose body was found in a back prescription room of the Davenport pharmacy.

Her hands and feet had been tied. Authorities said she had been beaten on the head with a heavy instrument.

There was speculation the killer may have been a drug addict who entered the Iowa pharmacy with the intent of getting drugs. A locked drug cabinet was near the woman's body.

Kansas City police said robbery was apparently that killer's motive.

Leads Fizzle Out.

"Two leads as to the identity of the Davenport killer 'fizzled out,'" Police Chief Harvey Smith said.

Smith questioned a 47-year-old railroad section hand at Galeburg, Ill., Thursday but said the man had "an air-light alibi."

A bloody cap found on a loading dock of the John Deere plant at Moline, which resembled one described by Mrs. Bacher's husband as worn by the killer, also turned into a blind alley.

A workman identified the cap as one he discarded as being too bloody because of use on several hunting trips.

Mrs. Bacher's husband, Henry, 59, was recovering from a stab wound and head blows in a local hospital. The man who killed Bacher's wife turned on Bacher when the druggist walked in on the robbery and beating.

Davenport police prepared to inform the 58-year-old man of his wife's death in the hope he can provide some further clue to her slayer.

Nab C.R. Man in Act of Prowling Hardware Store

Cedar Rapids News—A 23-year-old resident of Cedar Rapids, who is a student at Coe college, was arrested early Friday when patrolmen caught him in the act of prowling a hardware store on Sixteenth avenue SW.

He is John B. Frallinger of 839 Fourth avenue SE. Patrolmen Joe Shimick and Ralph Gearhart said they spotted him crouching behind a counter in Kucera's hardware store, 56 Sixteenth avenue SW.

Frallinger was given until 9 a.m. Wednesday to enter a plea to a breaking and entering charge at arraignment in Judge Charles Penningroth's court. His bond was set at \$1,000.

Esther Davies, who lives in an apartment above the store, heard Frallinger and called the police station.

Shimick and Gearhart covered the entrances to the building while Detective George Matinas climbed in the window Frallinger had smashed and flushed him out.

He told officers he broke into the place only to get even with the operator of the store, Frank Stank, 290 Twenty-fourth avenue SW, who allegedly had broken up a friendship between Frallinger and Stank's daughter, Sandra.

Detective Capt. John Kuba said Frallinger also admitted stealing a car near his home and driving it to the vicinity of the hardware store.

Cook Hanged in Effigy.
MOSCOW, Idaho (UP)—University of Idaho students at Willis Sweet hall, a men's dormitory, hanged their cook in effigy.



ARRIVE FOR MEETING WITH IKE—Secretary of Defense Wilson and Admiral Arthur Radford, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, walk up the steps of the Gettysburg post office as they arrive for a conference with President Eisenhower at his headquarters in the Pennsylvania town.

Safe-Driving Day in Iowa Fatality-Free

Iowa News—No one was killed on Iowa's highways Thursday—Safe-Driving day.

Six personal injury accidents were reported during the 24-hour period, the Iowa Highway Patrol reported. Twelve persons were injured in the six accidents.

Last year the state had one death on Safe-Driving day. It came 15 minutes before the midnight deadline.

Many Minor Mishaps.

Snow which spread across the state produced slick streets and highways and a rash of minor accidents in which no one was injured. Twenty-two were reported in Des Moines. Only two minor accidents were reported in Clayton county.

Highway Patrol Chief David Herrick said he was "very happy" the state did achieve a fatality-free day. "I want to express my appreciation for the fine cooperation motorists gave," he said.

Herrick said credit must be given the adverse driving conditions for keeping accidents at a minimum. It kept many motorists off the highways and made those who were traveling more cautious, he said.

Safety Commissioner Clinton Moyer, who said Thursday the snowy weather gave him "a sinking feeling," commented later the foul weather perhaps worked to advantage by keeping motorists off the highways.

Injury Accidents.

The patrol reported these personal injury accidents: Mrs. Lois Woodley, 24, Goldfield, and her two children, Rex, 5, and Beth, 17 months, injured near Clarion in a car-truck crash. Mrs. Woodley was reported in satisfactory condition Friday.

Roy Zabriskie, 77, Stanley, injured near Colwell. Mrs. Donald Hamilton, Oakland, injured south of Hancock. Basil Edwards, 70, and his son, Bob, 35, of Maquoketa, injured in a car-truck collision near Pilot Grove.

Raymond Doyle, 24, Caggon, Shirley Douglas, 25, Marion, Roselle Hoff, 29, Marion, Lynn Bartlett, 38, Cedar Rapids, hurt in a car-truck accident in Cedar Rapids.

National Toll Up.
The nation's traffic deaths on S-D day, with a mounting toll in (Continued on Page 8, Col. 2.)

Today's Chuckle
We're happy to note Lin Yutang's prediction that during the next 50 years there will be two more world wars. It's reassuring to know there will be another 50 years.

AFL-CIO Unity Action Complete

NEW YORK (AP)—The AFL and CIO merged Friday into a single federation of 16,000,000 members—largest organized labor force in the Free World.

The CIO voted overwhelming approval in its final convention session Friday. The AFL endorsed the merger unanimously in its convention Thursday.

The combined organization, to be known as the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, will meet in convention here Monday.

The CIO endorsement came over heated objections from Michael J. Quill, president of the Transport Workers, composed largely of New York City bus and subway employees.

He argued that the merger would place the CIO under an AFL thumb. He charged also that the proposed constitution lacked sufficient safeguards against racial discrimination, racketeering and inter-union raiding.

Oily Taste Isn't The Only Trouble

ALTON, Ill. (INS)—A resident complained of an oily taste to drinking water after a 100,000-gallon oil barge sank in the Mississippi. He said: "I took a drink of water, lit a cigar and blew my false teeth across the room when the fumes exploded."

Wrights' Helper Is Charity Case

(Photo on Picture Page.) LOS ANGELES (AP)—The man who built the airplane engine for the Wright brothers' first flight at Kitty Hawk, N. C., is in Los Angeles county hospital—a destitute charity case.

Charles E. Taylor, 87, was admitted to the hospital Nov. 10, suffering from asthma and general debility. It was reported he still receives \$800 a year from a fund left by the late Orville Wright, who, with his late brother Wilbur, made the pioneer flights in 1903. He apparently has no other source of income.

Taylor went to work in the Wrights' cycle shop at Dayton as an \$18-a-week mechanic. A hospital spokesman said the county may place Taylor in a sanatorium or rest home unless a private benefactor comes to his aid.

Month-Long Shoe Walkout Settled
ST. LOUIS (UP)—The International Shoe Company and AFL and CIO unions Thursday night announced settlement of a month-long strike affecting 17,000 employees in six states.

Spokesmen said a two-year contract, to be extended to three years with union approval, was signed.

Much Snow, Strong Winds Are Forecast

Iowa News—Much ice and snow will be erased from Eastern Iowa highways Friday before another cold front enters the area early Saturday.

Afternoon temperatures in the 30s, plus the effects of traffic and evaporation, were expected to clear most highways. But more snow and colder weather were on their way from the northwest on the heels of the season's latest snowfall.

The cold wave will bring six inches of snow and 35-mile northwesterly winds into north-west Iowa by Saturday morning, weathermen predicted. The snow will slowly diminish, however, as the front moves across the state.

One to three inches of snow fell in central and eastern portions of Iowa Thursday. Just traces of snow were reported in the northwest.

The snow and accompanying freezing drizzle made highways slippery with packed snow and ice. Fog settled into many areas early Friday and limited visibility to as little as 500 feet.

By noon Friday, some highways were already clear of snow and ice. The State Highway Commission reported that the following highways were wet but ice-free: 60, 65, 163, 218 and 150 in the area between Cedar Rapids and Colwell; 34 and 92 from Winterest east; 6, 30, 20, 75, 33 and 71 from Carroll north to Minnesota.

Temperatures will be falling throughout Iowa Saturday. They are expected to dip to near 20 in the northwest by tonight, with similar readings accompanying a windy cold front as it pushes eastward during the night and Saturday morning.

Sunday will continue cold with mostly cloudy skies and a few snow flurries. The advance forecast sees slowly rising temperatures Monday and Tuesday, then colder again Wednesday.

Snowfall amounts reported for Thursday and Friday included 2 1/2 inches at Cedar Rapids, Elkhart, 3 1/2, Decorah, Lamoni, Des Moines and Spencer 3.

Rain and snow that hit the central portion of the country moved eastward Friday as far as Ohio, West Virginia and Alabama.

Rain fell from the Ohio river southward, over Illinois, Indiana and central and northern Ohio, plus the northern portion of the Midwest, snow fell.

A blanket of snow extends south into southern Missouri, central portions of Illinois, Ohio and Indiana with one to two inches. Snow also fell in the Rockies and plateau region.

Liquor Unit Told It Can't Bar Iowa Distillery Agents

DES MOINES (INS)—District Judge C. Edwin Moore Friday granted a temporary injunction against the State Liquor Control Commission in connection with its policy against Iowans representing liquor companies.

Judge Moore indicated he was very strongly in favor of Carl S. Foster of Guthrie Center. He declared: "I can't see where you can take a man's livelihood away from him just because he is a resident of Iowa."

Foster filed a petition in Polk county court Wednesday asking the court to abolish the rule preventing employment of Iowa representatives by distillers.

Foster, who was a distillery agent until 1949 when the commission made the rule, asked the court to join the commission from enforcing the rule.

Called Policy.
M. A. Iverson, assistant attorney general representing the liquor commission, filed an answer to Foster's petition. Iverson claimed the action by the commission was not a rule or regulation but simply a business policy.

Iverson contended the commission may make any discrimination in its business dealing the same as any other business would make.

In a lively discussion Foster's attorney, Robert Bannister, contended that the commission in its action of Aug. 9 of this year referred to the matter as a regulation.

Sees No Harm.
Judge Moore, in granting the temporary injunction, said he was doing so because he could not see where it would harm the liquor commission and if he did not count it as immediate, he would grant it Foster would be deprived of his employment.

Iverson had claimed that it was illegal in Iowa to have liquor brokers and that Foster's job primarily was to promote the sale of certain brands of liquor in the state.

First Test Charge Is Dismissed

County Attorney Tells JP Court There Was Lack of Evidence.

FORT DODGE (AP)—A charge of "excessive speed at night" filed against Gerald Wayne Haldorf, 22, of Algona, the first motorist arrested under Safety Commissioner Clinton Moyer's "65-mile-an-hour night speed limit," was dismissed Friday.

The recommendation for dismissal was made in the court of Justice Herbert Bennett by Webster county attorney Arthur H. Johnson, who said there was a lack of evidence.

Haldorf earlier Friday was arraigned before Police Court Judge Elmo McCormick, who granted a change of venue to justice court.

Three Defense Attorneys.
Defense attorneys included Ed Breen, radio and television station operator who has been openly critical of the speed limit; John H. Mitchell, former Iowa attorney general, and Ralph Bastian, former Webster county attorney.

In justice court, Johnson immediately asked for a continuance in order to give him time to study the scientific data the state has available to show that 65 miles an hour at night is excessive. Johnson said he had first learned of the case late Thursday.

He said he presumed that because it was "a test case" the attorney general's office might want to join the prosecution.

Johnson's motion was overruled when Haldorf's attorneys pointed out their client was entitled to a speedy trial.

They said Haldorf was first ordered to appear in police court Thursday morning, then Friday morning, and that further continuance would work undue hardship on him.

Financial Hardship.
They said their client is not a man of means and another 45-mile trip from Algona to Fort Dodge would work a financial hardship on him as well as his witnesses.

Haldorf, who is unemployed, was arrested by Highway Patrolman Merlin Hogan at 1:45 a.m. Thursday, less than two hours after the night speed limit went into effect at midnight Wednesday.

Hogan said he clocked Haldorf at 71 miles an hour on highway 26 near Duncumbe, about 10 miles east of here.

At Des Moines, Moyer said he had no immediate comment. He said he would have a statement concerning the case later.

Iowa To Reveal Road Safety Plans Jan. 14

DES MOINES (UP)—A new highway safety program for Iowa will be presented at Fort Dodge Jan. 14, it was announced Friday.

Russel C. Brown, the new state safety education director, said he will outline the program at a state meeting of the Iowa Driver Education Association.

"There has been some discussion about compulsory training for drivers who are arrested repeatedly for moving vehicle violations."

All That, and No Harm to Record
HONOLULU (AP)—A university student did everything wrong behind the wheel Thursday, but police said it didn't count against Honolulu's Safety Driving day record.

Officers said the student made an illegal U-turn, ran a red traffic light, had police on an 80-mile-an-hour chase for 10 blocks, hit and demolished a garage and rammed a house. Then the car overturned.

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