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## CIO TO DEMAND NEW ROUND OF PAY BOOSTS

### New Uranium, Plutonium A-Weapons Under Production

#### IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Spurgeon

This week the two millionth customer of Rural Electrification cooperatives will get electricity. This will make 1,500,000 farms and 500,000 rural stores, churches, small industries, schools that are being served under REA projects. Established in 1935 as one of the projects of the new deal the REA has withstood the opposition of private utilities and of political foes, has been able to get appropriations even from economy-minded republicans and is still expanding.

In few cases have private utilities been hurt. The threat of competition has stirred them into activity with the result that private companies have taken electric service to an additional 1,250,000 farms in the same period. Often the REA buys its electricity at wholesale from a private utility. The government-owned cooperative is frequently able to buy at a price which would be too small to make private service compensatory.

REA is a government agency which lends money at 2 per cent interest to cooperatives which construct and operate electric power systems. These cooperatives get a preference for power produced at federal power plants. As true cooperatives the cost to consumers is proportionate to the actual cost of service.

Not all of the REAs have been successful. In some instances they have had such poor records that the owners were glad to sell to an adjacent private utility. For the most part the cooperatives have survived though sometimes they have not been able to meet their interest debt to the government.

There is social as well as economic justification in this venture of the government. Farm life is so isolated, the blessings of electricity to farms so abundant that the country as a whole has an interest in seeing that farms are electrified. Not only is work in the home and in the barns lightened greatly and living made more pleasurable but productivity is increased through use of power in farm operations. The REA resembles the RFD, rural mail delivery, instituted over a half century ago. Both cost the government money; both are helping greatly to sustain a vital agriculture.

#### Liquor Board Nets Surplus

The former state liquor control commission, prior to retirement Monday, turned over to the state treasurer \$600,000 to be applied in payment of outstanding public assistance indebtedness and of public assistance for the month of December, 1947.

After retiring an outstanding loan of \$70,138.80 with interest there remained available the amount of \$528,844.30 with which to meet claims of \$455,237.23. Total borrowings since May, 1947, aggregated \$4,261,814.65 with interest thereon of \$4,114.69, all of which has been paid out of transfers of cash by the retiring liquor commission to the public assistance account.

The cash balance in the account is \$74,607.07.

"This was an excellent record of meeting the costs of public assistance," Scott said.

#### Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Please shut up, dear—it's getting late."

#### DeGaulle, Reds Hurl Charges as Train Sabotaged

PARIS, Wednesday, Dec. 3.—(AP)—The French national assembly, engaged in bitter debate over emergency anti-strike legislation sought by Premier Robert Schuman, was told by a government spokesman today that 12 persons had died and 40 were injured in the derailment of a Paris-Arras mail train -- which he blamed on saboteurs.

The announcement -- by Finance Minister Rene Mayer -- was greeted by a tumult from the communist deputies, who turned on their opponents on the right side of the assembly with cries of: "It is you who are the assassins."

Charles Serre, a partisan of Gen. Charles de Gaulle and his communist hating ally of the French people (RPF), shouted in reply: "Those who provoked it are on your side."

Homage Paid

After Assembly President Edouard Herriot had re-established order the deputies paused to pay homage to the victims of the rail disaster.

Mayer said the mail train wreck was caused by the "unbolting" of about 75 feet of track.

The derailment was the most serious thus far in a series of railway mishaps which government spokesmen have attributed to sabotage linked with the strike crisis.

Override Communists

Prior to Mayer's statement the assembly overrode communist opposition and approved by a decisive margin the first article of Premier Robert Schuman's five-part anti-strike bill.

The article suspends for three months the present French law punishing sabotage by a maximum 180,000 franc (\$1,500) fine and three months imprisonment. Article two, not yet voted, provides substitute penalties up to a 500,000 franc (\$4,200) fine and five years imprisonment for a more broadly defined offense.

Only Reds Oppose

The vote favoring article one was 402 to 183, with only the assembly's communist bloc opposing it.

The other four articles of the bill will be debated and voted on one by one, after which there will be a vote on the bill as a whole.

The vote came as France's three-week-old strike wave began waning. A highly placed neutral official said last night he believed the communists were beginning to lose their first big offensive in the French "cold war," fensive in the French "cold war."

#### Drivers Carry Petitions for Bus Franchise

In an effort to secure a 10-year franchise from the city of Salem, Oregon Motor Stages' city bus drivers are circulating petitions for bus patrons to sign.

The petitions were drawn up and are circulated entirely on the initiative of the drivers, Robert Davidson, company manager here, said. The petitions ask the city council to grant the bus company a 10-year franchise. Drivers began carrying them Monday.

"The drivers are acting in their rights as citizens in carrying the petitions," Davidson said. "They are interested in making their jobs more secure. They feel their jobs are insecure as long as the company operates on a year-to-year basis."

The question of granting the franchise will come up for third reading and amendments at the city council meeting next Monday night.

"By granting us a long-term franchise," Davidson declared, "the bus company will consider it safe to throw more buses into service and to open new routes. At the same time a franchise will give the city council a check-rein on our activities and will permit it to make demands or offer suggestions for the good of the public."

#### Deadline Set for Adair Land Claims

PORTLAND, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Veterans and farmers interested in establishing claims to 24,000 acres of government land listed for sale to former owners of Camp Adair property have until December 31 to file claims at Adair Village.

H. L. Selaney, surplus property disposal supervisor here, said tracts not purchased by former owners under their higher priority will be regrouped and offered to veterans and then farmers.

#### General Motors 'Dream-Train' Pauses in Salem



In spite of leaden skies, a crowd of approximately 400 persons vied the General Motors' Train of Tomorrow when it passed briefly at Salem's Southern Pacific railroad station Tuesday afternoon. Representatives of Portland and Salem service clubs and civic leaders boarded the train for its trip to Portland. Shown in top picture at right is a general view of the station showing the crowd and the sleek coaches with their astral domes on the cars at right. Standing in awe of the smooth-lined nose of the diesel engine, minus the traditional cowcatcher, is three-year-old Johnny Shinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Shinn, 795 N. 17th st., in the above picture. Photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.

#### Mahoney Avers Neuner 'Out-of-Bounds' in Drive Against Slot Machines

State Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland democrat, asserted Tuesday in Salem that Attorney General George Neuner cannot legally direct county law officers to enforce his interpretations or rulings on gambling or any other state criminal statute under the department of justice bill passed in the 1947 legislature unless authorized by the governor.

Mahoney made his statement to several reporters at the statehouse Tuesday. He said he had spent the entire day studying the bill and it had confirmed his contention that the attorney general may only direct the work of county law officers in matters pertaining to civil actions.

The Portland lawyer, who was a member of the upper house revision of laws committee which drafted the measure creating a state department of justice under the attorney general, said the original bill which first emerged from the house committee gave the attorney general power over all county officers in any matter.

The amended bill which passed during the final day of the legislature, however, clearly stipulates that the attorney general can only direct or take over duties of county officers in civil suits and does not include prosecution of illegal slot machine operators or other law breakers, Mahoney stated.

"The attorney general to my knowledge never received a written order from the late Gov. Earl Snell to enforce the gambling statutes to the letter," Mahoney said. "If this is true his recent gambling directive is illegal and without value. And I doubt whether Governor Hall will issue such an order."

#### Jews, British Bolster Forces

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Jewish military forces backing up British police and troops in Palestine, where 14 met death by unofficial count in the past 24 hours, bolstered their defenses Wednesday against a new outbreak of bloodshed by Arabs in Tel Aviv.

Fighting between Jews and Arabs, the latter stirred to violence by the United Nations decision to partition Palestine, spread throughout the Holy Land Tuesday and an unofficial casualty list showed eight Jews and six Arabs were killed and 32 Jews and six Arabs wounded.

#### Signal Heard from Missing Airplane

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 2.—(AP)—U.S. air forces said today radio signals indicated that C-47 transport plane, missing since Friday with 20 persons aboard, was in an area near the French-German border, but an all-day search by airplanes and ground parties failed to locate it.

Air crews and foot patrols started out with high hopes after a search plane had received a radio signal, apparently from the missing plane, indicating it was down with at least some of the 15 passengers and five crew still alive. The message said: "Am in rough area with trees. Badly need help. Possible me to build fire."

#### Details of New Atom Research Kept Secret

By the Associated Press

The atom age observed its fifth birthday anniversary yesterday, toddling forward with precocious strength toward new weapons, new medical discoveries, new displaced persons and possibly toward "the ultimate secrets of nature."

New atomic weapons, made from both uranium and plutonium, are in current production and under design by American scientists and engineers, David E. Lilienthal, chairman of the atomic energy commission, revealed in a speech at Atlantic City, N.J.

Whether these weapons are atom bombs or some new and perhaps even more deadly military use of atomic power was not disclosed by Lilienthal, who addressed the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Neither would the commission, in Washington, say whether the "new fundamental data" to be investigated behind secrecy walls at Eniwetok atoll in the far Pacific meant that new types of atomic weapons were to be tested.

Lilienthal said the U.S. has spent some \$2,500,000,000 (billions) on atomic development and the total will rise to approximately \$5,000,000,000 (billions) in the next few years "if this country really means business."

The fifth anniversary was observed formally at the University of Chicago, where the first self-sustaining atomic chain reaction—described by Chancellor Robert H. Hutchins as "the most significant event of a modern times"—occurred on Dec. 2, 1942.

#### Mrs. Dunlavy, Spouse Retracts Divorce Pleas

Mrs. Betty M. Dunlavy's suit for her 15th divorce was dismissed from Marion county circuit court Tuesday when she and present husband John S. Dunlavy withdrew their complaint and cross-complaint with the permission of Circuit Judge George Duncan.

Asked last night whether this action meant a reconciliation, the 40-year-old Brooks woman had no comment. She is operator and owner of the Brooknook restaurant.

Mrs. Dunlavy charged her husband with cruel and inhuman treatment when she filed for a divorce October 30. She told the court that since 1924 when at the age of 16 she was first married, she had re-married and divorced 14 times. Her 15th divorce suit—the first filed here—asked for full possession of the Brooknook restaurant and return by her husband of a \$1,200 diamond ring she had given him.

Dunlavy countered with a request for half-interest in the restaurant and full accounting of funds since June 17, 1947. They had been married in February, 1946.

#### CAN OPENER OPENS 'SAFE'

BERKELEY, Calif., Dec. 2.—(AP)—It had to happen some day. A burglar last night used a can opener to open a home-made coffee can safe at a Berkeley variety store, escaping with \$110.

#### Kindergarten Question Stirs Interest at School Board Meet

By Winston H. Taylor  
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Questions of the possibility and feasibility of adding kindergarten facilities to the Salem school system came before the Salem school board Tuesday night, with a decision to confer with a committee of interested women on problems and suggestions for such a venture. Most interest has been indicated on the part of Salem Junior Woman's club.

Members of the board expressed the opinion that the district's "problem is big enough now without considering the addition of kindergartens," in view of the increased population and greater building costs. A tentative long range school building proposal was discussed only as the kindergarten program related to it.

Directors indicated sympathy with the kindergarten plea, but said that proper housing for children now in school appeared to be the most important consideration. The board authorized consul-

#### Weather

|                  | Max. | Min. | Precip. |
|------------------|------|------|---------|
| Salem            | 45   | 32   | .14     |
| Portland         | 43   | 30   | —       |
| San Francisco    | 68   | 52   | .00     |
| New York         | 41   | 31   | .00     |
| Willamette river | 51   | —    | —       |

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy with light rain today and tonight. High today 45, low tonight 40.

#### Inflation Blamed For Stand

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—CIO leaders today demanded a third round of post-war wage increases for the 6,000,000 members of CIO unions.

President Philip Murray and the nine vice-presidents of CIO made the announcement at the end of an all-day meeting. They expressed their determination to "lighten the unbearable economic burden" they said had been brought on by price inflation.

Proceed Through Channels

"To this end," the union leaders announced, "the CIO and its affiliated unions shall proceed through the channels of collective bargaining to obtain substantial wage increases for the American workers to restore their loss in real income suffered through inflation and assure sustained purchasing power as the foundation for continued maximum employment and production."

Murray told reporters that the first of the collective bargaining negotiations probably will start early next year. His own steel workers union, however, will not open negotiations until April. This was taken to mean that some other CIO group such as the United Auto Workers, the maritime unions or the United Electrical workers will start the ball rolling.

Hopes No Strikes Necessary

"We are all living in hope that it will not be necessary to have strikes," Murray told a questioner.

The so-called first round of wage increases after V-J day amounted generally speaking to 18 1/2 cents an hour and were obtained in the spring of 1946. A second round, of 15 cents, went through last spring.

Murray said that each international union will determine how large an increase it will seek this time.

#### Board Revives Camp White Hospital Deal

The poser of whether the state should acquire the Camp White hospital near Medford as a mental institution was again before the state board of control Tuesday. Action taken consisted of a decision to ask the attorney general for an opinion involving legal questions concerning the proposal.

State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott was emphatic in his opposition to taking over the hospital. He branded the structure as a "fire trap" and declared, "if we want a hospital down there, we should build it from the ground up."

The war assets administration informed the board of control it would give the hospital to the state provided the state would use it for a period of 25 years for either educational or health purposes and if the state would consent to return it to the federal government in event of a national emergency. Figures indicated that the state would have to spend approximately \$4,000 a month to maintain the property.

Both Gov. John H. Hall and Secretary of State Earl T. Newby supported the proposal when it came before the 1947 legislature but the bill later was vetoed by the late Gov. Earl Snell.

More rigid inspection of state buildings, with a view to reducing the number of fires which have cut the state restoration fund from \$500,000 to approximately \$200,000, was urged by the state treasurer, who said frequent inspections by the state fire marshals office might prove valuable in preventing future fires.

Scott's suggestion came during a discussion of two fire claims aggregating \$144,470.83, in connection with fires at Oregon State college and University of Oregon. The state restoration fund provides protection against fire losses involving state buildings in lieu of commercial insurance.

#### 19 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

