



New Look

The weekend's snow and freezing conditions produced many possibilities for photographers searching for a "different" shot. Register-Guard photographer Mirko J. Pitner found these two scenes in downtown Eugene. On the left the

metal salmon in the Park Block fountain seem to be sprouting gigantic icicle-teeth, while drifting snow, above, on car hoods and windshields creates miniature ski slopes.

(Register-Guard photos by Pitner)

EWEB Chief Challenges BPA 'Deficit'

Intertie Argument Disputed by Price

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The argument that the Bonneville Power Administration needs the proposed California intertie to erase a deficit and to stall off an increase in customer rates was disputed Saturday by Byron Price, superintendent of the Eugene Water & Electric Board.

Price's challenge was made at a meeting in Eugene of the Legislative Interim Committee on Natural Resources. It followed testimony by Bernard Goldhammer, power manager of BPA.

The EWEB superintendent took the stand and predicted that the Bonneville system will start immediately to reverse its deficit curve. He said that the loss pleaded by Bonneville will not be true in a few years and that, therefore, BPA should not use "rate increases" as an argument for the intertie.

Price also disputed Goldhammer's earlier statement that steam from the Hanford atomic reactor would be "free steam." (A proposal to use the waste steam from the reactor for generation of electricity was defeated by the last session of Congress.)

Price said that the steam from the reactor would be a cheap source of power only as long as the Hanford plant was producing a weapon material. In about eight years, he said, the plant would be obsolete and from that point on, the power source would be more expensive than other conventional sources.

Saying that he is not opposed to the intertie in principle, Price asserted that the need is not as great as pictured and that some BPA arguments are not valid.

Accused of Nonpayment of \$240,000

Beck Wins Reversal of Tax Conviction

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Dave Beck, predecessor of James R. Hoffa as Teamsters Union boss, won a reversal Saturday of his conviction of evading more than \$240,000 in federal income taxes.

He had been sentenced to five years in prison and fined \$40,000 — then released on bond pending outcome of his appeal.

The U.S. Court of Appeals remanded the case to District Court for a new trial but upheld Beck's conviction on charges of filing false tax returns for his union. For that he got five years in prison and a \$20,000 fine.

In Seattle, Beck hailed the reversal and said the court's affirmation of the union's tax return charges would be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"I never took a nickel from anyone in my life," Beck asserted.

At issue in the reversal was the taxability of embezzled funds as income.

The appeals court decision pointed out that Beck's income included "an amazing series of embezzlement."

In 1945, the appeals court had

decided embezzled funds were not taxable.

This was reversed by the U.S. Supreme Court May 15, 1961, in the case of Eugene C. James, a Chicago union official. The high court ruled that embezzled money is taxable.

But Beck was convicted two

years earlier — Feb. 19, 1959 — so the James ruling could not apply in his case.

Saturday, in Washington, D. C., a spokesman for the Justice Department said the appeals court decision reversing Beck's conviction on income tax evasion charges "reflects the posi-

tion taken by the Department of Justice." The spokesman added, "We will have to study the decision before determining whether to seek a new trial."

The decision, written by Justice Stanley N. Barnes, who was chief of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice from 1953 to 1956, said the jury failed to make clear how much of the evaded taxes was on embezzled funds.

"We cannot read the jury's mind," the decision read, "and we conclude it becomes necessary to reverse the conviction of Beck on the four counts relating to tax evasion and order a retrial of that issue."

Rowan Draws Snub At Memphis Airport

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Carl T. Rowan, Negro assistant secretary of state, was refused service and ordered to leave the restaurant at Memphis Municipal Airport Saturday.

Rowan said he flew to Memphis from Little Rock with three white companions in a small private plane to make connections with a commercial airline.

"When we got to the Memphis airport, they suggested we go in and have coffee, to keep the pilot awake," Rowan said. "I don't drink coffee. I didn't want service."

Rowan said a waitress told him he could not be served and asked him to leave. Rowan said later he would file an official protest with the Justice Department Monday.

Acting Police Chief W. W. Wilkinson said the waitress told Rowan he would have to go to the International Room of the airport which serves Negroes.

Rowan, assistant secretary of state for public affairs, had been in Little Rock Friday night to address a meeting of the Arkansas Council of Human Relations.

The Interstate Commerce Commission last fall broadened existing court and ICC rulings

banning segregated seating on trains and buses and prohibiting interstate carriers in some cases from using segregated terminals. However, it does not have jurisdiction over air travel. The Justice Department has suits pending to desegregate airport facilities at New Orleans and Montgomery, Ala.

Rowan said the waitress called the assistant manager and the police.

Rowan's name also figured in a dispute involving one of Washington's most exclusive clubs earlier this month. When it became known the Cosmos Club, an organization of men prominent in the arts, sciences and public service, had turned down Rowan's membership application a number of members resigned.

The incident touched off a heated debate within the Cosmos membership and the adoption of a resolution opposing racial discrimination.

Names Minister
BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — President Arturo Frondizi has named Carlos Coll Benegas, 55, a banker and businessman, as his fourth economics minister since 1958.

Dist. 19 Board Meets Monday

A report on building needs for the next five years will be made at a meeting of the Springfield School Board Monday.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Mohawk Elementary School, Marcola.

The board will also consider school-park district planning, and hear several reports on current school activities.

After the regular session the Springfield board will meet with the Marcola School Board, to discuss the possibility of a reorganization election to unify the two districts.

To Be Storehouse
LONDON (AP) — Victoria Tower, which juts above the houses of Parliament, has undergone a \$500,000 transformation to serve as a permanent storehouse for ancient government records.

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