

Sen. Neuberger Moves To Block Logging Road Regulations on Western Oregon O&C Lands

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Washington—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) has moved to delay or block the adoption of new logging road right-of-way regulations on the O&C forest lands of western Oregon—an

issue which he contends divide large and small timber operators in the state.

Revised road use regulations are now under consideration by the Bureau of Land Management in the Interior Department. They were recommended to BLM by the O&C Advisory Board at a meeting Jan. 6, after being a controversial subject within the 18-member board. They were adopted by a vote of 8-to-4, with one member abstaining and five absent from the meeting, according to the Bureau.

Urges Public Hearings
Neuberger wrote Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay to urge that public hearings on the question be held in Oregon by his department before any further action is taken to implement the regulations. But a BLM official told this reporter there was little likelihood of this request being granted.

The freshman senator, however, has laid the matter before the Senate Interior Committee, of which he is a member, and told Chairman James E. Murray (D-Mont.) that this is a problem "deserving careful review by the committee." Neuberger, saying he opposed the new regulations, told Murray in a letter that the committee should re-quest McKay to hold them up until hearings are held in Oregon and the committee has reviewed the entire issue.

Assigned to Subcommittee
Neuberger has just been assigned to the public lands subcommittee, which presumably would deal with the matter if Murray and the full committee approve.

"The present regulations governing use of access roads are of great importance to logging in the O&C forests and thus to the entire economy of Oregon," Neuberger explained to Murray. "They were drawn in 1950 for the purpose of providing wider access to federally-owned timber, and upon them depends the ability of smaller independent operators to compete for such timber in the O&C forests. There is no doubt that the requirement of reciprocal road-use agreements instituted by these regulations has been successful in furthering competition for federal timber."

Neuberger said his evidence for this was that multiple bids for O&C timber since the 1950 regulations were imposed had "more than tripled."

Best Price Said Assured
"Such competition is not only good for the competing bidders and consistent with our public policy of favoring free competitive enterprise; it also assured the government of receiving the best available price for its timber," said the senator, noting that sales receipts last year set a record of \$15,845,833.

"Substantial benefits to the public would thus be jeopardized by a return to the monopolistic tendencies accompanying the pre-1948 policies on access roads," Neuberger declared.

Specifically, the senator contended that the proposed changes would "abandon the requirement of reciprocal road-use agreements as a condition precedent to granting right-of-way and road use permits" and that this would "seriously weaken the present policy of facilitating competition for federal timber." He said the changes would also "eliminate or weaken present provisions for protection of the access of hunters, fishermen and others to recreational areas in the O&C lands, and for arbitration of controversies."

Many Protests Received
Neuberger said he has looked into the question as result of many protests that have been sent to him against the proposed regulations. He said the proposal was opposed within the O&C advisory board by members "who represent labor, agriculture and important sections of the logging industry."

BLM officials said the opposition had been spearheaded by the Western Forest Industries Association, whose executive secretary, R. T. Titus, is on the board. Titus about a year ago charged in a letter to McKay that BLM had been "negotiating with a small group of big operators to revise the right-of-way regulations in such a way that competition would be largely eliminated and the owners of strategically located private land would once more virtually control the sale of BLM timber, as was the situation prior to 1948 when the department re-

ported 80 per cent of the sales were to single bidders."

McKay replied by inviting Titus and his group into discussions on the question. Shortly thereafter, last January, the O&C board assigned a subcommittee the task of reviewing the right-of-way regulations to suggest ways of simplifying them. During the past year, the subcommittee drafted its proposals and this month they were approved by the board for transmission to McKay and BLM here.

To Review Proposals
Officials said no action has been taken on them since their receipt, but that they would "be worked over" and then reviewed at the highest level of the department—a procedure expected to take some weeks at least.

The Senate Interior Committee has yet to hold its first meeting on legislation or other substantial material. Its first meeting is Tuesday, but it is understood it will be devoted exclusively to consideration of statehood legislation for Hawaii and Alaska. When the right-of-way issue might be taken up could not be determined.

Woman Determined to Make Trip To Red China To Visit Husband

Chicago — (U.P.) — Mrs. Marjorie Llewellyn said the only thing that scares her about visiting her husband in a Chinese prison camp is that she'll have to fly. She's never been in a plane before.

Mrs. Llewellyn, of Missoula, Mont., said yesterday she is determined to take advantage of the invitation to see her husband.

No Harm Expected
"I don't believe anybody in China will harm me," she said. "Everybody will know where we are."

Once she gets to China, Mrs. Llewellyn said, "I'm going to do my best to talk someone into freeing my husband."

Sorority Aids March of Dimes

Nu Phi Mu sorority held a food and "white elephant" sale Saturday to aid the March of Dimes campaign.

The sale was planned at a meeting January 10 at the home of Miss Patricia Vail. Speaker for the evening was Mrs. Jack Shirley, who talked on linens.

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Her husband, Capt. Elmer F. Llewellyn, has been a Communist prisoner since January, 1953. The B29 on which he was a navigator was shot down and the Chinese claimed it happened over Manchuria.

One of 11 Convicted

He is one of 11 Americans convicted in China on spy charges.

Mrs. Llewellyn, an attractive, 29-year-old brunette, brought her six-year-old son, Clark, with her to Chicago. She said she is awaiting word from the Defense Department on when she can go to China.

"I wouldn't miss for anything the opportunity to visit my husband," she said.

Swea City, Ia. — (U.P.) — A Canadian ace has strengthened one couple's resolve to visit an imprisoned son in Red China and has convinced another family that the trip might be a good thing.

Squadron Leader A. R. (Andy) MacKenzie of Montreal, who spent two years in Communist prison camps before his release last December, sought to persuade the families to accept Red China's invitation to visit their captive sons.

MacKenzie, accompanied by his pretty blonde wife, is carry-

Canadian ace failed to change the minds of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Cameron.

Cameron said after his meeting with MacKenzie that "if we went it would acknowledge that the Reds have a legal right" to hold his son.

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'Bucket of Bucks' Dances Scheduled On Tuesday Night

Finishing touches have been put on plans for five March of Dimes dances scheduled for Tuesday night, committeemen announced today. Admission to the dances will be by contribution to the polio fund-raising campaign and patronage at concessions at the dances will also be by contribution, it was stated.

Dances, all sponsored by organized labor unions and Lions clubs of Medford and Jacksonville, will be at Jacksonville Community hall with music by Bill Lively, Jackson hotel Pioneer room with music by Belle Van Dyke, Rogue Valley ballroom with Bobby Champion furnishing the music, Walker's Dreamland with Vern Marshall playing, and square dancing at the YMCA, featuring many valley callers.

Music, dance halls and concessions are being donated and all receipts will go to the March of Dimes. A "Bucket of Bucks," theme is being used to point out that dollars, as well as dimes, are needed to carry on the war against infantile paralysis, spokesmen said.

Merchants cooperating in the programs are Medford Meat Co., Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Coca Cola Bottling Co., Grover's Beverage Co., Quality Market, the Groceteria, Piggly Wiggly, Big Y Market, Fluhrer's bakery, Whitelaw Candy Co., Mason Ehrman Co., Snider's dairy, Johnson's Model bakery, Crispy Creme bakery and Oregon Nevada California Fast Freight, that will transport merchandise and other items to the dance halls.

Youngster Hurt in Crosswalk Mishap

City police reported today that the driver in an auto-pedestrian case had made out an accident report in which a nine-year-old boy was struck and slightly injured Friday night.

Police said the father of the youth, Wayne R. Maxson, 208 West Clark st., reported Saturday that his son, Roger Paul, had been struck by a car, at that time unidentified, at the intersection of Oakdale ave. and "J" street.

The driver of the car, Darrell Lee Ross, 16, of 424 Windsor ave., said in his accident report that he rendered first aid to the youth. He reported that he was "halfway through the crosswalk when the boy hit the side of his car." The driver added that the boy left the scene under "his own power."

Cpl. Richard Bradley Returns From Far East

Cpl. Richard A. Bradley is one of four valley men returning today to Seattle from the Far East. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil L. Bradley, 118 Stage road south and attended Phoenix schools.

He received basic training at Ft. Ord, Calif., and went overseas in Aug., 1953. Corporal Bradley attended Army schools in Eta Jima, Japan, and served with the 74th Engineers.

The other three men are Cpl. Frederick E. Reich Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reich, Stewart ave.; Pfc. Richard W. Imhausen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Imhausen, route 3, Medford; and Donald W. Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Mitchell, 509 Fifth st. Phoenix. Further information concerning the latter three was published in Sunday's Mail Tribune.

The first treaty between the United States and an Indian tribe was negotiated with the Delaware tribe on Sept. 17, 1778. The last treaty to be ratified by the Senate was made with the Nez Perce tribe in August, 1868.

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