



"KICKED UPSTAIRS"—French demonstrators in Algiers bitterly protest the departure for France of Gen. Raoul Salan (left) as ordered by Premier Charles de Gaulle. Salan, who has headed the French army in Algeria for the past two years, has been named inspector general of national defense, a move regarded as a "kick upstairs" in order to get him out of Algeria. A mob of some 500 French demonstrators chanted "Stay with us," and shouted that they would throw Paul Delouvrier, Salan's successor, into the sea.

Amendments Proposed in State Jobless Compensation Fund

Salem—(UPI)—The Experience Rating and Advisory Council of the Oregon Unemployment Compensation Commission has presented a 17-point legislative package to Gov. Robert D. Holmes and Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield.

The council, gravely concerned with the diminishing unemployment compensation fund, proposed amendments which would strengthen disqualification measures, change the tax basis and system, extend coverage to more employers and streamline several administrative functions.

Holmes said "further delay in adopting measures to rebuild the trust fund and making sure it stays adequate would be disastrous."

Recommendations
The council recommended that:
—Unemployment insurance coverage be extended to employers of one or more persons rather than two or more.
—That labor not in the usual course of an employer's trade or business be excluded from coverage.

—That coverage be extended to all employment subject to the federal unemployment compensation tax act.

—That coverage be extended to certain maritime workers on vessels with exemptions applied only to seagoing vessels primarily engaged in interstate or foreign high seas navigation.

—That employers who believe they are not subject to the law be given hearing rights.

—That coverage be extended to certain kinds of workers in charity sponsored organizations.

Would Change Name
—That the name of the agency be changed from State Unemployment Compensation Commission to "Department of Employment."

—That activities of the UCC be separated from those of the Industrial Accident Commission and that a single commissioner be appointed by the governor to administer the unemployment compensation law.

—That an appeals board of three members be appointed.

—That existing authority to use Reed act fund money for building local offices be continued and extended to include the buying of buildings.

—That legislation be adopted which would authorize the governor, in time of emergency, to borrow Reed act funds to pay benefits.

—That several proposed remedies relating to collection of unemployment compensation taxes be adopted.

Base Year
—That a claimant's benefit year begin with the week in which he files his first claim, and that the base year consist of the first four of the five completed calendar quarters preceding the benefit year.

—That a woman who leaves work because of pregnancy be disqualified for the week in

which she left work. She would further be ineligible for benefits for all weeks thereafter, up to and including six weeks after termination of pregnancy.

—That a person who voluntarily leaves work without good cause, is discharged for misconduct in his work or fails to apply for or accept suitable work be disqualified until he has either worked four weeks and earned no less than his weekly benefit amount, or has been available for work and registered for work at the employment office for eight weeks.

Would Change Tax
—That employers be taxed on the first \$4,200 of an individual employee's annual salary instead of the first \$3,600. That the maximum employer tax rate remain at 2.7 per cent and that the reserve fund be at least 6 per cent of taxable payrolls instead of the present 3 per cent.

—That a payroll decline experience rating system be adopted by which all employers would pay a 2.7 per cent tax, with tax reductions on future contributions allowed to those who maintain a steady annual payroll or increase their payrolls.

Is That So?

By OLGA BURNS

The question of how a cat purrs, asked by Mrs. Doris Homan, of Forsyth, Mont., has mystified people from time immemorial. The purr seems to come from the head, but if you place your ear against the cat's flank or back, it seems to come from the interior as well. And just to complicate matters a little further, the cat's mouth is closed.

The best explanation I can find is that the purring sound is produced by the cat passing air over its vocal cords. He does it by keeping his mouth shut and breathing through his nose. When he miaows he opens his mouth.

All purrs are a sign of contentment, but there are differences in them. Young cats sometimes break into a loud purr with a fairly rapid rhythm that gradually lessens and slows until it disappears



in sleep. Old cats, on the other hand, usually begin with a slow, low purr that builds up to a moderate volume and then recedes as they finally decide to doze. The younger, it seems, are enthusiastic about the future. The older are reflecting on how best to spend the remainder of their nine lives.

There are various other ways in which the cat reveals its state of mind, and each of them exhibits something of the dominant feline characteristic— independence. The cat's whiskers, flat against the face when asleep, bristle forward in proportion to his interest in what is going on. They never droop. The tail reflects anything from casual interest through anger to high spirits, but never, so far as I have seen, is carried between the legs. The eyes show just about everything a human's can, except that I have never seen fear in them. Though they flee an enemy on occasion, it is more to equalize matters by getting into a better position in which to defend themselves.

Second Nature
In general, they tolerate people. They are so independent that it is second nature to them, and that they should still have such independence seems little short of a miracle. Though it is probably the basic reason why they have been worshipped in times past from Scotland to Egypt and beyond, it is probably also the reason why they have been more cruelly persecuted by man than any other animal. Our own ancestors, no longer ago than three centuries, subjected them to horrible torture throughout Europe, annually killing them by the thousands and in public spectacles. They evidently felt that for any domestic creature to be so independent put it in a class with witches, and they decided to punish both of them for being different.

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What Is The Law?

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Poor Sam was in the hospital dying and he knew it. He had made no will to dispose of his city residence and his farm and his bank account. Time was running out. Sam was too weak to write but he could talk and seemed to be in sound mind.

He told his minister, who was the only one with him at the time, that he wanted to explain to him how his property should be distributed. The minister called in a doctor and two nurses and Sam told them exactly to whom and in what amounts he wanted his property distributed. Then Sam died.

Depends on Location
The minister, doctor and two nurses appeared in court to testify as to what Sam had said. This is the question: Did Sam make a valid will when he talked to these four witnesses?

The answer depends upon where Sam died. If he died in

Oregon or California there was no will. If he died in Idaho, there was a good will. If he died in Washington, leaving not more than \$200 worth of property, it would be a good will.

Many states have statutes that permit these oral wills (called "nuncupative wills" in legal terminology) only when made by sailors at sea or soldiers who are facing death. Oregon and California permits oral wills under these circumstances and Washington permits them without the \$200 limit which the state imposes on other oral wills.

Mental Alertness
When these oral wills are permitted, the law requires that they be made when the person who is near death, knows his condition, yet has a mental condition alert enough to know what he is doing. Then what he says must be reduced to writing within a given period. The

witnesses must not be recipients of benefits under the will. The witnesses must also agree as to the provisions of the will.

It is quite possible under such circumstances that the witnesses may not understand exactly what the dying man meant by some descriptions of the property. The dying man may not be as alert as he should be at such a time, despite appearances. There may be disputes among the witnesses as to just what was said.

Eleventh hour wills are usually fraught with such problems.

GRANTS SPACE RIGHTS

Chicago—(UPI)—James T. Mangan, self-styled ruler of the space nation "Celestia," has granted the U. S. Defense Department a one-year extension on its license to use outer space for its rockets and satellites. Mangan, who holds a deed for ownership of outer space, said he extended the lease—due to expire Dec. 31—so the new Atlas satellite wouldn't become "an outlaw in the sky."

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