

Advisability Of Ordinance To Ban Discrimination On Racial Grounds Discussed

PORTLAND, July 8.—(AP)—Portland should have an anti-discrimination ordinance, most speakers at a public City Hall hearing said Wednesday.

The meeting called by the Mayor's Committee on Inter-Group Relations, was attended by some 300 persons. The committee presented a sample ordinance and raised the question of whether such an ordinance is needed and if it is, whether the prepared sample is the answer.

The suggested ordinance would make it illegal for restaurants, hotels, theaters, skating rinks, or other public places to refuse service to anyone because of race, color or religion. Maximum penalties of \$500 fine or six months in jail would be provided.

Of 33 speakers, 30 favored outlawing discrimination. Those opposed were: D. B. Card, who said he spoke for himself as a businessman and contended such an ordinance would "generate a tremendous resentment" that ultimately would be "bad for Negroes"; J. P. Sterling, representing ballroom operators, who said mixed white and Negro dancing would cause trouble; and Walter H. Evans, spokesman for the Hotel Association of Portland and the Oregon Hotel Association, who said Portland hotels do not now practice discrimination but who feared such an ordinance would make hotels liable for civil damages if lack of accommodations forced members of a minority group to be turned away.

In supporting an anti-discrimination ordinance, the very Rev. Thomas J. Tobin, vicar-general of the Archdiocese of Portland, conceded that "you can't legislate racial bias out of people," but added, "you can eliminate it through education of which legislation is both the expression of the public conscience and the preventive against its return."

The Rev. L. C. Lelkauf of the Lutheran Ministerial Association suggested that the measure be presented to the people. He said

he was confident they would vote for it.

Edwin C. Berry, a Negro and secretary of the Urban League of Portland, said that in the past four years Portland has improved race relations more than any other city.

The Rev. Myron C. Cole, committee chairman, said the committee would continue its study for another two weeks. If the suggested ordinance is then considered desirable, it will be given to the mayor with the suggestion it be presented to the Council for action.

Airliner Meets Mishap At Sea; Returns Safely

SHANNON, Ireland, July 8.—(AP)—Fifty-four passengers on a trans-Atlantic plane forced to turn back when it developed engine trouble 600 miles out of Shannon, breathed a sigh of relief yesterday when the plane arrived back here.

"I can swim," said Comedian Danny Kaye, one of those aboard, "but not 600 miles."

The Pan American World Airways Stratocruiser carried a crew of nine. It was enroute from London to New York.

The pilot, Capt. H. G. Gunbransen of Lake Success, N. Y., said a magnesium fire broke out in one of the port engines. When he tried cutting off that one motor, the propeller fell off, he said.

Gunbransen said he took the ship down from 18,000 to 3,000 feet. "We were ready to ditch on the ocean," he added.

The plane, using three engines, made it back to Shannon in three hours and 45 minutes.

Other passengers included tennis stars Louise Brough and Margaret Osborne Dupont, returning from the Wimbledon tournament. They won the women's doubles and Miss Brough the women's singles crown.

In Russia, much attention now is being given to the planting of trees for tree shelter-belts in the steppe regions.

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Deschutes Dam Permit Rests On Fish Commission's O. K., Decision Of Hydroelectric Commission

SALEM, July 8.—(AP)—The State Hydroelectric Commission yesterday ordered the Northwest Power Supply Company to get approval of the State Fish Commission before the company can get permission to build its \$12,000,000 power dam on the Deschutes River.

If the Fish Commission is satisfied that the company's plans to build a hatchery are sufficient to maintain fish life, then the Hydroelectric Commission would consider granting a preliminary permit to build the dam.

The Hydroelectric Commission order said that the dam, 150 feet high, would be too high for fish ladders, and that a hatchery would be the only solution.

The Fish Commission has opposed the building of the dam, asserting it would harm the Columbia River fisheries and plans to rehabilitate them.

The Hydroelectric Commission said: "The Fish Commission in its discretion is authorized to grant such a permit if the company builds a hatchery and hatchery

residence constructed according to plans prepared by the Fish Commission, and conveys the land upon which the buildings are located to the state."

The Hydroelectric Commission also advised the company it would have to maintain a steady flow of water below the dam, asserting a fluctuation of the water flow would endanger human life and injure young fish.

Both commercial and sports fishermen opposed the dam. They failed in their attempt to get the recent Legislature to block construction.

Boy Accidentally Hanged In Club Initiation Test

CHICAGO, July 8.—(AP)—Fifteen-year-old Robert Munday told police yesterday a young neighbor boy was accidentally hanged as Robert tried out a noose made for a boys' club initiation.

Chief of Detectives Timothy O'Connor reported Robert made an oral statement a few hours after his younger brother, Charles, 13, gave an account in which he said he killed Tommy Laux, three, and then retracted the story.

Both boys, students at a school of backward children, are being held without charge. O'Connor said Charles had been classified as a juvenile delinquent.

The chief said Robert gave this account: About a week ago he made a clothesline noose for initiation ceremonies of the "Hang Noose Club" which met in the basement of the two-family flat building that the Munday and Laux families share.

Wednesday night Robert invited Tommy into the basement, strung a rope over a ceiling rafter and asked the three-year-old to stand on a box. Then he persuaded Tommy to slip the noose around his neck. Robert told Tommy he was being initiated into the club.

By accident the box fell and Tommy lunged forward, strangling.

Frightened, Robert took the rope off Tommy's neck and tried to revive him with water. He stuffed the body into an Army barracks bag because he didn't want rats to get at the body. He took the rope from the house and threw it into a weed patch near the house.

Police recovered the rope shortly after taking the statement.



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Kaiser-Frazer Automobile Assembly Plant Slated In Portland Area In 4 Months

PORTLAND, July 8.—(AP)—A Kaiser-Frazer automobile assembly plant will be in operation in the Portland area within four months, Edgar F. Kaiser said yesterday.

The president of the Kaiser-Frazer Corporation told a press conference the site had not yet been picked. Asked whether it would be "within 50 miles of Portland," he said, "much closer than that."

Kaiser announced plans for the plant while at Wichita, Kas. recently. He expanded on that yesterday.

The plant will employ 200 to 300 persons and turn out 15 to 20 cars a day. If successful, many similar plants will be established throughout the United States.

The plant will cost about \$500,

000, he said, and labor will be recruited locally.

The purpose, he said, is to get better labor relations, give better service to customers, and—eventually—shave about \$200 off the price of each car. The saving would be about \$100 on the dealer's cost in readying the car for delivery and "in freight we're talking about \$125."

Auto workers in huge plants lack pride in their work, Kaiser said, but it is thought that in smaller plants the workers will visualize the finished cars as theirs. That should improve labor relations. Just now, "nobody's handling this matter right. Nobody has successful labor relations."

It isn't a question of breaking away from the unions in Detroit,

Woman Draws 6 Months On Perjury Conviction

SEATTLE, July 8.—(AP)—Mrs. Ruth Radomsky, 38, Bremerton, convicted of perjury in connection with testimony at a federal court trial last February, was sentenced Thursday to six months in the county jail.

Federal Judge John C. Bowen continued her bond at \$1,500 pending appeal, after imposing sentence.

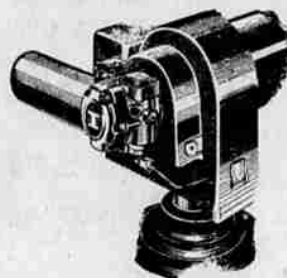
The U. S. Senate has sat as a court of impeachment only 12 times in its history.

he added. The workers will pick their union.

Kaiser said that ultimately the company hoped to get into the Ford-Chevrolet-Plymouth price class, but now isn't selling enough cars to do it.

"We just haven't got the public acceptance," he said. "The American public is more prejudiced on autos than on anything else I know."

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