

Labor Shortage Seen As Problem By Head Of Firm

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of a leading electrical firm said Tuesday the nation's major problem in the machine age ahead is more likely to be a labor shortage than mass unemployment.

Don G. Mitchell, chairman and president of Sylvania Electric Products Inc., said he does not share fears that automation, or the growing use of labor saving machinery, will result in fewer jobs. Instead, he said, it will create more employment.

"But I am concerned," he said in testimony prepared for the Senate-House committee studying automation trends, "about the strong probability of a labor shortage in the years ahead unless the rate of mechanization is increased."

Mitchell said government data show industry employed 44 million workers in 1947 and 50 million in 1954. Yet, he said, if production techniques had not progressed in the interval, 58 million workers would have been required to handle the 1954 output.



NEW SAFETY BELT—Pictured above is something new in the fast-growing field of automobile safety belts. Devised by a Middletown, Conn., manufacturer of aircraft belts, it employs a unique principle of securing the wearer's entire torso to the car seat. Two six-foot belts are used, both bolted in orthodox fashion to the car frame at points below the seat back. The other end is safely secured, without mechanical fastening devices by the weight of the wearer sitting on the belts' free end. Inset shows how two passengers can each use one of the belts.



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Publisher Raps Idaho Power Deal

PORTLAND (AP) — Publisher E. Palmer Hoyt of the Denver Post said here this week that the Federal Power Commission did not give the people the "proper guarantees" in its recent decision to let the Idaho Power Co. build three dams in the Hells Canyon reach of the Snake River.

He expressed belief that the dams never will be built, asking "Where is that kind of money going to come from? The people have no guarantee that they ever will be built. And what can they do about it?"

Hoyt, a critic of Interior Secretary Douglas McKay, said he favors construction by the federal government of a single high Hells Canyon Dam.

"We are not campaigning against McKay," he said. "After all, he is in favor of our Colorado Basin project. But the secretary does not have the same conception of public power as we do."

Sanity Hearing For Knife Slayer Denied By Court

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Dist. Judge A. P. Van Meter Monday turned down defense motions to delay a sanity hearing for Otto A. Loel, charged in the knife slaying of a Compton, Calif., housewife.

If a jury decides that the 44-year-old wanderer is sane, he will go on trial for murder Tuesday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Joanna Henderson, 31, was found dead, stabbed 13 times, in a motel here Jan. 10, 1954. She and Loel had been on a cross-country trip after meeting in a California bar.

Attorneys for Loel argued that only a county court could try a sanity hearing. One, Harold Wither, said new state statutes made it illegal to try such a case in district court.

Judge Van Meter overruled the motion, and all others aimed at delaying the trial.

LITTLE INTEREST SHOWN

Loel, meek and bespectacled, showed little interest in the court proceedings. He stared at the floor most of the time, seemingly the direct opposite of the man he described himself to be to state psychiatrists who examined him for months.

In this report, the doctors said Loel related a swashbuckling life as a confidence man in China, a man of many trades, and husband of five women.

On the FBI's most wanted list when arrested in Sanford, Fla., last January, Loel has said he had a fight with Mrs. Henderson but had no memory of slaying her.

The state contends Loel was and is sane.

Eohippus, an early ancestor of the horse 45 million years ago was about the size of a large tomat.



THEY SAY IT'S REAL—This painting of "Madonna and Child," purchased last year in a New York antique shop for \$450, has been identified by experts in Europe as a one-million-dollar Leonardo da Vinci original. It was bought by Hanns B. Teichert, an art dealer. Dr. Maurice H. Goldblatt, art director of the University of Notre Dame, told of the experts' decision after he personally took the painting to Europe. The painting is shown here in Chicago with Teichert's daughter, Gloria.

Relative Responsibility Law Repeal Is Sought

PORTLAND (AP) — Repeal of the Oregon relative responsibility law will be sought by the Oregon Institute of Social Welfare.

The organization, holding its annual meeting here, also proposed in a weekend meeting that the minimum state old age assistance payment be \$100.

A congressional bill to pay \$100 pensions to men at 65 and women at 62 was endorsed.

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Ex-Congressman, Brother Guilty Of Bank Fraud

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP) — Former Congressman James P. Scoblick of Pennsylvania's 10th District surrendered with his brother Frank, 34, to federal authorities here to begin serving prison terms for defrauding the former Mayfield State Bank of \$169,000.

The 43-year-old former Republican legislator was sentenced to five years in prison and his brother to three years. They were involved in a scheme involving the misuse of checks with a former bank cashier, who is already serving a prison term.

FIRM'S BID LOW

PORTLAND (AP) — The Corps of Engineers reported this week that the Elie Construction Co. of Boring with a bid of \$16,151 was low for repair of bank revetments on the Willamette River south of Salem.

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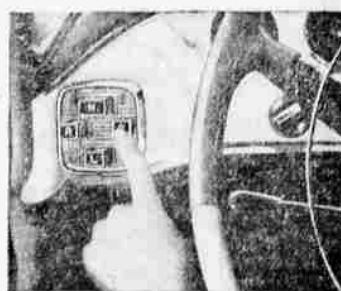
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