

Editorial Comment

INEQUITABLE FREIGHT TAX

Every time there is a freight rate increase, the penalty of a 3 per cent of federal tax goes up with it. And every time freight rates are increased, western industry and agriculture are frozen out of more markets in the East.

One does not expect a postage-stamp rate on freight. But there is no logic in the federal government continuing the wartime tax on freight, and the 10 per cent wartime tax on passenger travel. We are glad to see that Senator Neuberger of Oregon has joined in the effort to get Congress to eliminate these taxes which essentially were adopted to leave more boxcar space for war shipments and to discourage civilian travel in wartime competition with military travel.

The West should be particularly active in demanding that the next Congress repeal these freight and passenger taxes, as well as re-examine the entire structure of excise taxes which hamper production and retail trade especially in the West which is so far removed from major centers of population.

CENTRALIZED PLANNING

Late in November, the League of Oregon Cities held its annual meeting and convention in Portland. Among the many topics concerning city affairs under discussion, the one that most frequently popped up was the urban fringe area conditions around Oregon cities.

The League's liaison committee which worked with the Legislative Interim Committee on Local Government, issued a report adopted by the league convention concerning "City Policy and the Fringe."

Among the suggestions in the report for solutions, to the key problems of area planning, subdivision control and other matters involving cities and their suburbs, was the formulation of a central planning agency.

To quote the report: "The first suggestion would be a central planning agency with adequate staff to accomplish the desired results. This central agency would be supported financially by all public units within the county including the county planning commission, and would serve all planning commissions or other public units contributing to the support thereof."

Here in Lane County we already have this central planning agency under the direction of Planning Consultant Edward Buford and it is buttressed by an attorney general's opinion which says it is entirely legal for governmental units to contribute funds for its support.

It has resulted in coordinated planning for schools, cities and the county, particularly in suburbs around cities, and has saved many thousands of dollars by avoiding duplication of effort.

We strongly recommend it to other counties in Oregon. If any of them want data on the manner in which the agency operates it could be obtained from the central planning office located in Eugene. The agency could still use more staff personnel but we have taken long strides in the right direction and apparently the league committee which studied planning problems thought so too.—Eugene Register Guard.

Bolivian President Stages Hunger Strike

La Paz, Bolivia — (UP) — President Hernan Siles Suazo went on a hunger strike last Friday in a display of anger over criticism of his national economic stabilization plan.

The president started his hunger strike at 5:30 p.m. and said he would firmly maintain it as a protest against criticism by some extremist groups.

Five-and-one-half hours later the Bolivian Central Workers Organization passed a resolution to support Siles' stabilization plan and asked the president to end his strike. A popular demonstration started shortly before midnight in support of Siles and demonstrators asked all Bolivian people to back the president's policies.

Cardinal Wyszynski To Visit Pope Pius

Vatican City — (UP) — Vatican sources said Saturday Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Roman Catholic primate of Poland, is expected to visit Pope Pius XII in early January.

The sources said the most probable date for the long-delayed visit is Jan. 14, although the cardinal's plans may be subjected to changes.

Transatlantic TV Declared Coming; Basically Possible

By ROBERT W. SARNOFF
NBC President
Written for United Press

That television set in your living room will soon be taking on a new importance. Within five years, that set may be taking you across the seas in the same way that it now whisks you around the continent on such shows as "Wide World."

This is not blue-sky talk! International television, with live programs spanning the oceans, is already technically possible. Some day it will be a practical reality.

Operas From Italy

You may be witnessing opera performances at La Scala in Milan, great sports events at the Velodrome d'Hiver in Paris, Mardi Gras frolics on the Riviera and major news events as they occur in world capitals.

When that day comes, we will be ready. At NBC we have set up a department of international operations. Its job is to maintain close contact with TV systems all over the world. Its aim is to make the top attractions of television all over the world available to American viewers, on a live basis wherever possible.

Naturally, international television is a two-way street. We expect our own programs will also become part of the home-viewing schedule of other nations.

Last spring, NBC executives sat down in Italy with representatives of the eight European networks which are linked together in a hook-up known as Eurovision. Out of this conference came working arrangements between Eurovision and NBC. All parties concerned were most excited about prospects for transatlantic programming.

Today, American television is the most advanced in the world. Contributing to Growth.

We have acquired a great amount of technical and programming know-how, and we are making it available to TV networks and stations in other nations. We are also preparing to send teams of consultants to help foreign networks in the developmental stage. This is in keeping with the policy of our government and of other private industries in providing technical assistance abroad.

By helping to develop television skills abroad, and by preparing for international programming, we hope we are contributing to the future growth of sight-and-sound communications as a powerful force for peace.

All nations come to know each other better through the living image of television, understanding and tolerance will grow. This is television's signpost to a better world.

Plane With 8,300 Turkeys Crash Lands

Hooper, Utah — (UP) — A twin engine plane carrying 8,300 turkeys ran out of gas Friday but two California men rode the craft to a safe emergency landing on a mud bar in the Great Salt Lake.

Pilot N. H. Greer, 49, made the unscheduled stop on the soft and slippery bar after his Beechcraft plane ran out of gas at 9,000 feet. Greer and his passenger, Carroll Adams, 40, were enroute from their Turlock, Calif., home to South Dakota.

A Utah Air National Guard helicopter rescued them about four hours after the crash landing. The two men were stranded on the bar about two hours before being spotted by a small unidentified craft passing over the lake.

The plane, only slightly damaged, probably can continue its flight. The question Greer agreed, is how to get it in the air again from the mud bar.

Owner of the plane is Bob Roberts of Sonora, Calif.

Zoo Officials Face Problem With Llama

Washington — (UP) — Unless the Peter Grogan family increases, the Washington Zoo is going to have a problem naming its next llama.

Zoo Director William M. Mann, now retired, began naming llamas after his friends the Grogans, eight years ago.

Band Leader Flogged By Five Assaultants

Camden, S. C. — (UP) — A high school band leader who was brutally flogged by five hooded assaultants said Saturday he doesn't have any idea who attacked him or why.

The five men, all wearing sacks over their heads, told Guy Hutchins, 52, that he was being punished for a speech he made advocating racial integration.

However, Hutchins said he has never made such a speech and that he actually thinks integration is impossible. "I think the only thing the South can do is to provide Negroes with equal opportunity in their own schools."

Hutchins said he was tied to a tree and flogged "about 80 or 90" times Friday night after the five men surprised him while he was fixing a flat tire on his car.

"It must have been a case of mistaken identity," said Hutchins, who was hospitalized as a result of the brutal beating.

EAGLE POINT Contest Winners Chosen

By LOUISE M. BERG
Eagle Point — A total of \$25 was presented this week through the sponsorship of the Lion's club to those presenting the most original outdoor Christmas home decoration. Carol Clymer of the Eagle Point Garden club, Joe Holmes representing the Lady Lions and Marion Nagle representing the District Garden club were the judges.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ashpole won the first prize, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Hopper, second, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Spain, third, and Mrs. Beryl Hickson, fourth prize.

This was the first contest of its kind to be conducted in this locality, and it is hoped that this will become an annual event, with many more participating next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Jackson's home was damaged by fire yesterday morning when fire caused by a defective flue, broke out in the roof.

Kenny Edwards, age 1, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Crocker spent a night in the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital after swallowing stove oil. Mr. and Mrs. Crocker were the former owners of the Coffee Cup in Medford, having leased their business to Mr. and Mrs. William Heart of Astoria. Mr. and Mrs. Crocker have leased the Brook's Cafe here and will be in charge after the first of January.

Cora Smith has returned from the Sacred Heart hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bruegger entertained their nephew Homer Haynes, on Christmas Day.

The Lion's club will hold their New Year's party in the teenage hall.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shama have gone to South Dakota for the Christmas holidays. Myrtle Mitchell is working in the Oasis Beauty shop during the absence of Mrs. Shama.

Football coach Smith left Friday night to attend the East-West game, accompanied by Gale Friend, Jack Greb, and Larry Clements.

Christmas day guests of the George Fatham home were Dr. and Mrs. Weiss of Medford, and Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Millard.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walton of Naches, Wash., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Olsen on Christmas. Mrs. Walton is the sister of Mrs. Olsen.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Etzel and son are visiting in Portland and Canby over the holidays. They will be the guests of Mrs. H. B.

Kidnapped Army Man Dies in Wardrobe

Cairo — (UP) — The Egyptian government newspaper Al Gounhouria said Saturday British Lt. Anthony Moorhouse, who was kidnapped by Egyptian guerrillas at Port Said, died inside a metal wardrobe where his captors had hidden him.

It added the guerrillas were unable to return in time to save Moorhouse because British troops had "besieged" the area in the search for the missing officer.

Moorhouse was kidnapped on Dec. 11.

The guerrillas returned to the house where they had secreted Moorhouse "immediately" after the British lifted a three-day siege of the Arab quarters, the newspaper said. They found Moorhouse dead.

PHOENIX Holiday Guests Many

By LILLIAN KNIGHT
Phoenix — A family Christmas dinner was held at the home of Mrs. Enid Caster on Christmas day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caster and Gordon. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Caster and family, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Caster and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Edwards and daughter Janet and son Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Vance and four children, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Claffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson spent Christmas in Albany with Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lawrence and family are spending the Christmas and New Year's holidays in Denver, Colo., with Mrs. Lawrence's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. "Gink" Newman and family went to Lakeview to be with his parents for Christmas.

Hiddleston in Portland and R. H. Etzel in Canby.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bonebrake and children spent their Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bonebrake and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Crooch in Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mitchell will be in Los Angeles for two weeks visiting their sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tyrell of Lake Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Gold Zundel and Julia Dow, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fortin last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ragsdale entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ragsdale, of Brookings, Vernon Ragsdale and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Flores and family of Medford on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Telecamp are spending several weeks with their daughter in Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blair are spending the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Bird, sister of Walter Blair in Camden, Wash.

Yetta Olsen was honored at a birthday party a week ago. Mrs. Fortin and Mrs. Stowell were the hostesses.

Magret Juettan and son Ricky of Eugene, J. H. Stanley, Darrell Stanley and family, Jerry Bellows of Antelope, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ashpole were the guests for Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Ashpole.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chamberlain entertained Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chamberlain and family of Fortuna and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Burns and family of Redding over the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Vaughn entertained Mrs. Dale Vaughn and Mrs. Dorothy Sawyer and family of Los Angeles over the holiday.

Mrs. Beryl Hickson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kohn and family, Sheldon Kohn and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lockard and son Keith of Medford during the holidays.

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British Doctors May Charge for Treatment

London — (UP) — Britain's family doctors threatened Saturday to charge their patients for hitherto free treatment if the government refuses to raise salaries of National Health Service physicians.

"People regard the health services as their birthright. They take doctors for granted," said Dr. Alfred Bentley Davis, chairman of the general medical services committee. He is leading the fight of 40,000 doctors who seek a 24 per cent pay hike.

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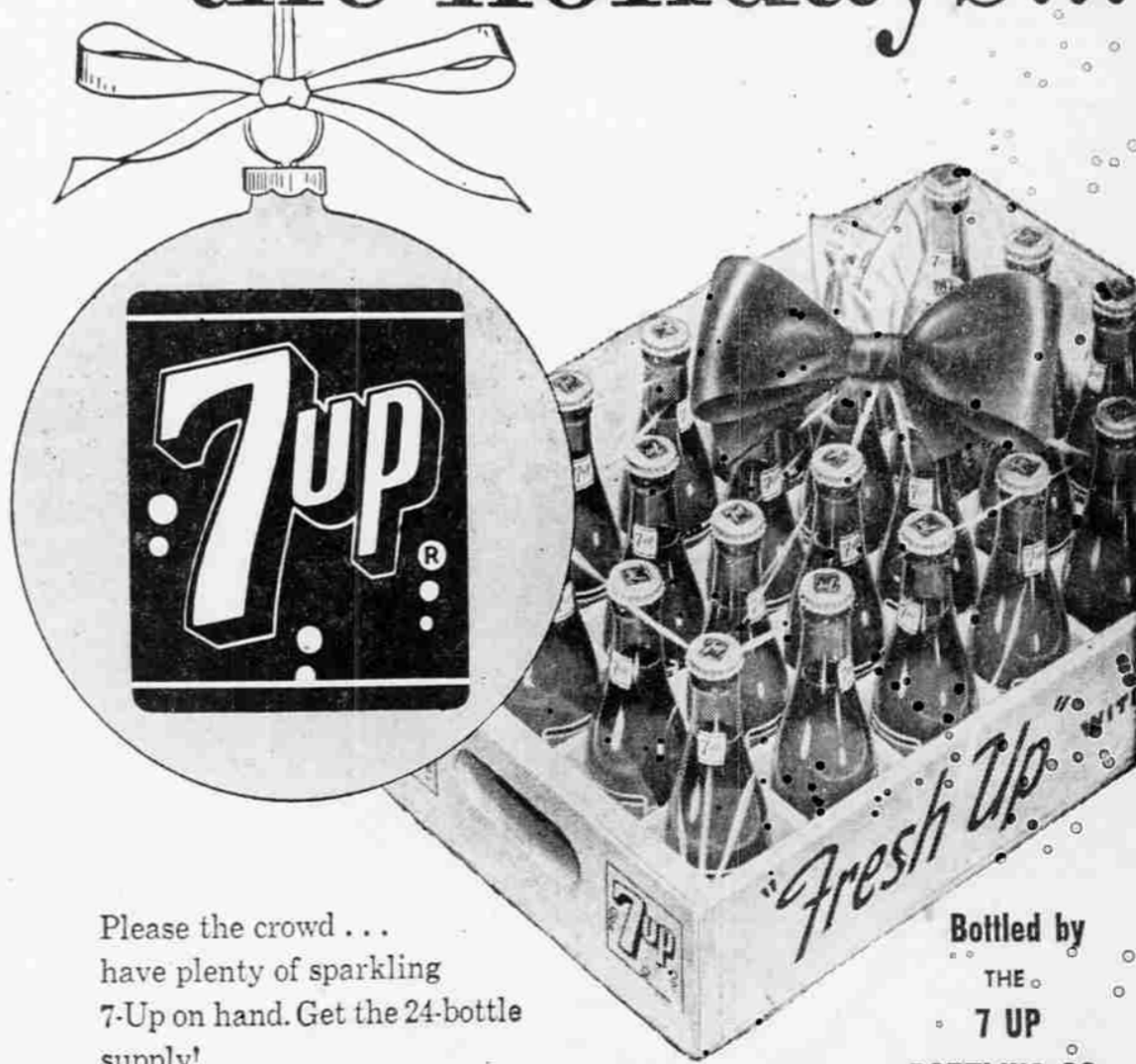
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