

Magnuson Plans Early Probe Of Freight Rates in Northwest

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Washington — An investigation of prevailing railroad freight rates that so vitally affect the economy of the Pacific Northwest is one of the first acts Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) expects to perform when he takes over as chairman of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

Magnuson's post, which hinges on Democratic control of the Senate in the forthcoming 84th Congress, gives him authority to call for congressional review of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the federal rate-making agency for interstate carriers.

"Nobody has really gone into the freight rate situation," Magnuson said, noting the significance of railroad charges in the selling price of commodities shipped from eastern manufacturing centers to the Northwest.

Listings Expire Soon
Magnuson's inquiry will come at a time when the lines are expected to be preparing to request rate revisions, for their present tariff listings expire at the end of 1955. The ICC in May, granted a general rate increase of 15 per cent which is good until Dec. 31, 1955.

The senator said it has historically been thought that the West and South have been discrim-

ated against in freight rates. He said he thought that was not always true, but quite often seemed to be the case.

One of the practices Magnuson said bears investigation is the "phantom rate" charged by auto manufacturers for cars assembled on the West Coast. He said the price includes a shipping charge the equivalent of transporting the car from the Midwest.

What affect Magnuson's investigation might have is problematical. His taking the chairmanship is expected to give the Northwest a voice of greater influence at the ICC. Also, it is expected he will take a general legislative course quite different from that of his predecessor, Sen. John Bricker (R-O.), an acknowledged champion of the railroads.

Failed by Two Votes
Bricker failed by only two votes last session in getting approval of a bill to give railroads "quickie" rate increases whenever they want them. As it now stands, higher rates do not become effective until, after extensive hearings, the ICC approves them. Bricker's bill would have reversed that and allowed the lines to increase rates at any time, after which the ICC would investigate them to see if they were warranted.

The Ohio Republican has also sought approval of a measure to change the rule of rate making. Today the ICC is required by law to give due consideration "to the effect of rates on the movement of traffic . . . to the need, in the public interest, of adequate and efficient railway transportation service at the lowest cost consistent with the furnishing of such service; and to the need of revenue sufficient to enable the carriers, under honest, econom-

ical and efficient management to provide such service."

Would Have Changed Rule
The Bricker legislation would have changed this rule to require the ICC to approve whatever rates railroad management found to be necessary to provide "adequate and efficient service, establish and maintain sound credit, attract equity capital, take advantage of technological developments, and advance and improve the art of transportation."

Bricker moved up to become senior Republican on the committee last year following the death of Sen. Charles Tobey (R-N.H.). Magnuson becomes the senior Democrat as result of the decision of Sen. Edwin Johnson (D-Colo.) to go back to Colorado and serve his state as governor.

Longtime Clerk of Supreme Court New Bar Board Official

Salem — (U.P.) — Arthur S. Benson of Salem, who for 50 years served as clerk of the Supreme Court and who retired from that post last Dec. 31, has been appointed secretary of the board of bar examiners by the Oregon State Bar.

The appointment was approved by the Oregon Supreme Court this week. Benson's office will be with the secretary of the Oregon State Bar in Portland. He will maintain his home in Portland. Benson succeeds Stuart W. Hill, who has served as secretary of the board for the past several years, and who continues as a member of the board.

Chairman Approved
The appointment of Arno H. Denecke of Portland as chairman of the board of bar examiners also was approved by the Supreme Court. Denecke has served as a member of the board for two years.

The high court also approved other members of the board of bar examiners nominated by the board of governors of the Oregon State Bar to serve three-year terms. They are: Philip Hayter, Dallas; Marvin S. W. Swire, Portland; and Sidney E. Thwing, Eugene.

Served Two Years
Thwing has just completed a two-year term of service on the board of bar examiners. He was appointed Nov. 3, 1952, to fill the unexpired term of W. P. Riddlesbarger of Eugene. Swire was appointed Aug. 12, 1953, to succeed H. Lawrence Lister of Portland, resigned. Hayter is a new appointee.

Carryover members of the boards whose term will expire in 1955, are: Chairman Denecke; Gordon W. Sloan, Astoria; and Anthony Yturri, Ontario. Those whose term will expire in 1956 are: Hill; William C. Schwenn, Hillsboro; and William M. McCallister, Medford.

He was introduced by Al Bradford, program chairman.



BUILT FOR MORE THAN TWO—The world's largest tandem-rotored helicopter, the Air Force's YH-16 transporter, is shown as it was flown for the first time at altitude. It flew at speeds exceeding 130 m.p.h. and at altitudes of 3000 and 4000 feet over Philadelphia International Airport. The Army will use it for heavy cargo and troop transport.

Entries Received For Fourth Annual DAV Talent Show

Entries have started to come in for the fourth annual amateur talent contest sponsored by the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans, it was reported Saturday.

The show will be held Friday, Dec. 3. Proceeds from the event will go to the rehabilitation fund of Jackson County Chapter No. 8, DAV, and is one part of the fund-raising program of the organization, which has a considerable load of welfare work for non-resident indigent veterans each year at about this time.

Tickets Due Soon
Tickets for the contest will go on sale soon. Pat Graham, adjutant and service officer for the chapter, is chairman, and information about the contest can be obtained from him at 1515 North Riverside ave., telephone 2-9312 daytimes, 2-4182 evenings.

Contestants will be divided into two age groups, under 12 years, and those between 12 and 18 years. Cash prizes will be awarded each group for first, second and third place winners, and also for the best vocal and instrumental numbers.

In addition to the competitive acts, other attractions will be part of the show, Graham said.

SO WHERE ARE THEY?
Humboldt, Tenn.—(U.P.)—T. P. Bethshars began advertising in 1891 that his grocery "wants 1,000 dozen eggs." Maybe he never got them. His son, A. L. Bethshars, operates the store now and still "wants 1,000 dozen eggs."

Commercial Deposits Of Natural Gas Seen

Ontario—(U.P.)—H. K. Riddle, head of natural gas exploratory firm, said Saturday that on the basis of recently completed tests there is a "possibility" of commercial deposits of natural gas in the Nyssa, Ore., area.

Further tests were started in the area Friday and will be completed within the next two weeks. Riddle said the second series of tests would show definitely whether commercial exploitation would be feasible.

The Riddle firm is one of two interested in natural gas possibilities in eastern Oregon. The El Paso Natural Gas Co., under contract to the Sinclair Oil Co., has revealed plans to sink exploratory wells in the area.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

Eagle Point Council Votes To Pay Off Old Water Debts

Eagle Point—The city council at Eagle Point voted at a recent meeting to pay off the \$2,000 balance of water improvement bonds voted in 1936.

Part of the payment will be from the water bond sinking fund with the balance from the water fund.

By retiring the bonds now, interest will be saved, officials said. The issue was to have expired in 1956. The original issue was for \$11,000, which joined with federal funds, was used to construct a water system including a reservoir, pipeline, meters and other installations.

Was On Council
Motion to pay off the bonds as by O. E. Henderson, who was on the council 20 years ago when the issue was voted by the people. Henderson's term expires Dec. 31. He did not run for reelection.

Recorder Judge Sam Coy reported recent court cases: Don Dillard, Butte Falls star route, expired vehicle license, \$5; Wayne Cooper, Trail, expired vehicle license and no operator's licenses, \$7.50; James O'Neill, Drew, Ore., driving while vehicle and operator's licenses suspended, \$25 and 30 days jail suspended; and Beneva Jane Lilya, Trail, driving without operator's license, \$5.

Building permits recently issued included Harold Clause, 9 South Fifth st., \$2000, addition to residence, and Jake Brown, 25 West 10th st., erecting milk barn, \$500.

GRANDMA'S CIGARS
West Haven, Conn.—(U.P.)—Surprised school board members were treated to cigars to mark the arrival of the stork. Mrs. Helen Carey explained that she had become the first grandmother in the history of the town to serve on the school board.

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Auburn, N. Y.—(U.P.)—An Auburn man has squared his conscience after 20 years. He sent \$100 to International Harvester and confessed he stole it during the depression. The letter was unsigned.

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