

Copco Testimony Presented Today At Rate Hearing

Sessions To Continue Tomorrow Morning

A public utilities commissioner's hearing on a proposed increase in California Oregon Power company electrical rates opened here today. It is scheduled to continue through tomorrow morning.

The proposed increase would average 20 per cent, which is estimated would bring in an additional \$2,349,000 to the firm annually.

Frank C. Bash, vice-president and treasurer of Copco, the third company witness to appear this morning, was giving testimony when the hearing was recessed for lunch this morning.

Bash was to continue his testimony this afternoon, and four more Copco witnesses were scheduled to appear.

To Resume
Following completion of Copco testimony, the hearings will be recessed for an indefinite time to allow the public utilities commission and adverse witnesses time to study the firm's testimony.

There will be no cross examination of witnesses at this portion of the hearing. Only questions for purposes of clarification are allowed at this time.

Those other than company witnesses who have indicated they will take part in the hearings, include John R. McCullough, representing the PUC; Paul Geddes, state senator appearing as Roseburg city attorney; Walter Evans, representing the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce; Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association; Rogue River Valley Traffic association and other groups; George R. Stuntz, representing Todd Building company, Roseburg; Frank Koch, Central Point, representing the Grange Agriculture committee, and Charles Cray, representing the local electrical union.

'Wait and See'
In an opening statement, Evans said the groups he represents have adopted a "wait and see" policy in the hearings, placing the burden on Copco to prove the need for the proposed rate increase.

Koch and Cray stated that their groups are definitely opposed to any increase.

Cray, representing the 1,600-man electrical union, said his group, a majority of whom are Copco employees, "feels that the company is entitled to ask for an increase." "We know their problems," Cray said, pointing out that Copco has been paying good wages and that the firm's electrical power has been a beneficial thing to the entire area. "We are on record in favor of the company's request," Cray said.

Need For New Capital
The first to appear as a witness for Copco this morning was A. S. Cummins, president of the firm, who testified that "it is my opinion that the long-term interest of our customers can best be served if we have the financial strength and credit which will allow us to attract at a reasonable cost the new capital which is so vital to the development of our growing service area."

He stated that the factors primarily responsible for the company's need for a rate increase are inflation, and unprecedented growth in demand on the company for electrical service.

George M. Rives, of Bebeck, Phleger and Harrison, San Francisco, who are acting as general counsel for Copco, pointed out that this is the first general rate increase the company has ever sought. The firm has made numerous decreases and two adjustments resulting in increases, Rives said.

Other Witnesses
Witnesses who followed testimony by Cummins were John C. Boyle, Copco vice-president and general manager, and Bash.

Boyle testified on demands on the Copco system, and construction planned for the future, including five new hydroelectric plants estimated to cost more than \$38,000,000, \$18,000,000 in additional transmission, and \$19,000,000 in additional distribution facilities. This is a minimum program, Boyle said, and must be finished in a five-year period if Copco is going to continue to furnish adequate service to its customers.

Site for Courthouse Wing Under Inspection

Jackson county commissioners and Architect Ben H. Todd, hired by the county in connection with building a new wing on the courthouse, were to look over the site of the new wing today and begin making tentative plans.

Plans call for the new wing to be built onto the back of the present building.

Weather

FORECAST — Fair and warm through Wednesday. Scattered thunderstorms over mountains Wednesday afternoon. Low tonight 55; high Wednesday 90.

	Temp.
Highest yesterday	89
Lowest this morning	59



ROYAL ENCOURAGEMENT—King Paul (right) of Greece talks to a survivor of the earthquakes on Ithica, one of three islands off the Greek mainland devastated by six days of great tremors. The quakes claimed more than 1000 lives and injured 4000 persons.

Red Chinese Running Show in North Korea, POW Returnee Claims

Panmunjom, Korea —(U.P.)—A returning prisoner said today the Chinese Communists have replaced the Russians as the masters of North Korea.

"There is no more North Korea," Cpl. Lester E. Williams, 26, Kemah, Tex., said. "The Chinese run everything."

Williams returned to freedom today with 74 other U.S. captives of the Communists, bringing the number of Americans freed in 15-day-old "Operation Big Switch" to 1,180.

The Texan's statement tended to confirm reports that Red China's dictator, Mao Tse-tung, has succeeded in weaning the puppet North Korean regime away from Soviet Premier George M. Malenkov, whom he never has praised publicly as the successor to the late Joseph Stalin.

According to Williams' information, the Chinese "volunteers" apparently claimed North Korea as a reward for their intervention in the Korean war.

Chinese in Control
"On the trains it is the Chinese who do everything," Williams said. "They regard the North Koreans as dirt, and the North Koreans have to take it. The Chinese watch everything, and tell the North Koreans what to do."

The Communists released 450 prisoners today, the most in one day since "Big Switch" started. They promised to return even more, 456, tomorrow.

Macomber Petition In Marion Court

Portland —(U.P.)—State Prison Convict Gerald T. Macomber's petition for a writ of habeas corpus was back before Marion county Circuit court today after a Federal District judge lashed the state attorney general's office for attempting to get the case into the federal courts.

Judge Gus J. Solomon declared here that the attorney general's procedures were "fantastic" and "outrageous." He remanded the case to the state court in Salem. It is adequate to handle it, he said.

Macomber, serving a life sentence on a conviction of assault with intent to kill, contends that his civil rights were violated by his conviction.

Macomber's original sentence was from Jackson county after he was involved in a shooting in Medford. Later, after he made an escape from the state prison, he eluded recapture for many days in the mountains of southern Oregon. He finally was taken after being shot by a posse of officers.

Injured Stewardess Said Out of Danger

Lake Arrowhead, Calif. —(U.P.)—A 25-year-old airline stewardess, who lost her left arm and left leg from being mangled by a motor boat propeller, was reported "out of danger" today.

Boni Buehler still was receiving multiple transfusions at Santa Anita hospital, but hospital authorities said her condition was good.

She was struck by the propeller on Lake Arrowhead Sunday when she fell into the water from a motorboat towing water skier Geary Steffan, former husband of film star Jane Powell.

Russia Proposes Countries For Far Eastern Meeting

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Hungary Frees Sanders

Briton Arrested For Espionage Given Freedom

'Brain-Washing' By Communists Told

Vienna —(U.P.)— British business man Edgar Sanders said today that he was thoroughly "brain-washed" while serving time in a Hungarian Communist jail on false spy charges.

He was unaware that Elizabeth II was his country's queen or that Joseph Stalin was dead, he said.

The silver-haired Sanders, tired but cheerful, crossed the border to freedom this morning after serving three and a half years of a 13-year sentence for espionage and told of Communist grilling that numbed the mind.

Asked by newsmen why he confessed to the Hungarians in 1950 that he was an Anglo-American spy, he replied:

"Before you know where you are, you sign statements."

"If you are interrogated for 35 hours without interruption, you make mental somersaults and confess everything they want from you, he said."

The dramatic release at the Hungarian frontier was made quickly and with a minimum of ceremony.

Follows Vogeler's Path
The British businessman walked to freedom along the same path taken by American businessman Robert A. Vogeler, who also was imprisoned on trumped up espionage charges.

Sanders was pardoned yesterday by the Hungarian Presidium and expelled from the country. A British Foreign Office spokesman said Sanders would stay in Vienna as long as he wished or the state of his health demanded.

The British announced that Sanders' release would permit Britain to lift its embargo on trade with Communist Hungary.

Italian Released
Vicenzo Sciutto, an Italian pardoned along with Sanders, made the trip to the border with the Englishman.

Sciutto had been convicted for "assisting espionage" in 1951. The Hungarian government said in a communique which announced the release of the two men: trial and imprisonment had been kept secret.

Sanders was British representative of the Standard Electric Company on Nov. 22, 1949, when he and Vogeler were arrested and charged with espionage.

Two Mild Polio Cases Reported in County

Two cases of infantile paralysis have been reported to the county health department, it was revealed today. Neither is considered serious. They are the second and third reported in the county this year.

One case is a Rogue River man who has what is thought to be a light, non-paralytic case of polio. He is under treatment in a Grants Pass hospital.

The other case was a 1½-year-old Medford child, who has made a complete recovery, the health department said.

New Federal Power Policy To Cut Role Told

Washington —(U.P.)— The Interior department today spelled out a new federal power policy designed to reduce the federal government's role and increase the responsibility of local communities.

Based on Partnership
The department said the new policy will be based on the "partnership" principle stressed by President Eisenhower during his election campaign.

It said primary responsibility for supplying the power needs of any area will rest "with the people locally." The government will be a "partner" with state and local communities and private enterprise.

In Denver, President Eisenhower endorsed the policy and said it "will serve the best interests of all the people."

Higher on Totem Pole
Undersecretary of Interior Ralph A. Tudor told a news conference that the policy emphasizes cutting domestic and rural customers "higher on the totem pole" than industrial consumers in preferential treatment.

Tudor said, however, that the government will continue to recognize those in the Pacific Northwest which depend heavily on Bonneville dam for power. Domestic and rural consumers will be given preference in obtaining new power from expanded facilities, except that plants involved in national defense will continue to be recognized.

Private Interests
Tudor said the federal government will not assume "full responsibility" for power generation, transmission and marketing.

The policy, he said, will "encourage" other public and private interests to construct new facilities because the government "isn't big enough to produce" sufficient power for the nation's needs. He said it will provide more power for the country.

To Keep Cost Low
Asked if cheaper power will result, Tudor said the cost of building facilities has increased, but that the department "will do everything to keep the cost of power just as low as possible."

French Premier's Home Under Guard; Violence Feared

Paris —(U.P.)— Paratroopers guarded the Premier's official residence tonight as he prepared for a bitter and possibly violent showdown with 2,000,000 French workers who defied his "back to work" ultimatum.

With the threat of a Communist attempt to foment a nationwide general strike hanging over them, the Premier and his fellow cabinet members mapped a new "tough" plan to break the labor stoppages that are crippling France.

Threat of Force Implied
Premier Joseph Laniel demanded in a surprise national broadcast last night that the strikers who have crippled communications, utilities, mines and factories all over the country for 17 days return to work today.

He implied a threat to use force, and hinted he would jail strike leaders and workers who failed to heed official requests to go back to their jobs.

Services Crippled
But the workers stayed out, and the government feared that if it resorted to force, the Communists would call a general nationwide strike and send members of unions they control into the streets of Paris and other big cities for riots.

Garbage piled up in the streets. Train service from Paris was but a fraction of normal. Telephone and telegraph service was maintained only for essential messages. Paris subway service was 50 per cent of normal. Bus service was crippled. In mines, the strike was nearly 100 per cent effective.

Seek Special Session
The workers were rebelling against economy measures ordered by millionaire businessman Premier Laniel.

Socialist members of Parliament led a move to force a special session of the National Assembly, now in recess, to reconsider Laniel's economic measures.

The government reluctantly called a meeting of the assembly's guiding bureau for Friday to decide whether to recall vacationing deputies for a legislative showdown on Laniel's policies.

Says Salt Used
In addition, a recent article by Roger Babson stated, "The injection of small water drops or salt particles into the bases of deep, warm (non-supercooled) cumulus clouds will usually release variable amounts of rain if the vertical velocities in the clouds are substantial. Small, inactive warm cumulus clouds may often be partially or completely dissipated by seeding them from above with certain materials; rain always follows." This is the general type of work done here by the fliers.

These are only two instances of such experimentation. Brandau and Kooser pointed out, and they said "Unfortunately, Mr. Ellison appears to be behind the times with his information."

Defends Experimental Use
Ellison, in his statement in Portland, defended the right of experimenters to use salt provided they do not sprinkle it too heavily over orchards. He added that he believes dispersion in Medford has been fine and harmless.

This was corroborated today by the fliers, who said the largest quantity ever used on any one storm was about 25 pounds. When it is considered that this is discharged in tiny amounts at 20,000 to 30,000 feet over a period of hours, and a space of many miles, it is evident that only a tiny fraction of an ounce of salt could ever reach the ground in any one area, and most of it would dissolve into the moisture of the air, they said.

Meanwhile, other cloud-seeding activity in the Rogue valley was seen as possible next year, as the Moisture Conservation league announced a meeting next week at which time a rain-making program will be considered. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 26, in Room 212, Leverette building.

Six Valley Men Join Armed Forces

Six young Rogue valley men have been inducted into the armed forces, through the Portland induction center, it was announced today by Jackson County Local Board 17 of the Selective Service system.

Three were from Medford, Robert Andrew Stothers, John Oliver Chancellor Jr., and Charles Gilbert Dean. From Ashland was Cash R. Perrine, and from Central Point was Frank Bernard Koch. Charles Glen Lowery was inducted from Ashland, after being transferred from a local board in Arkansas.

Corvallis —(U.P.)— Some 500 Agricultural economists from throughout the United States are on the Oregon State college campus for the first day of the meeting of the American Farm Economic Association.

Many State Cars Said Operated Without Seals

Salem —(U.P.)— State Treasurer Sig Unander charged today that many state-owned cars were being operated without the seal of state on the sides.

He said there were too many "cloak and dagger" investigators running around Oregon and he said that many state cars—by his own observation—were being used at night for social calls around Salem.

Unander's charges, at today's weekly meeting of the Board of Control, were directed at Harry Dorman, state director of the Department of Finance and Administration.

Dorman replied that the only cars excepted from a ruling that the state seal be displayed on each side were those operated by the State Parole Board and the State Liquor Control commission. He said the Parole board must often run down parole violators and the Liquor commission cars without the seals are used by investigators whose work would be nullified if the identity of their cars were known.

License Numbers Asked
Dorman asked Unander to report license numbers of any cars he noted without the state seal which he thought were state cars, and Unander said that he would.

It was brought out that previously, two cars operated without seals on permission of the Board of Control granted more than a year ago, for the Oregon state prison. But when Clarence T. Gladden took over as warden, he said all penitentiary cars could carry the state seal without any handicap to the work of the prison staff.

More Guards Requested
The Board took under advisement a request by Warden Gladden for more guards at the prison. After a recent survey, Gladden asked for an additional 35 guards. The Department of Finance trimmed this to 25, which if provided, would bring the guard force to 159.

Gov. Paul L. Patterson said he wanted to discuss the guard question with Gladden before passing on the matter. Action probably will be taken before Friday, when the request must go to the State Emergency board for its consideration of the necessary appropriation from the state emergency fund.

Air Pollution
Investigation by the State Air Pollution authority into the complaints of Gold Hill residents that fumes from the asphalt plant located there were causing damage to health and property, had led to a request for a restraining order in Jackson county circuit court, records revealed today.

The asphalt plant is owned by the Central Heating Co., Ore. Ltd., of Eugene, and F. L. Sommers, Medford. The company is under contract to the State Highway department to mix paving material for the five mile Highway 99 relocation project at Gold Hill.

The request in court asks they be ordered to halt practices leading to the alleged air pollution.

Churchill Presides At Cabinet Meeting
London —(U.P.)— Prime Minister Winston Churchill presided at a cabinet meeting today for the first time since he started an enforced rest nearly two months ago. Churchill drove to London from Chartwell, the official ministerial country home where he had been staying.

Plan Denounced As Red Maneuver By United States

Plan Seen To Let Communists Dominate

United Nations, N. Y. —(U.P.)— Russia proposed an 11-nation slate for the Far Eastern political parley today. The United States promptly denounced it as "a sleazy maneuver to let the Communists dominate the conference."

Soviet delegate Andrei Y. Vishinsky proposed to the United Nations political committee that Russia, India and three other non-belligerents in the Korean war be included in the conference, and that its decisions be subject to veto by the parties which have signed the armistice agreement.

The full slate proposed by Russia comprised the United States, Britain, France, the Soviet Union, Communist China, India, Poland, Sweden, Burma, and North and South Korea.

Lodge Issues Blast
U. S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., in a statement issued after Vishinsky had submitted his proposal, said:

"It is a sleazy maneuver to obscure the issue and let the Communists dominate the political conference. It is deficient in many important respects."

Lodge made these objections to the Soviet proposal:

1. "It opens up the conference to neutrals but leaves out many countries who fought for the U. N. in Korea."

2. "It is very similar to the Soviet resolution of last fall, substituting only Sweden for Switzerland and Poland for Czechoslovakia."

Charges Inconsistency
3. "It is inconsistent because it was the Communists who insisted on the 'two-sides' language in the truce agreement. Vishinsky now seems to have changed that position."

4. "It would destroy the juridical basis set forth in the armistice agreement for holding the political conference."

5. "The last sentence of the resolution implies that an agreement could be reached on the Korean problem without the Republic of Korea."

The measure clashed sharply with the proposal sponsored by 15 of the 16 U. N. Korean combatants, providing that any of the 16, plus South Korea, could be invited to the parley. The Western powers would allow Russia to attend, "provided the other side desires it."

Russia Defeated Twice
They were split on the question of an invitation to India, which the United States opposed.

Vishinsky submitted the resolution at the opening of the committee's debate today, at which time he was defeated in a demand that North Korea and Communist China be invited here for preliminary discussions on setting up the Far Eastern parley.

The 60 nation committee voted against North Korea, 34 to 18 with 7 abstentions, and against Red China, 34 to 14 with 9 abstentions.

City Council Session Scheduled Tonight

A regular meeting of the Medford city council is scheduled for 7:30 o'clock in the council chambers tonight.

An agenda for the meeting has not yet been completed, according to city officials. However, it is expected that the council may discuss the possibility of continuing an investigation of the Medford police department which was undertaken originally by the police committee of the council.

Vehicle Turned Over In Crash; No One Hurt

A station wagon driven by Marjorie Florence Jackel, 32, route 1, box 202, Eagle Point, was spun around and thrown onto its side in an accident in Medford this morning. No one was hurt, however.

City officers said the other vehicle involved was driven by Gary Lane Gustafson, 18, route 2, box 512, Medford, and was going north on Oakdale ave., when it struck the station wagon which was going east on Eighth st.

Gustafson was cited for violation of the basic rule, police reported.