

### Labor Board Curtails Area Of Jurisdiction

WASHINGTON (UP)—The National Labor Relations Board has announced that it is curtailing its jurisdiction over disputes involving defense industries, newspapers, radio and television stations, retail stores, utilities, transit companies and certain other businesses.

The new conditions mean the board will no longer handle elections, unfair labor, or management practice disputes involving some of the smaller business organizations.

In addition to cutting down the number of cases it will handle in the industries named, the board announced it will no longer take cases involving public restaurants.

Applies to All Cases  
A list of new specifications for certain other industries was issued two weeks ago. Today's list substantially completes the board's revision of standards for who can and who cannot use its services. The changes take effect immediately and apply to cases already before the board as well as to future cases. The new standards for each industry are generally as follows:

National Defense: To come under NLRB jurisdiction, a defense industry must supply at least \$100,000 a year in goods or services under government contracts relating directly to the national defense. Formerly, the board took jurisdiction of any company doing work "affecting" national defense.

Radio and Papers  
Newspapers, radio and TV stations: The board will assert jurisdiction over newspapers if their gross revenue is at least \$500,000 a year, and over radio and TV stations if their gross revenue is at least \$200,000. Formerly, it handled the cases of any stations or newspapers whose operations affected interstate commerce.

Retail stores: The board set minimum limits for the amount of buying a store does if it operates entirely within one state, and on the buying and selling it does if it is part of a multi-state chain. The new minimums are higher than the old ones.

Utility companies and state public transit systems: The board will assert jurisdiction if the company does a gross business of at least three million dollars per year. It will take jurisdiction of interstate transit systems if their gross revenue from interstate operations is at least \$100,000 a year. Formerly, the board took all utility and transit systems cases when the operations affected interstate commerce.

### Higher Yields Of Feed Grain Seen in State

CORVALLIS (UP)—A sharp increase in feed grain crop yields over a year ago, in line with the national trend, is expected this year in Oregon, W. Wray Lawrence, Oregon State College extension agricultural economist, reported Thursday.

His report was based on July 1 reports.

He forecast an 11 per cent increase in the Oregon corn crop, compared with a national gain of 4 per cent. Prospects are for the second largest corn crop on record in the nation.

A 45 per cent increase is forecast in the Oregon oats crop with a yield of more than 11 1/2 million bushels. Nationally an increase of 37 per cent is expected for a new record.

For barley an increase of 53 per cent is looked for in Oregon compared with a national increase of 75 per cent.

A 14 per cent decrease is expected in the Oregon hay crop. A decline also is expected in Washington and Idaho, but nationally the hay crop is forecast as the third largest on record.

### John Day Dam Planning Set At \$2 Million

WASHINGTON (UP)—An Army Engineer spokesman estimated Thursday that completion of preliminary planning for John Day dam on the Columbia River would require two million dollars.

Col. William Whipple gave the estimate to a Senate appropriations subcommittee in response to questions by Sen. Cordell (R-Ore). Whipple said normal operations would call for the work to be done over two years with an expenditure of \$700,000 the first year.

He described John Day as a project "where it is most desirable and urgent that we have planning funds." Such money, he said, would be needed whether the dam is built by the federal government or jointly by the government and some local agency.

Whipple said there also was "urgent need" for planning funds for Priest Rapids dam, also on the Columbia, which Congress has authorized as a federal-local "partnership" project.

Similar funds are needed for Cougar Dam and Green Peter Dam both in Oregon's Willamette River basin, he said.

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