P-I predicts $21-million loss without operating contract

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Post-Intelligencer would lose more than $21 million during the next five years if a joint operating agreement between the P-I and the Seattle Times is turned down, according to Hearst Corp. projections released Tuesday.

Lawyers for Hearst, which owns the P-I, sought to have their figures introduced as evidence at Justice Department hearings on the proposed joint operating agreement.

Lawyers representing opponents to the operating arrangement and federal anti-trust lawyers objected to the admission of the financial projections as evidence. They also objected to testimony about them from Harrison Mitnick, Hearst treasurer and controller.

"Mr. Mitnick is not an economist. He has not run a paper. What he is is a financial officer. I object strongly to all such testimony," said William Dwyer, a lawyer for the opponents.

Dwyer called the projections "speculative" and said they were based on "pessimistic assumptions."

Administrative law judge Daniel Hanscom allowed Mitnick to continue testifying and said he would settle the question of the projections as evidence later.

During his testimony Mitnick was not asked specifically how much the paper would lose between 1981 and 1985.

After the hearing ended, Hearst Corp. lawyers allowed reporters to look at the projections, which showed the $21 million loss.

Before granting a joint operating agreement, U.S. Attorney General William French Smith has to decide whether the P-I is in probable danger of failure.

Under such an arrangment all but the news and editorial departments of the two papers would be combined. The papers are specifically asking for exemptions from certain anti-trust laws as provided for in the Newspaper Preservation Act of 1970.

Hearst officials have said previously the paper lost about $14 million between 1969 and 1980.

CETA locates jobs despite funding loss

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Eugene's CETA organization is winning the survival game.

Last year, Pres. Ronald Reagan eliminated CETA's public service employment programs, which accounted for 60 percent of the Eugene agency's budget, says Doug Booth, director of Eugene's CETA program.

To survive, CETA changed its emphasis to compensate for the loss of the public service programs.

Those programs were designed to "put people to work in public services until the economy got better," Booth says. And while Reagan proposed to acheive the same results with tax cuts, Booth says that policy didn't work because "Reagan cut the temporary jobs prior to creating the permanent ones.

"People are out of work, and it's worse in Lane County because the timber industry is in so much trouble," he says.

CETA now works closely with the private sector to determine where the majority of the jobs will be during the 1980s, so it can concentrate on training eligible people for those areas, Booth says.

Last year, seven out of 10 participants in the CETA private industry training program found permanent employment with those businesses.

CETA is working with the local management of the Hilton Hotel and the Eugene Performing Arts Center to train employees for jobs when those businesses are completed.

"Right now, Oregon's whole recreation industry is probably one of the leaders," he says.

CETA also trains eligible people for the retail, medical and government sectors, he adds.

To be eligible for CETA's programs, persons must be of low income, unemployed or under-employed and Eugene residents, Booth says.

Surprisingly, more than 75 percent of the 1980-81 CETA participants were not on any kind of aid, but approximately 99 percent were economically disadvantaged, Booth says.

CETA's remaining programs, which include adult and youth employment and training programs and the private industry training program, also felt the federal cutbacks but managed to get almost the same funding as last year — about $2 million, Booth says.

Frey stable

A Campus Security officer who was critically injured by a bicyclist Saturday night was in stable condition Tuesday at Sacred Heart Hospital.

Halworth Frey, 53, of 82993 Cloverdale Road, Creswell, was moved from the hospital's intensive care unit to a semi-private room on the neurological floor.

Frey suffered a skull fracture and scalp lacerations when he was struck by a bicyclist on 15th Avenue near Onyx Street.

The bicyclist, 18-year-old Edward Bianco, of Walden Hall dormitory, received only minor injuries in the accident. Eugene police have submitted a report of the accident to the Lane County District Attorney's office for possible action.