

Ike Won't Dilly-Dally on Making Decision

No Price Relief on Goods Shipped Into Northwest Expected

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Washington—Consumers and businessmen can expect little or no price relief in the cost of manufactured goods shipped into the Pacific Northwest, despite the recently ordered downward adjustment in railroad freight rates.

In some instances there may be a price increase. This is the conclusion of a high official of the Interstate Commerce Commission who was involved in the long proceedings which resulted several weeks ago in an ICC order effective next June 1 to revise class rates to and from the Northwest.

This ICC decision did not affect commodity rates—that is, the rates that apply to roughly 99 per cent of the goods shipped by railroads. It dealt with class rates only—the rates that apply to the other 1 per cent.

Most major items are placed under commodity rates, such as agricultural and forest products and many standard manufactured products. It is mostly the miscellaneous items that move under class rates.

The ICC ordered interim reductions in class rates between the Northwest and the Rocky Mountain states, but simultaneously ordered increases in class rates between Northwest cities and California.

Between Portland and Salt Lake City, for example, the proposed first class rates would go down only three-tenths of one per cent, but between Seattle and Salt Lake the reduction would be 6.6 per cent. Between Portland and Boise it would go down 12.5 per cent, and between Seattle and Boise it would be down 18 per cent.

But up and down the Pacific Coast, class rates would go up even more than the others would come down. Between Seattle and Los Angeles, first class rates would go up 28.4 per cent; Seattle-San Francisco would go up 27.9 per cent; Portland-Los An-

geles up 21 per cent; Portland-San Francisco up 18.1 per cent. These class rates in the movement of traffic up and down the Pacific Coast will apply generally to all less-than-carload traffic, the ICC explained.

It is significant that ICC Commissioner Owen Clarke of Yakima, Wash., the only Pacific Northwesterner on the commission, dissented from the ICC decision in this case. He was joined by two others in objecting to the adjustment of rates at this time. Adjustment Not Desirable

Clarke held that "it is neither desirable nor lawful at this time to prescribe a so-called interim class-rate adjustment as is done by the majority." He said that what the ICC has done is to set up revised class rates based on only a partial hearing of all the evidence in the case.

"The railroads have a large amount of further testimony and exhibits to prepare and present," Clarke declared. He added:

"Justice and law dictate that no interim adjustment be prescribed on the presently incomplete record and without according respondents their full day in court. It may be that the further evidence to be submitted when considered with the present record will justify the rates prescribed herein. But, should the complete record show that higher rates than those prescribed are required, there are no remedies by which the respondents can recoup their losses."

December Floods, Rains Reflected in Total Bank Debits

The impact of late December rain and floods in Jackson county is reflected in the total bank debits for last month, according to figures from the University of Oregon bureau of business research.

The Southern Oregon banking district, which includes Medford, reported only a 1 per cent increase in bank debits compared with December, 1954, while total debits for the state showed a 4.5 per cent increase.

Six banks in this area reported \$62,354,844 in debits last month, compared to \$61,764,419 for December, 1954. This region also showed a 3.5 per cent decrease in debits last month compared to November, 1955.

Services Offered On MOD Auction

Several Medford business and professional men have pledged special services to be auctioned for the March of Dimes tonight, it has been announced by Lon Skinner, general chairman of the sponsoring Crater Lions club. The auction will be held over station KBES-TV, starting at 9:30 p.m. and includes about 100 items ranging from an automatic washer to autos to a trip to San Francisco to furniture and cosmetics.

The special services and their donors include serving dinner and washing the dishes for any family by Father N. J. Deis and Attorney Paul Haviland; stacking a load of wood by Fire Chief Gordon Barker; two hours of baby sitting service by Sgt. Lyle Perkins of Medford city police and Frank Roelandt, high school basketball coach; scrubbing and waxing a kitchen floor by Sheriff Howard Gault; a family laundry by Dr. William Miller; one hour of instruction on the art of fly fishing by Dr. Charles W. Lemery; washing outside windows of any one floor of any residence in Oregon or California by Attorney Robert B. Dunce; serving dinner and washing the family dishes by Attorney John Dellenback and Duke McQueen; and serving dinner and washing the family dishes by Chief of Police Charles Champlin and his wife.

Road Conditions

Highway 99, north—Open spots of ice. Snow on Sexton mountain turning to slush.

Highway 99, south—Packed snow, traffic moving without chains. Carrying chains recommended. Chains required for cars pulling trailers; chains required in California north of Weed through Dunsmuir.

Highway 66, Green Springs, packed snow on highway, carry chains.

Highway 62, Crater Lake, ice above Prospect.

Highway 97, north of Klamath Falls, packed snow. Carrying chains is recommended.

Oak Grove School District Residents To Discuss Consolidation Possibilities

Residents of Oak Grove school district will discuss possibilities of consolidation or annexation to district 49, Medford, at a meeting at the schoolhouse at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30.

The district's board of directors called the meeting to ascertain thinking of residents on the proposal.

Previously the Medford school board, upon request of the Oak Grove board, voted to undertake a joint study of advantages and disadvantages to both districts. Informal Session
Directors of Oak Grove dis-

trict said the Jan. 30 meeting will be an informal question and answer period. Presented for consideration will be information on school and total population, assessed valuations, bonded indebtedness, transportation problems, basic school support fund distribution, and other factors which have a bearing on the proposal.

Total enrollment in the Medford district this year is 4,721, and there are 197 in the Oak Grove district, which has 80 high school students. Of the high

Announcement To Follow Checkup Due Next Month

President Lavish In Praise of Nixon

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower announced today that he probably will undergo his next important medical examinations between Feb. 10 and Feb. 15. He promised not to dilly-dally too long after that on his decision on whether to seek reelection.

Under news conference questioning, the President said flatly that no member of his family has any objection to his running again.

He was lavish in his praise for Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, but said he had not discussed with Nixon what role the vice-president would play in the 1956 campaign—whether or not Mr. Eisenhower runs.

In an oblique reply to a question concerning the possible political future of Chief Justice Earl Warren, Mr. Eisenhower used his own personal case as an allegory which suggested that if Mr. Warren enters politics, he should resign from the Supreme Court.

Other news highlights at Mr. Eisenhower's second meeting with reporters in Washington since his heart attack:

1. He would like to see the great principals and policies governing this country's conduct of foreign affairs removed from politics. Foreign nations then would not fear an abrupt change of policy in event of a change in the executive branch of the government in this country.

2. He wished the school construction bill could be considered on its own merits rather than having it slowed down by a rider withholding federal funds from areas where segregated schools are operated.

3. He ruled out consideration of a tax cut in the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, because the anticipated budgetary surplus is too slim.

4. He came out again strongly for his long term foreign aid program, as being in the nation's best interests.

Mr. Eisenhower was hit by an avalanche of political questions at a conference that attracted 224 reporters.

He was asked whether it was safe to assume that he would not announce his decision prior to the February medical checkup. The President said it was not safe to assume anything about many of his impulses. He said this with a broad grin.

He added that in determining the date of the medical checkup, one factor was that he was looking forward to a southern trip. He did not specify the locality, but presumably it will be Augusta, Ga.

Therefore, the President pointed out, it was possible that his medical examinations would be scheduled before mid-February. He had no definite date, but said sometime between Feb. 10 and 15 seemed probable.

Nixon's name was drawn into the discussion immediately after the President announced that the Vice-President would go to Brazil as the head of a 14-member mission for the inauguration of the new Brazilian President.

The question came in fast: "If you decide to run again, would you favor Vice-President Nixon as your running mate again?"

The President said his admiration, respect and deep affection for Nixon were well known, but that he had not discussed the political future with Nixon. He said he could not discuss the matter further until he has conferred with Nixon.

New York — (U.P.) — Water broke through a rock casing of the uncompleted \$100,000,000 third tube of Lincoln Tunnel under the Hudson river early today, flooding 100 feet of the construction site.

Eden announced the purpose of his visit was to seek "peace in the world" by cementing a closer alliance of Anglo-American policy in the face of creeping Soviet influence in the Middle East, Africa and South America.

Dodge Bridge Approach Repairs Completed

Repair of flood damage to the east approach of Dodge bridge has been completed, according to Ray Harnish, state highway department.

A total of 2,800 yards of fill material, including about 1,600 cubic yards of large boulders were used to bring the approach up to the bridge level. Flood waters from the Rogue river in December washed a hole through the fill 25 feet deep.

Weather

FORECAST: Occasional showers tonight. Valley fog Thursday morning. Intermittent rain Thursday. Low tonight, 32-34. High Thursday 48.

Highest Yesterday 36
Lowest this Morning 33

No Evidence of News Suppression Found in Coos

Coos Bay Paper Charges Unfounded

Eugene — (U.P.) — No evidence of news suppression in North Bend and Coos Bay was turned up by the Freedom of Information Committee of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association, according to a report made public here yesterday.

The committee, investigating specific charges of suppression brought by the Coos Bay Times, said that with the "possible exception of one type of information in one of the cities, the newspaper was in no case denied access to information."

The Times had asked police of both cities for the following information about taverns and night spots:

1. The number of arrests made by location within the last six months.
2. The number of calls made by location by police officers.
3. The number of times officers went to a location at the request of the owner.

"In neither case," the report stated, "did the officials respond fully and freely supplying all the information requested."

Reports Confidential
The only information denied, however, was an "officer's report" in North Bend which was a report on police action whether or not an arrest was made. City officials said they kept the reports confidential so that "innocent parties will not be hurt."

The committee said it could draw no clear line as to whether police records of the "officer's report" type should be public or private. But members concluded that the report was considered confidential by city officials and had been for some time. Therefore, they said, the Times "was not in this instance denied information to which it had previously had access."

Open Controversy
"The committee is fully aware of the fact that there has been open controversy between the Coos Bay Times and officials of the two cities for several weeks," the report noted, but members declined to pass judgment on this controversy as it was beyond their scope.

Chairman of the ONPA committee was Robert C. Notson, managing editor of the Oregonian. Members were Arden X. Pangborn, editor of The Journal; Bernard Mainwaring, publisher of the Salem Capital Journal; Robert Chandler, publisher of the Bend Bulletin, and Elmo Smith, publisher of the Blue Mountain Eagle.

Eden Trip Shadowed By Note To President

Southampton, England — (U.P.) — Prime Minister Anthony Eden sailed today for Washington on a mission of peace suddenly over-shadowed by a mysterious Soviet note to President Eisenhower.

It seemed apparent in London that Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin timed his letter to Mr. Eisenhower to coincide with Eden's departure for the United States aboard the liner Queen Elizabeth.

Eden arrives in New York Monday and flies immediately to Washington, for talks with the President and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. It was believed in London that contents of the note would be kept secret until he arrives.

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Farm Wages in State Reach All-Time High

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Wages paid on Oregon farms reached an all-time high on Jan. 1 of \$1.14 per hour, according to Oregon State College economists. Only Connecticut and Washington farmers were paid higher wages.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 470.71 up 2.83; 20 rails 156.59 up 0.58; 15 utilities 63.72 up 0.12; and 65 stocks 167.02 up 0.78. Sales today were about 1,950,000 shares compared with 2,160,000 yesterday.

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Bulganin's Letter to President Lists 'Certain Ideas for Peace'

Eisenhower Asked To Study Further Peace Promotion

Hagerty Issues Brief Statement

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower today received from Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin what the White House described as a "friendly letter" putting forth "certain ideas . . . in the interest of promoting world peace."

The letter was delivered personally to the President by Russian Ambassador Georgi N. Zarubin in a 15-minute audience at the White House.

Shortly afterward, White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty issued this statement:

"Intermittently since the Geneva conference, the President and Premier Bulganin have been exchanging correspondence. "The Soviet ambassador this morning brought in a friendly letter containing certain ideas which the Premier asked the President to study further in the interests of promoting world peace."

Zarubin himself refused to tell reporters what the letter said.

Just before receiving the message, Mr. Eisenhower declared at a news conference that the United States and its allies must remain strong in the absence of desired progress on world disarmament. He emphasized that disarmament moves are going to be slow and tortuous.

Hagerty would not go much beyond his two sentence statement on the meeting.

Hagerty noted that the President and Bulganin had exchanged correspondence intermittently since the Geneva summit meeting.

Under questioning, however, Hagerty said that this intermittent exchange consisted only of "get well" messages sent from Moscow to the President in Denver after he suffered his September heart attack, plus the Sept. 19 Bulganin letter cold-shouldering Mr. Eisenhower's "open sky" proposal and the President's Oct. 11 reply.

Hagerty said he did not know when the Bulganin letter would be made public, nor did he know how long it was. He declined to say whether it involved the disarmament discussion.

Nixon Enemies Tied To Malaxa Proceeding

Miami, Fla. — (U.P.) — An attorney for Romanian industrialist Nicolai Malaxa charged today that the Immigration Service's attempt to keep Malaxa out of this country was brought about by the political enemies of Vice-President Richard Nixon.

Attorney Jack Wasserman of Washington said "certain individuals have been trying to smear Nixon and are using Malaxa as a means to that end." He said Nixon at one time "intervened" in connection with Malaxa's Western Tube Corp.

Wasserman made the charge just before a closed-door hearing began in the Department of Justice Building here to determine whether 72-year-old Malaxa, a one-time close friend of the Nazis and the Communists, will be permitted to reenter this country.

Proposals decided by the commission will be referred to the county court, who in turn would present ordinances to the people for vote.

Abbott Jury Asks Judgment for Interpretation

Oakland, Calif. — (U.P.) — The jury weighing the fate of accused kidnap-slayer Burton W. Abbott today asked Superior Judge Charles Wade Snook for an "interpretation" of the legal principle of reasonable doubt.



PISTOL-PACKIN' MAMA—Mrs. Roslyn Freeborn of Lake Serene, Wash., packs a holstered .22-caliber target pistol at her hip as she does her household chores. The suburban community near Seattle has been turned into an "armed camp" following a number of attacks on women and burglaries. Even David Jones, 3, a neighbor youth, shoulders an air rifle.

Pletsch Elected Head Of County Planners

John Pletsch, Medford business man and civic leader, yesterday was elected president of the Jackson county planning commission. Stewart V. McQueen, Medford, was elected vice-president and David B. Lowry, Phoenix, secretary.

The nine members of the new commission, selected in December by the county court, held an organizational meeting yesterday in the county court room.

Members, with the length of their terms, include Pletsch, four years; Edwin W. Gebhard, Central Point, four; Edward S. Strother, Shady Cove, four; McQueen, three; John Niedermeyer, Jacksonville, three; Lloyd Selby, Ashland, three; Edward F. Bolt, Gold Hill, two; Don B. Whalin, Medford, two; and Lowry, two.

Next meeting will be Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the courthouse.

Tom Wray, president of the Medford planning commission, explained the duties of the city group and said it would relinquish its jurisdiction over the six-mile area outside the city limits. He agreed with the new commissioners that both groups must work together for the best possible pattern of physical and economic development of the county.

Land-Use Map
Wray suggested that the group first get a picture of what the area needs, partly through establishing a land-use map of the entire county.

He said it is necessary the people understand the county planning commission at present is a "planning, not zoning, commission."

Major problems will be sanitation and subdivisions, he declared, with the commission assuming responsibility for proper integration of subdivisions with already existing streets and other services relating to the general development of the county.

Proposals decided by the commission will be referred to the county court, who in turn would present ordinances to the people for vote.

All-Out Campaign Starts To Assure RVMH Construction

May Provide Enough Funds Within 10 Days

Rogue Valley Memorial hospital fund-raising officials today expressed hope that an all-out campaign in the next 10 days may result in subscriptions totaling enough to assure construction of the proposed \$1,900,000 hospital.

Walter G. Garner, chairman of the general organization conducting the campaign, announced an all-out drive at a breakfast meeting earlier this week. More Money Needed

A campaign headquarters spokesman said "more money must be raised before the campaign objective is reached," and urged residents who have not been contacted by workers to notify headquarters. A worker will be sent to interview prospective subscribers, the spokesman said.

Garner said the organization "hopes that through the continued hard work of volunteer workers and immediate cooperation of all who have not subscribed, the hospital will be assured within the next 10 days.

The goal for the campaign is \$850,000. Of the total estimated cost of construction, \$563,960.33 in Hill-Burton funds has been given preliminary approval by the federal health, education and welfare department. Previously, funds were donated by interested citizens, and more than \$545,000 was subscribed through the advanced gifts committee.

Goal Includes Allowances
The campaign goal includes allowances for possible construction cost increases, and unforeseen emergencies.

Some 207 volunteer workers have been attending daily breakfast meetings at the Elks club since the general organization started its campaign.

In addition, several organizations have contributed for hospital memorials, campaign officials said. Joe Naumes, president of the Medford Rotary club, said the club has established a \$2,000 memorial for a Children's room to memorialize its youth service program for Jackson county.

Other organizations which have contributed to the hospital fund include the Medford High school Black Turnout, the high school student body, Medford American Legion auxiliary, Romy Ann court Order of the Amaranth, the Antelope 4-H club, Phoenix Grange, and troop 8 of the Boy Scouts of America.

Farmer's Share of Consumer Dollar Down

Washington — (U.P.) — The farmer's share of the consumer's dollar shrank to 38 cents last month, the lowest since 1940.

The Agriculture Department said today the decline was caused by sagging farm prices and rising processing and marketing charges.

Consumer food prices went down only about 2 per cent, however, because two-fifths of the drop in farm prices was offset by higher marketing charges.

"If it does, we shall meet it somehow, if we have to go as far south as Los Angeles to fly in our need. Our hope, of course, is that Jackson county residents will take care of their own friends and neighbors—and themselves. For one never knows who will need the next transfusion," she concluded.

County Has Been Without Blood Supplies Two Weeks

Jackson county has been without supplies of blood for the past two weeks, it was announced today by Mrs. Joseph Burba, Red Cross blood bank chairman.

"Walking donors" have been used at the rate of one a day during this period, Mrs. Burba said, adding that the great danger of this procedure is the time element.

"Should we have a serious auto wreck, a bad fire, a hemorrhagic maternity case where multiple transfusions are required, the delay in rounding up walking donors could be fatal," she continued.

Jackson county has not met its blood donation quota for the