

CRIME PROBE FORCES OFFICIAL TO RESIGN

N.Y. Water Chief Moran Leaves Post

Firemen's Head Says Cash Given To O'Dwyer, Also For Dewey's Race

NEW YORK — (AP) — Water Commissioner James Moran, told by the mayor to quit or face suspension for allegedly taking a \$55,000 "good will" gift, today resigned his lifetime \$15,000-a-year post.

Moran, along with former Mayor William O'Dwyer, was named to senate crime probes Thursday as recipients of big cash gifts from John P. Crane, president of the uniformed Firemen's association.

Crane said O'Dwyer got \$10,000 as "evidence of support" and that Moran was given money so he'd be on "our side." Both had sworn they didn't receive such donations.

Moran dispatched his resignation from his Brooklyn home a few hours before a noon deadline, set by Mayor V. Impellitteri in his quit-or-face-removal proceedings ultimatum.

In his letter, Moran bitterly accused Impellitteri of persecuting him politically ever since he was appointed to the post by his old friend, O'Dwyer, shortly before O'Dwyer resigned to become ambassador to Mexico.

Crane gave his testimony near the close of the sensational senate hearings which rode rough herd on politicians and racketeers alike.

O'Dwyer denied before the senate crime investigation committee that he ever got money from Crane. He said he repeated the denial before the New York county grand jury Wednesday.

Oregon Campaign Aided The firemen's union contributed \$3,500 to aid Governor Dewey in his presidential primary campaign in Oregon in 1948, the probe committee learned.

Crane testified the union gave the money to Mr. Crews, presumably Brooklyn Republican leader John R. Crews, to be used in the campaign.

Crane said the contribution was "voluntary on my part" because he felt the Oregon primary was vital to Dewey's chances to win the GOP presidential nomination.

Dewey won the nomination but lost the election to President Truman.

Dewey Spurns Two Bids Gov. Dewey twice has turned down invitations to testify before the senate committee, Kefauver and his colleagues have been interested in hearing the Governor talk about alleged gambling at upstate Saratoga Springs and about the prison parole of vice king Charles (Lucky) Luciano, later deported to Italy.

At the committee's first invitation, Dewey replied with a counter-invitation asking the committee to visit Albany to hear him. The Governor has been ill.

Wednesday, in a tart telegram, Dewey turned down a second invitation and accused Kefauver of making "discourteous personal remarks."

Kefauver's second invitation to Dewey noted that the committee resumes its hearings in Washington today and that it would be glad to hear the governor there.

U.S. Casualties In Korea Nearing 56,000 Total WASHINGTON — (AP) — A announced U.S. combat casualties in Korea have risen to 55,814, an increase of 1,165 since last week.

The Defense department's weekly summary, based on casualties whose next of kin received notice through March 16, reported 8,335 killed in action, 36,893 wounded and 10,386 missing in action.

The wounded total includes 959 who later died. Of those reported missing, 85 are known dead. This brings to 9,379 the total number of deaths.

The missing total also included 1,027 who have returned to U. S. military control and 110 known prisoners of war, leaving 9,364 listed as currently missing.

Long-Range Tax Program Urged By Governor McKay SALEM — (AP) — Governor Douglas McKay wants to help in solving Oregon's financial problems.

He said the legislature should adopt a long-range tax program, or else the 1953 legislature would come here with a deficit of \$80,000,000 to \$120,000,000 starting in the face.

Levy Fact Rant By L. F. Reizenstein Remember those insurance ads that said, "How to retire on \$100 a month?" The same old ads still confront us, but in these days of skyrocketing prices for beef, lamb and black pepper, and astrophysical taxes, the alluring retirement sum has grown to \$250.

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S.P. Co. Wins Action Over Box Car Shortage

ICC Rejects Martin Bros. Money Claim

Oakland, Or., Company Contended Lack Of Cars Cost It \$2,259,000

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A \$2,259,000 action growing out of the freight car shortage in Oregon was dismissed Wednesday by the Interstate Commerce commission.

The Martin Brothers Box company of Oakland, Ore., brought the action against the Southern Pacific Railroad company, contending that a 1947 car shortage cost it that amount.

The box company said it lost both profits and good will because the railroad did not supply enough cars to keep products moving.

Southern Pacific replied that conditions beyond its control brought about the situation.

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Big Eagle Crash Lands To Death In Roseburg Yard

An eagle with a seven-foot wing spread made an unexpected crash landing in Roseburg late Wednesday night.

Police Sgt. James McAlpine received a call at about 11 p.m. from a residence at 834 S. Mill street reporting that a large bird had fallen in a nearby yard.

Council Making Third Attempt To Sell House

The City of Roseburg has on its hands a "white elephant" in the form of a house it is trying to sell.

The house in question stands on the old Boucek property near the present municipal airport.

City Manager M. W. Slankard says the house has to be removed from the property soon to make way for the airport expansion.

In February, Slankard said, the city council first advertised for bids on the structure.

Three bids were received: Suiter Building Supply Co., \$601.55; Delmar S. Clemens, \$1,220 and C. W. Manning, \$551.51.

By city council action taken Monday night, bids are again being solicited by the city.

College Co-Ed Killed As She Naps At Wheel

WINNEMUCA, Nev. — (AP) — A 26-year-old college co-ed was killed Tuesday afternoon when she apparently fell asleep at the wheel of her car and overturned on U. S. highway 40 about 20 miles east of Lovelock, Nev.

Colombian Airliner's Crash Kills 27 Aboard

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia — (AP) — A Colombian airliner Lansa plane crashed near the village of Hatoneuvo in the Bolivar department Wednesday, killing 27 persons.

France Acts To Cope With Strike Wave

PARIS — (AP) — France canceled leaves for all army and police personnel today as a strike halted 80 percent of the country's trains.

Premier Queuille, as interior minister, ordered the action after a series of conferences with ministers and labor leaders concerning the nationwide strike wave, which appeared to be spreading.

Workers in the nationalized gas industry, who struck in Paris Monday, extended their stoppage today to Lyon, Rouen and Reims.

Food supplies, including fish for Holy week, continued to reach Paris by truck and effort were being made to keep a few trains running on the main lines.

But Easter traffic from abroad was seriously threatened.

Workers 'Drafted' Faced by a call for a general railway walkout, issued by the non-Communist and predominantly Socialist Workers force, the government.

1. Requisitioned (drafted) "several thousand" key railway personnel to stay at their jobs on the government-owned rail system or face heavy fines and jail terms.

2. Set in motion a pre-arranged network of truck and bus services to replace as far as possible threatened loss of rail transport.

3. Promised to establish a new national minimum wage applicable to rail employees as well as to other workers in nationalized concerns.

The rail workers, like other striking unions, are asking higher pay. The unions maintain the cost of living has soared 14 percent since last summer.

Paris also has been hit by 24-hour stoppages by utility, water works and funeral parlor employees.

The unions are demanding an immediate cost of living bonus ranging from 3,000 to 6,000 francs (\$8.50 to \$17). On a permanent basis they are asking increases across the board based on a new national minimum. The CGT is asking a straight 15 percent increase.

Railroads Turn Down Proposals Of Union WASHINGTON — (AP) — The nation's railroads today rejected a union proposal for settlement of their two-year-old dispute with the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

The trainmen's proposal was based substantially on a "memorandum of agreement" signed by the carriers and the chiefs of the four unions at the White House last Dec. 21. It later was rejected by local union officials.

The trainmen propose two changes in that December agreement.

They want another arbitrator appointed in place of John R. Steelman, assistant to President Truman.

They also want a working condition rule dealing with the coupling of air hose left to negotiation between individual railroads and the unions.

Geddes To Tell Forum Of Issues At Legislature

SALEM — (AP) — The log truckers, who fought long and hard against the state highway commission's bill to levy stiffer fines for overloading, shifted their attack to the Senate today after Wednesday's 44-16 house approval of the bill.

The bill takes away the "tolerance" under which the logs trucks can carry 10 percent overloads without penalties.

Overload fines up to 3 cents a pound are provided in the measure, which also increases the maximum gross weight limit from 72,000 to 76,800 pounds.

The bill retains the limits of 17,000 pounds per axle, and 32,000 pounds per dual axle. This is the standard of the American Association of State Highway Officials and the Federal Bureau of Public Roads.

But it does make a concession to the log trucks. While the normal limit for a pair of dual axles is 64,000 pounds, the bill would allow 34,000 pounds on one set of dual axles if the other set is limited to 30,000.

Separate Proposal Beaten Led by Rep. Loran L. Stewart, Cottage Grove lumberman, the log truckers lost their stubborn fight for an amendment to permit the highway commission, county courts and cities to grant permits for overloads on roads heavily used for log hauling.

The House beat down that proposal 35 to 25. But it probably will come before the legislature again in a separate bill.

Rep. Ed Geary, Klamath Falls, chairman of the house highway committee, said the Stewart amendment "would scuttle the whole highway code."

All seven representatives from the big timber counties — Linn, Lane and Douglas — opposed the bill.

Stewart said the bill hurts the little operators who own one or two trucks. It doesn't bother the big operators, he declared, because they own their own logging roads and carry loads as big as 150,000 pounds.

He said it is the highway commission's duty to build roads strong enough for heavy trucks.

Rep. B. A. Stover, Bend, said "it's time for something to be done about the flagrant violations. It's time for the industry to clean up its house, instead of coming to the legislature."

Stover declared there are hundreds of cases each year when trucks are caught carrying loads of 10,000 pounds above the legal limits.

Mosquito Control Spray Scheduled For Test County authorities will attempt to determine the effectiveness of mosquito control of an Aero-Mist spray machine Friday at 1:30 p.m., using the Youngs Bay Lumber Co. mill pond for the demonstration, announces County Sanitarian LaVerne Miller.

The new machine is being considered as a replacement for the orchard sprayer used last year, which, Miller says, did not prove satisfactory. The stepped-up control program will be started much earlier this year, according to Miller.

Surveys show a need for mosquito control measures over a minimum of 1,000 acres of stagnant water in Douglas county, Miller says.

COSTLY ABSORPTION PHILADELPHIA — (AP) — James Dunn was enthralled by the televised proceedings of the senate crime investigators in New York. So much so he didn't even notice that his house was on fire.

The blaze had spread from a shed to the second floor and all across the roof before Dunn realized what was happening. It took firemen an hour to put out the flames. The house and its furnishings were heavily damaged.

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



BILL HOLLINGSWORTH, machinist at the Landis Iron Works, oils a machine preparatory to starting one of the thousand-and-one jobs he does on the many machines, light and heavy, an observer sees there. Occasionally a client suffering with an equipment breakdown wants a replacement right now and he means right now!

In that case the boss climbs into his plane and nonchalantly flies to San Francisco or Seattle as the case may be and—presto—drops it in the man's lap maybe the same day.

Bill has been with Landis for two years. He came to Roseburg from Hermiston, where he had been in ordnance work. Married and with a son one year old, he and his family live at 1215 North Jackson street.

Lumber, Log Ceiling Prices Still To Be Fixed By OPS, Speakers Tell Meeting Here

Lumber and log ceiling prices have not been determined yet under the blanket regulation made effective Jan. 26, by the Office of Price Stabilization. "All industries will be taken out from under the blanket soon, however."

This was the report of lumber specialist Al Henderson from the Seattle office of OPS. Speaking to almost 100 loggers and lumbermen at the Umpqua hotel Wednesday night, Henderson and R. T. Titus, executive vice-president of Western Forest Industries, combined to summarize the price and priority situation on logs and lumber to date.

Henderson went on to say that since the outbreak of the Korean situation, prices had risen to a point where something had to be done. The new price regulation was issued by the OPS as a "stop gap" to keep the economy from "going into a tailspin," Henderson said.

He explained the temporary present blanket regulation as setting a price ceiling not higher than the highest price during the base period, Dec. 19, 1950 to Jan. 25, 1951. An amendment to this order states that the seller must have made 10 percent of his total deliveries during the base period at that highest price.

How To Determine Price Top Henderson said that if a commodity is being sold now that was not sold during the base period, the ceiling price can be determined by three methods:

1. The base of a like commodity sold during that period may be used.

2. The base of a competitive seller of that product may be used.

3. If no similar base can be found, the seller may set his price and inform the Price Stabilizer in Washington, D. C. If an answer is not received within 10 days by a manufacturer or 30 days by a wholesaler, the price can become effective until an answer is received.

The log and lumber sellers have done a good job in complying with the order, even with all its (Continued on Page 2)

Fairhaven Postal Station Planned

The Post Office department is considering establishing a postal station in the Fairhaven district, Roseburg Postmaster Lester L. Wimberly reports.

Wimberly said the local post office has been instructed to establish the station if suitable quarters and bids for the operation of the station can be obtained. At such a station all classes of mail will be received and stamps and money orders sold, he said. Wimberly said no mail will be delivered at the station since the area is already served by a mounted carrier.

The Roseburg postmaster said stations of this type are usually handled by business establishments since quietness and equipment are furnished by the bidder. Bidders will also supply required clerical help.

All interested persons who wish to submit bids should contact the Roseburg postmaster for contract forms. The closing date for bids is April 5.

FORETELLS CORRECTLY GREENVILLE, Pa. — (AP) — Psychic Cy McCoy, arriving at the courthouse to answer gambling charges, last night, remarked to a companion: "Maybe I'd better put another nickel in the parking meter. I may be gone more than an hour."

He will be. The judge sentenced him to three months in jail.

Vandenberg, 67 Today, Still Seriously Ill GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — (AP) — Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg became 67 years old today still gravely ill at his home here.

The Michigan Republican, who has undergone a series of major operations in the last 17 months and suffered a setback Feb. 26, was reported slightly improved.

However, his personal physician, Dr. A. B. Smith, said "the senator's condition is about the same. The remission of symptoms has extended throughout the day."

HOMER GALLUP, Douglas county bridge superintendent, surveys the new bridge now being erected across Sutherland creek, beside the old structure, at the left, near the Virgil Smith ranch on the Winchester-Garden Valley road. The new bridge is of steel-concrete material. The decking has just been poured, and as soon as it is ready for traffic—in about 30 days—the bridge will be opened for public use. (Paul Jenkins)

The Weather Partly cloudy with scattered showers this afternoon, clearing tonight. Fair and warmer Friday.

Highest temp. for any March 85
Lowest temp. for any March 35
Highest temp. yesterday 55
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 33
Precip. last 24 hours .01
Precip. from March 1 3.04
Precip. from Sept. 1 38.25
Fog days from Sept. 1 12.28

Sunset today, 6:27 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6:12 a.m.