

Old Foe Beck Is Shocked

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SEATTLE — Dave Beck, ex-president of the Teamsters International Union who was toppled into prison after an investigation launched by Robert Kennedy, said today he was "deeply and profoundly shocked" by the assassination.

"I never felt anything personally against him," Beck said. "It wasn't that way with me. Now, all any of us can do is to extend our sympathy to his family in their grief."

Beck, convicted of helping to prepare false income tax returns for the union, was sentenced to five years at McNeil Island Penitentiary. He entered McNeil June 20, 1962, and was freed on parole on Dec. 11, 1964.

It was in February, 1957, that Kennedy became chief counsel of the Senate select committee on improper activities in the labor or management field. He immediately began an investigation of the Teamsters, coming to Seattle in April to probe Beck's involvement.

Although Kennedy indicated that it would be up to state courts, not federal, to deal with Beck, the disclosure of his borrowing of union funds attracted Internal Revenue investigators.

Beck, who lives with his second wife in a downtown apartment, is engaged in managing his investments, which include a variety of real estate holdings.