

Syndicate Buys Common Stock Of Pacific P. & L.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—(AP)—An investment banking syndicate has contracted to buy all the common stock of Pacific Power & Light Co., a utility with more than \$77,000,000 of assets which serves Northern Oregon and Southern Washington.

American Power & Light Co., a holding organization which controls Pacific Power & Light, announced last night that the syndicate, headed by B. J. Van Ingen & Co. of New York, had contracted for the sale, which must be approved by the Securities and Exchange commission.

Under the terms of the sale, as announced by American Power & Light, the buying group will pay a base price of \$10,000,000 in cash for the stock, plus an added sum which depends upon the sale of certain Pacific Power properties. The total sale price will not exceed \$19,500,000.

The sale will climax years of discussion in New York utilities circles concerning a possible ownership change of Pacific

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The Los Angeles Philharmonic orchestra, conducted by Alfred Wallenstein, will present its "Symphonies for Youth" series for the sixth consecutive year over the Mutual-Don Lee network, starting tomorrow, January 7 (11:00-11:30 a. m.). Each concert is performed before an audience of school children in the Los Angeles Philharmonic auditorium. Mr. Wallenstein, world-famous conductor and arranger, carefully selects classical and semi-classical music for the series, and interpolates the scores to permit explanations of themes, moods or special story ideas the composers intended to highlight in their masterpieces. These programs have repeatedly been cited by educators and educational groups P. T. A.'s and radio awards committees for their excellence. Conductor Wallenstein is a Peabody award winner. Tomorrow's program will present the orchestra in David Diamond's "Overture to the Tempest," and Dvorak's "Three Slavonic Dances."

One of the first programs to use the school-type question-and-answer idea successfully as a radio presentation, "True or False?" returns to the Saturday afternoon program parade tomorrow afternoon, 5 to 5:30 p. m. The format of the show requires contestants to answer questions quickly, either "True" or "False." No second-guessing is permitted in this radio quiz game. Contestants, selected from the studio audience, compete for cash prizes. The extreme brevity of the contestants' answers — at a larger number of questions and a more diversified variety of categories to be included in each session. Effervescent Eddie Dunn, who will be the master of ceremonies for the series, always keeps the show moving at a fast clip. "True or False?" is presented by the Anahist company, in behalf of its anti-histamine product.

Joseph Kesselring's farce about the two old sisters with the strange habit of poisoning lonely men, "Arsenic and Old Lace," will be the hour-long presentation for "Comedy Playhouse" (Saturday, 7:00-8:00 p. m.).

Power and other West coast utilities. It was reported with confirmation at one time that an "overall plan" involved the sale of Pacific Power, Washington Water Power Co., also controlled by American Power & Light, and Puget Sound Power & Light Co., an independent. The reports at that time said all three properties would be broken up into parcels for sale to various public utility districts in Oregon and Washington.

A number of "puds" have been organized in the two states over the past few years. An American Power & Light official said today, however, that no plans for the sale of Washington Water Power were pending. A spokesman for the buying group said it had made no plans as to resale of Pacific Power. He indicated the group had no particular buyer in mind.

Army Sergeant Arrested In Slaying Of Woman TOPEKA, Kas., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Police questioned an army sergeant today in connection with the death of a 33-year-old woman whose slashed and battered body was found on a Topeka street. Coroner H. L. Clark said the woman, Irene Gilbert, a basket factory employee had been stabbed, beaten and apparently run over several times by an automobile.

The soldier was wounded in a fight with police shortly after the woman's partly clothed body was found last night. Chief of detectives Charles Crank identified the sergeant as John Anderson and said he had been with Miss Gilbert earlier in the evening.

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Load Limits On State Highways Slashed By Board

SALEM, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The State Highway commission Thursday reduced load limits for trucks operating on 42 highways in the Willamette valley and on the coast.

The commission said the reduced limits are necessary because heavy loads might damage the roads when the frost leaves the ground.

When the frost leaves the ground and the roads become stable, the new restrictions may be canceled.

The new limits are 36,000 pounds maximum gross load, 20,000 pounds on any pair of dual axles, and 11,000 pounds on any one axle.

The limits are effective on the following roads over their entire routes: Alesia, Oregon Caves, Necanicum, Nehalem, Fishhawk falls, Mist-Catskanie, Netarts, Farmington, Salem-Dayton, Yamhill-Newberg, Bellevue-Hopewell, Lafayette, Amity-Dayton, Eagle Creek-Sandy, Kings Valley, Dallas-Coast, Monmouth secondary, Corvallis-Eastside, Albany-Lyons, Halsey-Sweet Home, Tiller-Trail, Elkton-Sutherlin, Rogue River loop, Williams, Little Butte, Sams valley, and Medford-Provost highways.

The reduced limits also apply to these highways: Oregon Coast, from Coquille to state line. McKenzie, Springfield junction to Belknap Springs road. Crater Lake, Cascade Gorge to 2.8 miles east of Jackson county line.

Corvallis-Newport, Toledo to Philomath junction. Coos Bay-Roseburg, Coquille to Pacific highway. Hillsboro-Silverton, Hillsboro to Newberg. Beaverton-Aurora, from Route 99W to Wilsonville.

Scholls, from junction of Hillsboro-Silverton highway to Progress. Cascade, Oregon City to Woodburn-Estacada highway. Woodburn-Estacada, Molalla to Estacada. Eddyville-Blodgett, Nashville to Blodgett. Territorial, Crow to Pacific highway. Deadwood, from Deadwood junction to Alpha school. Richardson-Eugene, Richardson to Elmira.

Springfield - Creswell, from junction of McKenzie highway to junction of Willamette highway. The new restrictions are expected to hamper logging truck operations, because they will reduce log truck loads about in half.

Contempt Convictions Of Communists Upheld DENVER, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The convictions of four Denver Communists on contempt of court charges were upheld by the U.S. circuit court of appeals Thursday.

However, the appeals court reversed the conviction of Nancy Wertheimer, found guilty with the other defendants in federal district court. The four, all of whom identified themselves as Communists at their trials, were: Arthur Bary, Mrs. Jane Rogers, Paul Kleinbord and Irving S. Blau.

The appeals court still has before it the cases of Tracy Roy Rogers and Mrs. Pat Blau. The seven persons were convicted after refusal to answer questions during a grand jury inquiry concerning Communist activities in Colorado.

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 4:50—Music.
 5:00—Tom Mix—MBS.
 5:05—Erskine Johnson—MBS.
 5:10—Magie Garden.
 5:15—Mutual Newsreel—MBS.
 5:30—Sports Page.
 5:35—Local News.
 5:40—Song For You.
 5:45—Hi Neighbor.
 5:50—Dick Haynes.
 5:55—Sammy Kaye.
 6:00—Cleo Kid.
 6:05—Straight Arrow—MBS.
 6:10—Tax Henke.
 6:15—News—MBS.
 6:20—Scandinavian Melody.
 6:25—Four H Club.
 6:30—Music In The Streets—MBS.
 6:35—Love A Mystery—MBS.
 6:40—Music In The Streets—MBS.
 6:45—McPherson in Person.
 6:50—Sign Off.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1950
 6:00—Musical Clock.
 6:05—Hemingway—MBS.
 6:10—Farm Fare.
 6:15—County Agent.
 6:20—Hi Neighbor—MBS.
 6:25—Breakfast Gang—MBS.
 6:30—Local News.
 6:35—Four H Club.
 6:40—Kid Bible Show.
 6:45—Haven of Rest—MBS.
 6:50—Mystery Home.
 6:55—Music.
 7:00—Musical Request.
 7:05—News—MBS.
 7:10—Gospel Singer—MBS.
 7:15—Hemingway—MBS.
 7:20—Jimmy Wakely.
 7:25—Symphonies for Youth—MBS.
 7:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr.—MBS.
 7:35—Music at Noon.
 7:40—Sports Page.
 7:45—Local News.
 7:50—Market Reports.
 7:55—Man On The Farm—MBS.
 8:00—College Hour—MBS.
 8:05—Voice Of The Army.
 8:10—Veterans Request.
 8:15—College Hour—MBS.
 8:20—Dance Orchestra—MBS.
 8:25—College Mountain Boys.
 8:30—Mel Allen—MBS.
 8:35—Hemingway—MBS.
 8:40—Bus Morning.
 8:45—To Be Announced.
 8:50—Bands For Bonds—MBS.
 8:55—Sports Page.
 9:00—To Be Announced.
 9:05—John B. Kennedy—MBS.
 9:10—Music.
 9:15—Local News.
 9:20—National Guard Show.
 9:25—Comedy Playhouse—MBS.
 9:30—Happy Valley Cowboys.
 9:35—Meet the Press—MBS.
 9:40—News—MBS.
 9:45—Dick Tompkins—MBS.
 9:50—Wrestling Parade.
 9:55—Ray Hackett—MBS.
 10:00—McPherson in Person.
 10:05—Sign Off.

Better PTA-College Link Conference Aim MONMOUTH, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A conference intended to give Parent-Teachers associations more influence in their communities will be held at Oregon College of Education here Jan. 19.

Called the Oregon college conference on parent-teachers cooperation, it will set up a contact between the PTA and the colleges which train teachers. One of the goals is to establish a course in community relations, including the PTA work, in all teacher-training institutions.

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"Tick's" Tips On Veterans Hospital

By L. J. "TICK" MALARKEY

Not so long ago the writer stood in the Roseburg army and watched the American Legion put on a Christmas tree party for the youngsters. Paul Jenkins of this paper's staff was snapping pictures of the scene and various acts that were part of the entertainment program. After Santa Claus arrived and the kids really got down to the main event of the evening friend Paul was asked if he weren't the Jenkins who used to do the dashes for Eugene high school back around 1910.

He said that he was.

How well we remember an afternoon at the Columbia coliseum (now Portland university) where each early spring for years were invited to the college and high school track teams to assemble in an indoor meet to usher in the spiked shoe sport for outdoor events ahead.

Paul Jenkins was just a kid from Eugene and was coached by George Hug, who after graduating from Oregon, took up track and football work at the mill race city where his old tutor and trainer, Bill Hayward, helped him learn the ropes. The Jenkins lad was entered in the 50-yard dash, interscholastic.

That day he did inside the coliseum that in early March was going out and win the event in 5.4 seconds; and that was the interscholastic record for an indoor dash that was not broken until nearly 30 years later when some high school boy back east shaved a tenth of a second off Paul's time.

Might add that the great Dan Kelly and Oliver Houston tied the time down at Columbia; but they were college men.

Photographer Jenkins did not go on to college. He wanted to be a railroad man and was down at Astoria in 1917. Yes, he is a Greybeard of World War I and today as he takes his pictures there is a bounce to his step and health in his cheeks. It was good to see you again, Paul.

Finns Increase Wages To Avert Govt. Crisis

HELSINKI, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Finland's Social Democratic government has agreed to a 7.5 percent general wage increase in an effort to avert a government crisis over this crucial domestic issue.

Finnish employers refused to grant a 10 percent increase demanded by the Trade Union federation. There was no reaction immediately to the government compromise move.

Employers opposing the union demand said high production costs and severe competition in world markets left no margins for wage hikes.

Of the wage groups affected, timber workers are paid least. Their minimum now approximates between \$9 and \$10 per week.

GAMING PROBE ASKED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Senator Kefauver (D-Tenn.) has asked the senate to investigate organized interstate gambling.

The mayors of several large cities, including Los Angeles, New Orleans and Portland, Ore., He said, have complained of the influence national "crime syndicates" have had in their cities.

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