

UNION FAILS TO TRACE \$287,000, PROBERS SAY

NEW ORLEANS, June 25 (AP)— they paid union members during the four years were not accurate. Counsel for a Senate investigating committee said today \$287,000 was unaccounted for on the books of a New Orleans longshoremen's union.

Downey Rice, counsel for the committee investigating the waterfront, said the discrepancy was shown when the committee compared union records with records of stevedoring companies, which hire longshoremen to unload ships.

The union should have collected \$287,000 more during the years 1949-52 than were on its books, Rice said and added:

"The \$287,000 question, is, how did it happen?"

The union collects five per cent. of member's wages as dues.

Dave Dennis, president of Negro local 1419, AFL International Longshoremen's Union, disputed Rice's charge. He said the stevedoring companies' figures on how much

"The stevedoring companies have absolutely no way to know how many of the longshoremen are members of the union," he claimed. "Therefore, they couldn't know how much money they paid to union members."

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