

# Two More Meat Packers Talk With Unions



## Thornton Says Voter Registrations Valid

Voter registrations taken at temporary registrar locations between Aug. 5 and last week in Jackson county are valid, according to Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton.

In a letter received this morning by Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, Jackson county clerk, Thornton gave it as his "unofficial" opinion that such registrations are not subject to challenge. In an earlier opinion he had ruled that registrations could not be

## Stockholm's Record Of Orders Missing

New York—(AP)—A record of orders given on the liner Stockholm disappeared between the time of the ship's collision with the Andrea Doria and the time it returned to New York with survivors of the tragedy, it was disclosed today.

Charles S. Haight, attorney for the Swedish American Line, stated at a pretrial hearing that the important item of evidence "had not been found preserved" when the Stockholm returned here to go into drydock July 27, two days after the collision that sank the Italian liner off the Massachusetts coast.

## Ike Declares Farm Proposals 'Honest'

Newton, Iowa—(AP)—President Eisenhower today said his farm policies might seem "crazy" to some farmers of the Middle West, but he felt sure that even his opponents realized that his proposals were conceived in complete honesty.

Mr. Eisenhower spoke informally before the massive audience attending the National Plowing Contest and National Fields Days about 20 miles west of Des Moines. The chief executive said he did not consider his brief remarks as a speech or as political.

## Portland Elected By World War I Vets

Portland—(AP)—Harlan W. Barnes of Portland is the new national commander of the Veterans of World War I.

He was elected at the closing business session of the organization's four-day convention here yesterday to succeed Harry J. Miller of Watertown, N.Y.

Barnes, 60, has been an employee of the Portland Traction Co. now Rose City Traction for 34 years and now is a claims adjuster.

## Black, White Goat Reported Stolen Here

A black and white goat, mascot of a group of visiting Shriners, was reported stolen from the car of one of them yesterday afternoon, according to Medford police.

Earl Hauck, Portland, the complainant, told police his group thought it possible local Shriners had, playfully or maliciously, kidnapped the goat, which was in a crate in the car.

## Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Saturday except for valley fog Saturday morning. Low tonight 28-30. High Saturday 75.

Highest Yesterday 63  
Lowest this Morning 38  
Precip. in 24 hrs. Today, Trace

## Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 5:34 a.m.  
Sunset 6:11 p.m.  
Moonrise 6:45 p.m.  
Last Quarter Sept. 27  
Prominent Star Regulus, 9:31 a.m.  
Wash above in the planet, Venus. Next week, Jupiter, which was seen near Regulus last winter, will appear in the morning sky well below Regulus.

## Railroads Are Basic Industry In Emergency, Witness Claims

Railroads are considered a basic industry in time of war and in the event of another national emergency, would have to carry a major burden, Dr. C. F. Ziebarth, University of Oregon professor, stated in the final day of the Southern Pacific hearing yesterday.

The hearing over abandonment of rail passenger service in southern Oregon last year ended at 6:30 p.m. yesterday. Sen. Philip Lowry, one of the complainants in the case, announced he did not feel a rebuttal is necessary. The case will be taken under further advisement by the Public Utilities commission. Studies by the PUC are expected to require a considerable period of time before a decision is announced.

Southern Pacific discontinued rail passenger service between Eugene and Ashland on the Siskiyou line in August, 1955, claiming the two trains on that run were not patronized enough to justify deficits.

Subsequently, a complaint was filed by Sen. Lowry of Medford, Sen. Paul Geddes, Roseburg, and Sen. Gene Brown, Grants Pass. The senators, all attorneys, asked in the complaint that improved service be restored. They also charged that withdrawal of rail passenger service had hindered economic growth of southern Oregon and that SP was discriminating against residents of this area.

Dr. Ziebarth, professor of traffic and transportation at the university, was SP's 12th witness since the company resumed its side of the case last Tuesday. The professor, who is also chairman of Gov. Elmo Smith's box car supply committee, stated he is preparing an article on rail passenger deficits for the Public Utilities Fortnightly, a nationally circulated magazine for public utilities commissions, utility companies and regulated industries.

Studies Show  
He testified his studies have shown a consistent decline in rail travel as well as a consistent increase in travel by air and private automobile. He added that in Oregon there is one car for every 2.41 people. He said that in 1920 slightly less than 10,000,000 motor vehicles were registered in the United States as compared with more than 58,000,000 in 1954.

A forecast for 1956 indicates that total airline passenger miles will exceed the passenger miles of the railroads, he added.

Deficits in railway passenger operations began in the early 30s, Dr. Ziebarth stated, but were attributed in part to the economic depression, until 1936. From that year until 1941 the deficits continued. The witness said deficits stopped during the war years 1941-1946, but resumed at the end of World War II and continued through 1955. The largest deficit was reported in 1933, with a decline in deficits noted in 1954 and 1955.

He said he felt the policy of retiring deficit-incurring trains has been partly responsible for the last decline.

Cross-Examination  
In cross examination Sen. Lowry asked Dr. Ziebarth his

Portland—(AP)—An automobile accident today claimed the life of Olan K. Thornley, 26, Portland.

Detroit—(AP)—The new 1957 Ford will be nine inches longer, 4 1/2 inches lower and \$53 higher.

## Harry Bridges Beaten By Merchant Seamen

Sausalito, Calif.—(AP)—Longshore leader Harry Bridges was beaten up by two merchant seamen at the plush Valhalla restaurant here early today, police reported.

Bridges suffered a black eye, bruised forehead and told police he had been kicked in the groin and stomach. He declined hospitalization and went to his home.

Arrested for the beating were Fred Reppine, 35, and Donald Ross Hansen, 28, both of San Francisco.

Both men refused to give any reason for the beating. Police Chief Louis Mountanos launched an investigation in cooperation with the Marin county district attorney's office to determine "whether this was a paid beating."

Nor could Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union, explain the beating.

Jumped from Behind  
Bridges told Police Sgt. Stanley C. Kelley that he was in the men's room when jumped from behind by the man identified as Hansen and knocked to the floor.

Kelley said Henry DeGorog, manager and head waiter, and bartender Charles Massie heard

## Scientist's Impression Of Russia To Appear In Mail Tribune Series

Dr. Luis W. Alvarez, one of the top nuclear scientists in the United States, visited Russia last May at the invitation of the Soviet Academy of Science. He kept a diary of his trip.

In a series of five articles, starting Monday in the Mail Tribune, Dr. Alvarez gives his impressions of Russia. In the first installment, Dr. Alvarez says that he does not believe Russian leaders have changed their intentions to dominate the world but he does believe that they know they cannot do it by World War III.

## UN May Be Consulted On User Association

London—(AP)—The second Suez conference ended tonight in general agreement but with a strong indication the United Nations will be consulted before the Users' Association attempts to send ships through the canal.

A majority of the conference nations endorsed the association plan, but expressed a "general feeling" that the United Nations should be called into the dispute early next month.

The Users' Association will not be set up formally until the governments of the conference nations have been consulted, a process expected to take about 10 days.

France, Pakistan and Turkey expressed reservations about the plan, largely as a result of revisions adopted at the latest conference.

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## Wilson, Morrell Contract Sessions Held in Chicago

Long Strike Seen Against Swift Plants

Chicago—(AP)—Packinghouse workers batted down today for a "long strike" against Swift and Company and went into "brass tacks" negotiating talks with two other major meat packers.

Some 25,000 members of the United Packinghouse Workers and the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen

## Building Starts on \$160,000 Addition To Bowling Lanes

By the end of this year or the first of next, Medford will have the second largest Bowling facilities in Oregon.

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## Kefauver Urges 'Deep Thoughts' By Oregonians

Pendleton—(AP)—Sen. Estes Kefauver said today that voters should give "deep thoughts" to what would happen to their country if Richard Nixon happened to succeed to the presidency.

The Democratic vice presidential nominee also rejected a demand of the Republican vice president that Kefauver apologize for a recent campaign statement that the chief executive has been working hard against the "little people" and for "the special interests."

Instead, Kefauver renewed a demand that Nixon apologize to "many innocent citizens he has hurt" by previous smear campaign tactics.

In a press conference and a speech before a political rally here, the No. 2 Democratic candidate hammered away on a theme of whether there really

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is "a new Nixon of sweetness and lightness and decency or whether he has just put on a new face for the purpose of the campaign."

Real Thing?  
Kefauver charged that Nixon "is the darling of every reactionary in the Republican party from Leonard Hall down."

The Democratic nominee asked whether Republicans who care whether their party can be a modern and responsible instrument of government... can be sure that Mr. Nixon's new Republicanism is the real thing?

"Nothing reveals a man's character more fully than to give him power," Kefauver said. "Does America have to wait until he is in his hands the awful powers of the presidency... to find out what Richard Nixon is really like?"

Nixon Rejected  
Kefauver urged Oregon voters to support Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) who has switched from the GOP since his last election, in the race against former Interior Secretary Douglas McKay.

"To sacrifice Wayne Morse on an altar of Republican revenge, as Richard Nixon asked you to do, would be the sorriest day in the history of the people of Oregon," Kefauver said.

Kefauver said he would not apologize to Mr. Eisenhower, as demanded by Nixon, "because every word I said was true."

Kefauver charged that Nixon's demand of an apology shows that "the official propaganda line of the Republican party is to try to keep General Eisenhower above criticism."

But Kefauver said that Republicans cannot keep Mr. Eisenhower "on a mountain top apart from the misdeeds and shortcomings of his administration."

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## Cost of Living Declines in August

Washington—(AP)—The cost of living declined in August for the first time in seven months, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today.

Factory workers' take home pay rose to a new record high level during the month, the bureau said.

The price index for August was 116.8, using average 1947-49 prices as a comparison base of 100. The August figure was 0.2 per cent below July which was the highest in history.

A decline in fresh fruit and vegetables prices more than offset the rising prices of other foods and most goods and services.

The average factory worker, with a wife and two children, had take home pay of \$73.06 per week in August. His pay check could buy more goods and services than in any previous August, the bureau said.

## Lookouts Taken From National Forest Posts

Lookouts in all Rogue River National forest lookout stations have been taken off duty except those in the Applegate area, according to S. T. Moore, fire control officer of the forest.

Moore said recent rains have reduced fire danger sufficiently to take lookouts temporarily off duty. However, he said, if dry weather continues for a few days, some of the lookouts will be sent back.

He added that almost no rain fell in the Applegate area.



STOKING ORATORICAL BOILERS, Democrats and Republicans are speeding up campaign for presidency. Adlai Stevenson (left), accuses Republicans of lacking understanding in Suez crisis. At right is Republican "Truth Squad" which plans to follow Stevenson, refute his arguments. From left: Senator Potter, Michigan; Senator Barrett, Wyoming; Rep. G. H. Sherer, Ohio, and Rep. D. L. Jackson, Calif. (International)



TESTIFYING for prosecution, Joseph J. O'Keefe gives details of \$1,218,211 Brink's robbery during Boston trial of eight. (International)