

RAILROADS OPPOSE IT

Morgan, OTA Favor Rate Regulation Bill

Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan joined Wednesday afternoon representatives of the Oregon Trunkline Assn. and barge line operators in urging passage of Senate Bill 301...

Opposition Expressed Opposition to the bill was expressed by Roy F. Shields and Frank C. McColloch, railroad attorneys representing the Oregon Railways Assn.

Nanette Fabray Collects New Fiance, TV Series and Emmy

By ALINE MOSBY United Press Hollywood Writer HOLLYWOOD (UP)—Nanette Fabray has collected a new fiance, a new TV series and an Emmy award...

Flattered by Award "All this fuss has been embarrassing," confessed Nanette. "I was flattered and thrilled to win. I was sure people would have forgotten my work on Sid's show."

Return to Caesar Possible Nanette's Emmy might play cupid and bring her back to Caesar's show, now that Janet Blair is "divorcing" the comic.

Drug Rushed To Alaska to Save Ill Boy

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—A 4,000-mile mission of mercy ended here Wednesday when a drug so new it is not yet on the market was administered to a critically-ill, month-old boy stricken with meningitis.

The drug is an antibiotic being developed by the E. R. Squibbs and Sons Institute for Medical Research in New Brunswick, N.J.

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Clashing Views Over Ragweed Control Heard

A House Ways and Means subcommittee heard conflicting statements Wednesday night whether ragweed can be controlled.

But there was general agreement that unless something is done about it soon, Oregon's 175 million dollar annual tourist business is threatened.

The committee heard testimony on a bill to appropriate \$50,000 to set up a pilot control program in Western Oregon, where the weed is spreading.

It would let the Department of Agriculture enforce control measures, and require every property owner to eliminate his ragweed.

The weed is the primary cause of hay fever.

Dr. Frank Perlman, Portland, said that 10 per cent of the nation's population is allergic to the weed.

He suggested that doctors might develop a serum so that people wouldn't be bothered by the weed.

Beck Attorney Dies in Seattle

SEATTLE (AP)—Tracy E. Griffin, 65, Seattle attorney who directed government prosecution in a Communist conspiracy case, died Thursday after a long illness.

As a special assistant to the United States attorney general, Griffin was chief counsel at 1954 Smith Act trials here at which five persons were convicted of conspiracy.

Griffin was personal attorney to Dave Beck, president of the Teamsters Union. Beck said that it was because of Griffin's illness that he engaged former Sen. James Duff of Pennsylvania as his chief counsel in Senate committee investigations of Beck's handling of union funds.

Born in Wasco County, Ore., Griffin attended the University of Oregon and was graduated from the University of Washington Law School. He practiced law here more than 40 years.

FSOs Are U.S. Eyes, Ears, Backbone Abroad

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fred Sacksteder was vice consul of the United States at Lyon, France, in 1955.

Until Sept. 1 of that year, life had been fairly routine — visas, import-export licenses, looking after lost or wayward Yanks.

But on that day Sacksteder, now serving in Washington, had an opportunity to demonstrate the payoff of the State Department's careful selection of each Foreign Service officer.

In the State Department's command setup, which closely parallels that of the armed services, the FSO is under constant scrutiny.

His personnel folder is examined by experts yearly. If he is classed with the bottom 10 per cent in proficiency for three consecutive years, he is fired.

His beginning salary is between \$17,500. If he becomes a career ambassador his salary will be \$20,000. The job of an FSO is varied.

The consular and embassy staffs in Italy provided housing and cars for Americans evacuated from Egypt at the height of the Suez crisis, even supplying Thanksgiving dinners out of their own pockets and often in their own homes.

The Austrian and Hungarian staffs worked around the clock during Hungary's October revolt to rescue Americans and then to provide visas and transportation for thousands of refugees.

Until 1954 the department was divided into two services — civil and foreign. The civil group functioned exclusively in this country

on policy-making jobs. There was no provision for interchange of jobs.

The net result was the practical exile of the FSO, while important jobs in the United States were held by men with little or no actual foreign experience.

In 1954 a committee headed by Henry M. Wriston, former president of Brown University, examined this setup and found that among 197 FSOs with more than 20 years experience, 67 per cent had not served more than three years in this country.

"Men immersed continuously in other societies," the report noted, "inevitably tend to lose touch with the circumstances and attitudes that shape policy at home."

This observation cut two ways. Men here permanently could not fully understand foreign problems.

Wriston's committee recommended a merger of the two services and a rotation system. This recommendation is being carried out under Deputy Undersecretary Loy Henderson. Ideally an FSO will come home for duty after every six years overseas.

Last year 12,505 young Americans applied for FSO jobs and of these about 5,500 actually took the extraordinarily stiff written and oral examinations. Only 20 per cent of those making top grades were selected.

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