

Reprieve Received From Death Sentence On 'Trip Leasing'

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Washington—Farmers and fishermen have received an eleventh hour reprieve from the Interstate Commerce Commission on the death sentence previously handed down against the customary practice of "trip leasing."

An order banning the single trip lease, which was to go into

Henry Grunewald, Woman Companion Overcome by Gas

Jersey City, N.J.—(U.P.)—Henry (The Dutchman) Grunewald, the Washington mystery man, and a woman companion were found half-clad and overcome by gas fumes on a couch in a three room Jersey City apartment today.

Grunewald was taken to Jersey City medical center on an ambulance stretcher, but later was reported in "satisfactory" condition.

Woman Identified
The woman, described as attractive, was identified by police as Ann Anderson, 46, Catonsville, Md., who moved into the apartment early yesterday from a nearby hotel. She was revived in the apartment and taken to the hospital for observation.

Police said two burners on a gas stove were turned on, but a window was open, which probably saved their lives.

Identified Through Papers
Grunewald was identified almost immediately through papers in his pocket.

"The Dutchman," who was fined \$1,000 and handed a suspended sentence last June 4 for contempt of the Senate growing out of an investigation into tax cases, was understood to own a summer home in Spring Lake, N.J.

Police broke into the walkup apartment after another tenant smelled gas and summoned the superintendent.

Police refused to comment on the case pending an investigation.

Mailing Changes For Periodicals To Bring Saving

Washington — (U.P.) — The Post Office Department believes that steps it has taken to cut red tape in mailing magazines and newspapers will save time and money for both the department and publishers.

The department has just made public changes in mailing regulations which it put into effect in the last few weeks.

It said "substantial savings" will result from elimination of hand weighing of publications at the time of mailing. Under the new system, the publisher determines the weight of one copy and multiplies it by the number being mailed.

Another change permits publishers to deliver their publications directly to the post office or railway station and pay postage later. They formerly were required to present copies at the postoffice where they have a second class permit before taking them to the office or station where they actually are mailed.

California Man Faces Auto Bailee Charge

Gerald Arthur Nolan, 22, Los Angeles, has been bound over to the grand jury on a charge of larceny by bailee involving an automobile owned by A. F. Williams, according to Deputy District Attorney James McGoodwin.

Bail has been set in district court at \$1,500 by Judge Rawles Moore. The car is alleged to have been taken in July, 1952. In a preliminary hearing, Williams stated that he loaned the car to Nolan "for 20 minutes" and did not see it again for two weeks, until it was recovered from a California parking lot where parking charges of \$20 had built up.

Nolan was returned here to face the charge from California. He was extradited to Oregon after serving a 10-month California sentence for statutory rape, involving a 15-year-old Medford girl.

THEFT REPORTED
The OK Rubber Welders show on Billings hill, just north of Ashland, was entered sometime Wednesday evening, state police were informed yesterday. A check showed that a set of new tires was stolen.

Princess Receives Spray of Orchids On 23rd Birthday

Ballater, Scotland—(U.P.)—A radiant Princess Margaret received a spray of white orchids for her 23rd birthday today but kept secret the name of her admirer. The box of orchids was among many packages that arrived for the princess at Balmoral Castle. She was reported smiling and happy after receiving gifts and congratulations.

Whether the orchids came from rich, handsome Lord Carnegie, her cousin who is traveling to Balmoral for her birthday party tonight only the princess knew. Would Delight Queen.

Lord Carnegie, 24, has known Princess Margaret all his life and it is known that if they were to become engaged, it would delight the queen.

His name often has been linked romantically to that of the princess in the past. They have many mutual interests. She calls him "Jamie."

"Jamie" will be only one of the princess' dancing partners tonight.

No More Gossip
Among other eligible bachelors present will be several who have escorted the princess to theaters, movies and parties.

There will be Lord Plunkett, Robert McEwen and James MacDonald.

The princess seems determined there shall be no more gossip about her and divorced Capt. Peter Townsend or speculation about her personal affairs.

Farmers Reminded Of Regulations On Child Labor

Salem—(U.P.)—The uncertainty of fall school openings because of unseasonable crop harvesting brought a reminder from Labor Commissioner W. E. Kimsey today of child labor regulations as they affect Oregon farmers.

Kimsey said that under federal child labor law it is illegal for any farmer to employ a child under the age of 16, other than his own children, during school hours. When schools are not in session there is no restriction on the employment of minors in agriculture except in those cases where minors are to be employed on processing machines such as portable or stationary hop picking machines, prune dryers and the like. Work permits obtained from the Labor Department are necessary for these jobs and to work on them a minor must be at least 16.

Farmers are responsible for every under-age child working on their farms, Kimsey said. He added that any doubt about a child's true age can be cleared by applying for a work permit from the Labor Department. A farmer found to be willfully employing a minor illegally is subject to a fine up to \$10,000.

United Air Lines Asks CAB To Reconsider

Portland —(U.P.)—United Air Lines officials said the firm today filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board a petition for reconsideration of the Board's recent order denying the company's request for authority to operate non-stop service between Portland and Spokane and Seattle-Tacoma and Spokane.

Bryce canyon national park covers 56 square miles.

effect Sept. 1, has now been deferred until next March 1. This move will assure continuation of trip leasing for the entire 1953 harvest season when shortages of trucks and freight cars frequently plague growers of perishable commodities, particularly fruit, which must reach the market with minimum of delay.

Northwest fruit growers had warned Congress early in the past session that the ban on trip leasing—if allowed to go into effect—would impose an immediate hardship upon their transportation facilities.

Consequently, the House responded by passing a bill to prevent the ICC from following its planned course of action. But the bill got bogged down in the Senate before Congress adjourned. A Senate committee, on adjournment even, urged the ICC to postpone its order until the full Senate has time early next year to settle the fate of the trip lease bill with full debate. The ICC obliged last Friday with a postponement until March 1.

The trip lease practice arises from the fact that trucks carrying agricultural and fish commodities are exempted from ICC safety and rate regulations—unlike commercial haulers of manufactured products. Farmers and fishermen, therefore, have taken up the practice of hauling their produce to market and picking up a load of another type for the return haul, thereby cutting his trucking costs.

To make this return haul, they lease their truck for a single trip (hence the term trip leasing) and because of the exempt status which they enjoy, they make the haul at whatever rate they and the shipper agree upon.

The ICC contends this contributes to unsafe trucking, since the farmer's vehicle is not subject to safety inspections. Farm groups contend it is necessary to assure adequate transportation, that it benefits the consumer by cutting overhead on produce shipments.

The railroads, who must compete with this trucking, are against trip leasing.

The Eisenhower administration has taken no firm position on this practice, suffering from a split between two departments. The Department of Agriculture has come out for continuation of the trip lease, while the Commerce Department has registered opposition. The ICC deferral of the effective date of its order postpones the day of decision.

A combination of circumstances has conspired to render the trip lease situation uncertain at best. It began with the death of Sen. Charles Tobey, (R-N.H.), who had been chairman of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee. He was succeeded by Sen. John Bricker, (R-Ohio), a friend of the railroads who was a member of the sub-committee which considered action on the trip lease bill but put it to rest in a pigeonhole where no action could be taken to kill the ICC order.

Getting wind of this development, Sen. George Aiken, (R-Vt.), chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee and a friend of the farmer, rushed through his committee a resolution calling on the ICC to give the farmer a reprieve until next year when a final decision by the full Senate could be obtained.

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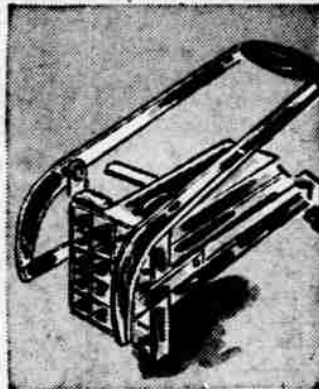
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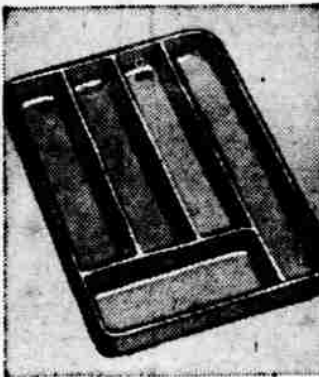


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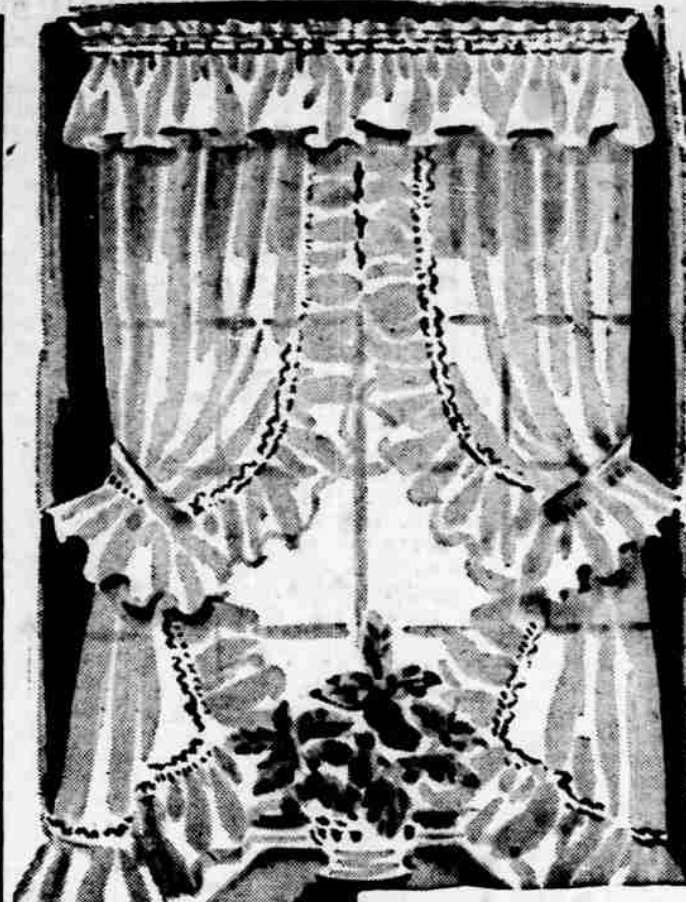
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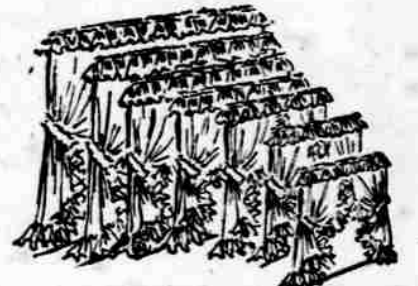
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