

Multnomah County Wage Boost Studied

Portland — Multnomah county commissioners Tuesday promised to study a request for pay increases that would average about \$15 per month for county employees.

Leo Butts, spokesman for the Oregon Public Employees, asked for one-range increases across the board. Cost to the county for six months would be \$175,000. Butts asserted county wages were not keeping pace with the cost of living.

Jane's Says Russia Ahead in Space Race

London — Russia is "far in advance" of the West in the space-missile race, the authoritative "Jane's All The World's Aircraft" said Tuesday.

The preface to the 1957-58 edition published today underlined the increasing emphasis of the world's major air powers—and several of the smaller ones—on guided missiles at the expense of manned combat planes.

While the United States, "embarrassed by the astronomical costs" of developing and producing modern weapons "has not yet gone so far as to condemn out of hand the combat airplane... it is making concessions by slowdowns, cutbacks and, in some cases, cancellations of contracts, while pursuing a revised program calculated to get the best value for the money available," it said.

Interior Officials See Higher Budget

Washington — Interior Department officials indicated Tuesday their budget for fiscal 1958 will not be cut as severely as had been expected.

Officials refused to discuss for publication how much money they think the department will get. But one source said it "does seem possible now" the reduction "will not be as bad as we thought." He added that if the cut is held to \$7 million, as unofficially reported, "it means the department will be getting off a lot easier than expected." Originally there was talk of a \$50 million reduction. This would have hit many major programs.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Florida Fashion Dictates Relaxed Look Next Spring

Miami Beach — If winter resort styles are any indication, men will have plenty to ogle at next spring.

Feminine curves are revealed—the way nature intended them to be—in the 1957-58 cruise and resort styles shown by the Miami fashion industry.

The Florida fashion business now ranks fifth in the nation and does an annual volume of more than 50 million dollars. It represents 50 manufacturers.

Keynote of the collections is a "relaxed look" for greater comfort, said Mel Warshaw, president of the Miami-Florida Fashion Council.

Most designers snub French polka-dot styles, which render the fair sex almost sexless. But they have "a little influence here and there," said Warshaw.

More Bikinis
Extremely tight-fitting dresses are out. So are full skirts that billow out when you sit down. Beachwear has gone nautical with lots of red, white and blue stripes, middie collars and sailor ties.

Bikinis are more popular. They won't replace traditional swim suit styles, but more bikinis will be seen on beaches next summer.

Backlines are plunging. Necklines aren't getting any higher, either.

Knee-length dresses are not shown, in spite of efforts of French designers to put the knobby-knee back in the limelight. Florida fashions feature hemlines 15 to 16 inches from the floor for daytime and ballerina length for evening.

Examples of the new "looks" that have sneaked into Florida fashions from Paris, Rome and New York are the "bubble skirt" and "cream puff" silhouette. They give the effect of a balloon inflated around the hips.

"Released Sheath"

There are furs on cocktail dresses, lots of barrel-shaped suit jackets and ribbon. One designer, L. Strom, used 110 yards of ribbon in horizontal bands to make a cocktail dress.

The favorite silhouette of Florida designers is the "released sheath," a dress which hugs the natural curves. But it is not so tight as some of last year's styles. It permits ladies with not-so-perfect proportions to cover up what nature missed.

New creations have a wider range of fabrics this year. Cotton, the old stand-by, predomi-

nates. There also are many printed silks, linen, satin, woolens and lace.

Local manufacturers no longer confine themselves to warm-weather styles, said Warshaw. Many designs are heavier and suitable for northern resort wear.

Most popular colors fall into three categories: American neutrals, island brights and under-water tints.

Beige is the top neutral shade. Island brights include rich tropical shades of yellow, blue, green and pink, often used in clashing combinations. Underwater tints are shell tones of cool blue, green and white.

Intervention Asked

By Railway Clerks

New York — The AFL-CIO Brotherhood of Railway Clerks has appealed to the Senate Armed Services Committee to intervene in a dispute with the Air Force that could lead to a strike at the Missile Testing Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

The appeal was made in a letter to Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, (D-Tex.), chairman of the committee.

Holmes Seeks Aid On Plague of Mice

Salem — Gov. Robert D. Holmes has contacted Federal officials in an effort to learn what advice top scientists had for eradication of southeastern Oregon mouse's plague.

The action followed a meeting of Lakeview farmers with the Governor and State Agriculture Director Robert Steward.

Steward said the farmers feared total destruction of their crops next year unless something is done to wipe out the mouse infestation which runs as high as 10,000 per acre.

Steward said that standard techniques were not proving effective against the mice and suggested that increased chemical warfare or new methods of biological control might be employed.

Seismograph Records Large Earthquake

Pasadena — A large earthquake with a magnitude of 7.5 and centered some 6,000 miles to the southwest was recorded on seismographs at the California Institute of Technology at 6:02:43 a.m. (PST) Tuesday.

Dr. Charles Richter said the quake could have caused considerable damage in a populated area.

'57 Corn Crop Fixed at 3,402,832,000 Bushels

Washington — The Agriculture Department's final production report of the year has fixed the 1957 corn crop at 3,402,832,000 bushels and the wheat crop at 947,102,000 bushels.

The final wheat estimate, made up of 707,201,000 bushels of winter wheat and 239,901,000 bushels of spring wheat, compares with November estimates of a 927,324,000 bushel crop, 690,601,000 bushels of winter wheat and 236,723,000 bushels of spring wheat.

Hollywood — Singer Frank Sinatra has abandoned a \$2 million plus libel suit against Look magazine but will seek damages for alleged invasion of privacy.

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