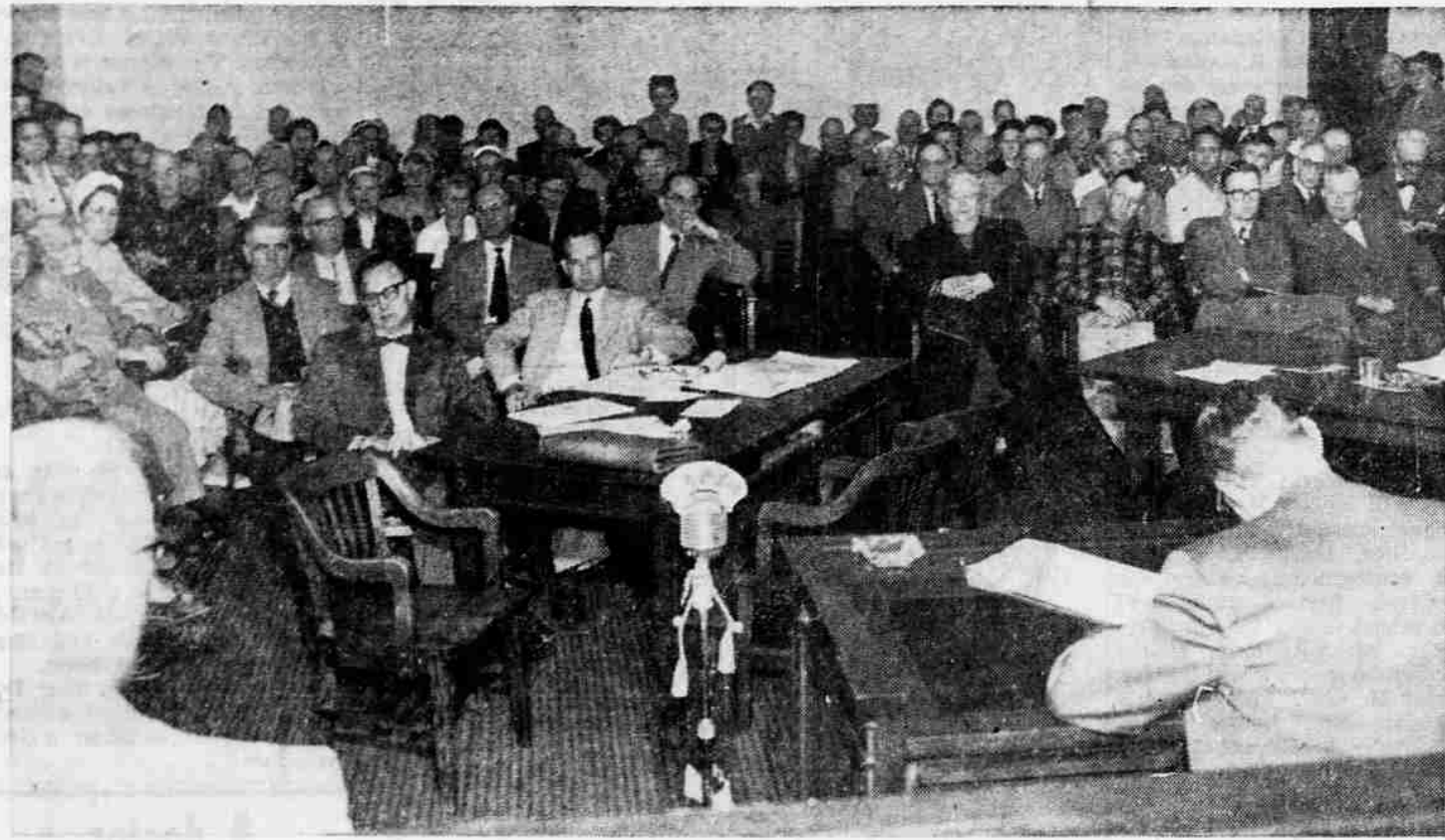


Claims SP Deliberately Discouraged Service



CROWD AT HEARING—Part of the crowd which attended yesterday's hearing on Southern Pacific's discontinuance of passenger rail service between Portland and Ashland is shown in the court room of the Medford post office building. Seated at the table in center are State Senators Gene Brown (left with glasses) of Grants Pass, and Phil Lowry, Medford. The crowd extended around each wall of the room, and into the hallway. —(Brainerd photo)

Hearing Continues; Railroad's Case To Be Heard July 10

Frank Van Dyke, Medford attorney and former speaker of the Oregon house of representatives Thursday charged Southern Pacific with making a deliberate effort to discourage passenger rail service in southern Oregon.

Van Dyke was one of 17 witnesses at the first day of the hearing protesting discontinuance of passenger train service between Portland and Ashland. The hearing continued today, with only a 10-minute recess at noon.

Among witnesses today was Robert E. McCoy, Portland, executive director of Oregon Development commission, who said eastern industrial interests have refused to examine possible business sites in this area because of inadequate rail service.

Mayor Earl Miller of Medford said he felt the citizens of Medford are entitled to modern, convenient railroad system.

The examiner early this afternoon accepted exhibit number one from George Lewis of Rogue Travel service here. It was a Time magazine, April 30, 1956, in which Southern Pacific showed a map indicating the railroad offered passenger train service on the Siskiyou line.

Southern Pacific will present its case in the discontinuance at a hearing in Grants Pass July 10. Hearings here are centered on protests from citizens and organizations.

Van Dyke said SP gave "lip service" to southern Oregon, but didn't make a real effort to build up passenger service in this area before abandoning it for financial reasons last August.

He further claimed SP has realized considerable revenue from fruit, lumber, cattle and other freight trade in this area. "By that reason this region is entitled to better service than it received," he said.

Van Dyke added that passenger train service between Portland and Ashland could be developed into a paying proposition by improving train facilities and eliminating some of the minor stops.

The senators are Phil Lowry, Medford; Gene Brown, Grants Pass, and Paul E. Geddes, Roseburg.

Last July Lowry, Geddes and Brown filed with the Public Utilities commission a complaint against Southern Pacific asking that reasonably adequate passenger service be resumed.

Counsel for Southern Pacific are Ogelsby H. Young, F. C. McCulloch, both associated with Koerner, Young, McCulloch and Dezenford, Portland, and William McAllister, Medford SP attorney.

Examiner for the hearing is Clifford W. Ferguson, of Salem, counsel, and director, department of rail transportation, Oregon Public Utilities commission.

Bulletins

Washington—(U.P.)—The House by a vote of 388 to 19 today approved a 13 year \$51,500,000 highway construction program with increased taxes on gasoline, tires and trucks to finance it.

Mojave—(U.P.)—Two Marine jet planes collided near here today and the four occupants, two in each plane, were killed, the Marine Auxiliary Air Station announced.

Longer Hours for Hauling of Logs Being Considered

Portland—(U.P.)—The State Highway Commission today was considering a proposal to extend hauling hours for log trucks on Oregon highways.

A request for longer hours came yesterday from the Associated Forest Industries of Oregon which protested the 8 p.m. closure. Spokesmen said that equipment has improved to the point where night hauling no longer is as dangerous as it used to be.

Study To Be Made

The commission decided to have a study made before the next meeting to determine what would need to be done about lighting of log trucks and checking at night for overloads. A two-hour increase at night was indicated as under consideration.

R. H. Baldock, state engineer, told commissioners that a section of the Portland-Salem freeway from the Willamette river to Salem, would be closed to traffic at 7 a.m. Wednesday so the contractor can complete the work. Moving up the closure date to May 2, he said, was due to favorable weather.

To Reroute Traffic

The highway will be closed at 7 a.m. at the Salem terminal and at 8 a.m. at the Willamette river end. Traffic will be rerouted over Highway 99.

Baldock also told the commission the slide situation on the Columbia river highway east of Cascade Locks would be given a thorough study.

Through 27 projects were opened yesterday and commissioners rejected five and awarded 22 contracts. The rejected projects included the largest, grading and paving a section of the Coast highway at Brookings, for which the low bid was \$219,987.

Edward T. Newbry Dies in Ashland Wednesday Night

Ashland—Edward Thomas Newbry, 89, an Ashland resident for 36 years, died Wednesday night in an Ashland hospital, where he had been a patient for five weeks.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the First Methodist church in Ashland. Litwiler's Mountain View chapel is in charge of arrangements. Interment will be in Mountain View cemetery.

Mr. Newbry was born Dec. 13, 1866, in Brown county, Ohio. The family spent several years pioneering in Washington and Idaho, where Mr. Newbry developed a leading part in developing the Twin Falls, Idaho, Irrigation tract. He started with first construction work and was superintendent of the district several years upon completion.

He was active in politics in Twin Falls county, serving as county commissioner. He also was a close friend of the late Senator William Borah and the later Idaho Governor Brady.

The family moved to northeastern Washington in 1919 after touring western states during 1918. In 1921, the family moved to Talent, where Mr. Newbry became associated with developments in Jackson county, and the Talent Irrigation district. He was a member of the TID board of directors for several years.

He was a member of the Ashland Methodist church, and was active in church work.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Electa Newbry; two sons, E. Lester Newbry, Portland, and Earl T. Newbry, Secretary of State, Salem; two daughters, Mrs. Elsie Williams, Salem, and Mrs. Edna Hill, Talent; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and two brothers, both of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Greenglass Asked To Repeat Story Of Espionage

Washington—(U.P.)—Senate investigators called convicted atom spy David Greenglass today to repeat the testimony that helped send his sister, Ethel Rosenberg, to the electric chair.

The 34-year-old machinist, now serving a 15-year espionage sentence, was taken before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee to recite how he gave highly secret information, including sketches of the inner workings of the atom bomb, to a Red spy ring.

Given Information

Greenglass listened yesterday as Harry Gold, a confessed and convicted courier for the Soviet spy ring, told again how Greenglass gave him several pages of information for transmission to Russian agents. Gold, now serving a 30-year term, said Greenglass gave him the date June 3, 1945 in Albuquerque, N. M.

Greenglass testified at his trial in 1951 that he was recruited as a spy by his sister and her husband, Julius Rosenberg. The Rosenbergs were executed for espionage in 1953.

Helped Make 'Lenses'

Greenglass was an Army enlisted man and assistant foreman of a machine shop at the Los Alamos, N. M., atomic laboratory from 1944 to 1946. He helped make the high explosive "lenses" used in the Nagasaki-type atom bomb, a later development than the one dropped on Hiroshima, Japan.

The so-called lenses were used to focus the force of high explosive inward to a plutonium core, which then exploded by nuclear fission. This lens concept was included in the data which Greenglass said he gave Gold for the Russians.

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D'Autremont Trial Set For June 5 in Medford

Assault Charge Would Be Heard If Offer Accepted

Portland—(U.P.)—Hugh D'Autremont, serving life in the state prison for murder in connection with the 1923 mail train robbery in the Siskiyou tunnel near Ashland, today was offered a trial on a federal charge of assaulting a mail clerk.

Federal Judge Gus Solomon set June 5 at Medford and instructed U.S. Attorney C. E. Luckey to get in touch with D'Autremont's lawyer and determine whether the prisoner wants the trial. Phillip J. Roth, the defense attorney, was not immediately available for comment.

Dismissal Denied

Last month Roth appeared before Judge Solomon and moved for dismissal of the 33-year-old indictment which charges the 53-year-old D'Autremont with assault in connection with the train robbery. The judge denied the motion but offered an early trial. At the time Roth, a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress, said he could not take the case before May 18, date of the primary election.

D'Autremont and his brothers, Roy and Ray, are serving life for murder.

D'Autremont wanted the federal indictment dismissed because he said it was keeping him from consideration for a parole.

Gas Blast Demolishes Big Apartment House

Pulaski, Va.—(U.P.)—A gas explosion demolished a three-story apartment house here today and police said that at least seven persons were killed.

Police Chief Lee S. Boothe said that seven bodies had been removed from the smoldering rubble of the building and that four or five other persons thought to have been in the apartment were still missing.

Controlled in Seven Hours

Within seven hours after the terrific early morning explosion, firemen brought the resulting fire under control and rescue workers dug the seventh body from the wreckage.

Hopes were waning of finding any of the missing persons alive and police were not sure just how many were still not accounted for.

Eight were injured, several seriously.

A reporter at the scene quoted witnesses as saying screams from within the building died out within a few minutes of the shattering explosion.

The building was blown into twisted timbers and rubble by the blast, touched off when W. J. Mahaffey, the operator of a restaurant on the ground floor, tried to light a gas hot water heater.

It happened at 5:50 a.m. (EST) while most of the occupants of the building were sleeping.

Six Hospitalized

Some of the tenants were in a transient center operated by the Salvation Army on the first floor.

Six persons were hospitalized. Lt. G. E. Boulein of the Radford, Va., police department, said seven families were living in the brick apartment building in addition to those occupying the Salvation Army facilities.

H. D. Christensen Named Chairman Of Welfare Group

H. D. Christensen, 29 Richmond ave., Medford, has been appointed Jackson County Welfare commission chairman, succeeding A. S. V. Carpenter, who resigned recently.

Christensen said he received a letter of appointment from Governor Elmo Smith. The office became effective last Saturday. He has been a member of the commission for about two years.

Active in Boy Scout work in southern Oregon, Christensen has been on the Crater Lake Area council executive board about 10 years and was president of the council four years. He was on the regional executive board for five years.

Other Activities

He also served two three-year terms on the board of trustees of the First Presbyterian church, and was a member of the board of directors of the Jackson county chamber of commerce in 1944 and 1945.

Christensen was born in South Dakota, and attended South Dakota State college, Yankton, S.D., college, and Creighton university in Omaha, Neb. He has a degree in pharmacy. He moved to Medford in 1942, and has lived here since.

Carpenter resigned for two reasons. One is the fact that he is away from the county for extended periods of time, and the other is that he is not in sympathy with present policies of the state public welfare commission, which limit the freedom of action and authority of local commissions, he said.

Northwest Democrats Accuse Summerfield

Washington—(U.P.)—Eight Democrats from the Pacific Northwest accused Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield yesterday of trying to use local postal officials as "political propagandists."

They demanded a Civil Service Commission investigation to see whether Summerfield directed postal employees to engage in illegal political activities.

The eight Democrats based their charge on an official Post Office Department memorandum to all local postmasters in the Northwest. It asked postmasters to "make every attempt to secure wide publicity" of a press release from Summerfield which, they said, attacked them politically.

The eight congressmen are Sens. Warren G. Magnuson and Henry M. Jackson of Washington, James E. Murray and Mike Mansfield of Montana, Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger of Oregon, and Reps. Don Magnuson of Washington and Lee Metcalf of Montana.

Radiation Monitor Station Due Portland

Portland—(U.P.)—Establishment of a radiation monitoring station in Portland as part of a nationwide network of 27 detection centers to measure radioactive fallout was announced by the State Board of Health today.

Fallout will be measured before, during and after this spring's nuclear tests in the Pacific. There is no reason to expect any danger, the board said.

Chotiner Expresses Willingness To Talk

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Murray Chotiner, Vice-President Richard M. Nixon's campaign manager in 1952, today expressed willingness to testify before a congressional investigating committee.

The Beverly Hills, Calif., attorney appeared at the U. S. Marshal's office here yesterday to pick up a subpoena ordering his appearance before the committee next Wednesday.

Chotiner was subpoenaed by Sen. John McClellan's investigating group to testify on his relations with Samuel and Herman Kravitz, Atlantic City clothing manufacturers he represented in 1953.

Chotiner managed Nixon's successful campaign in 1952 as well as his earlier campaigns for the Senate. The attorney said he didn't know if he again would handle Nixon's campaign.

White Muscle Disease Kills Oregon Animals

Salem—(U.P.)—The State Agricultural Department reported today that white muscle disease has killed 106 Oregon animals in the last two months—more than any other disease.

Dr. K. J. Peterson, state veterinarian for the department, said Marion county contributed 34 of the March fatalities while Yamhill had 14. In both cases the disease was more widespread among lambs.

Great Decisions To Discuss Japan's Role

Great Decisions discussion groups in the valley will deal with the problem, "What can the U.S. do about Japan's role in Asia?" during the coming sixth week of the Great Decision series.

The present economic and political situation in Japan and its relation to the U.S. and other countries will be discussed also on radio and TV, as well as in the high school class on Government Problems.

The problem will be aired on radio station KYJC at 7:30 p.m. Saturday; KMED from 9 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday; KWIN, Ashland, from 8 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and KBES-TV from 2:30 to 2:45 p.m. Tuesday.

Don Hansen, chairman, urged anyone interested in studying and taking part in American foreign policy to read and discuss this week's topic.

Montgomery Negroes Demand Integration

Montgomery, Ala.—(U.P.)—Negroes waged a 20-week-old, city-wide bus boycott today with a new demand for outright abolition of segregation.

While city officials threatened a court test of the National City Lines' attempt to integrate its buses the Negroes mostly stuck to their car pools or walked. Only a few rode the still-segregated buses.

A throng of Negroes attending a mass meeting Thursday night thundered approval of a resolution to continue the boycott until their status is "clarified." Their speakers indicated they meant desegregation.

"We will never go back to Jim Crow buses," the Rev. B. D. Lambert said. He got a loud ovation.

This represented a big change in their original demand at the start of the boycott for merely improved seating under existing segregation laws so Negroes would not have to stand while seats are still vacant.

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By UNITED PRESS

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WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy with light showers tonight and chance of thunderstorm activity in mountains. Variable cloudiness tonight becoming partly cloudy Saturday with a few light showers. Low tonight 35-38. High Saturday 65.

Highest Yesterday	65
Lowest This Morning	41
Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today	34

Russia Offers To Join in World Mid-East Arms Ban

London—(U.P.)—Russia's rulers wound up their 10-day visit to Britain today with an offer to join a worldwide ban on arms shipments to the Middle East where Arab-Isreali tension threatens a third world war.

The offer was made at a jammed news conference here by Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist Party Boss Nikita Khrushchev shortly before they left for Portsmouth and departed for home aboard the cruiser Orjonikidze.

They also made these points: (1) Price Minister Sir Anthony Eden has agreed to visit the Soviet Union at some future un-

disclosed date. (2) Urged British intervention to bring about closer Soviet-American relations. (3) Made another pitch for an end to the West's strategic trade embargo. (4) Repeated the stand taken in a farewell communique issued last night that Russia now is ready to discuss nuclear as well as conventional disarmament. (5) Disclosed that their talks with British leaders ran into "certain underwater snags."

Following the news conference, Bulganin and Khrushchev were rushed to Victory Station, where a small, mostly silent crowd watched them leave.