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Unemployed stunt man 'gets career off ground' by scaling skyscraper

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LOS ANGELES — An unemployed movie stunt man wearing a tuxedo scaled the 62-story First Interstate Bank — the tallest skyscraper west of Houston — in a four-hour attempt "to get his career off the ground."

While hundreds of downtown office workers oohed and

aahed Monday morning at what one onlooker called "some idiot climbing the building," authorities at the top were not amused. Ron Broyles was handcuffed

and arrested for trespassing. "Was it worth it?" a spectator asked Broyles. "I don't know yet," he responded.

Broyles, 28, a native of Knoxville, Tenn., who works as a part-time cab driver, was booked on suspicion of trespassing and later released on his own recognizance. He faces up to six months in jail and a \$500 fine if convicted.

"Some people take this pretty lightly, but police and fire personnel are stretched thin enough already and it seems absurd to have them standing around while this guy tries to get a little publicity," complained police spokesman Rod Bernson. "What if somebody needed that paramedic unit in a heart attack situation?"

Broyles began his climb just before dawn Monday and reached the top of the 858-foot structure shortly after 8 a.m. He used four specially designed clamps to scale a groove in the Wilshire Boulevard building.

"He's doing this to get his career off the ground," said Andy Andrews, a friend of Broyles' who was watching the climb from the sidewalk below.

Official says alcohol a danger to railroad

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PITTSBURGH — The head of the National Transportation Safety Board Tuesday challenged federal railroad officials to deal with the growing problem of drunken railroad workers.

Jim Burnett, in remarks prepared for safety officers at an Association of American Railroads meeting in Pittsburgh, said a recent government survey found 19 percent of railroad workers are repetitive excessive drinkers.

The study, funded by the Federal Railroad Administration, showed 5 percent of the 234,000 workers surveyed at seven major railroads showed up for work very drunk or got very drunk on duty at least once a year.

"The trainman who drinks," he added, "endangers not only himself, but his fellow crew members and passengers."

In his first address since be-

coming chairman of the independent federal agency in January, Burnett said the FRA should implement a board recommendation to require train operating rules that prohibit the use of drugs by employees for a specified time before reporting to duty.

"One need go no further than the Federal Aviation Administration, a sister agency of the FRA, to find such a rule affecting flight crews and even private pilots not engaged in interstate commerce," said Burnett, who plans to make the issue a major one during his term.

The board chairman said the federal government has a legal and moral responsibility to protect passengers aboard trains.

He said he found it ironic, while Congress is moving toward passage of drunken-driving legislation for the highways, "the federal government itself — in the form of the FRA

— is doing nothing to get drunks off the railroad." Enforcement of an alcohol-free period before work is not easy, Burnett acknowledged. But he said he thought such a program could be developed. He said he is responsible for passenger shipments of high-risk hazardous materials.

As alcoholics are identified, they should be rehabilitated, he said. "The message to rail personnel must be absolutely clear, first, alcohol and the job mix," Burnett said. "Second, help is available for those who have a drinking problem. Third, rehabilitation must be before the accident."

Board records show at least six major rail accidents in the last decade that were alcohol or drug-related, and nine others that were hazardous materials. The field investigation

Pope speaks in Geneva at world labor meeting

United Press International
GENEVA — Pope John Paul II, arriving to the most subdued welcome of any of his trips outside the Vatican, called Tuesday for "a new solidarity" of labor that puts human dignity above profits and aims for society's common good.

Before the annual conference of the International Labor Organization, the pope, in a remark particularly applicable to his native Poland, demanded the right of workers "to associate freely in full independence

from political authorities."

John Paul attacked growing unemployment, forcefully recalled the hunger and poverty suffered by hundreds of millions of people and said, "the worldwide common good requires a new solidarity without frontiers."

The pope, deeply heartened by the end of the Falkland Islands war following his peace-seeking visit to Argentina, received a subdued welcome in the city that used to be known as "the Protestant Rome."

Only a few hundred lined the leafy streets of the mountain-rimmed capital as the pope drove in a closed limousine from the airport to the headquarters of the United Nations to give his speech in the palace that once housed the League of Nations.

News of Argentina's surrender came during the flight from Rome. Officially, his plane said he had cheered by the news of moves between Britain and Argentina.

In the keynote speech, the pope called for "a new solidarity that broadens horizons to include not only the individuals and groups but the common good of society as a whole."

The pope, who once worked as a laborer in a chemical plant in his native Poland, said in any of its forms desecrating respect because it sends the output of a being and because there is always a live subject.

Delegates to the 148-nation ILO conference warmly applauded the pontiff at his hour-long address, which ended at 11:30 a.m.

He said man should be before machines, profits of technical systems, adding new technology should not be allowed to eliminate jobs.

He urged acceptance of primacy of human work over the primacy of the individual work over production requirements or purely economic considerations.

The pontiff, who two days ago saw the ravages of unemployment in the English port of Liverpool, said "the human person is the first and ultimate criterion in the planning of development."

He said "new ethical criteria were necessary, and whether society can tolerate a situation in which many people may find themselves without any prospect of getting a job."

Justice Department trap captures fugitive ex-spy

United Press International
NEW YORK — Fugitive ex-CIA agent Edwin Wilson — accused of training terrorists for Libyan Col. Moammar Khadafy — was snared in an intricate international trap, arrested at Kennedy Airport and held on \$20 million bond pending a hearing today on removing him to Washington.

Wilson, 54, traveling under an assumed name on an Irish passport, was refused entry Tuesday into the Dominican Republic, where authorities detained him in an international zone of the airport and then hustled him onto a non-stop flight to New York. U.S. marshals on the plane arrested him upon landing.

The Justice Department apparently lured Wilson into the trap by enlisting the aid of one of his associates, who convinced the fugitive he would be granted sanctuary in the Caribbean island nation.

It was "a large covert operation" that "went absolutely perfectly," the Washington Post quoted a law-enforcement official close to the plan as saying.

Wilson and an ex-CIA associate, Frank Terpil, were indicted in 1980 and 1981 on a variety of

charges, including illegally exporting explosives, detonators and sensitive nightvision equipment to Libya, and providing training for Khadafy's terrorists. Terpil is still at large.

Wilson and Terpil also are accused of conspiracy in the attempted murder of a Libyan student in Colorado.

Wilson, tall, white-haired and dressed in a black business suit, was taken to U.S. District Court in Brooklyn, where Magistrate A. Simon Chreim ordered him held in lieu of \$20 million bail.

He was held in the custody of U.S. marshals, authorities said. A hearing was scheduled today on Wilson's removal to Washington.

During the arraignment, federal prosecutors from Washington revealed they had spoken to him by telephone several times while he was a fugitive.

Wilson, who was led into the courtroom in handcuffs, smiled at government prosecutors when he was introduced to them, but repeatedly wiped perspiration from his forehead during the hearing.

In arguing for the high bail, prosecutor Lawrence Barcella said Wilson was aware agents were looking for him and had

millions of dollars available to him.

Attorney General William French Smith said investigators "through extensive investigation came to know the documents Mr. Wilson was traveling on, put out international alerts, and tracked him through Western Europe, and finally to the Dominican Republic."

Federal officials said they understood Wilson did not resist being put on the plane, but did tell Dominican authorities he had no visa to enter the United States.

"They told him he didn't have to worry about that," Deputy Assistant Attorney General Jeff Harris said.

Investigators have said Wilson, who has been in Libya for the past year, and Terpil, signed an agreement in 1976 with Khadafy to sell their expertise in intelligence and military matters for the training of terrorists.

The 1980 indictments were the result of a three-year investigation by the U.S. attorney's office for the District of Columbia and also involved the FBI, the Treasury Department and law-enforcement authorities in several foreign countries.

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