

Housewives Call for More Individuality In Housing, Higher Minimum Standards

Washington — (U.P.) — Irate housewives today condemned slaphdash "peas in a pod" housing developments.

They called for more individuality in housing and an increase in federal minimum housing standards.

The housewives raised the complaints at the National Women's Congress on Housing which opened today in Washington.



MEETING IN CAPITAL, two Far-West delegates to the Women's Congress on Housing confer with Administrator Albert M. Cole. From left: Mrs. Annamarie Hull, Eureka, Cal. and Mrs. Phyllis McQuiston, Salem, Ore. (International)

en's Congress on the home of tomorrow went into its third and final day. One hundred women attended at the invitation of the federal housing administration.

Eventual Slum Problems

Mrs. H. W. Furchner of Blackfoot, Ida., started the attack on uniform housing developments. She said their lack of individual-

Publishers Called To Battle for Access To Public Information

New York — (U.P.) — The President of the American Newspaper Publishers association called the nation's press to vigorous battle today for free access to public information.

ANPA President Richard W. Stocum said that "Government agencies constantly tend to act like clams." In the president's address prepared for delivery to the 70th annual ANPA convention, he added:

"There are mollusks of this variety in government from the high echelons in the federal establishment to the lower levels of local authority.

Not Gaining in Fight

"We have not been gaining in the battle. Matters about which the public must know if we are to have government of the people and by the people are being stamped 'Top Secret' and officials are finding a hundred excuses for refusing to discuss many things they are doing.

"No one connected with newspapers wants to publish the slightest thing that may truly harm national security. The trouble arises and the public gets short-changed on information because many public officials have an out-sized sense of what is important to national security."

He said publishers, editors, and their staffs must do the frontline fighting in the press-freedom battle and keep the public alerted to its own interests and rights.

Stocum, executive vice-president of the Philadelphia Bulletin, is retiring this year as the ANPA president after two years in office. He said the presence of Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz, publisher of La Prensa of Buenos Aires, as a speaker at today's session testifies to the ANPA's gratification "that the light of the free press has returned to Argentina."

Independent Spirit Grows

Dr. Gainza, whose newspaper was taken over by the Peron government for five years, resumed operation as its head in February. He said that "the forced silence of five years only strengthened La Prensa's independent spirit."

Newspapers and newspaper men are giving proof of their support in a press-freedom fight that still is far from finished, Dr. Gainza said.

"People are not corrupted as easily as dictators and demagogues think," he said. "The silence which fear imposes does not mean agreement. Actually, tragic silence announces that rebellion is hatching."

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Salem — (U.P.) — Public Utilities Commissioner Charles Heltzel said today a six per cent increase in intrastate motor carrier rates would be made permanent May 1.

The PUC commissioner said evidence was introduced at hearings March 27 showing that conditions of increased costs which existed when the rates were allowed temporarily were of a permanent nature.

No general opposition to the increases was expressed at the hearings, Heltzel said.

Exempted from increases were intrastate drayage, bulk commodities in tank vehicles, household goods, livestock, fresh fruits and vegetables in open containers, apples in bulk moving to processing plants and cement and related articles subject to minimum rates of 30,000 pounds or more.

COLLISION FATAL

Portland — (U.P.) — Charles W. Whitelock, about 73, was killed last night when the pickup truck he was driving and a dump truck collided on the eastern outskirts of Portland.

Thornton Asked To Probe Embezzling Charge in Lane

Portland — (U.P.) — Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton had another investigation to make today at the request of Gov. Elmo Smith.

Thornton, here to look into charges of racketeering in Portland, indicated an investigation would start this week relating to an embezzling charge in Lane county. Smith asked Thornton to take charge at the request of Eugene C. Venn, Lane county district attorney. Thornton said he had no immediate comment on the case.

Claim by Convict

Venn said the case involved a convict who claimed he had been deprived of money due him as result of a personal injury suit, which came before the convict was arrested and sent to prison for a holdup.

Meanwhile, Thornton said he would ask Gov. Smith for specific authority to continue the investigation in Portland into May. He said the governor's letter limited his activities to the present grand jury whose term ends this month.

Thornton said Francis Wade, who is heading the investigation here, already has conducted some interviews in preparation for the grand jury probe which starts May 7.

Sweden May End Assistance To Arabs

Stockholm, Sweden — (U.P.) — Swedish Prime Minister Tage Erlander hinted today that his government is considering legislation to end Swedish arms assistance to the Arabs.

"It gives an uneasy feeling to know that Swedish experts and war material are used to produce weapons in Egypt," he told the Swedish Parliament.

Erlander said the Swedish government is presently unable to stop this by legal means and hinted that the government will try to enact legislation to stop it.

He said he deplored the Swedish contribution to Arab armament.

"One frequently gets the impression that there are strong forces working in the Arab states aiming to destroy Israel," he said.

Bridge Club Closed Because of Small Bets

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Police cracked down on a bridge club of some 18 years standing yesterday when a member complained that half-cent-a-point bets were being made by his associates.

Asked whether other such clubs would be closed, vice squad Capt. Cornelius Murphy said: "We'll cross those bridge clubs when we come to them."

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Contracts Approved For OSC Buildings

Portland — (U.P.) — The State Board of Higher Education yesterday approved construction contracts totaling some \$4,500,000 for buildings at Oregon State college.

The buildings include two men's dormitories and a cafeteria which will cost \$2,434,515 and an agriculture and biological science building costing \$1,800,000 which has a utility tunnel estimated at \$150,000.

The dormitories are designed to house 628 men and the cafeteria to serve 1000. They are self liquidating projects. Funds for the science building will come from the state.

Ross B. Hammond Company won contracts for general construction of the buildings.

South Salem Freeway To Close About May 15

Salem — (U.P.) — The south section of the Portland-Salem expressway from Hayesville to Wilsonville bridge will be closed to all traffic about May 15 to allow completion of the road.

R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, said the road should be open to two-lane traffic again by early July. He said exact date of the closure would be announced later.

While the road is being completed, motorists will be required to use old Highway 99 east to a point north of Hubbard and then turn left to the Wilsonville bridge. The north end of the freeway will remain in use.

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