

Record Construction Program Reviewed in PT&T Annual Report

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company spent almost \$423 million, or \$1.6 million for every working day, for new telephone plant and additions during 1956, according to J. H. Creager, Medford PT&T manager.

This figure is a record outlay for a single year, Creager said, and topped the 1955 construction program by more than \$122 million.

More than 513,000 telephones, reported as the highest one-year gain ever made, were added in 1956. The company's six-millionth telephone was installed last July. At year's end the company had over 6 1/2 million phones in Oregon, Washington, California, the northern part of Idaho and Nevada.

Moscow Broadcast Says Ike Doctrine Will Lead To War

London — (U.P.) — Moscow Radio said today the Eisenhower Doctrine not only could take the United States to the brink of war "but could tumble it right in, head over heels."

In a commentary beamed at North America, Moscow said "conflicting tendencies are at play in Washington between those who want a relaxation of international relations and those who want their aggravation." It said one side was represented by politicians who stubbornly oppose cooperation with Russia and lose no chance to worsen Soviet-American relations.

Dangerous Course
"These are the same politicians who have been rooting all along for the dangerous course of cold war although this course has already demonstrated its insolvency and done the United States no end of harm," the commentary said.

It said the leaders of this group were Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland of California, Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.). Moscow said implementation of the Eisenhower Doctrine by Congress "will relieve Mr. Dulles of the need of making any more admissions about the United States being on the brink of war. For once it is accomplished there is nothing for it but to tumble right in head over heels."

Legion Oratorical Finals Are Friday

Finals of the American Legion district 13 oratorical contest will be held Friday, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m. in the library room of Central Point Junior High school, according to Judge Rodney Keating, chairman of the event.

Winners of district contests receive a scholarship and will compete in the area finals in Eugene March 1. Keating said. State finals are scheduled March 8 in Portland for winners of area finals.

Contestants will talk on the subject of his choice, and each will be required to give an extemporaneous talk on an unknown subject taken from the constitution.

Judges for the district contest have been selected from Southern Oregon college.

District 13 includes five American Legion posts in Ashland, Medford, Central Point, Grants Pass and Cave Junction.

Langley Must Submit To Defense Questions

Portland — (U.P.) — District Attorney William Langley must submit to questioning by attorneys for defendants named in his \$2 million federal court damage complaint.

A decision by U. S. Judge William East yesterday set the questioning for next Tuesday in his courtroom.

Langley's suit was filed against the Oregonian and several individuals in contention that he was deprived of his civil rights.

Prince Rainier Frees Misdemeanor Inmates

Monaco — (U.P.) — In honor of his newborn daughter, Prince Rainier announced a full amnesty Wednesday for all Monegasques jailed for misdemeanors.

No one benefited from the amnesty, because there were no petty offenders in jail. So two longer term prisoners had two to three months cut from their sentences.

"Our rate of earnings in 1956 stayed just about where it was in 1955," President Mark R. Sullivan said. "In fact as the year closed, it was trending downward sharply due to increased costs, particularly wage increases granted in the last month or two of the year."

Earnings per share of common stock were listed at \$9.57, compared to \$9.82 per share in 1955. In terms of return on average invested capital, earnings amounted to 6.46 per cent. Dividends paid out were \$7 per common share, or 73.1 per cent of earnings.

Revenues for the year topped 1955 by \$76 million or 11 per cent. Expenses also increased in about the same proportion, Sullivan noted. Including taxes, expenses were \$66 million more than in 1955.

Biggest Expense
Wages were "by far the biggest single expense in our business," Sullivan's report showed wages totaled \$412 million, or \$42 million more than 1955. Addition of 4,877 new employees brought the number on the payroll to 90,773. Practically all employees received pay increases, Sullivan said.

One major project completed in 1956 was a microwave system between Oakland and Portland that closed the last link in a radio-relay chain from San Diego to Seattle and Spokane. Another was a new coaxial cable between Los Angeles and Oakland.

Looking ahead, Sullivan forecast continued growth for the Pacific west. "By 1966," he predicted, "we should be serving at least 11 million telephones instead of 6 million. We should have something like \$4 to \$5 billion worth of plant instead of \$2 billion."

Friendship Follies Scheduled March 14

The 4-H Friendship Follies will be held at the Medford High school auditorium March 14, the 4-H club council decided this week.

Theme of the follies will be a take off on television programs and personalities. Council members said any 4-H clubs wanting to add acts to the program should contact committee members of the follies or 4-H county agents in the extension office in the county courthouse.

Committees appointed include publicity, Susan Palm, Eagle Point; Sharon Coffman, Central Point; and Cathy Carroll, Eagle Point; tickets, Philip Krouse, Applegate; stage and props, Don Smith, Medford, and Fred Jossy, Antelope; sound and lighting, Jerome Peterson, Medford, and John Ramsey, Ruch; and programs, Joan Dobrot, Central Point.

Auditions will be held March 2, officials said. Time and place will be announced.

Vancouver Shipyard May Build Tankers

Portland — (U.P.) — The Maritime Administration's large Vancouver, Wash., shipyard may be reopened for the construction of large tankers.

Spokesmen for the Willamette Iron and Steel Company here and Kaiser Engineers, Oakland, Calif., confirmed yesterday that their firms are studying the possibility of reopening the yard.

Earl M. Jennett, general manager of Willamette Iron and Steel, said the study has been made on the possibility of building two shipways and possible outfitting of the ships at the Vancouver outfitting dock.

He said that the Guy F. Atkinson company, parent firm of his company, has been negotiating with the Maritime Administration for operation of the shipyard.

Contraband Drugs Suspected in Prison

Salem — (U.P.) — Warden Clarence Gladden said yesterday that contraband drugs may have been smuggled into the state penitentiary in hog fuel shipments.

Gladden testified before a Joint Ways and Means subcommittee considering the penitentiary budget request of \$4,057,288 for the 1957-59 biennium.

The warden said he believed switch-over from hog fuel to oil or natural gas at the penitentiary's new power plant would save a lot of trouble.

"We have had more trouble in the hog fuel area of the prison than in most other parts of the plant," he said. Gladden said included in contraband drugs that might have been brought into the prison yard in hog fuel trucks were 1200 grams of opium and a large quantity of benzidine.

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