

Multi-State Wage Benefits Revealed

Salem — (U.P.) — Many claimants with base year earnings in two states or more will be able to secure higher weekly benefits in case of being laid off after April 1, 1955, the State Unemployment Compensation commission announced today.

Through a new interstate wage-combining agreement, base year wages earned in a state where a claimant fails to qualify for benefits can be used in figuring the claimant's weekly and annual benefit amount. Formerly it was agreed between states that such earnings could be combined only when the claimant lacked enough wage credits to qualify for compensation in any state.

Add benefit costs under the new plan will be pro-rated between the states involved in the combining. No additional charges will be made against the Oregon employer as a result of the added benefits.

Texas Fireworks Expert Rejects Monaco Offer

Dallas, Tex. — (U.P.) — Art Briese, fireworks expert for the State Fair of Texas, had to turn down an offer to put on a fireworks display during the Grace Kelly-Prince Rainier wedding in Monaco.

He said the budget, 2,000,000 francs (\$5,780), was too low to stage the display on Monaco's royal pier. At that price, Briese said, he would wind up in the red.

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Detroit Rated One of Best Cities for Negro Integration

Editor's note: This is the second of three dispatches on the successes and problems of big northern cities in integrating Negroes into the community.

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Detroit—(U.P.)—This city probably deserves to be rated the nation's best in the field of Negro integration.

The Negro in Detroit has an air of prosperity. Wages are high here and the Negro gets a good share of well-paying jobs.

Homes in many Negro areas are expensive, neat and well-kept. Negro children, most of them well-dressed, walk along the sidewalks with white children en route to the same schools in mixed neighborhoods.

There are Negroes in important public offices. Circuit Judge Wade McCree is a Negro. So is Dr. Remus Robinson, a member of the Board of Education. There are nine Negro state legislators and a Negro congressman, Rep. Charles C. Diggs Jr.

Negroes work in the stores and banks. They drive many of the city's buses, sell stamps in the post office and deliver mail. They read meters in homes through the city, eat in the best restaurants and stay in the best hotels. There are public housing projects where Negroes and whites live together.

UAW Big Factor

The United Automobile Workers Union has been a big factor. It has fought against discrimination in the big car factories and other industries. It cannot dictate hiring and some companies resist hiring Negroes. The union's main success is in preventing discrimination once the Negro is on the job, in promotion and other matters.

But Detroit is no perfect model of absorbing the Negro. The Negro here has problems, too.

Housing appears to be the most serious. Negro leaders complain that public projects don't operate on a "first come, first serve basis." The battle to open the projects to Negroes had to be fought, one by one. The latest was won just this month.

In private homes Negroes still are segregated, in fact, into sections of the city. Racial covenants are illegal but there are areas "understandings" that white

home owners will not sell to Negroes.

Such segregation has brought

Train-Car Mishaps Reduced in State

Salem—(U.P.)—Deaths in train-car accidents in Oregon last year decreased 69 per cent, even though the over-all reduction in total grade crossing accidents was very slight.

State traffic division figures released today showed 297 train-car accidents, killing five people and injuring 120 during the year.

Only two of the state's major cities, Klamath Falls and Astoria, turned in clean records for grade crossing mishaps.

Salem continued to hold its undisputed title as the Oregon city with the most grade-crossing accidents, surpassing even Portland, with 58 train-car accidents. Portland reported 41.

Other cities reporting train-car crashes, included: Albany, 5; Bend, 2; Corvallis, 5; Eugene, 11; Medford, 8; Pendleton, 8; and Springfield, 5.

"all-Negro schools, not as a matter of policy but as a matter of fact. In fringe areas, Negro leaders say there is evidence of subterfuge to juggle the white-Negro balance to keep some schools mostly Negro or white.

Churches Desegregating

They face segregation problem in most private hospitals, being forced into non-white wards. The churches in the area have slowly increased desegregation. There are some mixed congregations in Detroit; a few have Negro clergymen.

There are Negroes on the police force, although none is as high as lieutenant.

But there is substantial agreement that the Negro has made big and rapid gains in Detroit—particularly in the last 13 years. Because of his relative prosperity, racial tensions are not high.

The last big flareup came in June, 1943. Thirty were killed and 700 injured in race riots which lasted a week.

Since then, there has been no major trouble. Things have changed and are still changing.

Healy Sees Buildup To Excessive Spending

Portland — (U.P.) — William Healy, candidate for the Republican nomination for secretary of state, said today the 45 per cent surtax on personal incomes in Oregon would build up another surplus which will start another cycle of excess government spending.

Healy told a luncheon meeting of the Multnomah chapter, Oregon Republican Club, that "we have been taxing business and industry out of the state."

"And to top it all," he said, "we added a 45 per cent surtax to our high income tax. We are now on the way toward building a surplus. A surplus is an automatic starting device for raids on the taxpayer by special interest groups."

He said the secretary of state's office could not halt tax increases but could help keep expenditures down.



LINEUP—Searching for terrorists at Nicosia, Cyprus, British soldier "parades" a suspect past two trucks in which witnesses to a previous terrorist attack are hidden. British officials report their 24-hour curfew of Nicosia's Greek quarter, where all men were rounded up for screening, was a success, broken only by one fatal incident.

Portland Woman Hurt By Burglar in Home

Portland — (U.P.) — Miss Pauline M. Rosner, 72, was treated for face cuts after a burglar broke into her home, stole several purses, struck her, and escaped with about \$1 in change yesterday.

Police said the prowler entered the home through a window.

Real Estate Broker Exams Due Here May 16

Salem—(U.P.)—Twenty-six real estate brokers and 174 salesmen passed recent examinations in Medford, Eugene, Salem and Portland, the State Real Estate Commission has announced.

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