

PT&T INCREASE SOUGHT

Increased Costs Listed as Reason for New Rates

Bills Would Be 2 1/2 Cents More

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company today filed new rate schedules with Oregon Public Utility Commission...

However, J. H. Creager, Medford manager for the telephone company, said that federal income and other taxes would take about 1 1/4 cents of the increase sought.

The company's position was summed up in a statement issued in Portland by Vice President and General Manager F. A. Dresslar.

Undermine Earnings Higher state and local taxes, increased wage payments as well as rising construction costs have combined to undermine Pacific Telephone's earnings on its operations in Oregon.

Under the new schedules filed with the Commissioner, Medford, Central Point, Jacksonville and Phoenix-Talent telephone users would pay increases ranging from 15 to 50 cents a month for residence service.

The proposed increases for Ashland and Gold Hill range from 30 cents to \$1 a month for residence service.

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Creager said, "substantially higher costs than anticipated where extended service is provided over distances greater than 10 miles."

The extra costs result from the longer distances involved, the greater amounts of plant needed as well as the greater loss to the company in long distance revenues.

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Hail Causes Some Damage to Pears

A thunderstorm yesterday afternoon caused hail damage to pear orchards south of Medford, started two small forest fires and resulted in a few scattered electric power outages in southern Oregon.

Hail stones measuring up to one-half inch in diameter caused heavy damage to pear orchards between Medford and west of Phoenix Tuesday afternoon.

Anti-hail cloud seeding from the ground which was carried on by stations of the Water Resources Development corporation, failed to forestall the heavy downpour.

Some effect of the cloud seeding was believed evident, however, in the slushy and clouded hail stones which fell in some areas.

Two lightning fires on state forestry department protected land were reported.

One was near Anderson butte in the Little Applegate area. It spread from a tree into grass and covered 4.7 acres. A crew was sent to the scene.

A blaze at King mountain in the Rogue River vicinity was being handled by the Grants Pass unit of the forestry department.

No new forest fires have been spotted in the Rogue River National forest, S. T. Moore, fire control officer, said today. Yesterday's storm was general in the high country, and lookouts have been posted.

Power Outages Power outages were reported by the California Oregon Power company during the storm Tuesday afternoon in the Fern Valley, 401 road, and West Side school areas.

Transformers and fuses blown by lightning were reported to have caused the blackout. No major circuits were reported out, officials said. Individual customers were reported without power for varying lengths of time, it was reported.

Precipitation at the Medford office of the weather bureau totaled .23 inch during the storm. Most of it fell between 4:28 and 4:37 p.m., and there was some rain later in the evening, and last night.

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Unknown Soldiers Return to U. S. For High Honors

Flags at Half Staff in City to Honor Dead

Washington—(UPI)—The nation's two new "Unknown Soldiers" returned to their native shores today to receive reverent honors seldom equaled in the capital city's long history of pomp and parades.

After their official arrival from the destroyer Blandy, the bodies of the unidentified warrior heroes were scheduled to receive the highest, most solemn tributes of all officialdom—and all the people—before their reburial Friday in Arlington National cemetery.

One was a veteran of World War II. The other died in the Korean fighting. They will flank a World War soldier in the hallowed Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington, "in honored glory, known but to God."

A third "unknown"—also from World War II—was buried at sea off the Virginia Capes with full military honors Monday after the final selection phase of the ceremony was completed.

Federal agency U.S. flags are flying at half-staff today, tomorrow, and Friday, Memorial day, under presidential proclamation.

President Eisenhower has also requested all other flags to be flown at half-staff during the three-day period, in honor of the two additional "Unknown Soldiers" arriving in Washington today.

Lt. Col. Frank Kehoe, Army reserve advisor here, has notified federal agencies of the proclamation, and has requested non-federal agencies to comply.

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Vanguard Fails For Second Time; New Firing Set

Appeared Successful in First Observation

Cape Canaveral, Fla.—(UPI)—The Navy reported early today that the full-scale satellite launched Tuesday night with the Vanguard rocket shot 2,000 miles into space but at an off-angle which caused it to plunge back to earth and burn.

It was the second consecutive failure of the Vanguard to blast a fully instrumented 20-inch satellite into orbit, the satellite President Eisenhower talked about in 1955 when he first announced this country's space program for the International Geophysical Year.

The Vanguard was fired at 8:46 p.m. p.d.t. It pierced a puff of clouds and in about two minutes was no longer visible.

At first it appeared the launching was successful and that the satellite would join in space the 6.4-inch Vanguard test moon put into orbit last March 17, the two Explorers and gigantic Sputnik III, which weighs 1 1/2 tons.

Dr. John P. Hagen, director of the Vanguard Project who came to this launching base to observe the event, said the 72-foot rocket "appeared to function well through the firing of all three stages but still did not result in an orbit."

In Washington, Dr. Richard W. Porter, chairman of the IGY satellite program, issued an identical statement to newsmen who had kept a vigil with him.

Porter said another Vanguard would be fired next month.

According to initial calculations the satellite reached "a peak altitude of about 2,000 statute miles at its zenith and fell back to earth," Hagen said.

On April 28 the Vanguard was launched for the first time with a fully instrumented satellite in its nose, but it, too, failed to go into orbit because of failure of the third stage to ignite. The Vanguard on March 17, however, put a 6.4-inch test satellite into the highest orbit so far achieved by this country or Russia.

Hagen said a large quantity of "telemetry data which was received Tuesday night will provide much valuable scientific information."

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Six New Citizens Are Naturalized

Six new United States citizens were administered the Oath of Allegiance to the United States at a naturalization hearing this morning in circuit court before Judge H. K. Hanna.

They were Mrs. Marie Christine Gass, 805 Pine st., Medford, who was born in Canada; William Duncan Keddie, 161 Fourth st., Ashland, Scotland; Salvador Castro Esquivel, route 2, Box 247A, Medford, Mexico; Mrs.

Rosa Marie Palmquist, 627 Pierce rd., Medford, Sweden; Lawrence Earl Sands, 1092 Scenic ave., Central Point, Canada; and Mrs. Marie Claire F. Buford, 811 Beach st., Ashland, Canada.

Mallory C. Walker, naturalization examiner from Portland, requested that their naturalization petitions be granted.

Citizenship Class The six earlier attended a citizenship class conducted by Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini, making approximately 600 prospective United States citizens who have attended her classes.

Following the oath, Mrs. D'Albini, representing the Daughters of the American Revolution, presented each new citizen with a flag donated by the Medford Elks lodge. Paul Hornbeck greeted them on behalf of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

David Frohnmayer, Medford High school student, who spoke to the group, described naturalized citizens as among the best in the country because "they show they want to be citizens." He declared that history shows empires have fallen not because of invading armies, but because the people did not care enough about their government.

Walker said that about 900 persons become naturalized citizens in Oregon annually. Two final naturalization hearings are held in Medford each year.

Italian Red Bid For Popular Front Rome—(UPI)—The Italian Communist party made a new bid for a "popular front" with Socialists today aimed at crippling any government set up by the Christian Democrats.

Communist Party Boss Palmiro Togliatti, playing on the fears of the left-wing PSI socialists stemming from the Christian Democratic election gains, said the Communists were ready to "reach an understanding with all those who move in the same direction with us."

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