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Hospital withdraws contract offer

SPRINGFIELD

A McKenzie-Willamette Memorial Hospital official said Monday the hospital has withdrawn the contract offer that nurses voted to accept in order to end a strike that began July 14.

Joe Johansen, assistant administrator of the hospital, said the labor relations subcommittee of the hospital board met privately Monday and confirmed that the offer had been withdrawn.

Johansen said negotiators for the hospital and the Oregon Nurses' Association would resume bargaining Tuesday. He said the hospital would offer 8.5 percent pay raises in the second year of a two-year contract, as it did before making the offer that was withdrawn.

The nurses' association revealed Sunday night that its striking members had voted 71-2 in favor of accepting the hospital's offer of 9 percent salary increases in the second year of a two-year contract.

The nurses rejected the offer when the hospital made it at the previous negotiating session Sept. 22. The nurses had asked second-year raises of 10 percent plus a cost-of-living adjustment.

Nurses negotiators had agreed to the hospital's offer of 11.4 percent first-year increases, to raise starting pay to \$8.69 per hour.

Pickets remained outside the hospital Monday.

The strike is the longest by nurses in Oregon history.

Poles attack price hikes

GDANSK, Poland

Angry smokers threatened Monday to strike at mines and factories across Poland unless the Communist government rescinds a "provocative" price hike that doubled the cost of cigarettes.

But the Polish government, ignoring a virtual ultimatum from Solidarity union chief Lech Walesa that the action would spark a national "brawl," said Monday it would be impossible to suspend the price hike.

Government source said the price of the most expensive brand of cigarettes might be lowered if the union agreed to talks, which some union sources said might begin Tuesday in Warsaw.

Prime rate falls to 19 percent

NEW YORK

Banks nationwide matched a half-percentage-point cut in the prime rate to 19 percent Monday, and some economists said it is likely the prime will fall to 18 percent.

"There's no question that it has got to come down further," said Donald Maude, chief financial economist at the investment

firm of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc.

Maude and other analysts attributed the drop in the prime to its lowest level in five months to a decline in banks' cost of funds and the impact of a weakening economy on their business.

As recently as last month, the prime stood at 20.5 percent, just one point below its record-high 21.5 percent of December 1980. A widespread 19 percent prime rate was last in effect the first week in May.

St. Helens funds cut

WASHINGTON

Funds have run out for dredging two rivers choked with ash and debris from Mount St. Helens' May 1980 eruption, but the work will go on, members of Washington state's congressional delegation were assured Monday.

The delegation members met with Senate Appropriations Committee chairman Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., to seek \$70 million needed by the Corps of Engineers to continue dredging and dam construction and maintenance on the Cowlitz and Toutle rivers in fiscal 1982, which began Oct. 1.

"There's a great deal of concern out there (in Washington state) right now because the Reagan administration hasn't asked for any fiscal 1982 money to continue dredging," said spokesman Rick Cocker in the

office of Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., who requested the meeting.

House passes civil rights bill

WASHINGTON

In a rare congressional victory for liberal Democrats and civil rights leaders, the House gave overwhelming approval on Monday to an indefinite extension of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

The House sent the extension to the Republican-controlled Senate where a much tougher fight is expected on legislation described by supporters as the most successful civil rights law ever enacted.

Iran elects new president

BEIRUT, Lebanon

Government firing squads executed 129 leftists Monday and Iran's fundamentalist Moslem regime proclaimed Hojatolislam Ali Khamenei president by a record vote, Tehran's official media reported.

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's government has announced the executions of at least 1,195 government foes since the June 22 ouster of secular-minded President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr. Leftists have been blamed in the slayings of more than 300 Khomeini supporters during that same period.

Tehran radio announced that

Khamenei claimed more than 95 percent of the ballots tallied.

Luggage lost at 1,000 feet

NEWARK, N.J.

At least three pieces of luggage from a New York Air flight bound for Washington dropped out of the plane at 1,000 feet as it took off from Newark International Airport Monday morning, officials said.

No one was reported struck by the falling baggage.

Two of the pieces hit the roof of a Sherwin Williams' paint store in Newark and another bag was found in the backyard of a Newark house, Police Lt. Armando Fontoura said.

Wyden proposes waterway bill

WASHINGTON

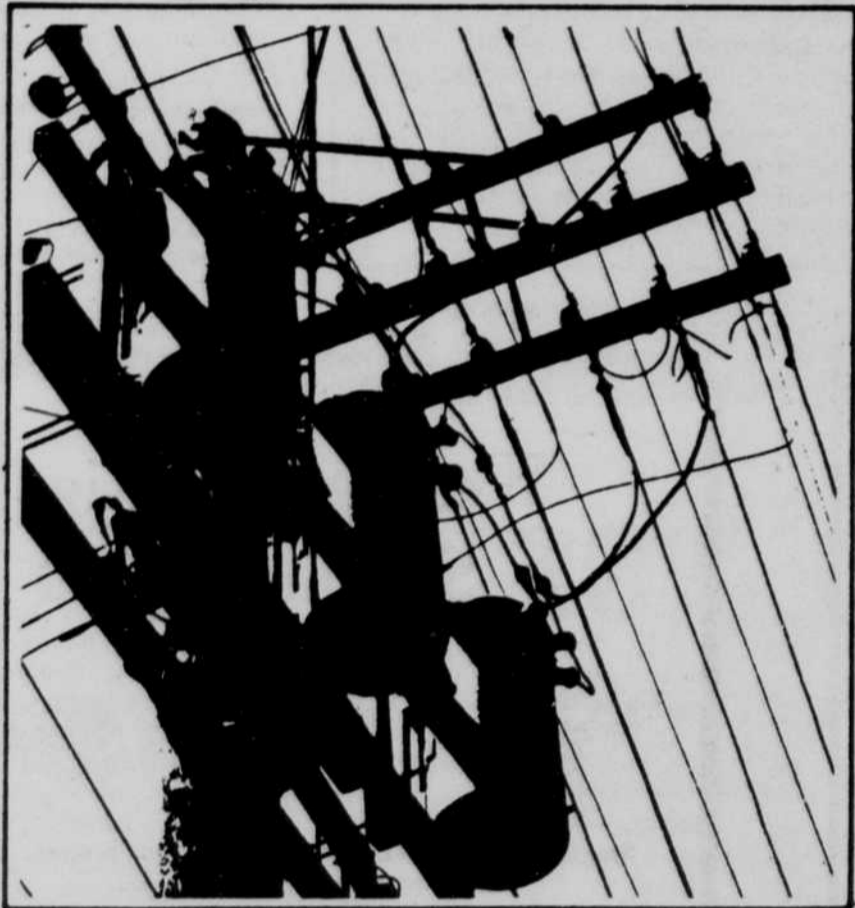
Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., introduced a bill Monday that he hopes will be passed instead of the waterway users legislation submitted to Congress by the administration of President Reagan.

Reagan proposes charging commercial users of U.S. waterways fees that would be used for maintaining and improving the waterway system.

Wyden's bill would institute a tax on commodities being shipped into U.S. waterways and would use the revenues to pay for 50 percent of the waterways maintenance and improvement costs.

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BONHOEFFER: LIFE AND WRITINGS OF A MODERN MARTYR - Alice Knotts. An examination of Christian life and ethics developed during Nazi persecution, and the challenge of contemporary faith. SEARCH, 1 credit, Rel. 200T 9-9:50 a.m., Wesley.

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FAMILY REUNION - Linda Harrell Bruno. A discussion seminar of the 4 hour movie airing Oct. 11 & 12 which was inspired by two years of intensive research and interviews with families across the nation. Raises many issues about the future of the family, roots, etc. Oct. 28, 29, Wed., Thurs., 7:30-9 p.m., Koinonia.

INSIGHTS INTO EASY GERMANY - Norm Metzler. Sharing slides, conversation and critical discussion of society, everyday life, and the religious scene in this most advanced of the East Bloc nations. Time and day to be announced.

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING - Alice Kinberg. Designed to acquaint people with the cultures of the Middle East through the creativity of Israeli folklore. Agricultural, ethnic, natural and romantic themes will be covered. SEARCH, Mon., 7:30-9:30 p.m.

LEADERSHIP, THEORY AND PRACTICE - Fr. Patrick LaBelle. A course designed to give undergraduate students skills to assume leadership in the life of the university. SEARCH, 3 credits, Begins Oct. 1, Tues., 9-noon. Newman.

PRE-SEMINARY BIBLICAL STUDIES - Donald Purkey. Non-denominational study focusing primarily on Biblical texts. Time and date to be announced.

STUDY GROUP ON ANTI-SEMITISM - Alice Kinberg. This circle of people will attempt to connect with the elements in human nature and in our society that bring about oppressions of individuals and groups by focusing on anti-semitism. TBA. Koinonia.

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