

### Nursing Homes Issues Ultimatum On Welfare Cases

Eugene—(U.P.)—Representatives of Oregon Licensed Nursing Homes, Inc., following up on an earlier petition to the State Welfare Commission, yesterday issued an ultimatum to the commission that either payments for the care of welfare cases must be upped or they must be taken elsewhere.

The earlier petition by the nursing homes called for an increase of 60 per cent in the rates the commission pays for patients. Unable to meet the pay hike call, for the commission granted a 60 per cent increase of about \$3 per month per patient.

Spokesman for the nursing homes group said about 67 per cent of all nursing home patients are welfare patients and that the average daily rate the welfare commission pays is \$4.09. They contended that the average daily cost per patient of supplying nursing care is \$5.04.

In a letter to the commission, the nursing homes group stated that starting Feb. 1, rates for welfare patients would be upped to between \$5.25 and \$9.25 per day, depending on the type of care the patient required.

In Portland, Mrs. Lou Howard Mason, outgoing administrator of the welfare commission, said the matter was up for legislative consideration and would be submitted to the department of finance.

"There is nothing the welfare commission can do right at the moment," she said, "but the subject will be given careful study."

### Republican Council Of Women Dissolves

Portland—(U.P.)—The Republican Council of Oregon Women, Inc., yesterday announced its dissolution.

Officers listed their belief that the some 1200 members could be most effectively working independently at the grassroots and the health of the council's officers as reasons for the dissolution.

The organization was founded 11 years ago by Mrs. George T. Gerlinger who has remained as the guiding hand in the corporation. When it and its rival organization, Republican Women's Federation of Oregon, Inc., have differed sharply in their views of how best to organize the party.

Madison, Wis.—(U.P.)—Crapples were biting so good on Anderson Lake in northern Wisconsin that a Milwaukee fisherman just kept throwing out his line and hauling them in. A conservation warden finally arrested him with 650 crapples—26 times the bag limit. He paid \$100 and costs.



"OPERATION SAFE HAVEN"—Two of the first 50 Hungarian refugees in the vanguard of 15,000 Hungarians being flown to the U. S. by the Military Air Transport Service, receive a warm welcome from an unidentified sailor at McGuire Air Force Base, N. J. The massive "Operation Safe Haven" was ordered by the White House and each refugee received a printed message from President Eisenhower which said in part "you are among friends."

### Doctor Under Arrest as Prowler; Felt Himself 'Becoming Unglued'

Belmont, Calif.—(U.P.)—A \$15,000-a-year doctor arrested as the "cat burglar" of this suburban community said today he "became unglued" because of overwork.

Dr. John Francis Riordan, 35, anesthesiologist at San Mateo's Community hospital, was arrested Tuesday as he stepped out of sturgesy. Police gave no details of the burglary with which he was charged.

However, Riordan admitted he had entered one home in his neighborhood, jimmying a rear door with a metal rod. After he got inside, he said, he heard the radio playing, realized someone was at home and fled.

Belmont police refused to say if they believe Riordan is the prowler who has entered a dozen or more Belmont homes in recent months. Some articles disappeared after the prowler's visits.

**Announced Own Arrest**  
Riordan himself announced his arrest at an extraordinary press conference Wednesday. Present were San Mateo County authorities and Dr. Harold Chope, San Mateo County health director and Riordan's superior.

Riordan is married and the father of a seven-year-old daughter. After discussing at some length an "obsessive compulsion neurosis," Riordan astonished newsmen by disclosing he had been arrested as a burglary suspect. "I feel very bad," he said, "I'm now seeking psychiatric treatment."

"I am not under any continuous compulsion to do irrational things. I can't remember taking anything. Under the stress of the moment, I acted without reason and I still can't give any reason for it."

Riordan likened his act of

### Oak Grove, Milwaukie To Get Bus Service

Portland—(U.P.)—Residents of Oak Grove and Milwaukie would receive city type service under a plan of the Rose City Transit Company to extend the Sellwood coach line to Oak Grove. Raymond Perkins, general manager, said today.

Perkins made the offer at a State Public Utilities Commission hearing last month.

He said today the company would add more buses to the Sellwood line and that patrons would have full transfer privileges anywhere in the city on Rose City Transit Lines. Patrons riding on the Sellwood line beyond the city limits would pay an additional fare of five cents.

### Billionth Ton of Cargo

Panama, C. Z.—(U.P.)—Officials of the Panama Canal rolled out a big formal welcome Wednesday for the U.S. freighter Edward Luckenbach, which carried the one-billionth ton of cargo to pass through the canal since it opened 32 years ago.

Capt. R. A. Carhart of Brooklyn, N.Y., said the billionth ton consisted of cotton en route from New Orleans to Los Angeles.

### Coming Unglued

"It was several months ago that I really felt myself coming unglued," he said.

Chope said Riordan was "sick as hell."

"This man is not a criminal," Chope said. "He has a mental illness. I've been trying for four months to get some help at the hospital for him. This incident resulted from an emotional strain."

### Plot To Assassinate Costa Rica President

San Jose, Costa Rica—(U.P.)—The Secret Service reported today it had uncovered a plot to assassinate President Jose Figueres.

The report said three Nicaraguan citizens arrested in a local boarding house had confessed they were sent here secretly from Nicaragua to kill Figueres. The three were members of the Nicaraguan national guard who told officials, "We are soldiers and were acting under orders."

### St. Helen's School District Denied Support Money

Salem—(U.P.)—The state, for the second successive time, has withheld payment of basic school fund money to the St. Helen's school district because of failure to meet minimum standards.

The situation apparently has resulted from the inability of the school board and the voters to reach agreement on the type of improvements the district needs to qualify for state school support funds.

D. A. Ermerson, deputy superintendent of public instruction, said sometimes the payment to a few schools is delayed until they bring standards up to minimum requirements but he believed this to be the first case where funds have been withheld on two successive distributions.

### Lack of Space Listed

Principal basis for holding up the funds was listed as a lack of classroom space in the district. The district did not receive a scheduled payment of \$72,310 last August and the December payment of \$50,098 is also being held up.

Officials said the school board has twice presented bond issues to the voters for new school construction and they have both been turned down.

School Superintendent Elwood Egleton said the problem lies in a difference of opinion on what construction should be undertaken. He said the school board has urged construction of a new high school while some citizens want additions to the present building constructed.

Salem—(U.P.)—Licenses of 751 Oregon drivers were suspended last month.

### Midwest Snowfall Snarls Traffic; Milwaukee Declares Emergency

By UNITED PRESS

A sudden storm that snarled traffic in the Midwest with a two-to-five-inch snowfall raced eastward today and weathermen warned of similar accumulations in parts of New York, Pennsylvania and New England.

### Freeze Glazes Highways

The snow storm, which began Wednesday in an area from South Dakota to Colorado, swept across Iowa, Kansas, Northern Missouri, Southern Minnesota, Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois and lower Michigan.

Freezing rain to the south of the storm glazed highways in Northwestern Ohio.

Scores of traffic accidents, including a number of fatal crashes, were reported in the snow swept Midwest.

At Milwaukee, traffic was jammed by a five-inch fall that prompted city officials to declare a snow emergency. The entire city snow removal force was

called out to clear roads and streets.

**Threat Eases**  
Weathermen said an earlier threat that the storm would dump up to 10 inches of snow in New York today did not materialize. They said accumulations in the northeastern portion of the country will range from "moderate up to five inches."

High winds accompanying the storm assumed gale proportions over the Great Lakes, whipping up 20-foot waves on the lakes. Coast Guard officials said an 81-foot freighter, White Swan, grounded near Charlevoix, Mich., since November may have been pounded to pieces.

Heavy snow in Northwestern Canada threatened to bury the fate of 62 persons lost in the crash of a Royal Canadian Air Force plane near Vancouver, B. C., until next spring.

Authorities said search crews have only about 48 hours to find the wreckage before the area is snowed in for the winter.

Among the victims of accidents blamed on the snow and sub-zero cold were three men killed in a head-on traffic crash near Morrilton, Minn. Authorities said they apparently became confused during a snow storm and swerved into the wrong lane.

At Sioux City, Iowa, a bus skidded and collided with a car

on a city street, killing a 70-year-old woman and injuring 12 persons.

A fire in a Duluth, Minn., home killed two small children who were trapped in their second floor bedroom. A mother and three of her four children were killed in a fire that destroyed their home at Vancouver, B. C.

Weathermen said the colder weather will push from the Ohio valley south to the Gulf Coast and through Oklahoma and Texas.

Some early morning readings were: New York 52, Washington 51, Miami 74, New Orleans 67, Dallas 41, Denver 30, Los Angeles 56 and Seattle 50.

**A SUBWAY SCOOGE**  
New York—(U.P.)—Five subway workers serenaded rush hour crowds with Christmas carols Wednesday in a burst of underground seasonal spirit. Most scurrying riders in Grand Central Station liked it, but one commented: "What we need is good lights and clean trains—not this kind of baloney."

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