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UNDER LEGAL FIRE

Six men who were fired from Chicago's McCormick Place have filed charges with the National Labor Relations Board against the Teamsters Union. They charge the union was instrumental in their being fired, and have asked for reinstatement, plus compensation for lost pay.

The Chicago Tribune's report of the incident says the men are high-ranking syndicate hoodlums. It further states that these men have been given similiar jobs at the South Side International Amphitheatre.

The newspaper said the firings were made on orders from Teamsters Local 714, as a means of "taking the heat off" racketeering investigations of some union heads at McCormick Place. The investigation, by the FBI and Justice Department, covers unions who represent works that tear-down and set-up trade shows at Chicago Exposition halls.

Key targets of the initial investigation, reports the Tribune, are William T. Hogan, Sr., secretary-treasurer of local

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Opening Date

The Berosini Int'l Circus played its opening date at La Porte, Ind., on Oct. 10th and drew well. The show has a run of 14 days this month, and has been produced by Otto Berosini.

Featured on the program are:

- Anthem - Overature
 - John Cline - liberty horses
 - Triska - inclined wire walk
 - Morgan Ashton Family - risley
 - Corinis - low wire
 - John Dailey - clown - bike
 - Bill Brickle - Poodle revue
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FAIR TALENT

Acts appearing at the big Fresno (Calif.) Fair early this month included:

George Bruno - Swaypole
Henry, the Great - wire walk
Miss Cherie - aerial web
Miss Astra - sponge plunge
Billy Barton - Prince Najvez
Miss Michelle and Miss Dorit --
slide for life

Jimmy Troy - comedy trapeze
The Flying Yerkes - flying act
Johnny Luxem - Wheel of Destiny
Glen Haywood - comedy vent
Benny Koske - Capt. Dynamite
Lemoine Troupe - sky cycle
Mike & Hope Kent - Star Dusters

HELP

We need routes and news of the winter shows to keep this paper going, won't you help us by sending in all the news that you can.

There will be many winter shows on the road so help us to report regularly on them.

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Miscellaneous

The Franzan Bros. Circus received a full page of photos and a write-up in the Oct. 3rd issue of the Chicago (Ill.) Tribune.

RBBB's opening night at Columbus, Ohio (Sept. 24) netted \$5,491 for the local Dispatch charities.

A riot at the entrance of the Rio de Janeiro Zoo (Oct. 13) resulted in the death of two women and injury to 30 others.

John Strong's Indoor Circus played at San Bernardino, Calif. on Oct. 10-13.

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HALLOWEEN HIJINKS

Central High School Auditorium
Grand Forks, N. D.
2:30 P.M. - October 26, 1974

The program will be featuring a magic and illusion show, presented by Spiffindifferus, the Clown, which will include the Zig Zag Illusion. Also appearing in the variety show will be Glory Fladland and Suzie, ventriloquist; Larry Griswold, the Dry Diving Humorist; the Gordon Smith Wonderdogs, and "Halloween Hijinks" a black art production.

FOUR 90 minute variety shows have been announced for the weekend of Oct. 26-27, as a benefit for the Valley Assoc. for Retarded Children, at Grand Forks, N. D. The two day affair has been promoted by Spiff Productions (Robert E. Owen). Prices are: \$1.75 each, or five tickets for \$7.

Traveling Exhibit

An exhibit of some 53 circus posters, covering the years 1881-1935, have been selected from the collection of Ralph Trower (Brockton, Mass.) for a display entitled "The American Circus Poster." The collection will be displayed in museums and libraries across the United States and Canada.

Bookings have already been announced for the Miami (Fla.) Art Center; Brooks Memorial Art Gallery at Memphis, Tenn., and the Mobile (Ala.) Art Gallery. The bookings, handled by the American Federation of Arts, is being made so people everywhere can see these true works of art. (A poster in the collection has been reproduced in the back part of today's issue).

circus of 1974

Regardless of what people have been saying the Circus is not dead in Britain.

The 1974 Circus Directory of Britain's circus magazine "King Pole," lists some 40 shows operating in that country. They range in size from big canvas traveling circuses to a show which is worked by just two people.

SPECIAL

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ROUTES

Al G. Clark & Bros. Circus
Oct. 21 Big Lake, Texas

Allen's Pet Zoo
Oct 23-26 El Centro, Cal.

Beatty-Cole Circus
Oct. 21 Baton Rouge, La.
22 Lafayette
23 Morgan City
24 Houmea
25-27 New Orleans

Ben Hur Shrine Circus
Oct 22-27 Austin, Texas

Carson & Barnes Circus
Oct 19-20 New Orleans, La.

Hubert Castle Circus
Oct 18-20 Chattanooga, Tenn

Circus Vargas
Oct. 22 Ft. Smith, Ark.
23-24 Tulsa, Okla
26 Wichita Falls, Tx

Dailey Bros. Circus
Oct. 20 Jasper, Texas

Fisher Bros. Circus
Oct. 12 Vivian, La.

Olympic Int'l Circus
Oct. 21-26 Columbia, S.C.

George Matthews Circus
Oct 21 Lafayette, La.
22-23 Enroute
24-26 Dallas, Texas

Polack Bros. Circus
Oct 25-27 Charleston, W. Va.

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit
Oct 24-27 Ottawa, Ont.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit
Oct. 24-29 Columbus, Ohio

Royal Lipizzan Show
Oct 22-23 Topeka, Kans.
25-26 Columbia, Mo.
30 Knoxville, Tenn

Sells & Gray Circus
Oct. 21 Pontotoc, Miss.
22 Tupelo
23 Winfield, Ala.
24 Fayette
25 Centerville
26 Clanton
27 DeLand, Fla.
-- End of Tour --

Voorheis Bros. Circus
Oct. 21 Pigeon-Elkton, Mch
23 Gladwin
26 Grayling
-- End of Tour --

Wallace & Rogers Circus
Oct. 18 Reedsport, Ore.

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YEARS AGO

North Adams, Mass.

June 26, 1922

The Sparks World Famous Shows arrived here on June 25th, from Northampton. They have one train of 14 cars -- 4 horse cars, 6 flats, 4 sleepers and 30 wagons (6 cage, 6 elephants, 4 camels, 8 ponies).

Their tents are: 4 pole big top 4 pole menagerie; 4 pole side show; 4 pole No. 2 side show; one pole cookhouse; one pole blacksmith; three 5 pole horse tents; three 1 pole small tops and one concession stand.

The dining tent had 20 tables. For the big top seating they used 40 red and 60 blue stringers. In the menagerie all of the above named animals are housed.

The color scheme is: wagons - red bodies with yellow undergear; flat cars - yellow; stock cars and sleepers - red and yellow.

Wagons include: steam calliope; four side show wagons (two of them are tabs); ticket wagon; lights; menagerie tab; stake & chain; poles and stringers; red seat planks; jacks and props; dressing room tab; water wagon; cookhouse; air calliope; blacksmith and horse tops; performing animals; blue planks; six cages; planks and ring curbs.



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THE PHOTO PAGE

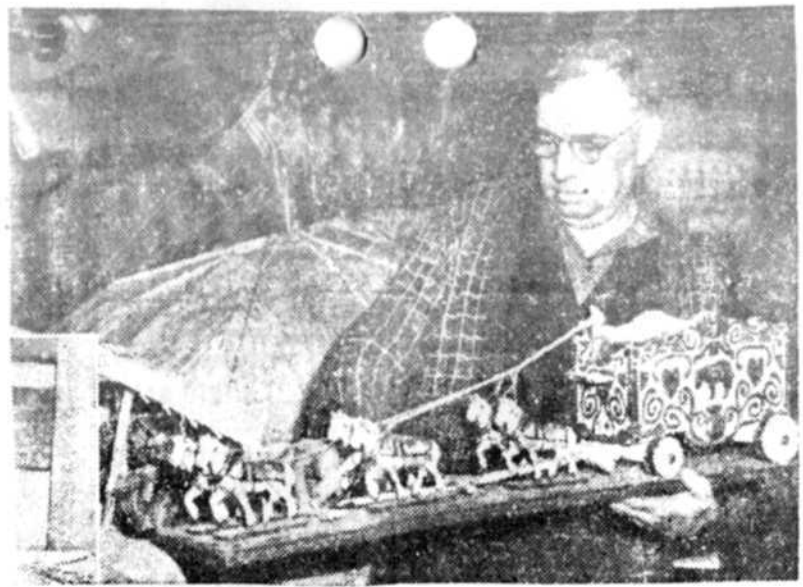
Today's centerspread of circus photos include:

1-This picture was taken on Ringling-Barnum in 1941. The clowns are (top to bottom): Paul Jung, Paul Jerome, Milt Taylor.

2-This picture was taken on Ringling-Barnum at Atlanta, Ga. in Nov. 1941. The men are giving the elephant an injection in an effort to save its life. Several elephants died there as the result of eating grass that had been contaminated with arsenic poison.

3-This picture is of the late Isaac Marcks, a pioneer in the world of circus research and model building. He is shown here with one of his favorite circus models.

4-This photo was taken on Polack Bros. Circus in 1941 and was used as advance publicity. The girls are Peggy Michel and Etta Carrson. The name of the clown is not known.







With today's interest in wheat, the new book "WHEAT ALBUM" has come at just the right time. This new publication, by Superior Publishing Co., of Seattle, offers a look at America's early day wheat farmers. To them farming was their life and this volume offers an opportunity to see the farmer -- at work and at home.

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SHOW BLOWS DATE AT KANSAS TOWN

A fall storm which apparently forced the Al G. Clark & Bros. Circus to pass-up Moline, Kans., left an unhappy group of Legionnaires and ticket holders. The circus was advertised to present two shows here on Oct. 6th.

A check with the sponsors at Virgil (Oct. 4) and Howard (Oct. 5) indicated that attendance was poor. About 150 tickets had been sold in advance at Howard.

At Howard the wind was so strong they didn't even try to set up their tent, but instead sidewalled it for the show. Then we assume, that because of heavy rain forecasts, they went right by here, for they never showed up.

ROUTES

Century 21 Shows

Oct 25-Nov 2 Mobile, Ala.

James H. Drew Shows

Oct. 21-26 Dublin, Ga.

Expo Winter 74 Show

Oct. 24-27 Los Angeles, Cal.

Father Ed Sullivan CFA Tent Meet

Oct. 27 Providence, R.I.

Golden State Rodeo

Oct 25-Nov 3 San Fran, Calif.

Halloween Hijinks

Oct. 26-27 Grand Forks, N.D.

Ice Capades

Oct. 23-27 El Paso, Texas

Kramien's Magic Capades

Oct. 27 Spokane, Wash.

Ethel Merman Show

Oct. 24 Cupertino, Cal.

25 Oakland

26 San Francisco

Frank Sinatra Show

Oct. 25 Kansas City, Mo.

26 Cleveland, Ohio

A spokesman for the American Legion said they had sold a lot of advance tickets and now will have to refund everyone's money. Our organization didn't make a dime, he said, and this thing has left a lot of unhappy people in town.

..... Velma Lowry

PEOPLE

THE FERGES TROUPE is touring with the "Ski Show Expo 74" during the winter months.

FRANK and BERNICE DEAN are relaxing at home before heading out for a series of winter dates

In Memoriam

JACK HART, known as "Indian Jack" died at Las Vegas, Nev., where he had been confined to a rest home. He toured with the 101 Ranch Show and later toured as a groom for many of the famous western stars.

c-b show praised by writer

The Beatty-Cole Circus was highly praised for its Oct. 9th performance at Cape Girardeau, Mo. by the local paper, the South-east Missourian. The paper's reviewer called it "a good show" and one the citizens hope will soon return.

Dave Hoover's lions and tigers offered a good beginning for the circus, the review stated, which was sponsored by the Elks Club. The kids - young and old - clapped, squealed and laughed for all the acts in this fine circus, the reviewer said.

UNDER FIRE (Continued)

714, and David Kaye, steward of the same local.

The six men who are seeking reinstatement of their jobs are: Ernest (Rocky) Infelice, a convicted drug peddler; Americo De Pietto; Charles (Spec) DiCaro; Mario Garelli, a convicted drug peddler; Rocco (the Parrot) Potenzo and Wayne Bock, former professional football player and alleged enforcer for the syndicate.

OPENING DATE (Continued)

Triska - high wire

-- Intermission --

Overature

Lilly Kristensen - leopards

John Dailey - clown - strongman

The Bertinis - unicycles

John Dailey - gorilla act

John Cline's elephants

The show's route lists:

Oct. 10 La Porte, Ind.

11 Open

12 Ludington, Mich.

13 Bay City

14 Open

"This is a clean show. The costumes are bright and sparkle. Nothing is tawdry or worn, although the circus has been on the road since early April. The performers are clear-skinned, well-groomed. The animals show excellent care."

Continuing, the reviewer said, "there was so much going on in the 1½ hour performance that it was difficult to twist the head in three directions dictated by the rings."

The Rodriguez Troupe, Col. John Herriott, the aerial ballet and clowns, the tightrope walkers, trapeze artists and even the elephants were given their share of prize, and all combined, the reviewer added, "to make this a delightful circus."

15 Manister

16 Mt. Pleasant

17 Owosso

18 Open

19-20 Lansing

21 Holland

22 Ionia

23 Alma ... Kaye Scheiman

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A Nice Show

One of this year's new shows -- Franzan Bros. Circus -- is working hard to keep the tradition of the circus alive.

The circus plays small towns that ordinarily never get a circus, and they've been doing quite well. They offer an intimate circus program that provides an up-close look at animals and performers, a setting that neither kids or parents will forget.

The circus is operated by Wayne Franzan (27) and in all it has about 8 performers. There's also an elephant (Okha), a horse and ponies, goats, llama, etc.

The circus' clown is Poco (Jeff Chalmers) who, like everyone else, doubles in brass. The big show performance is directed by Miss Elizabeth, America's only ~~Mag~~mistress.

NOTICE

Some months ago, when my motor home was destroyed by fire, all my files and photos, covering some 400 acts were lost.

Would appreciate it if any interested acts would please send me their names, address, phone number and photos.

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