

# Nine Defendants Found Guilty In Illinois Bid-Rigging Case

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CHICAGO, Nov. 3—Nine of the 10 defendants charged with bid-rigging and awarding the Interstate 55 project totaling \$670,000 were found guilty last night for a jury in U.S. District Court here.

The jury reached its verdict after charging eight hours. The defendants are: Robert H. Collins, St. Louis; Thomas J. Bowler and George B. King Jr., Chicago; and William A. Bowers, St. Louis. The other two defendants were found guilty of bid-rigging and awarding the Interstate 55 project. The other two defendants were found guilty of bid-rigging and awarding the Interstate 55 project.

The bid-rigging conspiracy found guilty were: Brighton Building & Maintenance Co., King Chevrolet Co., Western Asphalt Paving Co., and Union Contractors & Material Co. of Chicago, Ill., and The J. M. Muller Co. and J. M. Carter Co., both of Chicago, were also convicted. Crown-Trigg Corp. of Joliet was found innocent.

The maximum penalty for bid-rigging is five years in prison and a fine of \$1 million. The maximum for bid-rigging is five years and \$1,000. The defendant charged with bid-rigging and awarding the Interstate 55 project was found guilty of bid-rigging and awarding the Interstate 55 project.

# New Executive Director For Bi-State Agency

By RICHARD WITTE  
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Henry Locke, a transportation consultant from Washington, was expected to be named today as executive director of the Bi-State Development Agency.

Locke, 46, is a partner in the firm of Smith & Locke Associates, Inc., which has done consulting work for the Illinois Mass Transportation Administration. He is a graduate of Boston University.

# Pilot Navigates Through Arch

By JO MANNING  
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After a six-year bid, a plane has once again flown through the high of the Gateway Arch.

The flight through at 7-40 last night was witnessed by two police detectives. It marked at least the sixth time that a plane has gone through the 630-foot tall Arch since its completion in 1965.

The last reported flight through the Arch was on June 21, 1966. After two planes made fly-throughs in December 1965, the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Association offered a standing \$500 reward for information leading to the conviction of pilots making the illegal flights.

But none of the pilots has been caught. And chance are slim of catching the latest offender, Murphy said. "We are looking for witnesses who saw the serial numbers on the craft," Murphy said. "And they will have to be willing to testify in court."

Last night's culprit was reported last seen by a Washington Park resident, who said authorities that the plane was flying overhead at about 1,000 feet — its lights still lit.

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# Bomb

Four national attorneys at the Department of Justice worked with the Chicago grand jury throughout its 10-month investigation. They are: Shirley, who is assistant chief of the district office in the southern district in Chicago; Richard J. Smith and Mark S. Propp.

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TARGET OF BOMBING: The wreckage of the automobile of Shirley Marie Flynn in the parking lot of her south St. Louis County apartment complex after a bomb went off this morning, killing her. (Post-Dispatch photo by Robert C. Holt Jr.)

George, 31, walked away from his car after the charge — believed to have been one stick of dynamite — exploded. The car had been parked inside the apartment complex at 1848 East Franklin Court about one mile from the site of the Jackson bombing. George, a haberdasher, was leaving for work at the Missouri College at Joplin, Ill., where he works as a chemical engineer. He said afterward, "I thought it was all over when it went off. I got very fortunate in the sense today God must have been looking over me."

Jackson, 38, was preparing to drive to Union to deliver a lecture on safety to employees of United Parcel Service at the company's office there. Jackson was a partner for the firm. His car was in the parking lot of the Oak Brook apartment, where he lived at 3623 Clayville Drive. The car blew apart when he switched on the engine. Jackson's apartment is about five minutes driving time from the apartment complex where Miss Flynn was killed today.



Shirley Marie Flynn

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