

Telephone Strike Arbitration Asked By Senator Morse

Washington, March 21 (U) — Chances appeared slim today that the National Federation of Telephone Workers would accept voluntary arbitration of their wage dispute to avert a nationwide telephone strike next month.

Government labor experts were considering calling a last-minute New York or Washington conference of top union and industry officials to attempt to settle the dispute.

Morse Submits Proposal

Union president Joseph A. Blum agreed to present personally to his top policy committee a proposal by Sen. Wayne Morse, R., Ore., that the union accept voluntary arbitration of its demands for higher wages and improved working conditions.

Union sources predicted the proposal would have tough sledding when the policy committee considers it early next week. The committee will meet here Monday in emergency session to review nationwide bargaining progress and decide whether to call a strike of 325,000 telephone workers sometime after April 7.

Government Is Ready

Meanwhile, Edgar L. Warren, chief of the labor department's conciliation service, disclosed that the government is ready to step into the telephone dispute.

Warren said that 28 top conciliators have been in close touch with negotiations since early last month. He said the conciliation service was "mobilized to avert any interruptions of local or long distance telephone service."

Blum said the Bell system, "which controls 90 per cent of the industry," has steadfastly refused to "offer even one penny in wage increases" to counter the union's demand for a \$12-weekly pay boost.

Feeble Minded Transfer Opposed

Salem, Ore., March 21 (U) — Transfer of the state home for the feeble-minded from Salem to Camp White, near Medford, and taking over of Fairview home by the Oregon state hospital "does not appear to be in the best interest of the state, even if the abandoned army installation were acquired from the federal government," a special investigating committee reported today.

The committee said in its report to the state board of control that movement of the feeble-minded institution to Camp White probably would result in complaints from relatives of inmates because most of them would have to travel farther to see their inmate kin.

It added that an early decision should be made in this matter because the war assets administration is advertising Camp White for sale and buildings needed in the area probably will be disposed of by April 7.

The committee, appointed by the board, pursuant to passage of senate bills 361 and 387, was instructed to make a detailed study and survey of the facilities to determine the feasibility of utilizing the installation as the state feeble minded home.

In an alternate report, William C. Ryan, supervisor of state institutions, said Camp White is more suitable for a home for seniles from the state hospitals and untrained Fairview inmates than it is for feeble-minded persons.

He said it can be converted to such an institution at a cost of \$5,000,000 in a 10-year period. Net operating costs including salaries and general operating expenses would be \$535,132 more per year than it costs to operate existing facilities, he said.

HAMPTON MAN FINED

James McGowan, of Hampton, was fined \$15 and sentenced to 15 days in jail yesterday afternoon when he appeared in municipal court and was found guilty on a charge of being drunk.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



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ANSWER: Los Angeles, California.

Motoring Public Is Angered Over Rising Gasoline Price

Washington, March 21 (U) — The motoring public is angry over rising gasoline prices and is asking the justice department to do something about it.

Acting attorney general Douglas W. McGregor told the United Press that the department was receiving more and more complaints against recent price increases and was determining what it could do.

"The situation on prices of gasoline throughout the country is under study of the anti-trust division," McGregor said. "That's all we can say at this time."

The anti-trust division, it was understood, is seeking to determine whether the increases were due to collusion among the major oil companies. It also is studying whether any other acts illegal under the anti-trust laws were involved.

On a nation-wide basis, the price of high-test gasoline now averages about 17 cents per gallon more than a year ago. Price of standard grades is up about the same.

In some areas, the increases have totaled well over 2 cents a gallon.

McGregor said no formal complaint had been received thus far from Gov. Earl Warren of California. Warren said yesterday that the .8 cent a gallon increase was a "steal" and that he was going to take the matter up with the justice department.

Dealers in the Washington area, where gasoline today costs 13 cents more per gallon than a year ago, said they were "as much in the dark as the motorists as to the reason for the increases effected by the oil companies at the terminals."

The American Automobile association said the national average retail price on March 1, based on prices in 50 representative cities throughout the country, was 21.93 cents a gallon for standard grade gasoline. A year ago, according to AAA figures, it was 20.22.

Deer And Elk Get Salt From Skies

La Grande, Ore., March 21 (U) — Three tons of block salt have been dropped to big game in the Wallowa mountains by Nils Nilsson, biologist for the northern game area, and La Grande pilots in an experiment concluded yesterday.

The experiment marks the first time that salt has been dropped to deer and elk from airplanes in Oregon, Nilsson said. If further investigation proves the air drops successful the method of providing salt for big game in remote areas will probably be instituted as regular game commission procedure, he added.

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Reclamationists Speak In Support Of Rockwell Bill

By Rosemarie Mullany
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, March 21 (U) — Three more spokesmen for the National Reclamation association testified today in favor of a controversial measure which both pro and con witnesses agree would result in an increase in public rates in the west.

They are Don McBride, secretary-manager of the association, Floyd Hagie, who formerly held the position and is now with the Seattle chamber of commerce, and J. H. Moer, director and member of an association study group.

The bill by Rep. Robert Rockwell, R., Colo., is one of several before a house public lands subcommittee to alter reclamation laws. Major witnesses against it were Reclamation commissioner Michael Strauss and his assistant, William E. Warne.

Sawyer Backs Bill

It received strong support yesterday from Robert Sawyer, of Bend, Ore., president of the association.

Sawyer and other witnesses admitted under questioning that the effect of the bill would be to raise public power rates on such areas as the Columbia valley of the Pacific northwest and the Central valley of California. It would, they say, reverse an opinion by a former interior department solicitor that public power rates need not repay enough money to cover the basic power investment.

Such rates now return enough to pay three per cent interest on that investment, operation and maintenance on projects and contribute to irrigation costs too high to be borne by water users.

Support Explained

The reclamation association witness said his group supported the bill because power should be made immediate repayments on principal and because interest earned should not be diverted to pay irrigation costs.

"But we do not support it because it would raise power rates," Sawyer said.

Interior department spokesmen claim that raising power rates would amount "to killing the goose that lays the golden egg for irrigation."

STATE TESTS SET

Salem, Ore., March 21 (U) — State examinations for butter and cheese makers will be held March 27 in the Oregon State college dairy building, the state agriculture department announced today.

The major objective in fruit breeding is now to develop new varieties of better quality and higher food values rather than to secure higher yields.

PRACTICE SHOOT PLANNED

The Bend Trap club will hold a practice shoot Sunday from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. at its grounds south-east of Bend. Members have been holding practice shoots each Sunday for several weeks in preparation for a registered shoot to be held here on April 13.

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Rev. Robert Lutness, of Hines, will give the Lenten message at the Wednesday evening service in the Bend church, March 26 at 7:30.

Senate Approves Numerous Bills

Salem, Ore., March 21 (U) — Senate-approved bills ranging from polygamy to revolving doors were sent to the house today, while Gov. Earl Snell received a measure to pay members of the veterans' advisory council \$10 a day.

The senate yesterday passed legislation to permit divorced persons to remarry 60 days after receiving a final decree, instead of six months. Another bill providing that a person who marries within the 60 days is guilty of polygamy also was passed by the upper house.

Other measures approved by the senate and sent to the house would increase state aid to wayward girls and delinquent children by approximately 50 per cent; change the attorney general's office into a department of justice and centralize the legal divisions of all state departments; and require that revolving doors automatically collapse if two persons try to go through opposite wings at the same time.

The senate passed and sent to the governor bills appropriating \$4,000 for Oregon's part in the tri-state fish compact; permit county judges to issue marriage license waivers in the absence of circuit court judges, and make it illegal for unauthorized persons to sell veterans' discharge emblems.

The governor signed bills prohibiting non-residents from trapping fur bearing animals; prohibiting the sale and shipment of game fish out of the state, and prohibiting persons from operating set lines along the Columbia river without permission from property owners.

Crickets Threaten Arlington Crops

Condon, Ore., March 21 (U) — Crickets threaten to become a serious nuisance, and plans to set up cricket baiting camps throughout the Arlington control area were placed before the members of the cricket control association by Ezra Funk, new supervisor for the bureau of entomology and plant quarantine.

At a meeting of farmers from Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties, H. R. Weatherford of Arlington, chairman of the cricket control association, appointed Herbert Hynd, John Krebs, Russell Miller, Rollo Woods and W. F. Doelpern to aid Funk in getting facilities for the camps.

Crickets Displayed

County agent Ernie Kirsch displayed bottles of young crickets collected in the area. He said crickets are hatching and scouting should begin immediately.

Harvey Summers, district supervisor of the bureau of entomology, said farmers would be able to get bait and bait spreaders without charge from the bureau, which plans to have 13 men, 10 trucks and nine spreaders in the Arlington area.

Isles And U. S. Sign Aid Pact

Manila, March 21 (U) — President Manuel Roxas and Ambassador Paul V. McNutt today signed a military assistance agreement between the Philippines and the United States giving American military equipment and supplies to the Philippines' armed forces.

The agreement provides for an American military mission to the Philippines and for handing over 83 American ships to the new republic. It runs for five years and can be renewed at the Philippines' request.

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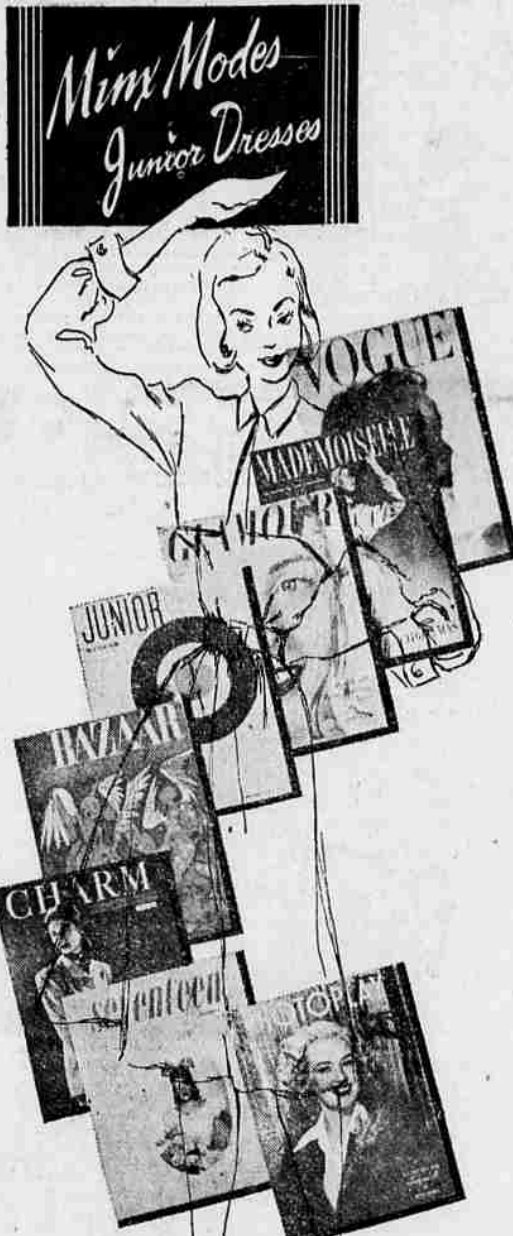
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 - 34 Beast of prey
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 - 37 Stout
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 - 42 Units
 - 43 Monster
 - 44 Sorrowful (Scott.)
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