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Citizens Telephone Co.

Lineman Is Electrocuted Near City This Morning

Rackets Group Gives Warning

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Rackets Committee warned today that a "criminal syndicate" of underworld hoodlums has strengthened its grip on the U.S. economy.

Its findings were unanimous, but the committee split 4-to-4 along strict party lines over proposed establishment of a national crime commission to help combat the growing menace.

The committee, in another report on its investigation of infiltration of management and labor by racketeers, accused Teamster Teamster President James R. Hoffa again of "gross abuses" of union power and an "unconscious betrayal" of union members.

The new attack on Hoffa said he gained power with the help of "racketeers and hoodlums" and, despite a promised clean-up drive, has shown "no inclination to move against a variety of thieves, robbers, burglars, arsonists, white slavers, extortionists, dope peddlers, and even murderers who are holding office in teamster affiliates."

Split over Commission

The suggested crime commission would have served as a federal clearing house for nationwide data on crime. Unable to agree on the proposal, the committee voted instead to recommend immediate study by an "appropriate" congressional committee on how to best cope with the problem of syndicated crime.

The committee split over the proposed crime commission had more than the usual partisan overtones.

Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, spearheaded the drive for its adoption. He drew support from the other three committee Democrats — Chairman John L. McClellan (Ark.) and Sens. Frank Church (Idaho) and Sam J. Ervin (N.C.).

All four Republicans — Sens. Karl E. Mundt (S.D.), Barry Goldwater (Ariz.), Carl T. Curtis (Neb.) and Homer E. Capehart (Ind.) — were opposed.

Kennedy said the proposed commission would "gather information on the top criminal leaders in the country, keep a close sur-

veillance on their activities, and disseminate their information to local and state law enforcement agencies."

Costly and Unnecessary

McClellan suggested that the commission be given subpoena power, authorized to hold hearings, and be required to submit periodic reports to Congress.

The Republicans opposed the commission as a costly and unnecessary accessory to such existing facilities as the FBI. They said it could be "construed as an attempt on the part of the government to inject itself into local and state police affairs."

They said its data on crime might fall into the hands of criminals themselves in areas where they are in league with "venal or corrupt officials." Also, they said, the commission might distribute "unverified data consisting of rumor and gossip" and "injure innocent persons."

There was no dissent on the commission's finding that the "growing power of the American underworld," as evidenced by the 1957 crime convention at Apalachicola, N.Y., poses a "national problem."

Miss Sarah Slagle Is Taken By Death

Miss Sarah Slagle, 98, a lifelong resident of Adams county, died at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Richmond state hospital, where she had been a patient since 1947. She was born in Adams county Feb. 28, 1862, a daughter of Benevel and Amanda Welder-Slagle.

Six brothers and five sisters are deceased. Only near survivors are two nieces, Mrs. Mary Hammons of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Cyril Slenker of Van Wert. O. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Black funeral home, the Rev. Gerald Geric officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. Tuesday until time of the services.

BULLETIN
County coroner Elmer Winteregg, Jr., delivered his verdict in the death this morning of Dale Addy, calling the case "accidental death by electric shock." Winteregg also said that the young man was given artificial respiration at the scene by investigators, but to no avail.

A 24-year-old Citizens Telephone Co. employee was electrocuted this morning when a wet telephone pole touched a 2,400-volt city power line on the Mud Pike about one and one-half miles south of Decatur.

Dale Arnold Addy, 24, of 124 S. 14th street, was pronounced dead at 9:45 a.m. by Arthur Girod, who was called to the scene by company employees.

Three-Man Crew

County coroner Elmer Winteregg, Jr., and sheriff Merle Affold also rushed to the scene to examine the body.

Hawkins, who is in traction, was X-rayed this morning in an effort to discover any further internal injuries. The attending physician listed his condition as "satisfactory."

Hawkins was working on a tree on the Virgil Krick property at 405 Mercer avenue, when the limb he was cutting came back and knocked him about 20 feet to the ground.

National guardsmen helped police in rescuing stranded families. This was the state-by-state picture.

Countless roads were closed by the rising water. Police urged motorists driving in the four-state area to be on the lookout for washed out highways.

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