

'Round the State

Medford Included In Telstar Program

MEDFORD (UPI)—City officials are collecting pictures and background information on Medford and its mayor in preparation for a July 24 communications experiment via the satellite Telstar.

Medford's part in the experiment was confirmed by the United States Information Agency in Washington, D.C.

Mayor John W. Snider said the experiment calls for him to talk with the mayor of Alba, Italy, Medford's sister city, via Telstar, for four minutes.

The mayor said Medford, the only northwest city chosen to participate, is one of 20 cities in the United States selected to talk with their sister cities in various parts of the world.

Snider is head of the Oregon sister city program.

So far 300 feet of black and white film and numerous travel folders have been sent to the USA. Mayor Snider said he expects the folders to be used in displays throughout Europe to promote the July 24 program.

Other requests have included aerial pictures of Medford, a story of Medford's affiliation with Alba, pictures of Medford visitors in Alba, and a biography of Snider.

Corridor Reduced

PENDLETON (UPI)—The U.S. Navy has agreed to reduce the size of an air approach corridor to its new east Boardman bombing range.

The corridor, one of three, would have placed a restriction on certain traffic on a major flight airway between Pendleton and Portland.

Opposition at the Federal Aviation agency hearing came from United Airlines, Morrow County agricultural interests and the Oregon Pilots Assn.

The opposition was withdrawn after the navy agreed to the reduction in size of the south-west corridor.

Mill Closures Cited

PORTLAND (UPI)—Permanent closures of four more large sawmills in the Douglas fir region have added to the economic despair of the industry, the West Coast Lumbermen's Assn. said Friday.

The association said the latest closures threw hundreds out of work at Bradwood, Ore., and at Seattle, Raymond and Aberdeen, Wash.

Vice president C. C. Edgett said some 200 sawmills have shut down since Canadian lumber imports started squeezing northwest lumber out of United States markets.

Explorations Planned

PORTLAND (UPI)—A second oil firm said Thursday it will start oil explorations off the Oregon coast, while the Oregon Fish Commission wrestled with complaints that fish are being hurt.

Standard Oil launched explo-

rations off the Washington coast and said its boat would move south off Oregon later this summer. Shell already is exploring off Oregon.

The fish commission insisted at a meeting earlier that blasts used by Shell in mapping the ocean floor have had little effect on fish life.

Kenneth Olson of Astoria, a fishermen's spokesman, retorted that the commission lacked sufficient evidence of the effect of the underwater explosions. The commission has promised to step up studies in blast areas.

Budgets Revealed

SALEM (UPI)—Oregon's eight commodity commissions, by which growers expand their markets, will spend \$620,000 in the fiscal year which began July 1, the State Agriculture Department said Friday.

The commissions are for wheat, dairy products, potatoes, alfalfa, fescue seed, fryers, beef and highland bentgrass.

The Dairy Products Commission has the largest budget, \$205,000. Next is the wheat commission's \$122,711 budget.

718,700 on Payrolls

SALEM (UPI)—Oregon's June employment total of 718,700 was 5,000 fewer than in June of last year, the State Department of Employment said Friday.

It blamed the drop on cold, wet weather which delayed farm work.

Non-farm work jumped by 6,000 while logging and sawmill employment was down 1,600.

The June total for all employment was 40,000 higher than in May.

Cattle Diseased

CARACAS, Venezuela (UPI)—Foot-and-mouth disease has broken out among cattle in the western state of Zulia. Cattlemen said 15,000 of 120,000 head in the area south of Lake Maracaibo are infected and called for government action to launch a mass inoculation program.

Tax Collections Up 6 Per Cent

SALEM (UPI)—State tax collections in the year ended June 30 totaled \$112,870,258, or 6.1 per cent more than in the previous fiscal year, the State Tax Commission reported Thursday.

Personal income tax receipts were \$80,474,795, a 7.1 per cent gain.

The corporation tax receipts totaled \$21,465,921, up 2.6 per cent.

The legislature had hoped that state tax collections would jump 15 per cent, and based its budget estimates on that assumption.

However, the State Finance Department has said that the state won't run a deficit, because of economies.

PGE Files Application

SALEM (UPI)—Portland General Electric Co. filed application Thursday for the right to exclusive service to its territory in Multnomah, Marion, Clackamas, Polk, Yamhill, Washington and Columbia counties.

Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill said a hearing would be held. The application was filed under a 1961 law which allows private and public power companies to get exclusive franchises for territory.

PGE said it has made boundary agreements with West Oregon Electric Coop at Vernonia, Tillamook County PUD, Consumers Power of Corvallis, Pacific Power and Light Co. in Portland, and the City of Cascade Locks.

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Governor Backs Proposals For Hanford Power Facilities

SALEM (UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield Thursday "firmly" endorsed proposals to add power generating facilities to the Hanford, Wash., atomic plant.

Hatfield said generation of electricity at Hanford would not only increase energy available to the Northwest power pool, but would help Bonneville Power Administration "in its struggle to maintain its present rate structure."

Hatfield's support was announced in a letter to Sen. Maurice Neuberger, D-Ore., and a telegram to Rep. James E. Van Zandt, R-Pa., of the Joint Atomic Energy Committee.

Sen. Neuberger last week asked Hatfield to declare himself in support of the Hanford legislation.

In the telegram to Van Zandt, Hatfield said "Hanford's electric energy potential should be harnessed for the benefit of the people of the Northwest..."

At the same time, Hatfield called on Mrs. Neuberger to declare herself in favor of the "official position of the state of Oregon regarding the High Mountain Sheep dam proposal which is now before the FCC."

Hatfield supports private construction of the dam by Pacific Northwest Power Co.

"While the marketing of power from the Hanford project outside the preference clause is dubious, no such pail hangs over the proposal for High Mountain Sheep," Hatfield said.

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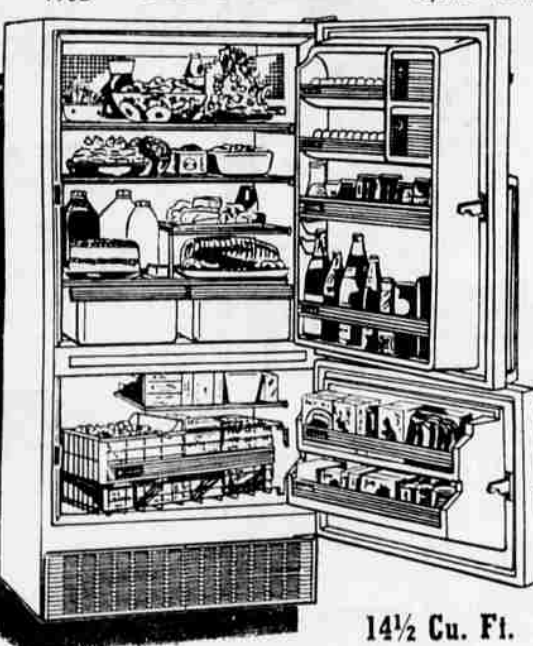
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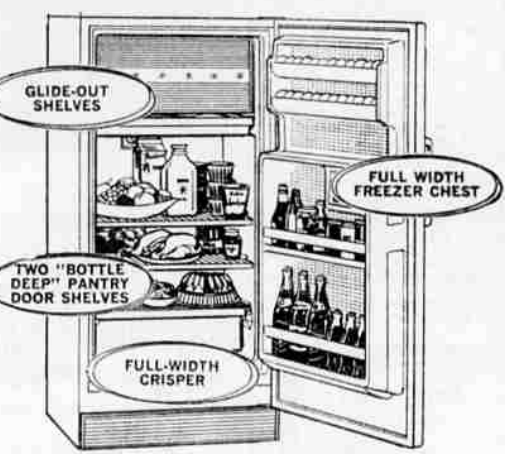
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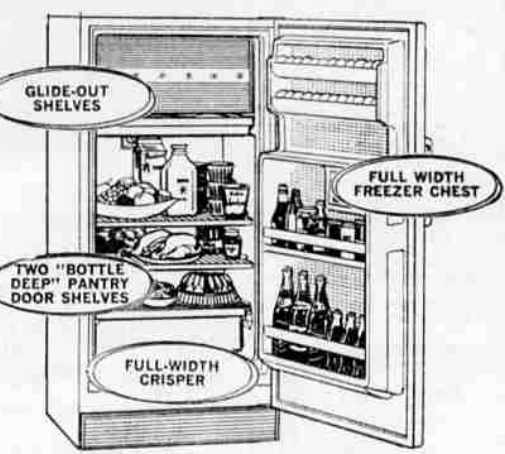


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