

Seen with associates of father's rival

Hoffa hunt keying on foster son

DETROIT (AP) — The St. Louis Post Dispatch reported today that the foster son of missing ex-Teamster President Jimmy Hoffa — who served as Hoffa's bodyguard — was seen in the company of a close associate of Teamsters President Frank Fitzsimmons, Hoffa's rival for Teamster leadership, the day after Hoffa disappeared.

Hoffa's family has said it is looking for Charles (Chuckie) O'Brien, Hoffa's foster son, since Thursday — the day after Hoffa disappeared. And the FBI also has said it would like to question O'Brien.

The Washington Star-News reported in its editions today that federal investigators are now focusing on the possibility that Hoffa may have arranged his own disappearance.

While the investigators still think it is possible — or even likely — that Hoffa was abducted and perhaps killed by union rivals or gangsters, Justice Department sources said there are also reasons to believe Hoffa

purposely disappeared. The key to this theory is the mysterious activities of O'Brien, Hoffa's foster son and former bodyguard.

A man who identified himself as O'Brien called The Detroit News last night and said: "I don't want to tell you where I'm at but I'm out of town. I'm safe and all right." A Detroit television station received a similar call. The station was told O'Brien was away on union business.

Hoffa's daughter, Mrs. Barbara Crancer, told The Associated Press today that the family still had not heard from O'Brien. "All we're asking is for him to tell the truth," she said.

Mrs. Crancer would not elaborate on what she meant by that, nor would she say if the family believes O'Brien is linked in some way to the disappearance of the former Teamster chief.

The Post-Dispatch quoted unnamed

sources as saying that O'Brien had been seen getting into a car on the morning after Hoffa's disappearance. The sources said the car was driven by a man close to Fitzsimmons, but the sources refused to identify the man.

The sources also told the Post-Dispatch that O'Brien got into the car at about 7 a.m. Thursday near the Machus Red Fox restaurant. Hoffa was last seen outside the restaurant last Wednesday afternoon.

Friends said it was not unusual for O'Brien to be missing for days at a time, but that it was expected he would want to be with the Hoffa family during their ordeal.

Hoffa selected his onetime close friend Fitzsimmons to become Teamster president after Hoffa was forced to step down from the post, but they became bitter rivals when Hoffa tried to reassert his control of the union upon his release from jail.

Hoffa was released from federal prison in

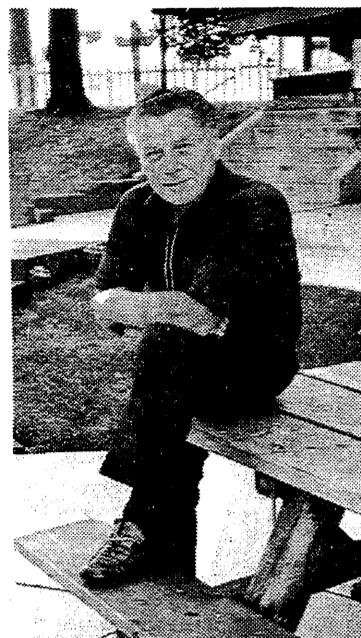
1971 after former President Richard M. Nixon commuted his 13-year sentence on the condition that the former union boss not engage in union activities until 1980.

Hoffa is appealing the restriction in the courts, arguing the union ban was a deal worked out by the White House and Fitzsimmons.

Meanwhile, the FBI said it is studying some of Hoffa's private notes in an effort to retrace activities of the ex-Teamster boss just before he disappeared, a source said today.

FBI officials also said they would like to question O'Brien, who was raised by Hoffa from the age of 3, but there is no official search for the 41-year-old O'Brien, himself a Teamsters' official.

The family also said today that it had received no responses to its offer yesterday of a \$200,000 reward for information revealing the whereabouts of Hoffa.



JAMES R. HOFFA
...at home last week

Burke bids for recall of aides

13 superintendents await word on jobs

By RAMONA SMITH
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Education Commissioner Fred G. Burke moved today to reinstate the 13 New Jersey county school superintendents who lost their jobs when Gov. Brendan T. Byrne cut the state budget in June.

Burke planned to ask the state Board of Education today to return the superintendents to their posts.

The recall of superintendents, made possible by the restoration of their \$1.5 million account through Monday's nuisance tax package, would return Edward A. Callahan to his office as Mercer County superintendent of schools.

Since losing his job, Callahan has been using up his accumulated vacation time.

Burke plans to summon the superintendents to Trenton tomorrow to give them word of the state board's decision.

It is uncertain, however, how long the recalled officials will be able to head their county offices. Top officials in Burke's department previously said they planned to screen applicants for most of the positions which were held by the superintendents on acting or holdover basis.

Only three of the superintendents, not including Callahan, were serving full three-year terms at the time of their dismissal.

In addition, the functions of the county superintendents office are in line for major changes. Burke wants to expand the offices as the key ingredient in a state plan for supervising and upgrading education.

Burke met yesterday with Byrne to discuss education budget restorations. But neither Burke nor the governor's office would reveal the views exchanged concerning county superintendent.

Before his inauguration, Byrne sharply questioned whether the county officials did anything worthwhile. And during the budget crisis, he indicated they were not among his top priorities for restoration.

The 21 county education offices remained open during the crisis, staffed by county employees and supervised by education department officials.

Eight of the offices were under department supervision before the 13 superintendents were dismissed.

Burke said yesterday budget restorations signed Monday by Byrne will restore 138 employees to the vocational education division, as well as the statewide testing program.



A masked Japanese Red Army terrorist, armed with automatic pistol, starts to herd two of 15 hostages to a bus which then took them to the Kuala Lumpur airport.

Terrorists still seeking haven

By HARI S. MANIAM
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KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Five armed Japanese Red Army terrorists, still holding the U.S. consul and 14 other hostages, waited at the airport today to fly to another country. Difficulties developed in finding a country willing to take them.

The Japanese Foreign Ministry said in Tokyo it was making efforts to obtain Libya's permission for the terrorists to land there but that Libya had so far expressed reluctance. It said Japan was also asking Cuba, Syria and South Yemen.

"We cannot be very optimistic about whether Libya would accept the terrorists," said Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Ichitaro Iide.

Malaysian officials, who had earlier reported Libya had granted permission for the terrorists to land, said snags had developed over such things as whether the terrorists could carry weapons on the flight and the size of the crew. There were reports the terrorists wanted to limit the crew to six, and the crew wanted 11. The crew reportedly objected to weapons.

The Japan Air Lines DC8 which

the terrorists and their captives boarded earlier today remained on the ground at the airport 14 miles from downtown Kuala Lumpur.

A government spokesman said two Malaysian officials would make the flight as hostages — Ramli Omar, parliamentary secretary to the communications ministry, and Osman Cassim, secretary-general of the home ministry.

It was not clear how the remaining 15 hostages would be removed from the plane or whether the terrorists would try to take them along.

Civil aviation officials said the DC8 can carry 20,000 gallons of fuel and it should be sufficient for the flight to Libya.

Left 28 behind

The terrorists, masked and armed with automatic revolvers and hand grenades, left behind 28 of the hostages held in the U.S. Embassy since they invaded the building Monday.

One of the hostages said the terrorists said farewell to the 28 captives with, "Sayonara. We are very sorry we had to do this to you."

Nine others were freed earlier. The raiders left the 12-story building. (Continued on Page 14, Col. 1)

Police patrol shifts would cut overtime

By BRADLEY GRAHAM
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Trenton Police Chief John Prihoda today proposed a reorganization of police patrols to reduce overtime costs, but would not diminish police protection during peak crime hours.

The reorganization is in response to a direct order from Mayor Arthur Holland to eliminate overtime. At a meeting this morning in the mayor's office, Prihoda presented the plan, but warned that the city still should expect to pay overtime to patrolmen filling in for those on vacation or sick leave.

The plan, he said, would slim the patrols to their "barest minimum." It calls for drawing men out of the three existing shifts to create a fourth 27-man unit which would patrol from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m.

This is considered the peak crime

period. Until now, it had been covered by an extra back-up shift of policemen working at time-and-a-half pay.

The overtime for this patrol alone had accounted for nearly half of the division's total overtime expenditure. Police had exhausted their \$293,000 overtime account during July, prompting the mayor in the face of cuts in state aid, to order the police reorganization.

Consolidation proposed

To streamline operations further, Prihoda also proposed consolidating the city's two precincts into one. This is something police brass have wanted since the division moved into its North Clinton Avenue building several

years ago and retained two precincts operating side by side.

Holland called the plan significant improvement, but said he was still not pleased with the prospect of paying overtime. He discussed with Prihoda a number of alternatives, including reduction in other police units and operating only eight zones instead of nine.

Prihoda argued fiercely with the mayor that the force should not be trimmed further. Holland left the situation open for further consideration, saying the administration would have to decide soon whether it could justify a request to City Council for an emergency appropriation for the police division.

Desire's there, funds aren't

Holland proposes annex-center plan

By BRADLEY GRAHAM
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It's a question of doing what you know you have to, even if you can't afford it.

With that mix of determination and reluctance, Trenton Mayor Arthur Holland yesterday unveiled to the City Council a plan to build a \$3.3 million City Hall annex and a multi-purpose downtown civic center. He found the councilmen as worried as he that the money to rebuild after last month's civic center fire may not be there.

"Is the city in financial shape to afford this?" North Ward Councilman James Mitchell asked pointedly.

Propped on the easel in front of the councilman was a sketch of the proposed three-story, 40,000 square foot, precast concrete annex. It would be large enough, the mayor was saying, to centralize the employees made officeless by the fire and would be paid for out of the \$1.2 million in insurance claims and \$2.5 million in a one-shot emergency bond issue over and above the city's bonding capacity.

Also on the easel sat a sketch of a new multi-million dollar civic center, designed to seat 6,000 people and host a myriad of athletic events and entertainment programs. Instead of being built behind City Hall, as the old civic center had been, Holland was proposing the new center be built next to the War Memorial building on the Lafayette Yard parking lot. But it too, said the mayor, would likely require borrowing.

"Strictly speaking," Holland answered Mitchell, "we shouldn't be talk-

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Staff photo by Greg Gendall

Dennis Poland, right, a member of the 1955 Morrisville Little League team that won the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa., is taking the 1975 Pennsylvanian team to Williamsport to compete for the Pennsylvania Little League crown. He compares the two teams in a story on Page 37.

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Did Washington cross them up?

Hopewell committeemen fear they'll have to pay

By J. STRYKER MEYER
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HARTS CORNER — Everybody loves a party, but Hopewell Township doesn't think it should have to foot the bill for a party coming up here — the 200th anniversary of Washington's crossing of the Delaware.

As a result, the township committee last night directed the municipal attorney to prepare a suit against state and federal government agencies who have control over the bicentennial celebration.

The township committee says it can't afford the cost of the birthday party, even though Washington Crossing is considered comparable to Bunker Hill in historic importance.

The township wants a court injunction ordering the state Department of Environmental Protection to stop all construction at Washington Crossing Park until DEP provides plans for handling the throngs expected to flock to the crossing during the bicentennial period, and especially on Dec. 26, 1976.

That's the 200th anniversary of Washington's crossing of the Delaware with his Continental army, just before the Battle of Trenton, one of the crucial fights of the war.

Follow the trail

Township Committeeman Christopher F. Bannister noted that the Na-

tional Bicentennial Commission, the Department of Labor and Industry, the Department of Environmental Protection and private travel agencies have been telling people to "Go where he (George Washington) went" — Washington Crossing. Up to 250,000 people daily are expected to take that advice next year, according to the New Jersey Bicentennial Commission.

If they do, township officials fear that it will cost the township \$1 million.

Mayor Michael Arcieri pointed out that the total municipal budget for this year is only \$1.8 million.

"State and federal agencies are directing people here on one hand," Bannister said, "and then turn around and tell us (the township committee) that it's our responsibility to bankroll their brainstorms.

"Well I'll be damned if I'm going to tell our taxpayers that their tax rate is going up 50 percent next year, while they won't be able to use their roads," he said.

To avoid this "gross injustice," Bannister directed township lawyers to draft suits against appropriate government agencies and to seek an injunction against the Department of Environmental Protection to stop its plans for developing Washington Crossing State Park.

Township officials have gone sour on the big celebration because of two (Continued on Page 14, Col. 2)