

**Portland Chamber Now Favors Single Air Line**

PORTLAND, Aug. 1.—(P)—The Portland Chamber of Commerce was on record today as favoring a single air line between Portland and Klamath Falls. West Coast Airlines has requested permission to serve Klamath Falls, which is now on United Air Lines' route. The Portland chamber did not specify which airline it preferred.



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**Sheriff Elliott Begins Campaign Against Recall**

PORTLAND, Aug. 1.—(P)—Marion L. (Mike) Elliott, Multnomah county sheriff, opened his defense against a recall movement last night with a speech in which he said he was being "persecuted."

The sheriff, who had made no public statements for two weeks, broadcast a radio appeal (over station KXL) for the voters to refuse to sign recall petitions. He blamed "politicians" and those who had received political favors in the past for the recall campaign, asserting he had done no wrong.

His opponents accuse him of lying about his educational background and war record in order to get elected. Elliott has admitted his campaign statements about a college education and wartime marine service were in error.

Elliott hinted that he was trying to uncover "shady deals" of former administrations, and asked if the recall were an attempt to stop his investigations. He continued his feud with Portland newspapers, charging that they were guilty of "misquoting, misplacing and misconstruing my statements."

**Official Loses Legs In Crash; One Driver Accused**

DAVENPORT, Wash., Aug. 1.—(P)—Oscar M. Henninger, 46, of Salt Lake City was charged with negligent driving here Thursday in connection with the collision of a chartered bus and a grain truck.

Mark Johnson, 56, of Holden, Utah, a Millard county commissioner, was severely injured in the crash. Amputation of both his legs below the knees was necessary.

A complaint by Sgt. Ray Powell of the Washington state patrol charged Henninger with passing another vehicle without sounding his horn. The complaint alleged he attempted to pass the grain truck at a highway intersection. The accident occurred near Willbur, Wash.

**AFL Begins Campaign To Elect Its 'Friends'**

PORTLAND, Aug. 1.—(P)—The AFL is beginning to organize for next year's political campaign in Oregon.

The union's league for political education held a meeting for the third congressional district here Friday, outlining a program that may become standard throughout the state.

The organization would be on a precinct-by-precinct basis with 10 union workers assigned to get out the vote in each precinct. The aim: to defeat labor's enemies, elect its friends.

**Old-Age Insurance Benefits May Be Turned On Or Off**

"Retirement benefits paid by the Social Security administration can be turned on and off almost as simply as a water faucet."

Paul F. Johnson, manager of the Eugene social security office, today used that parallel in describing a feature of the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance program not generally understood.

According to Johnson, some individuals of retirement age hesitate to claim their insurance under this program because they fear it might prevent their returning to work later.

"This fear is without basis," Johnson said. "Whether a man returns to work after applying for social security benefits is entirely for him to decide. The Social Security administration will pay his insurance benefits for any month in which his earnings on jobs covered by the Social Security act total less than \$15. If he earns more than \$14.99 in a month, his insurance check is held back for that month."

"When a claimant returns to work, he simply mails a postcard furnished by the social security office. His benefits resume when he reports he is no longer earning over \$14.99 a month. There is no limit to the number of times the payments may be started or stopped."

For the convenience of Douglas county residents, a representative of the Social Security administration will be at the Oregon State Employment service office in Roseburg Tuesday, Aug. 2, between the hours of 8:30 a. m. and noon.

Normally Kansas produces one fourth of all the wheat in the United States.

**Rowdy Italian Senators Get Dictator Warning**

ROME, Aug. 1.—(P)—Senate President Bonomi warned brusquely and battered senators Thursday that unless they behave the nation faces dictatorship.

He canceled the scheduled resumption of debate on the recent bloody farm strike and announced that an extraordinary council of the presidency would meet shortly "to guarantee peaceful handling" of the subject.

The Senate erupted in a violent, 20-minute brawl Wednesday night after Luigi Allegato, 53-year-old Communist senator, opened attack against Interior Minister Scelba. Black eyes and bruises resulted. Senate sources said the fight may have upset a Communist-led plan to push through an order of the day deploring the strike action of Scelba and the government.

**Canada Declines Bid To Head Munitions Board**

WASHINGTON, July 30.—(P)—The White House announces that Ward M. Canaday has turned down President Truman's offer of the chairmanship of the munitions board.

Canaday, of Toledo, O., is chairman of the finance committee of the Willys-Overland company.

He wrote the president that he found himself unable to "free myself" from other responsibilities in order to devote full time

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**Relief Payments Sound Attractive To This Writer**

OLYMPIA, Aug. 1.—(P)—A person who gave Toledo, Ohio, as his address and who thought life in Washington sounds attractive wrote to the governor:

"I understand the state of Washington pays more to people on relief than the average worker receives in wages."

The department of social security released the letter without identifying the writer.

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to the chairmanship. The president expressed "deep regret" but asked Canaday to continue in his present capacity as a consultant to the board.

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**Elderly Man Recovering After Struck By Train**

ONTARIO, Aug. 1.—(P)—An elderly man who lay injured beside a railroad track for two days was gradually recovering today. William Grant, 64, Crane, was struck by a boxcar two miles from Nyssa, and his shoulder bone and pelvis broken. He lay where he had fallen for two days, until police happened upon him.

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1939 13 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>10</sub> ¢	6 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>10</sub> ¢	.63	3
1949 20 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>10</sub> ¢	6 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>10</sub> ¢	\$1.37	2

†Average 50 U. S. cities. Includes all taxes except Federal and State highway taxes.  
\*Average for 48 States.  
\*U. S. Bureau of Labor statistics for factory workers.

- The price of gasoline today is higher than it was in 1939. But it actually costs you less. In 1939, for example, 10 gallons of "regular" gasoline cost the average U. S. factory worker 3 hours' pay. Today, 10 gallons of considerably better "regular" gasoline costs him less than 2 hours' pay.
- In 1939 one bushel of wheat would buy the average U. S. farmer 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> gallons of gasoline. Today, one bushel will buy him 7.9 gallons. And what's true of the factory worker and the farmer is true to a large extent of most other gainfully employed people in this country.
- In other words, the price of gasoline has gone up less than wage rates and less than the price of most other commodities. Consequently, it actually costs you less in "real" dollars than it cost you in '39. What's the reason for this? Are the industry's labor costs down? No. Oil workers are among the highest paid wage earners in the country.
- Are the industry's raw-material, tax and other "cost-of-doing-business" expenses lower? Quite the contrary. Are the owners taking less profit? No, dividend payments have been running higher, although they average only about 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% of gross sales and represent a return of 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% on invested capital. What is the answer then? Simply this: greater efficiency and lower costs through more and better "tools"—refineries, terminals, pipe lines, drilling rigs, etc.
- Since 1939 the industry has not only plowed back every cent of profits after dividends into enlarged and improved facilities but has borrowed additional money as well—all in order to meet the increased demand for petroleum products and to improve efficiency. In the last 10 years Union Oil—in addition to \$178,000,000 used for replacement—has spent \$80,000,000 on "plant" improvement and expansion.
- 64% of this came out of profits that were left over during those years after dividends. The rest was borrowed. So oil company profits have a very real bearing on keeping down the cost of gasoline to you. For most profits go right back into improved facilities that mean greater efficiency and lower costs.

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