

President of United Press Urges Lifting of Red China Travel Ban

Washington — (U.P.) — Frank H. Bartholomew, president of the United Press, urged today that the government remove its ban against travel to Red China by American correspondents.

He did so in a statement presented to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which resumed a series of hearings on the ban imposed by the State Department. Representatives of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and other organizations also were scheduled at the hearing.

Have Right to News
"The experience of a lifetime has deeply impressed upon me that the people have a right to the news, good and bad," said Bartholomew, "that the best interests of the people are invariably served by complete access to all the news."

"Efforts to cut off access news at its source, or efforts which might be misunderstood as stemming from that motivation," his statement continued, "simply tend to replace facts in the minds of the public with uneasy apprehensions and rumors detrimental to the formation of sound public opinion."

"Free access to the news at its sources outweighs all other considerations in the long run."

No Way to Check
Bartholomew pointed out that the United Press now is "covering Peiping as best we can in

discharge of our responsibility." But the principal means now is by reporting what the Communist Chinese radio says.

"In the control of our own correspondents elsewhere in the world, including Moscow, we can check back. We have no such means of checking reports from Red China."

He rejected suggestions that the issue be compromised on a basis which would permit only a limited corps of American reporters to visit China. The ban should be removed for reporters of individual American newspapers, radio and TV stations, as well as the news agencies.

"It seems to me" Bartholomew's statement concluded, "that the most desirable development would be for the State Department to remove the ban against travel in Red China from the passports of American correspondents." The American Newspaper Guild, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Communist newspaper the Daily Worker were among other organizations scheduled to testify.

State Department Ban
The hearings sprang from the State Department's refusal last year to let U.S. reporters visit Red China at the invitation of the Peiping government.

Since then the Eisenhower administration has stood firm on its ban, although Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and

President Eisenhower both indicated recently they were reconsidering the issue.

However, Robert D. Murphy, deputy undersecretary of state, told the committee at hearings on the issue last week the State Department has no intention of permitting U.S. newsmen to visit Red China as long as Americans are held prisoner there.

"To do so might well destroy their (the prisoners') last chance for freedom and would most certainly be giving in to a form of blackmail," Murphy said.

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Min.) called Murphy's stand "a nonsensical argument that cannot be validated." Senator J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) said "it seems a little like biting our nose to spite our face."

Catholic Priest Building Nursery For Slum Kiddies

Valencia — (U.P.) — A Catholic priest with a flair for the unusual is well on his way to building a nursery for slum children in this Spanish city with the proceeds of a used bottle business.

Father Joaquin Sancho, "padre" of the humble parish of Cantereria believes he can put up the building—capable of caring for 80 children under six—by collecting and selling 100,000 empty bottles.

Figuring an average of two pesetas (five cents) a bottle, that would give him 200,000 pesetas (\$3,000 dollars) with which to work.

Since Christmas, when he timidly initiated his drive to collect bottles, Father Sancho and a city full of volunteer assistants have gathered about 20,000 resalable empties. Since this is wine-producing and wine-drinking Spain, most of the bottles are one-liter containers.

The campaign to turn the drained bottles into a public benefit was started officially with a six-line ad in local newspapers. It asked that readers "Please save your empty bottles this holiday season," and then explained why.

Volunteers Why
Father Sancho backed up the ads with short announcements over the radio. He asked that people with empties call his number. Results were spectacular.

From all parts of this seaport city came offers of bottles. Newspapers took it up and labelled it "The campaign of the bottles."

The local "youth front" turned over a truck for collections. Father Sancho's phones was swamped with offers of private cars to sport collections. Before long, cars sporting placards advertising the drive were seen on the streets.

In some sections of town citizen groups were going from house to house explaining the campaign and asking for bottles. One week end about 400 boys, students at religious schools here and members of the Boy Scouts, formed a voluntary army to push the drive. Father Sancho, who at first doubted the campaign would be a success, now is confident it will reach, and perhaps surpass, the 100,000 pesetas mark.

"By spring, he predicted, our humble quarter, with its 2,000 inhabitants, will have its nursery, thanks to this campaign of the bottles."

New Container Offers Temperature Control
Chicago — (U.P.) — A Chicago box manufacturer has come out with a new aluminum foil-laminated corrugated container which, the maker claims, offers "effective, no-ice temperature control and slashes costs for refrigerated shipment of cut-up, fresh, tray-pack chickens."

The new dry-pack corrugated box is designed to replace ice-packed, wire-bound wood crates.

"Our new containers give more uniform protection than the old type of box," said an officer of the Stone Container Corp. of Chicago.

"They also eliminate the extra expense of the wire-bound crates, as well as cut down on the weight and volume of ice, which typically amounted to 25 pounds per 45 to 50 pounds of poultry."

Besides its insulation value, the new container has the advantage of chilling contents more rapidly than other boxes, permitting economies in refrigeration, the company claimed. The new box is of one-piece construction, with a tuck-in lid. It is quickly set up by folding. No staples or other fasteners are needed.

ENTERS GUILTY PLEA
Corvallis — (U.P.) — Phil Shadoin, former basketball player at Oregon State college, Wednesday pleaded guilty in District Court to a charge of issuing worthless checks. Sentencing was scheduled for Friday.

Ad Valorem Tax On Motor Vehicles For Hire Debated

Salem — (U.P.) — Proponents of a House resolution which would amend the constitution so that motor vehicles engaged in transporting persons or property for hire on public highways could be taxed on a basis similar to rail, air and water carriers, had their air in court here Wednesday.

Sen. Dan Dimmick, Roseburg Democrat, told the House Taxation Committee he felt the state was "at the crossroads" as far as its ad valorem tax system was concerned. He said the state might have to start taxing trucks for hire, other commercial trucks and possibly even passenger cars to support local government and school operations.

Should Contribute Share
Dimmick said he felt that truckers as well as other interests would have to contribute their fair share of ad valorem taxes.

F. L. Phipps of the Association of Oregon Counties, said his organization supported the resolution. He said he was not prejudiced against any carrier but thought all should be taxed alike for local purposes.

Judge Guy Boyington, Astoria, said that in 1955 trucks paid taxes in Oregon of \$165,000 while other transportation media paid more than \$6 million, of which about \$5 million was paid by railroads alone.

Russians Facing Investment Loss

Moscow — (U.P.) — Any Russian over 30 who holds a government bond has little likelihood of ever being able to cash it in.

That was the inference drawn today from a speech made recently to farmers at an agricultural conference at Gorky, and made public Wednesday in the Moscow press. In it party secretary Nikita Khrushchev proposed a freeing of all payment maturing on state loans for around 40 years.

If Khrushchev's plan is adopted, and western observers said it probably will be, it most probably will be around 40 years before any current Soviet bondholders are able to withdraw their money.

Few persons aged 40 or more now can expect to live that long, and they thus face the prospect of losing their money altogether.

Khrushchev frankly admitted in the speech that the Soviet government can not afford to repay the loan raised by sale of the bonds. It needs funds for improving Russian living standards, building more schools and hospitals and other development projects.

According to the party chief, "tens of thousands of workers immediately and enthusiastically" accepted this sacrifice, which in many cases means a lifetime savings, and in almost all cases equals a month's wages.

Holmes Signs Bill Increasing Amount Of Loans To Vets

Salem — (U.P.) — A bill carrying substantial increases in amounts of loans veterans may get from the State Department of Veterans Affairs for building homes or buying farms was signed into law Wednesday by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

Veterans may begin immediately contracting for loans up to \$13,500 for homes and up to \$30,000 for farms, the governor said.

Raising the maximum loan limits is expected to accelerate particularly home building and purchasing among eligible residents in Oregon.

Decline Recorded
Some decline in building and real estate activity had been recorded in Oregon with the blame being assessed to the so-called "tight money" policies of lending agencies, the governor added.

A companion bill to raise the amount of money for loan purposes from four to six per cent of the state's assessed valuation is still in the Legislature. It would increase the bonding capacity for loan purposes to approximately \$122 million. The present limitation is \$81 million of which about 75 per cent is currently out on loans.

The new law will permit veterans to borrow from the state up to 85 per cent of the appraised value of homes and farms.

Spokane Teamsters Demand Records

Spokane — (U.P.) — A group of members of the Spokane Teamsters Local 690 filed suit in Superior Court here Wednesday, asking for recognition and for control of the union's records and funds.

Superior Court Judge Hugh Evans deferred until today the signing of an order to turn the books of the local over to a custodian for safekeeping pending trial of the suit. Earlier, he issued a temporary restraining order preventing Dave Beck, president of the Western Conference of Teamsters, from interfering with affairs of the local pending trial of the case.

Youngster Accidentally Hangs Self at Empire

Coos Bay — (U.P.) — Terry Lee Frederickson, 3, accidentally hanged himself at his home in Empire Wednesday, the coroner's office reported.

The little boy apparently looped a belt about his neck and was hanged when it caught on a clothes hook on a closet door. He was rushed to a North Bend hospital where efforts to revive him were unsuccessful.

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Apparent Low Bid for Colorado River Job Largest in History

Kanab, Utah — (U.P.) — A new York construction company today submitted an apparent low bid of \$107,955,122 for construction of Glen Canyon dam, key works of the Colorado river development program and the most expensive single reclamation project in American history.

The apparent low bid, submitted by Merritt-Chapman and Scott Corp., was \$10,381,354 under other contracts submitted by three other contracting firms and was \$27,553,045 under the estimate of \$135,808,170 made by Bureau of Reclamation engineers.

Bid Incomplete
The other bids were \$118,336,476 by Glen Canyon Construction Co., a 10-company combine headed by Guy F. Atkinson Co., San Francisco; and \$120,178,853 submitted by Morrison-Knudsen Construction Co., Boise, Idaho, in combination with eight other firms.

T. Rosso Co., Prescott, Ariz., also submitted a bid on the historic project but the bid was incomplete and was not received by the Bureau of Reclamation.

L. F. (Lem) Wylie, construction engineer for the Glenn Canyon unit, opened the bids.

The bids must be reviewed by reclamation engineers, attorneys

and officials before a final contract award is made.

Wylie estimated construction could start by mid-May. The contractor will have 2,500 days, nearly seven years, to complete the 700-foot high, 1,500-foot wide dam.

"However, I think we'll beat that date," Wylie said.

The job, in addition to its cost, was a record setter in many categories.

Sidewalk Around World
The 5,506,000 cubic yards of concrete that must be poured for the dam and pertinent works is sufficient to form a three-foot sidewalk around the world.

The cost of \$107,955,122, as indicated by the apparent low bid compares with the \$49 million for Trinity Dam in California, previously the most expensive single reclamation unit, and the \$48 million that Hoover Dam, 300 miles downstream on the Colorado river, cost when constructed a quarter of a century ago.

William Denny, executive vice president in charge of construction for Merritt-Chapman and Scott, said his company would be "ready to kick off as soon as we get the okay from the Bureau of Reclamation."

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