

Closed Circuit TV Proposed Locally

Oregon-California Theaters, Inc., has made application to the city of Medford for a franchise to operate a closed-circuit television system here, it was revealed today.

Robert L. Lippert president of the company which operates Medford theaters and a number in California, said in a letter to the mayor and city council that it is hoped to "bring directly into the home entertainment that it not now available except to mass audiences."

Mayor John Snider said the application "is still another evidence of faith in the future of our community by investors who are growing with it."

The mayor promised speedy city action in investigating the implications of the application. "There are legal questions to be answered because of the newness of this type of franchise," the mayor said. He added "The city council, after receiving a complete report from the city manager and city attorney, will take early action on the application."

"The whole program of closed-circuit television is an exciting thing — a 'piece of tomorrow' today — and Medford and vicinity are fortunate to be considered as one of the first on the Pacific Coast," the mayor stated.

Lippert's letter did not reveal which type of operation is contemplated, and Robert Corbin, Oregon-California manager in this area, said that detailed plans for operation have not yet been set up.

Basically, there are three types of closed-circuit TV operation which could be used. One would be through existing wires of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, where a subscriber would call and order a certain film "piped in" to his TV set, and the charges would be made monthly on the telephone bill; another would be by a new system of wires, sending out "scrambled" audio and visual signals which would be "unscrambled" by insertion of a coin in a meter-box on the TV set; and the third would use a system similar to the "scrambled" wire-system, only the signals would be broadcast. The latter is the only one needing prior approval of the Federal Communications commission.

Corbin emphasized that the closed-circuit TV plan would in no way interfere with existing television reception, since another channel would be used. He said it is planned to carry no advertising or commercials, except for notices of coming attractions.

Corbin also said it would be possible to bring many major sports and other special attractions for uninterrupted viewing. He stated that the major leagues move to the West Coast undoubtedly is a factor stimulating such plans.

TV reception when the signal comes by wire would be "pure" with no static or other types

Glenn Jackson Named To Advisory Group

Salem — An eleven man committee to advise the new Planning and Development Department was named today by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

The committee will assist the Governor in efforts to stimulate present and prospective new industry throughout the state.

Named were: Sidney Woodbury, Portland businessman; Ehrman Guistina, Eugene lumberman; Glenn L. Jackson, Medford utility executive; Ira Keller, Albany manufacturer; C. B. Stephens, Portland banker; Jerry Frank, Salem department store executive; George Brown, Portland labor leader; Lawrence Harvey, The Dalles light metal executive; W. W. Wessinger, Portland brewery man; James Hill, Pendleton grain executive; and T. J. Sandoz, Astoria fish packer.

Woodbury was named chairman of the committee and called a meeting here Aug. 29 prior to the Governor's development tour which starts Sept. 3.

The tour will include stops at sixteen key cities and support towns.

Sawed Tree Traps Two On Roxy Ann Saturday

City police reported Sunday that a young couple had been trapped on Roxy Ann mountain Saturday night when someone sawed a tree down to cover the narrow road.

The couple, who said they had been looking at the signs, found the road blocked about half way to the top when they attempted to return around midnight. Police investigating the event said a power saw had been used to make a quick and efficient job.

of broadcast failure, he declared.

Text of Lippert's letter follows: "The undersigned hereby makes application for a franchise to operate a closed-circuit television system throughout your city limits."

"We are experienced theater operators with adequate financial means and the know-how to operate such a system."

"We have been operating theaters in your area for many years, employing local personnel and doing business with local businesses."

"Although the closed-circuit television system is a new medium basically it is the same type of business we have conducted for years but in another form. This system would bring directly into the home entertainment that is not now available except to mass audiences. We therefore feel that our organization is the logical agency for the operation of such a franchise."

No estimate of the investment necessary to put the plan into operation was available today, but it was believed to be substantial.

Kiwanians Vote Town and Country Show Second Year

The Kiwanis Town and Country Holiday show will be staged against next year, according to a decision by the Medford Kiwanis club board of directors.

Approximately 10,000 people attended the show from Thursday through Sunday, Bob Voegtly, show vice chairman, estimated today.

"The Kiwanis club board of directors has voted to stage the show again, looking for broader community participation," Voegtly said. "A majority of exhibitors have expressed interest already in reserving space for next year's show. We hope also that the show will establish a precedent for a community fair."

A meeting was scheduled for noon today with County Commissioner Chester Wendt, 4-H agent Glenn Klein, public relations man Russ Jamison and other show officials. The 4-H and FFA organizations seemed pleased with the coordination and contributing publicity to the county fair.

Highlight of the show was the talent search with 25 performers taking part in the stage show. Banjo artist Eddie Peabody was rated as a great crowd pleaser and star attraction of the four-day event.

Exhibits numbered approximately 60 including commercial and non-commercial. Approximately a third of these were in the non-commercial class and included those from such organizations as the National Guard, Medford police department, 4-H, Pomona Grange, Central Point Garden club.

The faulty acoustics, which was considered as the one bad feature of the show, probably will be fixed some time this week, it was reported.

The show concluded Sunday with considerable activity centered on one of the displays. The live and daily deer exhibit started to wander home while her exhibit was being dismantled. Following a dragnet with city, state police and sheriff's officers participating she was discovered by city police just off East Barnett rd. near the new memorial hospital. She was easily identified by her gilded horns and large green ribbon.

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House-Senate Committee Warns Against Hazards of Continued Weapons Tests

Washington — The House-Senate Atomic Energy Committee warns that a continuation of atomic weapons tests at present levels could "constitute a hazard to the world's population" over the next few generations.

In an analysis of its May and June hearings on the effects of radioactive fallout, the committee said the fallout hazard could be greater and come much sooner if the level of testing rises.

The committee said in a report Sunday that its hearings did not include the "potential hazards" created by X-ray machines, fluoroscopes, radioactive waste and radium. The group said it plans to look into this question in the future.

It said data needed covering "industrial and weapons sources of radioactive contamination and radiation during peacetime" and "non-military protection,

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State Department Resents Charge Of Newsmen Spies

Red Chinese Ask
Reciprocal Privilege

Washington — The State Department said today it bitterly resents Red China's "fantastic" charge that the United States sought to use American newsmen as spies.

Press Officer Lincoln White emphasized that this country is standing firm on its refusal to let Chinese Communist newsmen enter the U.S.

The State Department announced last week it would authorize travel by 24 American newsmen behind the Bamboo Curtain, but would not grant reciprocal privileges to Red Chinese reporters.

Sunday, the Peiping Radio branded the decision as "completely unacceptable." It demanded that Red Chinese correspondents be allowed to visit the U.S. and accused the U.S. of seeking to use the American newsmen "to collect intelligence" and to carry out "subversive activities."

White said the department made it clear last Thursday that it would not permit Chinese correspondents to enter this country. He said the department never even considered such an exchange.

"The State Department bitterly resents the implication that it selected spies to go to Red China," he added. "All of you know how fantastic that charge is."

White pointed out that the 24 news organizations would pick the correspondents who would go to Red China. Furthermore, he said, Communist China had not given the "slightest hint" when it invited some American newsmen last year that invitations were "on a reciprocal basis."

"What seems to be the clincher in all this," White said, "is that those invited last year by the Communist regime in China now suddenly become U.S. spies."

"The welcome mat was out last year, and now they suddenly become spies," he said.

White said in reply to question that the department received "a few letters" from news photographers protesting that none were included in authorized travel to Red China.

White said there was "nothing to prevent" any of the 24 designated organizations from choosing a photographer to represent them.

The Red China broadcast headed the controversy back to its starting point — the determined but nervous hands of the State Department.

The department's stand drew an immediate blast from Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.), who introduced a Senate resolution last Monday calling for removal of the administration ban against letting U.S. newsmen visit Red China.

"If our script is better than theirs why isn't it good policy not to let everyone know about it," Fulbright said.

Salem — Gov. Robert D. Holmes today called attention to the need of extra precautions by motorists during the school year which starts soon for thousands of Oregon youngsters.

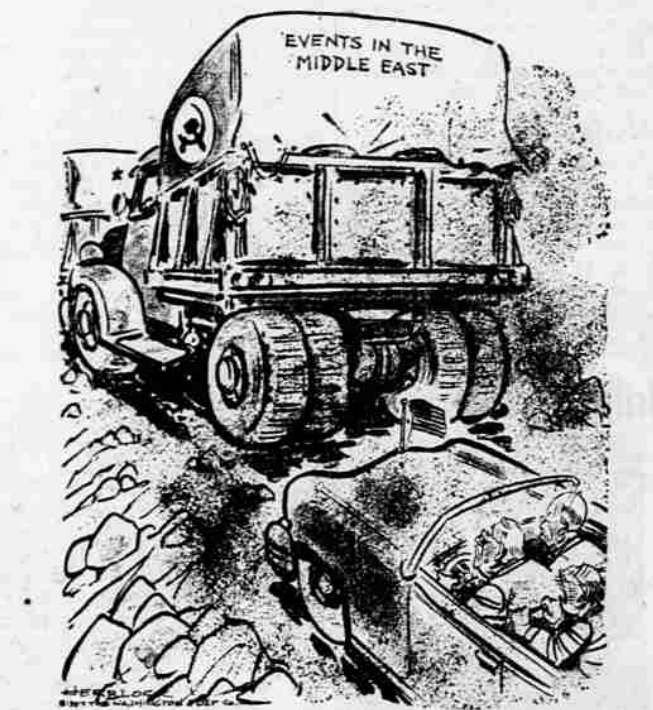
Some 3,000 biologists are attending the annual meeting here of the AIBS which ends Thursday. Some 2,000 scientific papers will be read to various sections of the meeting.

The National Academy of Sciences in a recent report estimated 10 roentgens as the maximum permissible average dose of radiation to human reproductive organs from conception to age 30.

But, Bender said, his experiments indicate that the dose required to double the number of cell breakdowns and thus to cause mutations in living organisms "is less than 10 roentgens."

"If the rates of radiation-induced damage to human tissues are found to be corresponding to high in further experiments, a sharp revision will have to be made in our estimates of 'safe' doses of radiation," he said.

"Couldn't We Get Ahead Of Them Some Time?"



New Lane Proposed For Local Airport

An "approach light lane" for the municipal airport has been recommended to the city by the Air Navigation Foundation division of the CAA, according to Robert Duff, city manager.

Duff also said that Ray Preston, the consulting engineer hired by the city to plan high intensity lighting at the airport, will report on Sept. 4.

The light lane will cost the city only land, according to Duff, who said the Federal government would build the lights and install them. Better safety for aircraft landing at night will result from the light lane, he added.

Official authorization from the city council must be given before work on acquiring an additional 350 feet of land to install the light lane, it is stated. Preston will submit his report.

Parked Patrol Car Rammed By Driver

Carol Edward Stayton, Mount Shasta, Calif., was cited by state police early Sunday for violation of the basic rule, when the convertible he was driving hit a parked state patrol car on highway 62, one mile north of Four Corners, police reported today.

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