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RICKETY BRIDGE: Rusted trusses beneath the automobile deck of the MacArthur Bridge. The bridge support stays the structure is several depths the deterioration. (Post-Dispatch Photo by Robert C. Mohr III)

Double Cross Is Alleged In I-55 Job Bids

By ROBERT H. COLLINS
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

CHICAGO, Oct. 7 — Two politically powerful Chicago highway contractors double-crossed three other road builders after the prime bid opened to bid on five Interstate 55 projects totaling \$42.8 million, a top Department of Justice prosecutor, charged yesterday.

Secret meetings were held by the defendants in Chicago and Springfield, Ill., in which they "schemed and conspired" to submit fraudulent bids on the projects, Justice said.

The charges were made in Justice's opening statement in the case of 19 defendants being tried in United States District Court here on charges of bid-rigging and fraud in connection with the highway projects.

The bid for Interstate 55 was won by approximately \$18.5 million on the two projects which had been allocated to it.

MacArthur Bridge Called No Danger

By LINDA LOCKHART JONES
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Each time a certain train rolls across the MacArthur Bridge, the engineer shudders. He can't help but think for the person driving next to him on the automobile section of the bridge.

But it is because when the engineer looks at the shuddering, he sees what appears to be severely deteriorated support beams of the steel deck on the western approach of the bridge.

"But I don't think the repairs should be put off much longer than that," he said. The MacArthur Bridge Commission oversees the bridge under the city's Public Works Department.

Guilty Of 'TV Insanity' Murder

By ROBERT H. COLLINS
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MIAMI, Oct. 7 — A jury has convicted 32-year-old Ronald James of first-degree murder in the "insanity" slaying of a woman in the state woods.

The jury's verdict came after a trial that lasted more than two weeks. James was charged with the murder of a woman in the state woods.

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EMPLOYMENT DOWN: The nation's unemployment rate dropped to 6.9 per cent last month, from 7.1 in August, the Department of Labor reported today. The rate has held near the 7 per cent since April. Page 12A

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YANKS EVER SERIES: Awakened from their slumber by a booming knock by Kansas City's Hal McRae and the booming bat of their own Cliff Johnson, the Yankees bounced back to beat the Royals, 6 to 2, last night and opened the American League playoffs at a game apiece. Page 1C

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Drier Is Unhurt As Bomb Explodes

By ROBERT H. COLLINS
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St. Louis, Mo. (AP) — A car packed with dynamite exploded in St. Louis today, but the driver, a 35-year-old man, was unhurt.

County police said a single stick of dynamite in the trunk of the car exploded under the driver's seat.

The driver, Donald Catherine, said he was sitting in the car when the explosion occurred. He said he was not hurt.

Police said they had an idea of a motive for the bombing. Catherine said he had "no trouble with anyone."

Catherine, 35 years old, is a chemical engineer. See EXPLORATION, Page 1

Labor Scores Gains In Congress

By ROBERT H. COLLINS
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WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 — Organized labor won two of its top legislative goals in the House today.

The House passed a bill to raise the minimum wage by 10 cents to \$1.40 an hour.

The AFL-CIO officers were overjoyed by their ability to reverse the recent defeat of a legislative battle against big business.

A final vote was expected shortly on the Senate's minimum wage proposal.

The Game Plan
New Tax To Save Open Space

By ROBERT H. COLLINS
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A woman walked up to the check-out counter at a South St. Louis County variety store the other day carrying several bags of groceries.

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