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FREIGHT CAR SHORTAGE

By Charles V. Stanton

W. O. (Bun) Kelsay, Douglas County state representative, has been named by Gov. Hatfield to the state's Emergency Transportation Committee. This group, consisting of legislators and shippers, is named to remedy, if possible, an anticipated freight car shortage.

The selection of Kelsay, in my opinion, is a good one for several reasons. He is a legislator who has widespread respect and influence in the Oregon Legislature. He is a lumberman, one of Oregon's prominent shippers. He comes from Southern Oregon which, in past years, has been worst hurt in freight car shortages. Furthermore, he is an excellent investigator, as I know personally, and isn't easily bamboozled or pushed around.

Consequently, I feel that appointment of Kelsay to the committee is a "break" for both the State of Oregon and for Douglas County in particular.

It was my good fortune to see Kelsay at work as a member and chairman of the interim game committee. I have personal knowledge that he is a hard worker, that he is open-minded, and that he has a craving for information. Furthermore, he wants facts, not opinion, and he isn't easily misled by "Expert" testimony.

Discrimination Shown

That there will be a freight car shortage is freely predicted. The statement is made that the shortage is because eastern railroads aren't returning Southern Pacific cars as rapidly as they should.

I have no doubt that's part of the situation. However, I don't think that's the total picture. It is what the railroad company would like to have us believe, but I think the whole thing develops from the fact there just aren't enough freight cars to take care of the country's transportation business.

Perhaps I'm suspicious because I was told a few years ago by an official of another railroad line that that company was tired of having the Southern Pacific "rent" cars from other railroads; that the Southern Pacific didn't have a proportionate number of cars available for its own uses; that it preferred to pay the daily rental service than to buy cars of its own. The rival line, I was told simply wasn't going to furnish cars to the Southern Pacific and do without for its own business during a period of shortage.

Since that time the Southern Pacific has been buying freight cars at a rapid pace. It now claims outstanding progress in freight cars purchased and a low percentage of "bad order" cars. I've seen no figures based on the number of cars available in proportion to transportation need and miles served.

But regardless of how many cars the Southern Pacific happens to have, drastic discrimination against Southern Oregon, where the railroad has no competition, has occurred in previous years.

Publication Helped

The Southern Pacific Co. has denied discrimination. But *The News-Review*, a few years ago, obtained figures showing that percentages to Southern Oregon were extremely below competitive points, such as Salem, Eugene, Klamath Falls, etc. On the strength of that information, *The News-Review* succeeded in getting a weekly public statement from the office of the public utilities commissioner showing the percentage distribution of cars and the percentage of transportation demand. Putting the information before the general public resulted in immediate improvement. Southern Oregon began, at once, to get a much better equality in distribution of available cars.

It seems that we frequently have a freight car shortage. In fact, we've had one nearly every year that I can recall. Grain and fruit harvest come at about the same time retail lumber yards are stocking up for the winter. Everyone wants cars. Obviously railroad lines can't economically buy enough cars to serve the peak need and leave them standing idle except for a few weeks.

A national pool of cars has been proposed. The federal government would buy the cars it would need in the event of a national emergency. These cars would be held in storage most of the time. When needed they would be rented by the railroad lines to meet demands.

Whether that is the answer, I don't know. I do know, however, that the annual railroad freight car shortage is extremely expensive to this area. The selection of "Bun" Kelsay to help reach a solution and to keep the shortage as minor as possible is, in my mind, an excellent choice.

Hal Boyle

Television Comic Leads Quiet Life With Family

NEW YORK (AP)—"Life can get awful complicated if you let it," said Art Carney. "But why let it?"

Carney now is riding a one-man success wave in television. But it has stirred a minimum of echoes in his home life.

When the studio lights die down after a performance, Carney heads for his 35-by-100-foot plot in suburban Yonkers, where he and his wife, Jean, and their three children live quietly.

"We have a nice family life, and we want to keep it that way," said Art. "My wife and I live in the same kind of neighborhood we both were born in, and most of our close friends live in the neighborhood. Our life isn't all show business."

Carney is a friendly, easy-talking man off camera. But he has always shown a stubborn insistence in working toward his own goals. During a break in rehearsals for his show, he talked of his start in the business.

"I always was a loner," he said. "In high school I would have been frightened at the idea of joining a dramatic society. But I enjoyed working out my own act—tap dancing and impressions—which I did at school affairs."

Art spent some years as a nov-

ely hand singer and club entertainer before going into radio, determined to become an actor.

The war slowed him for a time. He went into the Army a private, and came out a corporal.

A few days after entering European combat his leg was riddled by enemy shrapnel. The war also left him slightly deaf in his right ear.

"I still get \$35 a month from the government for my bum leg," he said. "And I can still use it."

Carney has never had a real television show of his own, and says he isn't in any hurry for one. He has been signed to do eight special shows next season, ranging from revues to straight drama and children's programs.

"I prefer it that way, rather than doing a straight comedy series," Art said. "I like to do a little bit of everything."

Asked his personal philosophy, Art said:

"Once, while walking a country churchyard, I came across a gravestone that said: 'She lived not for herself but for others.' 'It has stuck in my mind ever since. It is so true. I don't know anyone who is unselfish, who is always thinking of others, who is personally unhappy. It is impossible.'"

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Tokyo—Tokyo is in Asia: Red China's image as a friendly model for neutral Asian nations was crumbling today under withering criticism of its bloody tactics in Tibet. Editorial writers from India to Indonesia attacked Peiping in unusually outspoken terms.

An example: In New Delhi (capital of India) Ashok Mehta, spokesman for India's Praja Socialist party, says: "Today it is Tibet. Tomorrow it may be Nepal. Day after tomorrow, IT MAY BE US."

All over Asia, the restraint once shown in criticizing communism was gone.

Hmmmmmmmm. Give a thief enough rope and he'll hang himself. At least, let's hope so.

From Washington—home range of the politician:

Sen. Estes Kefauver says the "forgotten" American consumer must rise up in protest if the inflation plaguing the United States is ever to be halted.

He adds: "A cabinet-level Department of Consumers, which I recently proposed, is the best way for lonely consumers to make their voices heard above the strident clamor of the special interests."

Before cheering, pause a moment and THINK.

A cabinet-level Department of Consumers would be headed by a cabinet member at a \$25,000 salary and perquisites such as a limousine with a driver—which, of course, would be mere peanuts. As a cabinet member, he would have to have an assistant, which still wouldn't amount to much, everything considered. But—

Reader Opinions

Constructive Criticism Invited By Democrats

To The Editor—In answer to some of the letters and editorials which criticize the Democratic

Committee and myself, as chairman, we invite constructive criticism. But I do think that before any person, especially those with professional minds, which I do not happen to have, nor do I claim to possess, sits down and writes a letter or editorial to go in the paper for people to read, would try to find out the truth about what they are writing. That is not so difficult, if you want to know. If they work the same way they write, then God help their readers and patients.

It seems that everybody is worried about the taxpayer. I ask you, who is the taxpayer? I know, I happen to be one of them, and I know that if more action was taken on some of our county, state and national politicians, that the taxpayer would be better off. And one thing more let me say. We have a Democratic Party in Douglas County, and I mean Democratic, which anybody will find and can find out if they will take time to attend our meeting and have the guts to stand up and speak their piece.

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Fine Writing Seen In Good Friday Piece

To The Editor—This note is my expression of appreciation for your editorial on Good Friday entitled "Crucify Him."

The story form of the editorial, so dramatically written and so pointedly focused to the present situation struck me as being very well done.

It was an excellent piece of journalistic writing and I hope that all of our preachers and church leaders were as equally impressed as I was.

Frank E. Gates
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Roseburg, Ore.

3 Solons Collect Home Office Rents

WASHINGTON (AP)—A check of house records showed here that at least three House members had government-paid office space last year in buildings owned by themselves or members of their family.

Each billed the House contingency fund for the maximum monthly allowance of \$100 for rental.

The records are available only for the period ending last June 30 and do not cover current rental expenses.

They showed Rep. Otto E. Passman (D-La.) had his office in the Passman Wholesale Equipment Co. at Monroe, La., which he heads; Rep. Pat Jennings (D-Va.) rented himself space in the "Jennings Building" in Marion, Va., which he owns; and Rep. Ralph Scott (D-N.C.) rented office space in a Danbury, N. C., building owned by his wife.

None of the three was available for comment.

Idaho Governor Starts Gasoline Pricing Probe

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—Gov. Robert E. Smylie named an investigating committee Tuesday to probe gasoline prices which range from 23-40 cents per gallon in Idaho.

The governor sent a telegram to 10 major oil companies saying he has learned that "some prices currently used in the trade violate the Idaho Unfair Sales Act and state antitrust statutes."

In the course of time—His assistant would have to have an assistant. The next step would be an assistant assistant. And so on.

Then—Each assistant would have to have a secretary. Each assistant assistant would have to have a secretary. In the course of time, all the secretaries would require stenographers.

The next step would be field workers, and the field workers would have to have automobiles. In due course, they would have to have regional offices, and each regional office would have to have a director and the director would have to have an assistant and the director's assistant would probably have to have an assistant. They'd all have to have stenographers and clerks.

No! No! No! Senator. Leave us alone!

Don't burden us with more departments. We have about all we can stand up under, as it is.

Bruce Biossatt

Charting Of Berlin Moves Debatable As To Method

America and its allies, hoping and evidently believing there will be no war with Russia over Germany, still are charting moves for every eventuality. Are we preparing in the right way?

Debates rage among the Western powers on this score, and within each nation as well. The issues are still unsettled.

We offer firm assurances we will enforce Western rights in and to Berlin, if Khrushchev or his East German minions should try to oust us. Does anyone think Red soldiers bent on blocking us would idly toy with the triggers on their Tommy guns if we sought to smash past checkpoint barriers and run the 110 miles to Berlin?

They would shoot. And so would thousands of others as our convoys raced along a vulnerable shoelace front strung through hostile territory.

Once the Russians got into the fray, as they surely would, we would quickly feel their crushing superiority in conventional arms. Secretary of Defense McElroy says we would inevitably resort to nuclear weapons, presumably tactical at the outset.

At what point might the conflict get out of hand, and lead Khrushchev and President Eisenhower to signal the big bombers aloft with their deadly payloads destined for hundreds of American and Russian cities?

THIS WE CANNOT even guess. But we can speculate about how ready we'd be for such combat if it came.

Our military men say we've got the manned bombers in sufficient force to strike swiftly and decisively in retaliatory blows against Russia.

We have no operational long-range missiles and won't have for many, many months. We have few intermediate types on foreign pads.

Probably the Russians don't have operational long-range missiles yet either, but many experts say they're well ahead of us and might get a few onto U. S. targets. The menace is compounded by their massive conventional force, their hundreds of submarines and tens of thousands of manned planes.

If the worst happened, we would seem to need flawless timing, superior judgment, and an immense amount of good luck to hold even or better against such military might.

Despite the great disparities, Mr. Eisenhower says we're all right, our forces balance the Russian threat, we can even safely cut back armed forces personnel, and we don't have to rush to close the missile gap.

Critics challenge him on all counts. Yet no one may dare pretend if

Measure Bans Politics In Bars

SALEM (AP)—The House Tuesday passed and sent to the Senate a bill to ban liquor licensees from engaging in political activities on the premises.

Another bill sent to the Senate by the House would broaden the definition of occupational disease for the state industrial accident law. The bill would remove the restriction that such a disease would have to be peculiar to the process, trade or occupation.

The House raised some doubts about the Senate-passed bill to provide that when an elective office holder is elected to another office, he must resign by Dec. 31. After Rep. George Layman (R-Newberg) told the House that the bill is unconstitutional by placing restrictions upon offices listed in the Constitution, it was sent back to the House State and Federal Affairs Committee.

The bill is the result of the court fight over whether Mark Hatfield should have resigned as secretary of state before he became governor on Jan. 12.

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THE CHIEF BENEFIT would be psychological: Allies wondering how much really stands behind our vows to hold Berlin would be comforted. Russia would have fresh notice that we don't intend to yield it a commanding strategic position.

Our whole political-diplomatic-psychological approach to the Russians and the world would seem to need drastic revamping.

We need to get on the offensive, throwing out new ideas, programs and policies in a steady stream which will captivate our friends and put the Soviet masters back on their heels.

We seem to lack daring, imagination, inventiveness. Our rigidities and our defensive postures stand out because we show the world little else.

How long must we tremble before the summit meeting, sure that only the Russians can emerge the winners both at the table and at the propaganda front?

Should we not welcome such meetings, even propose them?

For there, on that great platform, we would have a continuing opportunity to prove to all men of good will not our superiority but our ability to think, to plan, to encourage, to guide the world's millions as befits a nation which wears a crown of leadership it could not thrust off if it would in these deeply troubled years.

Umatilla Demos Hit Dues Split

PENDELTON (AP)—Umatilla County Young Democrats, protesting a dues assessment, will send no delegate to the Young Democrats' state convention at Salem, April 11-12.

Gerald Reed, president of the county organization, said the state group is taking too big a bite of membership dues. He said county organization has \$1 annual dues, and the state group has asked 75 cents per capita.

Reed said he expected the refusal of Umatilla County to send delegates would nudge the state group into action on the per capita charge.

James Marlow

Dulles' Technique Lacks In Promoting U. S. Views

WASHINGTON (AP)—The absence of John Foster Dulles, ill with cancer, has left a vacuum in Washington. At this time of trouble with the Soviet Union he could have been making the most use of his special technique.

That technique was to hold news conferences where he could do a number of jobs at once: Get across American viewpoints, state foreign policy positions, float trial balloons, answer the Soviets, try to put them on the defensive.

Secretary of State Dulles held more news conferences than any other member of President Eisenhower's Cabinet.

Undersecretary Christian A. Herter—the man who is taking Dulles' place—has not held a news conference since Dulles went to the hospital Feb. 9.

It is understandable that Herter should be reluctant to 'sound off.' Although Dulles was in the hospital, Eisenhower consulted with him frequently and Herter could hardly try to run the show.

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Wind Fells Human Kite

SUN VALLEY, Calif. (AP)—Alfonso Woodall, 27, who tried to be a human kite is recovering today from a broken leg and two broken heels. His kite nose-dived from 40 feet up.

Woodall, who is from Cleveland, tried the stunt last week at San Fernando Valley Airport.

He wore boots nailed to two boards like water skis. Roller skates were attached to the boards. In his hands he held a six-sided kite about 9-by-4 feet. The kite was towed aloft by an automobile.

Everything went fine until, 50 feet up, a cross wind tilted the kite forward and sent Woodall crashing.

He was doing the stunt for a filmed television show.

Eisenhower Signs Compensation Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower has signed into law the bill extending the temporary jobless pay program to June 30.

Congress sent the bill to the White House last week before taking it for an Easter vacation. It is estimated to benefit about 405,000 persons at a cost of 78 million dollars.

The law was due to expire April 1.

Under the program, unemployed workers may get as much as 13 extra weeks of unemployment compensation.

The law provides for federal loans to the states to increase the duration of their payments by as much as 50 per cent.

The length of payments vary with individual states but some pay 26 weeks.

Neuberger Backs Money For Cancer

PORTLAND (AP)—Cancer will strike 50 million persons now living in the United States, yet the nation spends twice as much on cosmetics as it does on cancer research, Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said Tuesday.

"Despite increases in appropriations for medical research which we were able to obtain last year, federal funds for all disease investigation total only \$215,800,000—less than we spend annually on chewing gum," he said in a speech prepared for the Downtown Kiwanis Club of Portland.

"We are not putting first things first. Each person thinks it will be the other fellow who is afflicted with cancer."

"The result: 50 times as much money is spent on cigarettes as on cancer research, in spite of medical findings which link the excessive use of tobacco with cancer of the lung."

Neuberger, who underwent surgery and radiation treatments for cancer himself last year, predicted a greater role for the federal government in providing funds for medical research.

Army To Build Stockade For Oregon Centennial

MEDFORD (AP)—An Army Engineer reserve unit announced here it will build a frontier-type stockade for the Oregon centennial celebration.

A spokesman for the 47th Engineer Brigade said the fort will be a replica of those built in pioneer days.

Logs from plywood peeler cores will be used for the interior building and stockade walls, which will be 10 feet high.

The stockade opening June 10th will be marked by a pony express run from Portland. It will be manned as a tourist information booth by Southern Oregon College students until it closes Sept. 17.

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