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Copco Rate Hearing In Recess; Adverse Testimony Slated

Additional details of the California Oregon Power company's proposal to raise its electrical rates by a uniform 20 per cent were given here today as the opening phase of a Public Utilities Commissioner's hearing came to a close.

The first portion of the hearing ended shortly before noon with the completion of testimony by Copco witnesses. Following an indefinite recess period, the hearing will be reconvened to allow cross examination of Copco witnesses, testimony by adverse parties and rebuttal by Copco.

Vice-President Testifies
In testimony this morning, H. P. Bosworth, Copco vice-president and assistant to the general manager, testified that the amount of the proposed 20 per cent rate increase "was governed by the additional revenue which the company requires to bring its earnings up to a more reasonable level."

"This percentage was applied uniformly to all schedule rates because it is our opinion that after the rate adjustments made in 1952 and 1953, the rates for the various schedules were in reasonable relation to each other. Therefore, it was our view that any increase should be uniformly applied to each schedule," Bosworth said.

To Other Utilities
He pointed out that the proposed 20 per cent increase would apply to sales to other electric utilities, including the city of Ashland.

One exception to the increase would be service for pumping and drainage requirements within the Klamath Reclamation project, where rates are specified in a 50-year contract with the government signed in 1917 by California-Oregon Power company, predecessor to the present firm.

W. C. Frankhauser, Berkeley, Calif., retired head of the California state Department of Finance and Accounts, outlined the financial history of California Oregon Power company in testimony this morning.

Frankhauser testified that, of Copco's present capitalization of \$92,162,304, 57.94 per cent is represented by debt. In answer to questions by Copco counsel, he voiced the opinion that the firm's debt ratio is "too high" and "should be an objective not exceed 50 per cent of its total capitalization."

Changes Outlined
Also presenting testimony this morning was Frank C. Bash,

Copco vice-president and treasurer, who outlined changes which the proposed increase would make in Copco's financial structure.

Copco was represented at the hearing by George M. Rives, San Francisco, and George Roberts, Medford.

Walter Evans, Portland attorney, represented the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce, Rogue River Valley Traffic association, Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association, and other groups, and John R. McCullough, representing the PUC.

Also sitting in on this morning's portion of the hearing was Frank Koch, representing 49 Jackson county small businesses, and Henry Conger, representing the Grange Agriculture committee.

PUC examiners for the hearing are David Don, PUC chief engineer, and J. L. Kenney, PUC chief accountant.

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UN Denies Commie Charge of Brutal Treatment of POWs

Panmunjom, Korea — (U.P.) — The Communists freed a record number of prisoners today and heard a harsh denial of their charges that the United Nations had given brutal treatment to Red captives.

'Minimum Force' Used

A few hours after the 15th day of "Operation Big Switch" ended, Allied members of the prisoner repatriation commission told their Communist counterparts the UN had used only "minimum force" against unruly prisoners.

"Minimum force" was used only because "prisoners failed to conduct themselves as disciplined soldiers," Col. L. C. Friedersdorf told the Reds. He said non-toxic irritants had been used to stop disturbances.

75 More Americans
The Communists released 456 prisoners including 75 more Americans, as "Operation Big Switch" went into its third week. Altogether, 1,260 Americans have been released and the Reds have promised to release 60 more tomorrow.

There was no indication that Friedersdorf had pressed demands for assurances from the Communists that they will return "all" prisoners, including those jailed for "crimes."

Authority Said Exceeded
Friedersdorf charged, however, that Communist members of the joint Red Cross teams operating in South Korea have tried to exceed their authority.

He asked the Communists to instruct their teams to stay within the bounds of their duties.

Ashland Turns Down Purchase of Pools

Ashland—Ashland voters yesterday rejected an initiative proposition for the city to purchase Twin Plunges swimming facility here and to operate it as a municipal project. The vote was 1,486 to 150.

Balloting was an outgrowth of a proposition put before the city council by Owen Gragg, owner of the pools, that the city purchase the facility for \$35,000. Gragg said today that he had no comment other than "the pools are open as usual."

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Council Asks City Police Investigation

'Outside' Expert Or Agency Sought; Vote Six To Two

Special Meeting May Give Approval

The Medford city council last night voted 6 to 2 to authorize Mayor D. L. Flynn "to take preliminary steps necessary for an examination of the Medford police and traffic department by an outside person or agency professionally qualified to do so."

The dissenting votes were cast by Councilmen Paul Selby and Stanley Jones Jr.

To Ask Recommendation
Mayor Flynn stated that he would have City Superintendent Robert Duff contact the League of Oregon Cities "immediately" to have that body recommend an agency to do the job. A special council meeting will be called to authorize use of funds for that purpose as soon as information is received, the mayor said.

Following passage of the motion, Councilman Jones moved that until the results of the investigation could be obtained, Police Chief Clatus McCredie "be given full administration of the police department." The motion was defeated by a 6 to 2 margin, with Jones and Selby voting for passage.

Motion Draws Fire

Jones' motion drew fire from two other councilmen, Harold Frye and Earl Miller. Frye asked that Jones withdraw the motion, but Jones refused to do so. Miller termed the motion "unreasonable," pointing out that the council is a legislative and not an administrative body. "We should keep hands off until the investigation is completed," Miller said.

Miller, other councilmen, and Mayor Flynn pointed out that McCredie always has been in full charge of the police department. Jones stated that under the report on the police department prepared by Sgt. William P. Beall Jr., of Berkeley, Calif., McCredie was supposed to give up some of his authority and was to be chiefly concerned with planning, public relations and other matters.

Authority Delegated

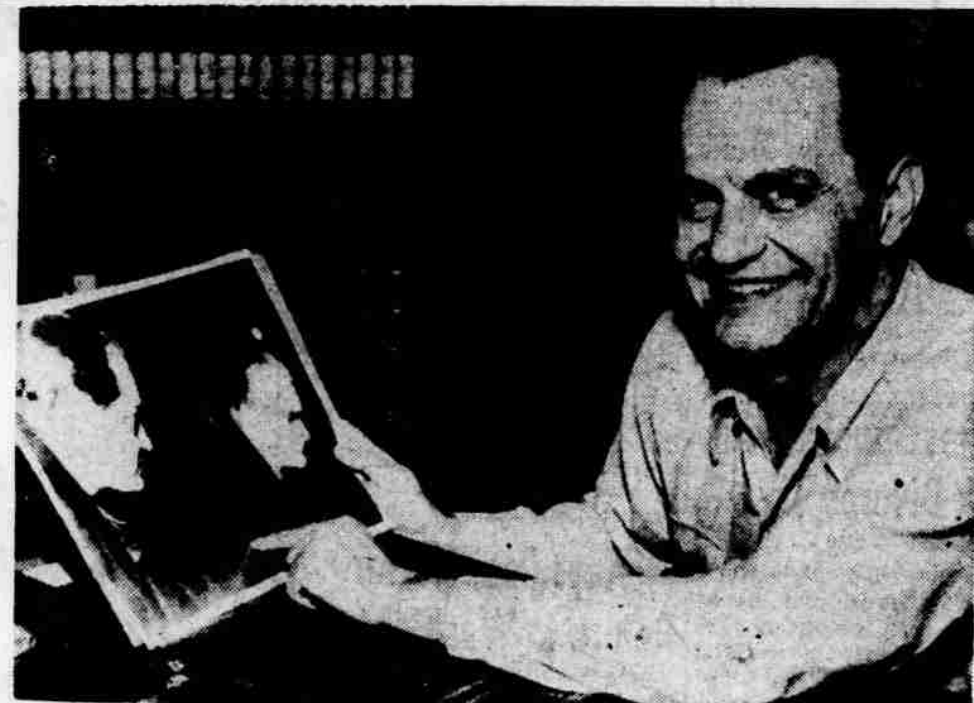
Mayor Flynn stated, however, that under the Beall report, McCredie was delegating authority and not giving it up. This view was supported by other members of the council, who also pointed out that the Beall report is not binding on the city, as it had been "accepted," not "adopted" by the council.

Selby read from the city charter to show that the chief of police holds office subject to the approval of the council, and is chief of such police force as may be designated for the city. He stated that Jones' motion "reiterates the city charter."

"I believe that the chief should have all of the powers of chief" until the mayor takes other action, Selby asserted.

Jones stated that he acknowledged there are things wrong in the police department. But he added that no evidence has been made public. Medford citizens and the newspapers are entitled to such information, and "we aren't giving it to them," he declared.

In opposing the motion that an investigator or agency be em-



HUNGARY FREES BRITON JAILED AS SPY—Robert Voegeler sits at desk in home at Bedford Hills, N. Y., and points to photo of himself and Edgar Sanders after hearing of Sanders' pardon in Hungary. Photo was made when Voegeler and the British businessman were tried as spies and imprisoned by the Communists.

MORE THAN 500 COUNTY YOUTHS ENTERED IN ANNUAL 4-H FAIR

More than 500 Jackson county farm youngsters are participating in their big event of the year the annual 4-H fair which opened at the county fairgrounds this morning.

Some 450 4-H boys and girls, plus about 60 members of the Central Point Future Farmers

of America chapter, are taking part in the fair, which is held so they can display their skills in homemaking, forestry, cooking, livestock, dairy and poultry breeding, raising, demonstration and judging, and crops raising and judging.

The fair focuses the work of

an entire farm year in one four-day period, emphasizing the skills and abilities necessary for successful farm operations.

This morning's schedule included crops judging, forestry identification, livestock judging, dairy judging, rabbit judging and showmanship, poultry judging and showmanship, and, in the home economics schedule, contests in muffin baking, cake baking, food preservation demonstrations, rolls, bread and gingerbread.

The scene at the fairgrounds this morning was one of orderly confusion, and a stroll through the barns and buildings impressed visitors with the sleek well-kept appearance of the dairy and beef cattle, pigs, sheep, chickens and rabbits.

Agricultural Schedule
The agricultural schedule for the rest of the week includes swine, sheep and beef judging and sheep showmanship Thursday; swine and beef showmanship, Friday morning and afternoon with the annual auction sale in the evening, and dairy showmanship, agricultural demonstrations, and style revue and special awards Saturday.

The home economics schedule will continue with cooking contests and demonstrations through Thursday.

The sheep show will start at 9 a.m. tomorrow with various breeds and classifications being shown throughout the morning. Sheep showmanship will begin at 7 p.m., with advanced, intermediate and beginners appearing in that order.

The beef show order begins at 1 p.m. tomorrow, and the beef showmanship will begin at 1 p.m. Friday. The swine show order begins at 9 a.m. tomorrow, and the showmanship event will begin at the same time Friday.

The show order for dairy cattle started at 1 p.m. this afternoon, with the dairy showmanship event scheduled at 9 a.m. Saturday.

One of Biggest
County 4-H Agent Rufus Cate Jr., said this morning that the fair will undoubtedly be one of the biggest and best in years.

There are more than 150 dairy animals at the fair, he said, the largest number of the history of the event, and the number of poultry exhibits is the largest in 10 years and perhaps the largest ever. There are 75 pens of chickens, representing some 150 birds and about 40 pens of rabbits.

Among the judges who will officiate during the four days are Harold Ewalt, extension dairy specialist from Oregon State college, dairy; Jim Ellings, extension livestock specialist, OSC, beef and swine; Walter Schroeder, county 4-H extension agent of Coos county, sheep and dairy showmanship, and Noel Bennis, OSC, poultry extension specialist, poultry.

ed the department of being "grossly negligent" and recommended that the police chief be replaced.

This the council refused to do without further investigation, and members construed last night's vote as an acknowledgment of departmental deficiencies and as a step toward correcting them.

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Weather

FORECAST — Fair through Thursday except for possible afternoon thunderstorms over mountains. Low tonight 60. High Thursday 88-90. Temp. 91. Highest yesterday 91. Lowest this morning 59.

Regime Replaced By Shah Backers In Bloody Fight

Mossadegh Defenders Slain in Uprising

Tehran, Iran — (U.P.) — Premier Mohammed Mossadegh, overthrown by Iranian troops loyal to the shah, escaped from his burning home tonight as besieging forces broke into it.

Fanatic defenders of Mossadegh, who had fought desperately against attacking troops and pro-shah mobs, died in a last ditch stand.

But Mossadegh, it was announced escaped through adjoining houses, as he had done before when besieged by mobs.

Shah to Come Home

As the aged premier fled for his life, Radio Tehran announced that the new regime had invited the shah to return home from Rome where he took refuge after a first abortive coup.

A spokesman for the shah said in Rome that he may leave for Tehran tomorrow.

Troops and hysterical civilian mobs smashed their way into Mossadegh's home after a day long battle in which the defenders had killed many of them.

It was reported that Mossadegh's firebrand foreign minister, Hussein Fatemi, had been cut to pieces by an infuriated mob.

Street Battles
At least 50 persons had been killed and more than 100 wounded in street battles between the forces of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi and supporters of Mossadegh.

The city resounded with cannon and machine gun fire. Troops attacked hideouts of Mossadegh men with tanks, artillery and bazooka fire.

Mobs Storm Prisons
Mobs stormed the Tehran prisons and released supporters of the shah.

Pro-Mossadegh newspaper plants were set afire. Reports from the provinces said army garrisons mutinied against Mossadegh, seized control of cities and proclaimed loyalty to the 33-year-old monarch.

Gen. Fazlollah Zahedi, whom the shah had named premier at the start of the abortive coup early Sunday, returned from hiding and assumed control.

Zahedi broadcast over Radio Tehran an outline of his policies, social justice, improvement of the lot of the working man and a higher standard of living.

Washington — (U.P.) — Iranian Ambassador Allah-Yar Saleh denounced the forces which overthrew Premier Mohammed Mossadegh in Tehran today and declared he "will not cooperate" with them.

The ambassador made it clear he will resign if the forces backing Iran's shah succeed in consolidating today's coup and establishing a government.

The coup took Saleh, like all other diplomatic officials here, completely by surprise.

Meanwhile, the State department received a dispatch from U.S. Ambassador Loy W. Henderson reporting that a "holiday atmosphere" prevails in Tehran as a result of the anti-Mossadegh "victory."

Boston — (U.P.) — One woman passenger and the 24 man crew of the burning Danish freighter Elise Basse have been rescued off the Newfoundland coast by a passing British vessel, the Coast Guard reported.

Cabinet Supports Premier of France In Showdown Fight

Emergency Measures Receive Approval

Paris — (U.P.) — The cabinet voted today to back up Premier Joseph Laniel in his determined fight to a showdown against the demands of 2,000,000 striking workers.

At a full-dress meeting under President Vincent Auriol the cabinet approved emergency measures to prevent threats to public order and agreed to hold no negotiations with the strikers until they go back to work.

Criminal Proceedings

A communique issued after the meeting repeated that Laniel is determined to begin criminal proceedings against strikers in nationalized industries who defy orders to return to work. It said that no striker will be paid for wages lost.

The cabinet approved Laniel's "get tough" policy despite the demand by a powerful group of its members who demanded that he show more of a tendency to compromise.

Emergency Measures

Emergency measures being taken by the government, in the belief that Communist labor union leaders may order their men into the streets to riot, include the massing of tanks, paratroopers, infantry and anti-riot police in the Paris area.

Socialist party leaders joined the Republicans in appealing to Laniel to make one more attempt to settle the nationwide strikes before taking tough measures.

The Socialists, largest party in Parliament but not represented in the government, warned that any repressive action by the government might sweep the desperate workers into control of the Communists.

Local CAP Cadet Back From Europe

William M. Neal, 18, a Civil Air Patrol cadet first lieutenant and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Neal, Roberts rd., returned home by air yesterday afternoon after nearly a month in Washington, D.C., and the Netherlands on a CAP cadet exchange program.

The youth, one of several from the Pacific Northwest to go to Europe on the program, landed in an Air Force C-47 plane at the Medford airport at about 6 p.m. The plane, en route north from Travis Air Force base, California, also carried other Northwest CAP boys.

Neal left here July 23 for Washington, where he met other exchange cadets and was briefed on his trip. He then was flown to the Netherlands where he participated in tours of the country, and visits with aviation groups and the Netherlands Air Force.

Details of his journey will be told in a story in The Mail Tribune next Sunday.

Siskiyou Search Pressed For Elderly Seattle Man

Grants Pass — (U.P.) — A party of federal foresters and state police today pressed a search into rugged mountain country in southeastern Oregon for an elderly Seattle man lost since Monday.

Forest service headquarters at Cave Junction identified the missing man as Jim Stone, 74, Seattle.

On Prospecting Trip
His partner, Morris Seliger, Grants Pass, made his way to Baker Chrome mine at Sourdough Camp on Baldface creek last night. He said he and Stone had been prospecting in the area and had run out of food. They started out of the mountains but Stone had been unable to endure the trip and Seliger had

left him Monday to get help. The trek to Sourdough Camp had taken him a day and a half and he was without food during that time. Police said Seliger was suffering from hunger and exposure and still had not been brought out of the mountains.

Radio Sole Communication
Sole communication with the area is a radio set at a remote forest lookout in the Siskiyou National forest.

Six or eight foresters joined the search last night, along with two state police officers from Grants Pass. Several volunteers were also participating, but police said they had no way of contacting the search party until they reported to the lookout station.

CIO Woodworkers Reject Offer of Ten Lumber Firms To Renew Old Contracts

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Officials of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) have rejected an offer by employers representing 10 lumber firms in Oregon and northern California to renew old contracts at present wage scales, it was announced here today.

The offer came yesterday at a meeting between the Pine Industrial Relations committee which represents the mills and the Klamath Basin District council and the California District

council of the IWA. The union made no counter offer, but originally had asked for a five-cent per hour wage increase.

The employer group offered to extend the present contract to either 1954 or 1955. The union indicated it would bargain individually with the firms.

Three of the firms are strike-bound. They are the Carter-Webster and Johnson, Inc., Delleker, Calif.; Ralph L. Smith Lumber Co., Anderson, Calif., and the

American River Pine Co., Forest Hills, Calif.

The other seven firms, at which no strike has been called, include High Sierra Pine Mills, Inc., Twain, Calif.; Sacramento Box and Lumber Co., Woodlands, Calif.; Setzer Forest Products, Greenville, Calif.; Redding Pine Mills, Inc., Anderson and Cottonwood, Calif.; Brooks-Scanlon, Inc., Bend, Ore.; Ochoco Lumber Co., Prineville, Ore., and the Red Blanket Lumber Co., Prospect and Eagle Point, Ore.

The council will meet again next Tuesday evening to consider any action necessary to bring in the investigator they voted to retain, unless a special meeting is held before then.

The city council's action in asking an investigation of the police department grew out of the death last July 14 of Lester Hurley, a Camp White member, who died from a skull fracture. He had been confined without medical aid in the city jail for 41 hours, and the police administration has been criticized since for laxity in procedures. A county grand jury report accus-

4-H and F.F.A. Fair Opens Today At Jackson County Fairgrounds