

Citizens Gain Delay

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with testimonials from one member of the city planning commission citizens' committee — which proposed the street program in 1950 — and Howard Buford, city planning consultant.

In a combined appeal, the group succeeded in getting the council to delay action.

That meeting was scheduled for Monday, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m. between the council's public works and finance committees and westside residents.

COST ESTIMATES

John McGinty, chairman of the original planning committee, told the council that there were numerous discussions in 1950 centering around the costs to property owners living along a designated cross-town street.

Buford added that the city's cost estimates in paying such streets was based on payments for extra thickness of paving as well as the extra width.

Siegenthaler also charged that changes in street specifications, finally approved by the council Monday night, were a "subterfuge" to give the council a chance to change its assessment policy.

The policy, as approved, requires that at least 9 inches of heavy rock base be installed in the construction of any street, regardless of type, in the future.

It also requires a 2-inch crushed rock leveling coat, and at least a 3½-inch paving of asphalt.

Siegenthaler said he feels it would be "very foolhardy to adopt a policy that would be in force all over the city. It's going to cost people extra money."

TRIAL INCREASE

The council, however, finally approved the new specifications by unanimous vote.

The increase in bus fares was approved to give the City Transit Lines a chance to try its rate differential experiment.

The trial will continue for 120 days, with council action at the end of that time. The firm will keep a constant check on all bus operations during that time, to see if fares meet "out of pocket" costs of night, Sunday and holiday operations.

Pay Boosts

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much, but the administration's position has been that letter postage should go up from three to four cents and air mail postage from six to seven cents.

The President said second class rates which apply on newspapers and magazines should be increased "until such matter makes a fair and reasonable contribution to postal revenues."

Third class mail consists largely of advertising matter. Eisenhower said revenue from it has been "substantially below" the cost of the service and that the rate should be raised so that users of this service will pay a "proportionately fair share" of postal revenues.

As to pay raises, Eisenhower proposed:

1. The pay of classified civil service employees be raised by 202 million dollars, which would be about five per cent of present payrolls. There are about a million employees who would be affected. They would get raises ranging from \$125 a year in the lowest grade to \$800 in the next to the top rating. There would be no increase in the present top pay of \$14,800 a year. Percentage-wise, the individual increases would range from 2.9 per cent to 7.4 per cent.

2. Another \$8,500,000 in raises for State Department foreign service employees and those in the Veterans Administration department of medicine and surgery.

3. Creation of a group health insurance program for the government service at a cost to Uncle Sam of around 55 million dollars annually. The employees themselves would pay about two thirds of the total cost.

4. Pay raises totaling 129 million dollars yearly for postal employees. Nearly half a million mail men and others would benefit. This would be 5 per cent.

All together, the pay raises would affect around 1,500,000 government employees and the White House said all these and around 500,000 others would be covered by the projected group health plan.

Congress was expected to lose little time pushing through the wage raise provisions, although there may be some dispute over the amount. Some members believe a 5 per cent boost is too little.

Objections to coupling pay raise legislation with increased postal rates came from Chairman Murray (D-Tenn.) of the House Post Office Committee; Rep. Rees of Kansas, senior Republican on the committee; House Speaker Rayburn of Texas; and House Republican Leader Martin of Massachusetts.

Britain Says Russ Charge 'Unfounded'

LONDON (AP)—Britain Tuesday rejected as "unfounded" a Russian charge that a U.S. Air Force general had declared that American bombers based in this country were intended for atomic attack on the Soviet Union.

A Foreign Office reply handed to the Soviet Embassy here declared that the Russian note of Dec. 17 had "misquoted and misrepresented" remarks made by Brig. Gen. John D. Stevenson, commander of the 49th U.S. Air Division in Britain.

The Russian note had claimed that Stevenson at a news conference Dec. 10 had said his division had bombers "intended for dealing an atomic blow to the U.S.S.R., and that this task was given to the division as long as 2½ years ago."

Accounts of Stevenson's remarks appearing in the British press quoted him as saying his division was sent to Britain 2½ years ago "for the purpose of giving an atomic punch in support of North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces . . . for the prime purpose of being a deterrent to war."

Stevenson reportedly added that the "destructive punch" his F84 fighter-bomber could deliver "will give the Russians cause for consideration and possibly keep them off so we can continue to employ diplomatic discussions to the point when a hot war will never come about."

Gunmen Get \$35,000

NEW YORK (AP)—Three gunmen tied up the night manager of the Alrae Hotel and carted off a 900-pound safe containing more than \$35,000 in cash and jewelry. The night manager, Anthony Balaban, said he recognized the trio as the same men who robbed the hotel of \$4,000 last October.

Harms' Plans

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in the city hall are also overcrowded.

The council heard a letter from the architectural firm of Wilmsen & Endicott, Eugene, which offered to make a survey of needs and preliminary plans for a fee of cost plus 20 per cent, not to exceed \$1,000.

INVESTMENT

Harms said the money spent on a "sensible plan for the future" would be a good investment even if an immediate expansion is not undertaken. Financing would have to be by a bond issue, decided by the voters, he said.

The mayor called for submission of a bond issue to the voters for a trunk sewer line north and east of the city which would relieve problems in the Paramount area and which could be extended into areas which come into the city.

This, he said, would give the city something to offer the areas east and north of the city limits beyond "vague possibilities."

A large annexation proposal in the area east of Springfield was defeated last year.

SCORECARD

Harms also called for a study of methods of financing extension of sanitary sewers into the area between N and Q Sts. and 5th and 12th; recommended that steps be taken for the opening of North A St. eastward; called for the opening of another east-west street such as K; and urged an immediate study of the costs of covering open ditches, surfacing shoulders, and putting in curbs and gutters on East Main St. between 10th and 19th.

Looking back to his 10 recommendations a year ago, Harms said that in "scorecard form," six of the 10 are either realized or well on their way to completion; two have been partially accomplished or groundwork laid for future accomplishment; and only two have not been fulfilled.

Paratroopers Flown North

EDMONTON, Alta. (AP)—A steady stream of U. S. Air Force transport planes flew into Edmonton Tuesday, carrying 3,000 American paratroopers from Kentucky to maneuvers in Alaska.

The last of the 86 big transports was landed here about noon. After a 12-hour stop, the planes continue on to Alaska via Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory, where they make a two-hour refueling stop.

The paratroopers are members of the 503rd Regimental Combat Team. They are being flown, mainly in C119 Flying Box Cars, from Ft. Campbell, Ky., to Elmendorf Air Force Base at Anchorage, Alaska, to join other U. S. troops and airmen in a combat exercise.

The combat team's commander, Col. Marvin McNichol, arrived here Monday night, in advance of his men.

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be no more than 2 feet during the summer, Taylor said, and would not be injured as a recreational area.

The long tunnel would carry the water around the two scenic falls, the flow of which would be decreased only slightly, and then would be dumped 400 feet down into a power plant at Beaver Marsh. The marsh would have a low dam at its lower end to smooth out the flow of water downstream.

WORK NEEDED

Taylor, and Burke Hayes, consulting engineer, told board members that the plan will be needed in the fall of 1957 because of population increases and that work must be started on preliminary features now to keep up with the schedule.

Hayes, a partner in the Corvallis engineering firm of Corvallis, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield, said this work must be started immediately.

Preliminary and advanced studies which would result in detailed specifications for the components of the project; feasibility report by an independent engineering firm; construction of a road, bridge and camp site; and detailing of a transmission line route.

In addition, he and Taylor said, an attorney should be hired now so that he may have time to familiarize himself with the project in advance of the hearings.

The cost of this work would be about \$108,000 and expenditures could be halted should either hearing result in refusal of a license.

FROM INCOME

The board granted use of this amount from EWEB income.

The board in the past eight years or so has spent a total of \$180,000 investigating the Upper McKenzie area.

The Beaver Marsh project is entirely separate from the Cougar Dam project which aroused a controversy in the last Congress. Cougar is on the South Fork of the McKenzie.

Gets Highest Award

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser presented Egypt's highest award for women Sunday night to Mrs. Jefferson Caffery, wife of the retiring U. S. ambassador to Egypt.

Damage to Boat Charged to Men

FLORENCE—Two local men, James McFadden, 33, and Frederick Justice, 24, were arraigned in justice court here Monday on charges of malicious injury to personal property.

Justice James M. Green set bail at \$1,000 for each man and bound them over to the grand jury.

A Lane County sheriff's office report said the men damaged a fishing boat that didn't belong to them. The report said the boat was crashed against some rocks along the bank of the Siuslaw River at Florence.

In a statement to sheriff's deputies, McFadden and Justice said they didn't remember getting into the boat and didn't realize what they were doing until the boat struck the rocks.

The men admitted they had drunk a large quantity of wine and beer before the boat wreck.

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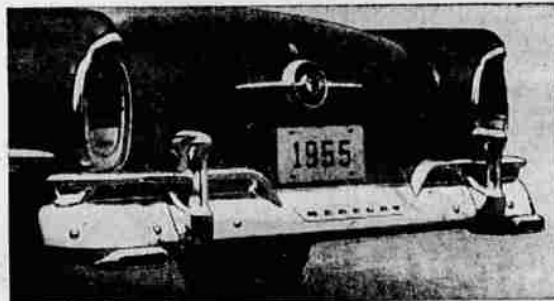


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