

ROGUE TRANSIT PERMIT ARGUED AT PUC HEARING

A.L. Schneider Explains Need of Additional Bus Service on Valley Schedule.

Residents of this area need and demand additional bus service between Ashland and Medford to serve intermediate points according to A. L. Schneider, manager for the Rogue Valley Transit company, who presented evidence for his company this morning in the hearing being held here by the Public Utilities commissioner on the company's application for a permit to render service on an alternate route between Medford and Ashland.

Schneider said that in spite of the company's efforts to form the public that the firm had no permit to carry intermediate passengers, the public continued to buy tickets for Camp White and then disembark at the intermediate points.

Greyhound Men Here Conducting the hearing are George H. Flagg, Salem, public utilities commissioner; Arthur F. Harvey, supervisor of transportation for the commission and Don Burke, examiner, all from Salem. Bill Bush is acting as reporter.

Frank C. McCulloch, Portland, attorney for the Greyhound Bus company, protestants, is conducting the bus company's case and here also are W. S. Egger, Portland, Oregon supervisor for the firm and M. C. Frailey, San Francisco, general traffic manager for this district.

George Roberts is attorney for the transit company and William P. Ellis, Salem, is representing the interests of the Rogue River Valley Traffic association and the Fruitgrowers' League. First Lt. John L. Nice of Camp White is attending as an army representative.

New Route Sought Evidence presented during the morning reviewed terms of permits issued in the past and now in effect, proposed schedules to be maintained on the new route and tariffs. The proposed route would leave the main highway at Jackson Hot Springs, serve Talent and re-enter the highway at the junction of the old and new roads. Schneider said that 68 families lived along that section of the route on the old road, whereas but six homes were on the new highway on the comparable section. He gave figures on increased population in the county and declared that the transit company needed the business of a route which would have regular use to bolster the fluctuating profit from the Camp White route.

Under cross-examination Attorney McCulloch attempted to show that the Greyhound line had supported the transit company's previous applications for bus route permits under the specific agreement that no intermediate service would be given.

MORE PW'S FOR WORK ON FARMS

Washington, March 14—(U.P.)—War Food Administrator Marvin Jones today disclosed that the War Department probably will supply 100,000 prisoners for farm work at the 1945 harvest peak.

Last year about 70,000 prisoners aided U. S. farmers. The additional 30,000 this year will be made available from 100,000 German prisoners expected to arrive in this country soon.

"Regardless of war developments, another record output of food and fiber crops is urgently needed," Jones said. He added that even more city people and imported workers again will be needed for emergency field and harvest labor.

Tribune To Give Tourney Score The Mail Tribune office will be open Thursday night from 8:30 until 9:30 to answer telephone calls on the score of the Medford-Vernonia basketball game, to be played at the state tournament at Salem. The office will also be open Friday night, if Medford advances to the semi-finals, but the hour of play is not yet known.

New Crossings



Remagen, Germany, is the site of the American First Army's capture of the Ludendorff Bridge, a vital crossing over the Rhine. The map shows the strategic importance of this area in the Western Front.

Berlin reports that American First Army has forced two new Rhine crossings north of Remagen Bridge and rammed upwards of 50,000 men into the salient for a full-scale drive against southern flank of Ruhr basin. All enemy positions were cleaned out in the West area in north and a large Nazi force was completely cut off west of Remagen.

MORE FUNDS ARE SUGGESTED FOR FEDERAL OFFICES

Washington, March 14—(U.P.)—The house appropriations committee recommended yesterday that congress loosen its purse strings and give the state department more money to achieve its foreign policy objectives.

The recommendation was made in a bill to provide \$259,109,700 for the state, justice and commerce departments and the federal judiciary during the 1946 fiscal year.

The figure represented an increase of \$23,225,608 over appropriations for the current fiscal year, and the state department alone received an increase of approximately that amount.

The committee endorsed the department's foreign policy objectives and said it was disincensed "to restrict or delay their attainment because of insufficient appropriations."

Funds Recommended An appropriation of \$71,878,400 was recommended for the state department for the fiscal year, exclusive of overtime pay for employees, compared with a corresponding figure of \$47,070,588 for the current year.

In its justice department recommendations, the committee departed from usual practice and increased the amount approved by the budget bureau.

The bureau had approved an estimate of \$92,322,500, compared with \$103,546,282 this year, but the committee raised the total to \$93,468,900.

The bureau's estimate would have forced the FBI to close five field offices and drop 400 agents and 200 clerks. However, the committee said it was unwilling to jeopardize the nation's internal security program. It said it had confidence in FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and believed he would not spend all of the money unless he needed it.

New Car Eligibility List Cut Down to Eight Groups This country which used to turn out millions of automobiles every year now has only 10,000 new cars left. So the office of price administration today cut from 26 to eight the categories of persons eligible to buy new automobiles.

The new cars are 1942 models, the last produced by the automobile industry before it went 100 per cent into the business of making weapons with which to kill Germans and Japanese.

MEDFORD URGED TO CAST EYE ON POSTWAR FUTURE

Mayor Meeker Tells of Possibilities of City in Address at Rotary Club.

"Medford people must raise their sights and think in larger terms than ever before in post-war days," C. A. Meeker, mayor of Medford told members of the Medford Rotary club in an address Tuesday. Speaking at a luncheon meeting at the Hotel Medford, Mayor Meeker predicted a population of 25,000 for this city for the near future.

Sale of city lots, totaling \$10,500 since January 1 of this year, 20 per cent higher school registration and 850 more water outlets in the past two years tells the story of consistent growth here, Meeker said.

The migration toward the northwest, certain to come after the war, will further strain existing utilities here.

Among the urgently needed post war projects the mayor included \$175,000 expansion of Medford's present inadequate sewage disposal plant, \$75,000 trunkline sewer line, park development on the site recently donated to the city, modern lighting on Main street, a new bridge at Jackson street and an enlarged library.

One single post war bond issue was recommended to meet the cost of these essential projects.

Mayor Meeker urged the 17,000 "stockholders" of Medford's \$22,000,000 corporation not to indulge in "peace meal" planning for the post-war era. The present highly favorable financial position of the city was outlined.

The speaker expressed regret in the fact that city governments are not permitted by law to set up reserves for practical future municipal planning and replacement of antiquated utilities.

The mayor was introduced by Emerson Merrick, Rotary program chairman.

STILWELL ROAD LOADS LESS THAN HOPED FOR

Chungking, March 14—(U.P.)—War supplies being transported into China over the Stilwell road from Burma are smaller than anticipated, but "quite a tonnage" is being trucked into Chungking, Brig. Gen. Mervin Gross said today.

Gross, acting chief of staff of U. S. forces in China, told a press conference that "actual capacity of the road is lower than was anticipated before its opening due to over-estimates and over-enthusiasm."

Gross said that air transport of vital supplies into China still plays an important and valuable role.

SNOW IN GENERAL IN MOUNTAINS OF COUNTY Snow fell generally throughout the mountains of Jackson county last night with prospects of a further fall. Four inches of new snow fell at Prospect, and at Fish Lake, the California-Oregon Power company, and the Medford Irrigation district reported. In some of the mountain areas it was drizzling rain this morning.

Landslide of Bills Before As Committees Strive To Cast Eye On Postwar Future

Salem, Ore., March 14—(U.P.)—A landslide of bills rolled into both houses of the Oregon legislature today as members attempted to clean committee calendars to permit adjournment late this week.

The session reached its 66th day today, breaking the all-time record set in 1939, and members have gone 16 days without pay. Speedy action on appropriation bills is making a quick windup possible.

Each house had 30 bills on the calendars today, with interest centering on reapportionment, tax and education, milk and wine measures, and cigarette taxation.

Twelve new appropriation bills were given the "speed-up" treatment in the House and were on today's calendar, while the Senate rushed the first 13 budget bills to the governor for signature and cut the red tape for the remaining measures.

School Bills Wait Several school appropriation measures (HB259-281) were held in the joint Senate ways-means and assessment-taxation committees awaiting expected passage in the upper house of related school revenue bills for a five-mill tax levy, 2-cent cigarette tax and \$8,000,000 excess income tax diversion, plus a June 22 election for vote of the people.

The House Memorial (HJM) which petitioned the president to revoke the order allowing loyal Japanese to return to the coast, was tabled by the House Resolutions Committee.

Rep. Warren Erwin, one of the Memorial's sponsors, objected to the postponing action.

Marine In Favor Of Sending Japs Back To Homeland

Gresham, Ore., March 14—(U.P.)—The action taken by the Oregon Property Owners Protective League at a mass meeting here was the first step in a move to form a nation-wide anti-Japanese organization, A. E. McCroskey, Seattle, advertising man and organizer of the Oregon group, said today.

Five speakers at the mass meeting exhorted assembled farmers and townspeople to seek removal of all Japanese-Americans from the west coast. One of the speakers was T. W. Pattee, a one-armed discharged marine.

"We should keep the Japanese away from our homes until the war is over," Pattee declared, "and then — citizens or not citizens — we should send them to Japan."

OAKLAND DRYDOCK CREW TO BE REDUCED Oakland, Calif., March 14—(U.P.)—A lay-off of approximately half the remaining 16,500 workers at the Moore Drydock Company during the next four months was anticipated today.

Some 8,500 workers will be gradually dismissed as the new ship construction program comes to a close August 1, according to officials. The remaining work force of 8,000 will be kept busy with ship repair work. Employees at the yards have declined from a high of 38,000 a year ago.

INSURANCE HEAD DIES Belvedere, Calif., March 14—(U.P.)—Herman Albert Behrens, 60, prominent Chicago insurance man and chairman of the board of directors of the Continental Casualty company, died today following a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Grace.

By Ben Gallo United Press Staff Correspondent Chicago, March 14—(U.P.)—Capt. Arthur Wermuth, the one-man army of Bataan, has suffered brutal treatment by the Japs since he was taken prisoner nearly three years ago. Pfc. Louis Zells, 31, one of the prisoners rescued from the Cabanatuan prison camp, revealed today.

Zells, who is home on furlough, said the Jap guards once beat Wermuth until he was unconscious because he demanded better working conditions for his men. Wermuth spent several weeks in the hospital recovering from the brutal attack, he said.

HOUSE INSISTS ON TEETH FOR BILL TO FORCE LABOR

Republicans and Pro-Labor Democrats Foiled in Effort to Kill Work or Jail.

Washington, March 14—(U.P.)—The administration today thwarted efforts of house republicans and pro-labor democrats to kill the work-or-jail bill.

By a vote of 211 to 177 the house approved a motion by Rep. Adolph J. Sabath, D., Ill., to cut off further debate and vote on a resolution calling for disagreement with the senate-passed bill and appointment of a joint senate-house conference committee to settle differences on manpower legislation between the two houses.

Had the motion been defeated, the way would have been open for consideration of the milder senate bill, and the house measure bill would have been as good as dead.

The house bill would provide draft dodger penalties for deferred men 18 to 45 who refused to take or hold essential jobs when ordered to do so by selective service. The senate bill would give statutory powers to the war manpower commission voluntary manpower program, and would penalize labor hoarders and wasters only.

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USO GROUP KILLED Washington, March 14—(U.P.)—Seven USO entertainers were killed overseas March 3 in the crash of an army transport plane, it was reported today. Details were not available and names of the victims were withheld pending formal notification of the next of kin.

Radio Highlights Washington, March 14—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt will make a brief radio appeal for the Red Cross next Tuesday night, March 20, the White House announced today. Mr. Roosevelt will speak over all networks, from 8 to 8:05 p. m.

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