

# Lausche's Announcement Jolts Republican Hopes for Control of Senate

## Non-Operating Rail Workers Get Pay Hike

Chicago—(U.P.)—About 750,000 non-operating railroad employees will receive a wage boost of 14½ cents an hour under a new agreement with the nation's railroads.

The fire, the same as recommended by a Presidential Emergency Board Dec. 12, will be retroactive to Dec. 1, a railroad spokesman said. The agreement was announced last night.

The railroads also agreed to pay the cost of a hospital and medical benefit plan now in effect, up to \$6.80 per month per employee. The railroads and employees will continue sharing the cost on a 50-50 basis in the past until March 1, 1956.

## Congress Can Order Hells Canyon Dam

Washington—(U.P.)—Congress can order a federal dam in Hells Canyon even though the Federal Power Commission has issued licenses for construction of three private dams there, the Legislature Reference Service said today.

Congress would have the same power even if the FPC decision were upheld in the courts, the service's legal opinion said. However, the service said damages probably would have to be paid to the private power company involved.

The opinion was requested by Rep. Clair Engle (D-Calif.) chairman of the House Interior Committee. He said a bill to authorize a federal Hells Canyon dam has subcommittee approval and now is before his full committee. The committee released the opinion.

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## Democrats Suffer Similar Blow in Sen. Bible's Plan

Washington—(U.P.)—Republican hopes of regaining control of the Senate were jolted today by news from Ohio that offset a recent jolt Democratic hopes received from Nevada.

The bad news for the Republicans came in Wednesday night's announcement that Democratic Gov. Frank J. Lausche of Ohio will run next year for the Senate seat now held by Sen. George H. Bender.

**Great Vote Getter**  
Although party regulars view Lausche as a maverick, he has been the greatest Democratic vote getter in Ohio in many years.

He easily won reelection to the governorship in 1952 while President Eisenhower carried the state by 500,000. Bender won his Senate seat by a margin of about 6,000 votes in 1954 to serve the final two years of the term of the late Sen. Robert A. Taft.

Despite Bender's victory, the Democrats in 1954 recaptured control of the Senate by the narrow margin of 49 to 47.

Although control of Congress usually goes to the party winning the presidency, the GOP can act on no such assumption in 1956. Most of the democratic seats at stake next year are in "safe" Democratic states. The Republicans have proportionally more seats at stake in the closely-divided states than the Democrats.

**Blow to Democrats**  
The Democrats suffered a similar blow recently when Sen. Alan Bible (D-Nev.) announced he would not seek reelection next year. He was considered a strong candidate in a state where the GOP has shown increased strength in the last decade.

Bender responded to Lausche's announcement by citing his record of support for the Eisenhower administration. He said he would campaign in every Ohio county "to retain for President Eisenhower and his program the Senate seat which may be crucial to the success of America in the years directly before us."

Referring to Lausche's reputation as an independent, Bender said there is "no seat in the Senate . . . you are either a Republican or a Democrat."

## Pilots Continue To Fly Western Planes

Chicago—(U.P.)—Pilots continued to fly Western Airlines planes today while union, company, and government representatives tried to decide on a place to hold contract talks.

The airline officials failed to show up yesterday at a scheduled meeting here and Chairman Leverett Edwards of the National Mediation Board notified the company it is "your duty" to accept a mediation offer.

The Air Line Pilots Assn. had been scheduled to strike against the airline yesterday, but postponed the walkout to accept Edwards' offer of mediation. The airline serves 45 cities in 12 Western states.

Western said it did not understand terms of the strike postponement and wanted the meetings held in Los Angeles, where company executives were negotiating with the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

Salem—(U.P.)—A judgment recovered by Dale M. Pfeifer for himself and 23 other employees of Lowes Lumber Co. for vacation pay claimed due for 1952 was reversed by the Oregon Supreme Court yesterday with directions to the Clackamas county Circuit Court of Judge P. K. Hammond to dismiss the action.

North Carolina has had 10 capital cities—Edenton, New Bern, Bath, Wilmington, Hillsboro, Halifax, Smithfield, Fayetteville, Tarboro and Raleigh.

## Automatic Signal Saves Lives of Two

Portland—(U.P.)—An automatic block signal system today saved the lives of two Portland men trapped inside a car that panicked on its top across the Union Pacific tracks in Sullivan's Gulch here.

Albert L. Harless, 23, and Gerald A. Linstrom, 28, were both seriously injured when their car rolled over a 40-foot bank and landed across the tracks.

The metal car activated a block signal east of the accident and alerted the crew of west-bound Union Pacific passenger train No. 11. The train reduced its speed to a crawl and trainmen found the trapped men. They had been in the car 35 minutes.

## Bandits Serve Treats To Victims of Robbery

Chicago—(U.P.)—Five gunmen apparently were filled with the Christmas spirit Wednesday when they robbed a United Parcel Service office of 15 fur coats and \$2,000 in cash.

The bandits served coffee and candy while they held five United Parcel employees at gunpoint.

Indianapolis—(U.P.)—Lawrence Venzke was walking home from a tavern when a car pulled alongside him and the driver, shining a spotlight in his eyes, asked him for identification. Venzke gave the man his billfold containing his identity cards. It was returned minus \$30.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—(U.P.)—The best time for hunting game birds is in the early morning, according to a University of Michigan wildlife expert. "The birds are feeding then and are less easily disturbed," said Warren W. Chase, professor of wildlife management.

Chicago—(U.P.)—The latest Chicago area Navy recruiting lure is a promise of spending the winter in Southern California. District Navy headquarters said all recruits of the next week will leave as a unit Dec. 28 for San Diego and nine weeks of training.

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