

- Brewster swore the fund did exist once, stated that it was used for political contributions
- asked if it was used as a down payment on his house - answered that he couldn't remember
- the union spent \$2,670 in 1954 and 55 for boxes at the California racetracks
- he couldn't remember why he spent \$750 in union money on one occasion for his jockey

"SPENDING SPREE BY UNION CHIEF BARED"

- "\$85,000 in Teamster Funds Used for Diapers, Nylons, Love Seats"
- a Chicago public relations man today bared details of and \$85,000 shopping spree he conducted for the Teamsters Union President Dave Beck
- Nathan Shefferman told the Senate rackets investigating committee the items purchased for Beck ranged from \$19 to diapers, knee drawers and nylons
- he did not know if the money came from union funds
- Shefferman was called to the stand after Beck refused to answer questions about his personal affairs or handling of the union funds
- He (Beck) has been charged with misappropriating \$322,000 in union funds
- Beck took the stand again after Shefferman and again refused to answer questions on the grounds that he might incriminate himself

"SENATORS WILL TRY TO JAIL BECK"

- Beck has been warned by Senate investigators that he will be sent to jail for his "utter contempt" of Congress in refusing to disclose his finances
- the Senate also says that Beck has failed to pay back \$50,000 of the \$320,000 he allegedly took from the union
- Beck, said in Chicago his Teamster union will open a 1 million dollar press agency bureau at Washington to tell the "true" story
- official records in Seattle show that Beck liquidated \$1,000,000 in real estate holdings during the time he allegedly was attempting to settle his income tax troubles
- Records show that Beck made more than \$500,000 in converting the property to cash

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"Teamsters Welcome B.C. Cannery Union"

- "a Teamster Union charter for Fruit and Vegetable Workers Local 48 in the Upper Okanagan Valley of British Columbia was installed last Sunday in Penticton, B.C. though snow and cold weather rather spoiled the auspicious occasion."
- "Headquarter of the new union which is affiliated with Joint Council of Teamsters No. 36 of Vancouver, is in Kelowna. The union's jurisdiction is from the border at Osoyoos, B.C. to Vernon, a stretch of valley that extends some 166 miles."
- "The peak average of membership at the many fruit packing plants in this area is between 4,000 and 5,000 members. The monthly off-season average is 1,400, Russ Gallagher, Secretary of the Northwest Food Processing Council declared".
- Nine out of the 12 union locals unions in the old federation of Fruit and Vegetable Workers, Canadian Trades and Labour Congress,