

FCC LIFTS BAN ON TELEVISION

There is no indication that Medford will have a television station in the near future, despite the "de-freeze" on new TV station construction and the allocation of two channels here, it appeared today.

Managers of both Medford radio stations said that as far as they know, no applications have been filed with the Federal Communications Commission for the operation of a station here.

The two channels allotted Medford, 4 and 5, are both very high frequency. The one in Ashland, No. 14, is ultra high frequency, as is the one assigned to Grants Pass, No. 30.

Difficulties facing the construction of TV stations in smaller communities such as Medford include the high initial construction cost, which is much higher than that for a radio station, and high continuing operating costs, which make a profitable return questionable, it was explained.

Washington—(U.P.)—The government has opened the door for the nation to have 2,053 television stations in 1,291 communities, most of which now have none.

That does not mean that a couple of thousand new TV stations will spring immediately into being. The whole country now has only 108, and probably no more than a score of new ones will be operating by the year's end.

But the Federal Communications Commission at long last has lifted the freeze imposed on new stations Sept. 30, 1948, and had adopted a plan broad enough to permit 2,053 stations in the indefinite future.

The 1,291 communities affected are scattered through the 48 states and Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Plans Worked Out Against Interference

The 1948 freeze was imposed because interference between stations had developed. In removing the freeze, the FCC at the same time announced it had worked out plans for insuring against such interference when new stations are built.

Although not more than 20 or so new stations are expected by the end of this year, some 200 probably will go into operation in 1953.

There are 523 applications for new stations already on file. And great numbers are expected to start flowing into Washington this week.

Non-TV Areas Considered

The commission will not start processing the applications until July 1. First consideration will go to areas now without TV and to communities where stations are planned in the new ultra high frequency (UHF) band.

The FCC plans also to give priority to applications for non-commercial educational stations. It set aside 242 of the 2,053 assignments for such purposes. This is less than half the number of educational TV stations Commissioner Frieda B. Hennock had fought for.

The FCC's new allocation plan made it possible to lift the freeze. It assigns 12 very high frequency (VHF) and 70 UHF channels in such a way that no two stations' signals will get mixed up and spoil home reception.

VHF is the only band now used.

Must Modify Sets

Because UHF television broadcasting will be new, many sets now in homes will have to be modified if UHF stations come into their areas. Sets of the future, however, will be equipped to get both bands.

Under the allocation, stations using like channels will be separated in a way that, along with other considerations such as amount of power used, will insure against interference. Minimum separations, depending on geographical location, run from 170 to 205 miles on VHF and 155 to 205 miles on UHF.

Assignments of channels include: (numbers bearing E are reserved for non-commercial educational uses).

Oregon: Albany 55; Ashland 14 (UHF); Astoria 30; Baker 37; Bend 15; Burns 16; Corvallis 7, 49; Eugene 9, 13, 20, 26; Grants Pass 30 (UHF); Klamath Falls 2; La Grande 13; Lebanon 43; McMinneville 46; Medford 4, 5 (UHF); North Bend 16; Pendleton 28; Portland 6, 8, E 10, 12, 21, 27; Roseburg 28; Salem 3, E 18, 24; Springfield 37; The Dalles 32.

Demand Made To Seek Bottom of Morris Case

Washington—(U.P.)—Republican members of a House subcommittee investigating the Justice department have demanded that the group dig to the bottom of the administration's short-lived anti-corruption campaign.

They said the public is entitled to know whether Newbold Morris was hired to "whitewash" the administration and then summarily fired when it was found he planned to do a real clean-up job.

Anesthetic Gas Explosion Inside Lungs Fatal to Mother on Operating Table

New York—(U.P.)—The death of his wife from an explosion of an anesthetic gas inside her lungs brought grief and bitterness to Frank Manfra on his sixth wedding anniversary.

Died on Operating Table
Mrs. Manfra, 30, was killed Saturday in a "terrible catastrophe" on an operating table at Cumberland hospital only a few minutes after she had been delivered of her third daughter.

Hospital authorities disclosed the tragedy Sunday. They said that cyclopropane gas inhaled by Mrs. Manfra was ignited by a

Pickets Stationed At Western Union's Office in Medford

Pickets went on duty in front of the Medford office of the Western Union company, at South Central avenue and Ninth street, this morning. Manager Frank Gray said, however, his office is still accepting messages to those Western Union offices which are operating.

John R. Fitzmartin, Seattle, who identified himself as chairman of the strike committee of Local 40, Commercial Telegraphers' union, AFL, said that he and Mrs. Ida Fleming, Seattle, vice-president of the local union, have come here to organize the picketing. They will be here "until something breaks," Fitzmartin reported.

Two On Duty
Two pickets were on duty this morning and Fitzmartin said that arrangements have been made with AFL unions here to supply local people as pickets. Three employees of Western Union passed the picket line this morning, Fitzmartin said.

He added that a meeting was scheduled for 3 p.m. today at the Labor temple at which the union's side of the strike will be explained. He said the meeting is open to all WU employees wishing to attend.

The nation-wide strike against Western Union began April 2.

Blood Drive Failure Feared This Week

Officials of the Jackson county blood program reported today that this week's drive is in danger of falling further behind its goal than any other local campaign. Approximately 250 donors are still needed of a vitally-needed goal of 500 for the Tuesday and Wednesday collections.

Additional donors are coming in "very slowly," they said. Only a few telephone calls are being received daily and Red Cross representatives have asked for "drop-in" donors both days. The best hours for persons stopping by without an appointment will be from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, they stated.

Drive officials could offer no explanation for the lag in interest in the campaign.

The blood collection unit will be at the Elks temple from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday. Appointments may be made by telephoning Medford 3-3813.

BEGIN PRISON TERMS

Two men were taken to Salem by Sheriff Howard Gault today to start three-year terms in Oregon state penitentiary, according to sheriff's deputies. They are Charles Wayne Pace, 28, of Oden, Ark., sentenced on a charge of passing a worthless check in Ashland, and Tom James Blevins, 35, of Chickasha, Okla., convicted on a charge of stealing a set of golf clubs in Ashland.

spark kicked up by someone walking across the operating room. The explosion occurred shortly after the child had been delivered by caesarian section and removed to the nursery.

No Negligence
"There was no negligence on the part of the hospital," Dr. B. G. Dinin, medical superintendent, said. "These things have happened before in other hospitals despite all efforts at safety precautions."

But Manfra, a 31-year-old Brooklyn navy yard worker, could not "believe it." He had hoped to have a quiet anniversary celebration at his wife's bedside Monday.

Towns Abandoned As Missouri Flood Crest Approaches

Mass Evacuation Being Carried Out

Sioux City, Iowa—(U.P.)—Whole towns were abandoned Monday in the greatest mass evacuation for Iowa and Nebraska as the crest of the Missouri river—running almost three stories deep—nearly Sioux City.

Like refugees in a war zone, the displaced fled in trucks and automobiles, aboard trains and on foot.

Estimated 40,000 Flee
An estimated 40,000 persons at major points along the river left their homes, their businesses and most of their possessions to the merciless advance of the Missouri—a river gone wild in its greatest flood.

The Red Cross estimated that flood waters in seven Midwest states have brought damage to 73,800 persons.

The Iowa towns of Sloan, Whiting, Blencoe and Riverside became ghost cities along with the Nebraska communities of Dakota City and South Sioux City.

Many Ordered Out
And downstream at the large cities of Omaha, Neb., and Council Bluffs, Ia., on opposite shores of the Missouri, 30,000 persons were ordered out. Council Bluffs will be three-fourths deserted when the evacuation is complete.

Armed men patrolled the abandoned town in boats to prevent looting of the deserted homes and business establishments.

The Missouri churned like a muddy mountain rapids past Sioux City at 24.3 feet. It was expected to creep up to almost 25 feet when it crested, expected at midday.

It pounded at weakening bridges, using as battering rams the accumulation of furniture, water tanks, trees and the thousand other pieces of debris it had snatched up in its furious race to the south.

Relief Train Halts
The last regularly operating transportation between Sioux City and its Iowa neighbor was stopped when the Burlington railroad halted service on a relief train carrying refugees across the river of the highlands above Sioux City.

Not one person was left in the Sioux City suburb of Riverside after all of its 5,000 residents abandoned the city to the river. Only the armed looting patrol moved through its canal-like streets past quiet and deserted houses.

South Sioux Evacuated
Across the river, South Sioux City, Neb., was evacuated.

A short distance downstream at Dakota City, Neb., 3,000 persons carrying clothing, sacks of canned food and family pets, streamed out of the town Sunday ahead of the advancing waters.

Long lines of trucks rumbled out of Council Bluffs, loaded with evacuees.

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SET BUDGET TALKS

Seven county school districts have scheduled budget hearings Tuesday before the county rural school board, it was reported today. The hearings and times include Jacksonville 10:30 a.m., Shady Cove, 11:30 a.m., Phoenix 1:30 and 2 p.m., Talent 2:30 p.m., Butte Falls 3 p.m., Rogue River 3:30 p.m., Lone Pine 4 p.m. and Evans Valley 4:30 p.m.

Tunis—(U.P.)—A screaming mob of Nationalist agitators threw rocks and a home-made grenade at guards outside Tunisian Premier Salah Eddine Bacouch's residence Monday but dispersed when police fired into the air.

Manfra said several surgeons had recommended a caesarian operation Saturday and he gave his consent. Mrs. Manfra had delivered her first two children without any trouble, her husband said.



THEY LIKE IKE—The two girls above are displaying their desires of seeing Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower get the GOP presidential nomination. In the upper photo, Jackie Loughrey has let the political campaign go to her head. Nancy Majors, lower photo, displays an "I Like Ike" button valued at a half million dollars. The centerpiece is the 155-karat diamond brooch "Spellbound" on display in San Francisco.

First Anti-Hail Flight of Season Made Here Sunday

The first cloud-seeding flight of the season for the prevention of hail was made here yesterday, according to Eugene Kooser, who, with Harvey Brandau, holds a contract with the Rogue Valley Traffic association for the hail work.

Total flight time was 1 hour 47 minutes. Kooser said, but less than five minutes of that time was devoted to actual seeding, on clouds which had built up heads to more than 20,000 feet, and were threatening to form hail or snow pellets.

The seeding agent they used "reacted very nicely," Kooser said, and caused the tops of the clouds to flatten down, eliminating the hail threat and apparently resulting in heavy rain over the area seeded, generally along the range of hills between Mt. Ashland and Gold Hill.

Kooser said a later flight of 27 minutes was made to observe results, during which no additional seeding was done. An observational flight was also made on Sunday, April 6, Kooser reported.

Radio Highlights

A "candidates' roundup" will be broadcast from 8 to 9 p.m. on radio station KYJC (1230 kc) today. About 16 candidates for local office will appear on the show and will be given an opportunity briefly to state their positions in regard to their candidacies.

Weather

FORECAST: Clear to partly cloudy and colder tonight. Fair Tuesday. Low tonight 28. High Tuesday 60.

Highest Yesterday 55
Lowest this Morning 28
Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today 19

Taft, Eisenhower Backers in Final New Jersey Push

Observers Concede Election to Ike

Newark, N. J.—(U.P.)—Supporters of Sen. Robert A. Taft and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower fired last-minute broadsides before the candidates clash head-on Tuesday in what may be a "turning point" primary for both men.

Ike Needs Clear Win
Eisenhower needed a "clear cut" victory in the industrial state to keep his campaign rolling in high gear. A strong vote for Taft would offset the damage his vote-pulling reputation suffered in the New Hampshire and Minnesota primaries and bolster his stock tremendously.

Political observers generally conceded New Jersey to Eisenhower. But there was ample evidence the voting may be close, a factor favorable to Taft, and Eisenhower backers have urged a heavy turnout.

Record Vote Seen

With mild weather in the offing, election officials predicted that almost a record 1,000,000 of the state's 2,400,000 eligible voters would participate, far outdistancing the old record of 913,538 ballots cast in the 1940 presidential primary.

Former Minnesota Governor Harold E. Stassen also was entered in the GOP primary, but he was given little chance despite a week-long speaking tour throughout the state.

Sen. Estes Kefauver, who moved into the state Monday for a brief whirlwind campaign, was unopposed on the Democratic ballot.

Delegates are not bound by the result.

Barge Summoned To Rescue Vessel

Oregon City—(U.P.)—An Army Engineers' barge was called in Monday to try to remove a 36-foot boat lodged on a rock ledge 50 feet over the precipice of Willamette Falls here.

Rescue workers tried without success Sunday to find the Oregon City man believed aboard the craft when it plunged over the falls Saturday night.

The boat's lone passenger was identified as John W. Bailey, 40, a mechanic.



GOV. STEVENSON To Be in Oregon May 1

Stevenson To Speak At Democratic Dinner

Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois will make his first visit to Oregon on May 1 when he addresses the Jefferson-Jackson dinner at Portland, it has been announced. C. Girard Davidson, Portland attorney and former assistant Secretary of the Interior, is general chairman of the banquet.

Stevenson, who has been widely discussed as a Democratic candidate for president although he has steadfastly claimed the reelection as Illinois governor is all that he desires, has been placed on the Oregon primary ballot for the May 16 election without his consent.

Tickets for the traditional fund raising event of Oregon's Democratic party will be \$10 per plate. The banquet will be held at the Columbia Athletic club in Portland.



TIME OUT TO PRAY—Easter services for fighting GI's in Korea came early for some. Others, on patrol, will have to wait until later in the week. Here Pvt. Jesse Martinez of Merced, Calif. (left), and Pfc. Angelo Gargano of Brooklyn say the Rosary before a crude chapel near the front. Both belong to Medical Co., 279th Infantry Regiment of the 45th Division, U. S. Army Photo by Cpl. Jack Gunter.

District Attorney Hit For Non-Enforcement Of Gambling Statutes

Charges that District Attorney Paul Haviland has failed in his responsibility to enforce the state's laws against gambling were made today by Walter Nunley, young Medford attorney who is opposing Haviland for the Republican nomination for district attorney.

Nunley will explain his charges in a radio campaign talk over station KMED at 9:30 p.m. tonight.

Attorney General Knows
"Our district attorney has said that he is not aware of violations of our gambling laws," Nunley said. "He has said that if a private citizen will sign a complaint, he will prosecute. The attorney general's office in Salem knows about the gambling situation in Jackson county. Our own district attorney in Jackson county is not aware of it."

"I visited seven local dining saloons, cafes and taverns one evening last week," Nunley continued. "Five of them had open gambling. . . . The proprietors pay the winnings in cash across the counter without even giving you a furtive look. This confidence of lack of fear of the consequences by those who violate the laws could only have its roots in stupidity or a knowledge that they won't be prosecuted, and they are far from being stupid. . . ."

"The signature of the district attorney or his assistant adorns most of the complaints filed for juvenile thefts of beer, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and other like cases, yet the signature of a private citizen must be upon a complaint filed under the gambling statutes," Nunley declared.

Attorney Nunley continued: "Jackson county is becoming a less desirable place in which to live and to raise our children because it is suffering from an extremely serious malady. . . . disintegration of integrity and public morals in public office. Its symptoms? Flagrant disregard of our laws by many persons in the community and a failure of the authorities to prosecute those persons. . . ."

"Public Watchdog"
"The district attorney is the public watchdog. He is the guardian of public morals; he represents the public conscience and is the protector of all that is good, decent and wholesome in our community—the alert and aggressive destroyer of all that is evil and unlawful. Our watchdog has gone to sleep. Those persons who benefit financially by violating our laws no longer deem it necessary to slip in and out of the backdoors of our community. With firm tread and righteous demeanor they walk our streets and are welcome in our most respectable institutions," Nunley charged.

Haviland and Nunley are the

Action Expected To Hike Earnings By \$678,000,000

Average Increase Said 8 Per Cent

Washington—(U.P.)—The Interstate Commerce commission has authorized railroad freight rate increases estimated to boost the nation's transportation bill by \$678,000,000 annually.

The ICC granted the railroads an average rate increase of from 7 to 8 per cent more than they are now receiving.

Called 'Surcharges'

Actually, the ICC authorized a 15 per cent increase over what rates were last August. However, this increase replaced hikes of 9 per cent in Eastern territory, that area north of the Potomac and Ohio and east of the Mississippi rivers, and 6 per cent elsewhere.

The 15 per cent increase, like the increases of 9 and 6 per cent given last August, were called "surcharges" and were granted only through Feb. 28, 1954.

Notice Required

There are certain limitations and exceptions in application of the rate increases. They may be put into effect on 15 days of public notice by the railroads, except on grain and its products in which case 30 days' notice is required.

A number of water carriers and freight forwarders who were parties to proceedings before the ICC may put similar increases into effect.

12th General Increase

Although Commissioners Clyde B. Aitchison and Charles D. Mahaffey concurred in the decision, they said they felt no over-all increase above 12 or 13 per cent was justified outside of Eastern territory.

The commission noted that this was the 12th general increase allowed since World War II.

Exceptions Included

Exceptions to the general authorization included:

1. Fresh fruits and vegetables, melons, and edible nuts; lumber and articles carrying lumber rates; canned or preserved food products; and copper, lead and zinc articles, all subject to a maximum increase of 12 cents per 100 pounds.

2. Building woodwork and millwork, subject to a maximum increase of 14 cents per 100 pounds.

Voter Registration Deadline Tuesday

Residents of Jackson county who wish to vote in the primary election May 16, but who are not now registered, have until 8 p. m. tomorrow to register.

The county clerk's office will remain open until the evening hour Tuesday to accept last-minute registrations, it was reported today.

Deputy clerks report that near-record numbers of residents are registering to vote this year and that a number of them are re-registering to change their parties.

As of last week, a total of 29,000 county residents were registered to vote.

New Atomic Test Explosion Expected at Venada Site

Las Vegas, Nev.—(U.P.)—Nuclear scientists began arriving here in large numbers Monday and indications were that the second shot of the latest atomic series will be touched off Tuesday.

It was not known whether the blast would be unleashed from the air or from one of the five steel towers that have been constructed at Frenchman's Flat and nearby Yucca Flat.

Atomic Device Expected

But indications pointed to the testing of another atomic device rather than a full-blown atomic bomb. Scientists explained that the first explosion of the present series was not an atomic bomb, but rather a nuclear device to be developed into future atomic weapons.

Military personnel were not expected to take part in this week's test, but have been arriving by the thousands at this desert resort city, presumably for

the "real" show, expected after April 20.

The upcoming blast will mark the 14th at the desert proving ground here and it will be the 15th in the continental limits of the United States. In all U. S. scientists have touched off 25 nuclear charges in atom-bomb history, including the devastating war-time explosions in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Public Test Due

The explosion of an atomic bomb after April 20 has been designed as a "public" atomic weapon test.

The vanguard of more than 7,000 Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force personnel who will participate in the big event, began arriving Sunday. Units include parts of the army's 82nd airborne division which began landing at Indian Springs Air Force base, situated about 25 miles from the southern Nevada atomic test sites.