

Rent Control: Major Issue Facing Council

To recommend or not, continuance of federal rent controls will be a major issue facing the Eugene city council Monday night in its first July meeting.

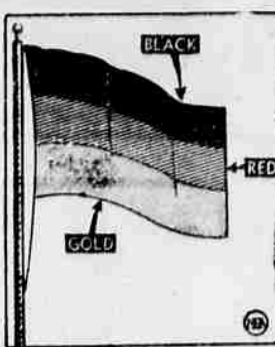
The council held a public hearing on the issue June 29 and heard arguments—sometimes heated—from both sides of the issue. Landlords argued for no controls on rent and renters, by and large, argued for continuance of controls.

As a result of this hearing plus investigation, the council members more than likely will decide on what it will recommend to the governor. Under current legislation the council of a municipality may make recommendations to the governor of the state and if he concurs with the council's opinion, it becomes mandatory that federal rent controls be dropped.

Supply and Demand
Most discussion has centered on the question of whether the housing emergency has passed, and whether there are sufficient available houses to rent and sell so that competition will make adjustments in prices.

Another point on the agenda is further readings to make the one-way grid system permanent by means of an ordinance.

From the city planning commission will come recommendations



The Bonn convention which drafted the new German constitution adopted the flag of the old Weimar Republic, above, as the new national emblem. The tricolor was thrown out when Hitler came to power and raised the swastika in 1933. It makes the fourth time the black, red and gold flag has been used in German history. It was also the standard of General Von Luttwig and his men in 1813 and again during the 1848 revolution.

tions to rezone from single family residential to two-family residential restrictions the area bounded on the north by 18th Ave., south by 17th Ave., east by Olive St., and west by Charnelton St.

Also recommended for rezoning from multiple family dwelling use to central business is the J. A. Plummer property on the second lot north of 18th Ave. on the west side of Willamette St.

Street Bids Ready
Bids on several street improvement projects have been opened and tabulated for the council's action. These concern:

Kincaid St. from 24th Ave. to 25th Ave. Low bid—Inter-City Sand and Gravel Co., \$4277.30; Potter St. from 26th Ave. to 27th Ave., Inter-City Sand and Gravel Co., \$7102.45; 27th Ave. from University St. to Inter-City, \$3176.18; 21st Ave. Lawrence to Washington St., Inter-City, \$3382.20; Beech St. 13th to 14th Ave., bid price withheld pending clarification;

Lawrence St. 21st to 22nd Ave., Inter-City, \$5059.10; University St. 26th to 28th Ave., Inter-City Sand and Gravel Co., \$11,839.35; Harris St., 19th to 25th Ave., T. C. Wildish Co., \$23,177.86; Kincaid St. 29th to 30th Ave., Inter-City Sand and Gravel Co., \$6214.40; 28th Ave. Harris to Emerald St., Central Heating Co., \$16,581.20.

Sewer Bids
Onyx St. Franklin Blvd. to 13th Ave., Inter-City, \$7091.60; Harris St. 29th to 30th Ave., Inter-City, \$5856.25; and an alley between 8th Ave. W. and Broadway Ave. from Madison to Monroe St., Jorgenson Co., \$1924.

Also to be viewed are bids on an interceptor sewer on Agate from Franklin Blvd. to 18th Ave., 17th Ave. from Agate St. to Fairmount Blvd., and on 18th Ave. from Agate to Beech St. The sewer is needed to take care of the new women's dormitory at the University of Oregon. Empire Construction Company's low bid was \$19,522.40, compared to next low of \$27,122.47.

Another contract may be let on sewers in the Malabar Hill area. Werner and Jesske are low with a \$11,480 bid.

The one-celled animal never grows old and never dies, unless it is eaten by another animal or meets with an accident. To propagate, it simply divides itself in two.

Meridian Dam Total Cost Set At 70 Million

SPRINGFIELD—Only adverse weather or lack of federal appropriations can postpone the scheduled completion of Meridian Dam—set for 1954—Robert E. Lee, resident engineer, said Friday.

Speaking at a Rotary Club luncheon, the engineer emphasized the immensity of the project by saying nearly \$70,000,000 would be spent before the dam is finished. He added that some \$11,000,000 was expected from Congress this year. Already, he said, \$10,000,000 has been spent for relocation of 13 miles of highway and 23 miles of Southern Pacific railroad track. Relocation work is not yet completed.

275 Feet High
The engineer said the flood control structure would be 275 feet high and more than 3000 feet long and would contain 900,000 cubic yards of concrete for the spillway and power house section. The rest of the dam, he added, would contain 10,000,000 cubic yards of impervious earth and gravel. Earth will make up the bulk of the dam, Lee said, explaining gravel would be poured along each side to give strength to the structure. Compactness of the earth will make it waterproof, he said.

Lee said another 10,000,000 cubic yards of earth would have to be moved to finish the highway relocation. The dam's power house will eventually generate 115,000 KVA, Lee added.

Floods Cut Down
Perry Othus, government engineer from Portland assisting on the project, also addressed the Rotarians. Othus said flood damage in the Willamette valley would be 85 per cent alleviated when the government's dam building program was finished. In certain valley areas, he added, protection from floods would reach 100 per cent. He pointed specifically at the area surrounding the head of the Longtom River, explaining that the construction of several miles of levees would supplement work of the dam in abolishing flood damage.

How It Will Work
The Portland engineer explained how the dam would be operated, stating it would be kept almost empty at the beginning of the rainy season around Nov. 15. "When rain fills it," Othus said, "we will release the water at a regulated rate to prepare for the next winter storm. Then, in early February, when the storm pattern is past, we will build the water level back to normal. During the summer it will be released for irrigation and when fall comes the procedure will be repeated."

Othus said the correct regulation of dam water would tend to clear up stream pollution, benefit navigation by increasing the river depth, and increase municipal water supplies.

"The dam will affect the fishing picture," Othus said, "but we do expect to build fish hatcheries and cooperate with the state fish commission and state in preserving good fishing for the Willamette valley."

Alaska Bases Said Vital

SEATTLE—(AP)—The Communist seizure of North China has made Alaska's strategic position more important than ever, the Rev. Bernard Hubbard, the "Glacier Priest," believes.

Father Hubbard, an acting chaplain for the armed forces, stopped here on his way north to his favorite stomping grounds.

He will leave for Ketchikan on the Coast Guard Cutter Citrus and the Alaska Air Command will fly him to its far-flung bases. He has 10,000 feet for color film for movie-making in his spare time.

"From Alaska, we can show our air power to anyone who needs it," he told newsmen. "Air power is world leadership and the United States will be all right so long as we maintain superior air power."

The 60-year-old globe-trotting priest said he hoped he could take

one of the Air Forces weather flights over the north pole. He will return south in mid-September.

Petaim's Mind Said Slipping

PARIS—(AP)—Henri Philippe Petaim's mind is slipping and he should not be left to die in prison, his lawyers told French President Vincent Auriol.

In a letter to the President appealing for the old soldier's release or transfer, the lawyers said Petaim's mind has entered "little by little into the darkness of the night."

One of the lawyers said the 84-year-old Petaim no longer remembers why he is imprisoned on the bleak Ile d'Yeu off the southwest coast of France.

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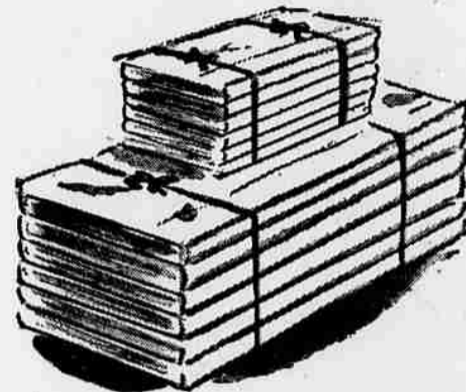
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Father Chains Boy to Tree

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(AP)—A tousled-haired 13-year-old boy was found Friday padlocked to a tree with a heavy logging chain. His father was jailed on an assault and battery charge.

Blond, blue-eyed Ronald Henley said he was shackled for eight hours because he ran off to see a movie. His father, 33-year-old Sam Henley, said he chained the lad "because he wouldn't mind." Ronald was found sitting in the woods behind his three-room home, the big chain locked around his neck and spiked to a large tree.

The elder Henley, father of 10 children, said he had been "having trouble" with Ronald for some time.

"My daddy said he was going to shoot me but instead he chained me to the tree and left me to starve to death because I went to that show," Ronald told police.

District Attorney General J. Carlton Loser said Henley, a veteran of both world wars, will be turned over to the Veterans Administration for a mental examination.

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