

POSTAL SERVICE CUTBACK ORDER SCORED

Four Douglas County Areas Affected By Telephone Co.'s Schedule Of New Rate Boosts

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company Tuesday filed with the public utilities commissioner of Oregon new rate schedules providing for increases and adjustments in certain telephone rates throughout the state. It is part of an upward revision move sought in Washington, Nevada and California, as well as Oregon.

The company said the increase "is a necessity in order that our earnings can be brought to a level that will attract the million dollars of new capital needed to supply still more and better service required by the continued growth of Oregon."

The principal telephone rate changes proposed for Douglas county exchanges were announced by R. J. Henwood, local manager as follows:

ROSEBURG

	Present	Proposed
Business individual	\$7.50	\$8.75
Business two-party	5.75	6.50
Residence individual	4.50	4.80
Residence two-party	3.50	4.00
Residence four-party	2.75	3.25
Suburban business	4.25	5.00
Suburban residence	3.00	3.50

DRAIN-GLIDE

	Present	Proposed
Business individual	4.75	5.25
Business two-party	4.00	4.25
Residence individual	3.75	3.85
Residence two-party	3.50	3.65
Residence four-party	2.50	2.75
Suburban business	3.50	4.00
Suburban residence	2.75	3.00

OAKLAND-SUTHERLIN

	Present	Proposed
Business individual	4.25	4.75
Business two-party	3.75	4.00
Residence individual	4.00	4.25
Residence two-party	3.25	3.50
Residence four-party	2.75	2.80
Suburban business	2.75	3.25
Suburban residence	2.75	2.95

CAMAS VALLEY

	Present	Proposed
Business individual	4.25	4.75
Business two-party	3.75	4.00
Residence individual	4.00	4.25
Residence two-party	3.00	3.20
Residence four-party	2.50	2.70
Suburban business	3.25	3.75
Suburban residence	2.75	2.95

The rates do not include the federal excise tax. Rates listed for (Continued on page Two)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FROM Washington: "The weather will probably continue chilly in the eastern part of the nation for at least another month—BUT THE WEST WILL BE WARMER THAN USUAL."

"That was the gist of the latest experimental 30-day forecast issued this week by Jerome Namias, chief of the weather bureau's extended forecast section."

"I'm getting so I discount instinctively anything that is said in Washington, but I certainly hope that one is true."

WASHINGTON, by the way, is just kicking off a seven-month-long birthday party commemorating the establishment there of the federal government 150 years ago. It will be known as the Sesqui-centennial celebration, and the commission that will run it says it will be "the most spectacular patriotic pageant in the history of the nation since the inauguration of Washington."

THIS would be a good time to remember that Jefferson was the first President to be inaugurated in the new capital city of Washington.

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Rejected Suitor Shoots Widow, Slays Himself

CLEVELAND, April 19—(AP)—A rejected suitor, 35-year-old Lester L. Hostetler, 35, a building contractor, wounded her seriously last night then killed himself.

Detectives said Mrs. Royal told them she had broken her engagement with Hostetler about six months ago, but agreed to listen to his pleading for a reconciliation.

VACCINE CAN WHIP TB

So Asserts Noted Surgeon, Who Raps 'Ostrich-Like' Stand Of Health Service

DENVER, April 19—(AP)—The vaccine, BCG, will whip tuberculosis, says Dr. Edward J. O'Brien of Detroit, "and somebody has got to raise hell until this country wakes up to that fact."

"I guess," he added in an interview, "that I'm just the guy to do it."

Dr. O'Brien, one of the nation's top TB surgeons, launched a crusade for BCG in a speech here before the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, of which he is president.

He told the surgeons their present methods of combating TB—some of which he developed himself—won't solve the problem in a thousand years.

BCG is the only answer, he declared, "and it's amazing that the U. S. public health service can't see it."

Dissenting opinions came from Dr. Robert J. Corper, research director of the National Jewish hospital here.

Dr. Corper, while admitting that BCG is a preventive, said he didn't think mass vaccination

Parolee Arrested On Check Charge

Alertness on the part of a local merchant aided state police in the arrest of a 22-year-old youth, who is being held in the county jail under \$2,000 bail on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

Gerald Eugene Martin of Roseburg was arrested Monday at the City Drive-In market north of town upon a complaint filed by Henry Crowdis, a partner in the market, state officers.

According to the police report, Martin cashed a check for \$10 and made a 44-cent purchase, then returned later to cash another \$10 check. Crowdis became suspicious and contacted the bank. Learning Martin had no account, he called the officers.

State Police Sgt. Holly Holcomb said Martin had been out of the state penitentiary only three weeks. He had been released on parole after having been sentenced on a similar charge.

Hainan's Fall To Reds Seems Near

TAIPEI, Formosa, April 19—(AP)—Chinese Nationalists abruptly choked off today their first smashing claims of success in crushing the Red invaders of Hainan island.

"Pro-Red newspapers in Hong Kong said the Chinese Communists were moving inland, 'mopping up' Nationalist resistance."

The Nationalists said Monday about 8,000 Chinese Communists had planted two beachheads on the vital island ten miles off Luichow peninsula.

They announced jubilantly their forces had killed 5,000 Reds, captured about 1,000 and were smashing the remnants yesterday.

Today they said nothing. The silence could be ominous.

Reports circulated that the Nationalists' earlier claims of success were too rosy.

These unofficial reports said the Reds were entrenched firmly along an 15-mile stretch of coast and at some points had penetrated four or five miles inland.

If this is true, the Chinese Communists might be in a position to pour strong reinforcements across the narrow Hainan strait.

Catholic Monasteries Taken Over By Czechs

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, April 19—(AP)—The Czechoslovak news agency announced today that all but a few Roman Catholic monasteries will be taken over by the government and converted to "social and health purposes."

"Some of the monasteries will be used to ease the housing shortage in the respective districts," the official news agency said.

"It has been lately ascertained that Catholic orders have become a tool of the enemies of Czechoslovakia," the announcement added.

"During recent proceedings it has been proved that monasteries concealed enemy agents, spies and murderers, as well as kept illegal radio transmitters and became centers of anti-state activities."

'Lonely Hearts' Women Nicked For \$25,000

LOS ANGELES, April 19—(AP)—The hunt is on for George H. Ashley, 32, accused of taking \$25,000 from three elderly women members of a "lonely hearts" club.

A criminal complaint was issued against him yesterday.

Mrs. Edith Wingrave, 65, president of the club, and Leo Butts, secretary, were arrested in a raid Monday and charged with grand theft. No trace has been found of Ashley so far.

Timber Sale Brings Double Average Asked

A successful high bid on a timber sale which more than doubled the average asked by the U. S. Forest service was reported today by Robert Aufferdeide, supervisor of Umpqua National forest.

A \$2 per thousand bid was turned in recently by the H. A. Lillebrand Lumber company of Dist. 1 for 470,000 feet of timber located in the Bohemia district near Cottage Grove. Aufferdeide said the average previous bid was \$11 per M for the same type and quality of timber.

Second high bid was given by the Forest Veneer company of Curtin.

White Wife Of Negro Ousted From U. S. Job

WASHINGTON, April 19—(AP)—Ruth Weyand, the white woman government lawyer who married a Negro leader, has been dismissed from her National Labor Relations board post "for the good of the service."

Anti-Semitism Acts Draw Warning To Germans

FRANKFURT, Germany, April 19—(AP)—U. S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy advised the "decent citizens of Germany and their officials" last night to put a stop to recent acts of anti-Semitism.

Citing the recent desecration of two Jewish cemeteries and a Hamburg crowd's demonstration April 14 against a Jewish witness at a denazification hearing, McCloy in an official statement said:

"Whenever any of these incidents occur they are a disgrace and every German citizen is injured by them."

The Weather

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'Lie' Exchanged In Baltic Affair

Soviet Claims U. S. Guilty Of 'Provocation'

Reply To Plane Incident 'Beyond Contempt,' Says Justice Dept. Officer

WASHINGTON, April 19—(AP)—A State department spokesman said today that the American plane lost in the Baltic was on a mission of deliberate provocation against the Soviet Union.

The latest Russian attack on the United States in connection with the incident appeared in the authoritative Soviet magazine, New Times. It purported to give details of elaborate plans made by the American armed services for the alleged provocative action.

State department press officer Michael McDermott was asked about the New Times article at a news conference.

"I read it," McDermott said. "I've pretty much forgotten what lies they told. News stories are being carried of the article and the American people of course are not deprived of reading such things. They can make their own judgment of it."

McDermott said that the magazine article is "beyond contempt."

He was asked whether he had any information respecting Soviet publication of the United States protest to the Russians yesterday.

The U. S. accused the Russians of shooting down the American plane when it was unarmed and traveling over the international waters of the Baltic sea.

"I did see news reports that it did not appear in the Moscow press at all," McDermott said. "This makes one wonder why they pretend to cover the news."

Incident Prepared By U. S. As Provocation, Soviet Paper Declares

MOSCOW, April 19—(AP)—The authoritative Soviet weekly New Times charged today that the Baltic sea plane incident was deliberately prepared by the United States as an international provocation.

The weekly, which comments on foreign policy matters, charged that the United States had rescue planes

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Cong. Eaton Renominated In N. J. For 14th Term

NEWARK, N. J., April 19—(AP)—Charles A. Eaton, 82-year-old Republican congressman and ranking GOP House spokesman on foreign affairs, yesterday won renomination for a 14th term.

The white-haired legislator coasted to an easy win over two opponents in New Jersey's fifth congressional district primary election.

His victory was one of eight won by organization-backed candidates in the state's 14 congressional districts. Five of the primary fights were in the Republican column and three in the Democratic.

All nine GOP incumbents were renominated, seven of them without opposition. Four of the five Democratic incumbents were renominated, three of them without opposition. The fifth did not seek renomination.

Summary Of Cold War Given By Symington

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19—(AP)—This is how W. Stuart Symington, secretary for air, sees the cold war:

Russia considers war inevitable. Russia can deliver a surprise atomic attack on "any part of the United States."

Against such a blow, the U. S. is defenseless.

"Our greatest defense will be the knowledge on the part of whoever is foolish enough to attack us that we would be prepared to carry out a full retaliatory attack."

Symington told the Chamber of Commerce last night.

Freeze Adds To Discomfort In Flooded Areas

(By The Associated Press) Freezing weather today added to the discomfort of the thousands of homeless people flood water in North Dakota.

The cold air from the Gulf of Alaska and central Canada spread across the Great Plains states and upper Great Lakes region. Temperatures were below freezing in some parts of North Dakota and Minnesota.

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State Dept. Given Rap By Senator Taft

Independent Probe Of Sen. McCarthy's Claims Of Red Haven Demanded

WASHINGTON, April 19—(AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) charged today that influential forces in the State department had "refused to regard the delivery of (government) papers to Communists as a serious offense."

Taft fired this blast at unnamed diplomatic officials in a weekly report to Ohio voters. He also demanded that a Senate foreign relations subcommittee make "an independent, affirmative investigation" of charges made by Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.).

McCarthy has been charging for weeks that the State department is and has been a haven for Communists and fellow travelers.

He has especially tried to link John S. Service, consular officer, and Owen Lattimore, far eastern specialist, with the Amerasia case. Service was one of six persons who were arrested on charges of slipping war secrets to the editors of Amerasia, a publication specializing in articles on the Far East.

A grand jury refused to indict Service. Three persons were indicted on lesser charges, two of whom were fined. The case against the third of those indicted was dropped.

Lattimore has denied that he figured in getting any secret documents to Amerasia and he also has denied McCarthy's broader charge that he is the top Russian agent in this country. Service likewise has denied any connection with Communists.

No arrests were made immediately.

The investigating subcommittee has ordered its staff to sift the Amerasia case again while the members themselves go ahead tomorrow with hearing Louis Budenz, former Communist and now a Fordham university professor, testify on what he knows about Lattimore.

Taft said there was evidence in the Amerasia case that secret documents were delivered "to a magazine office which had strong Communist connections."

"Some of those concerned were let off with fines and another one (Service) was reinstated in the State department," Taft said, adding:

"In other words, influential forces in the State department at best refused to regard the delivery of papers to communists as a serious offense. The long pro-Communist record of far-eastern division raises the same doubt."

Official's Son Flees From Communist Rule

BERLIN, April 19—(AP)—The son of a deputy prime minister of Soviet occupied east Germany became a political refugee in West Berlin today.

Ralph Kastner, whose father is leader of the eastern Liberal Democratic party, announced he had fled with his wife and children to escape "unbearable Communist pressure."

Young Kastner told the American official newspaper that "there is no democracy in the east zone any longer."

He accused east German Communists of arranging for a single election next October "although most of the people are fully determined to vote no."

U. S. MAY RETALIATE

Czechs Order Expulsion Of American Press Aide, Information Service Halt

WASHINGTON, April 19—(AP)—The United States may ban Czech publications in this country in retaliation for Czechoslovakia's demand that the American press attaché in Prague be recalled.

The Czech Communist government has ordered the expulsion of Joseph C. Kolarek, the press attaché. It also ordered a halt to American information services which Kolarek directed in that country. Kolarek was accused of using Czech nationals for spying and propaganda work against their government.

Precedent indicated Kolarek, 34, a native of Baltimore, Md., would be recalled as demanded, under protest. The information service he has directed distributed news broadcast by the state department, operated libraries and circulated films and recordings.

State department officials told a reporter the suspension of Czech publications in the U. S. has been under consideration.

In Washington, the Czech embassy distributes a news summary in the Czech language to newspapers of the U. S.

Czech papers are published in Chicago and Pittsburgh, among other cities.

In New York City, the Czech consulate-general distributes two English language papers which are published in Prague.

The Czech government last October had announced it had smashed a spy ring directed by six former U. S. embassy officials. U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson said in Washington at the time that these charges obviously had been "trumped up."

"They (the Czech Communist government) are really turning on the heat against us now," a Prague embassy spokesman commented in a telephone conversation.

In another development, J. Zastava, 20 years old, was sentenced to 18 years in prison on his conviction on charges of high treason and spying. Zastava, a student, also was ordered expelled from the country, the dispatches say. This is the usual procedure in Communist Czechoslovakia and other iron curtain countries.

Zastava was reported sentenced along with 15 Czechs, but details of the accusations against them were not immediately disclosed.

'Outrageous,' Assertion Of Senator Wiley

Action Held Attempt To Pressure Congress Into Increased Appropriation

WASHINGTON, April 19—(AP)—A cutback in nationwide postal service was termed "outrageous" today by Senator Wiley (R-Wis.).

"Fifty million tired taxpayers have been hit in the mailbox by this ruling," Wiley said in a statement. He said "there is a need for more mail service rather than less mail service."

Wiley's protest came on the heels of orders by Postmaster General Donaldson to postmasters throughout the nation to curtail home deliveries to one a day and take other steps to reduce the postal deficit. These would include closing post office windows earlier where possible.

Wiley suggested the postal cutback had been timed to put "pressure on the Congress" in the lawmakers' consideration of the annual bill for postal funds.

He also noted it came before Congress had acted upon recommendations for "wholesale changes in postal rules and regulations" made by the government reorganization commission headed by former President Hoover.

Wiley said congressional appropriations and postal committees "should indicate extreme displeasure" with the postmaster general's orders and act immediately to have them rescinded.

If Congress wants to reduce postal costs, Wiley suggested it could (1) "take out the airmail subsidy," (2) remove free mail costs of congress and government, and (3) allocate these costs to budgets other than the post office.

Wiley scolded the administration for trying "to save some money by firing a few \$40 a week substitute postal workers—most of whom are veterans."

"This order hits the little fellows in the post office department," he said, "but what is far worse, it hits every user of the mail."

Curtailment in Detail Postmasters were instructed by Donaldson to begin putting his orders into effect as soon as they are received.

The "immediate" order applies particularly to delivery restrictions. A 30-day notice is to be allowed on the curtailment of services that affect business operations, such as receipt of mail at the windows and back platforms of postoffices.

Donaldson explained that cuts in service are necessary because post office costs have been far out-running postal receipts.

He has been trying to get Congress to vote more money to his department and to let it raise postal rates by a total of about \$600,000,000 a year.

Donaldson made no exception in laying down the one-day limitation. He went further and said that mixed areas including shops and residences shall not be classified as business districts for more frequent service.

On Saturdays, business areas which have been getting three deliveries a day are hereafter to get only two. Those business areas which have been getting two on Saturday will get only one.

Also, only first class mail, newspapers and parcel post will be processed during the night hours, in order to cut down on payroll costs. Night-time pickups of mail from street boxes are to be sharply curtailed. Postoffice window services are to close not later than

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Harry Bridges Sues Prosecutor

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19—(AP)—Harry Bridges has filed a \$500,000 libel and slander suit against the prosecutor who got him a five-year prison sentence.

Bridges yesterday says J. Joseph Donohue called him a liar and perjurer in a Monday luncheon address. Further, he charges, Donohue said Bridges "made a contract with Communism" and was playing an important part in the plan to bring about a revolution."

Donohue replied that his remarks were a fair statement of the evidence which recently convicted Bridges of perjury and conspiracy.

Bridges, president of the CIO Longshoremen's union, was convicted of having lied in swearing he never was a Communist to obtain citizenship in 1945. He is free on bond pending an appeal.

Donohue was the government's chief prosecutor at the trial.

LOGGERS END STRIKE

DALLAS, Ore., April 19—(AP)—Two hundred CIO loggers at Valseltz, idle almost two weeks in a strike, went back to work today.

Bill Bess, union business agent, announced they had won a promise from the Western Logging company of time and a half pay for Saturday work.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.'s financial policy has taken a new twist, on the order of Oliver Twist, the hungry wail in Dickens' novel who repeatedly held out his plate and requested "more!"