

# Bill Authorizing Right To Suspend Railroad Rate Reductions Blocked

Salem — UPI — The Senate Rules Committee refused to permit introduction of a bill which would have given the public utility commissioner the right to suspend railroad rate reductions.

The Oregon Trucking Association had sought introduction of the measure. Robert Knipe, manager of the Association, said truckers earlier had no intention of seeking its introduction but that the Southern Pacific Company recently filed declaration of intent to cut rates for hauling petroleum products in southern Oregon. He described the rates as "discriminatory."

Sen. Melvin Goode (R-Albany) opposed introduction of the bill. He said he was "not in sympathy with the sudden injured feelings of the truckers" who he said knew railroad reductions were possible.

Goode and Sen. Eddie Ahrens (R-Turner) voted against permission to introduce the bill and Sens. Jean Lewis (D-Portland) and Richard Groener (D-Milwaukie) voted for it.

It failed on a 2-2 tie vote. Electronics manufacturing representatives asked the Senate Labor and Industries Committee to keep the best possible climate so the phenomenal growth of these concerns can continue.

L. B. Webber, of Tektronix, Inc., located near Portland, said the firm grew from 400 employees in 1949 to 2600 in 1958.

Dr. W. P. Dyke, director of the Linfield Research Institute, said the electronics industry was the fourth largest nationally and that more similar industries were needed in Oregon.

None of the spokesmen for the industry urged any special rate in unemployment insurance. But they asked a return to the merit rating for industries which, because of the depletion of the unemployment trust fund, are paying the 2.7 per cent rate on their payrolls.

Most of the companies have not been in business long enough to earn lower rates

under the merit plan but all felt they would be able to earn lower rates soon if the plan was brought back into effect.

The first call of the Senate was made Tuesday although it was lifted as soon as it was found that Sen. Ward Cook (D-Portland) was ill.

The call to assemble all members not excused was made by Sen. G. D. Gleason, (D-Portland) after he had argued for passage of Senate bill 340, empowering county commissions to license certain types of businesses in the counties.

Passed and sent to the governor was House bill 484 which clarifies the law in relation to use of waters of Tumalo creek in Deschutes county for municipal purposes.

The city of Bend has been appropriating these waters for the past 40 years, the Senate was told, and only recently some question arose as to its right to do so.

The bill clarifies Bend's right to use the water for domestic and stock purposes.

A bill providing for appointment of fire wardens in the five grazing districts of eastern Oregon was referred to the Judiciary Committee

for some amendments.

Sen. Carl Francis (R-Dayton) called attention to the fact that, as the bill is written, if a fire occurs from a bolt of lightning, the owner of the property on which the fire occurs would be liable to criminal prosecution.

A bill designed to allow a workman under workmen's compensation to designate his own physician was introduced by Sens. Dan Dimick (D-Roseburg) and Carl Francis (R-Dayton).

The bill provides that if the Workmen's Compensation Commission refuses the workman's request for his own physician, an appeal can be made to the entire Commission and then to the Circuit Court.

Congress is requested to provide increased pay for retired service men in accordance with recent pay increases passed by Congress in a memorial introduced Tuesday.

Sen. William A. Grenfell Jr. (D-Portland) said that retired personnel of the services were not included in the pay increases granted. He urged that either the pay will be amended or new legislation introduced to attain the desired end.

## Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

**A Gizzard is Important — Ask the Bird Who Owns One**

A very important part of the internal machinery of a bird is the gizzard. Actually a gizzard is a sort of second stomach, a muscular organ that grinds the bird's food.

Of course gizzards come in mighty handy to a bird who, having no teeth, has to swallow the food whole and let the gizzard do the grinding work. To be effective the bird has to swallow some gravel, some stones or pieces of other hard, sharp material which acts as an abrasive and assists in grinding the food. No one ever explained just how the hen or song bird knows when it needs another batch of sand but somehow without our understanding, they manage.

**Like A Washboard**

The inside of a gizzard is built and looks like a washboard. The contraction of the muscles squeeze and pinch the

contained food until it is digestible. The muscle contraction rubs the grain or other food against the contained gravel or sand until it is broken.

Of course there is always the question, "How does the gizzard grind the food without wearing a hole in itself?" The answer is, it does. But Nature arranged for this, too, for the gizzard has the happy faculty of replacing new tissue as fast as the old is worn out. Most of the insects have gizzards, too, as do the mollusks such as the oyster, clam and a host of others. The insides of the mollusks' gizzards are armed with hard, limey plates. In some instances the gizzards of some mollusks are strong enough actually to grind up hunks of limestone. These limey plates are secreted by the mollusk from sea water. It's a good thing Nature arranged it this way because an oyster would certainly look silly going around eating small pebbles and gravel like the chicken.

**Tiny 'Teeth'**

The insect gizzard is different from either the bird or the mollusk. It is lined with tiny "teeth" so small they cannot be seen with the human eye. If you think that the "cutest gadget in the world is a bug's ear," you would change your mind in a hurry if you saw a bug's gizzard. It's about the world's smallest grinding apparatus. Probably however, you don't care if you ever see one or not. It is sufficient that you have to be bothered with gizzards when you have chicken for dinner.

Usually, gizzards are shaped like tiny purses. They are carefully cleaned by the housewife and cooked along with the rest of the fowl. Then they are often thrown away because of all the many people who like chicken, turkey, ducks, squabs, or water-fowl,

## Asian Newspapers Attack Peiping in Outspoken Terms

Tokyo — UPI — Red China's image as a friendly model for neutral Asian nations was crumbling today under withering criticism of its bloody tactics in Tibet.

Editorial writers from India to Indonesia attacked Peiping in unusually outspoken terms. The restraint once shown in criticizing the Communist giant on the mainland was gone.

"Forced conversion to Communism at the point of the bayonet will not go down well in the neutral countries which

are China's mainstay in international politics," said the influential Times of Indonesia.

"The ruthless suppression of the Tibetans . . . will be remembered by the peoples of Asia and the world and Peiping's action will not rebound to its advantage," said Japan's nationally circulated Mainichi Shimbun.

**Ask Who Is Next**

In New Delhi, Ashok Mehta, parliamentary leader of India's Praja (Socialist) Party, gave voice to a fear that hangs over many Asian nations:

"Today it is Tibet. Tomorrow it may be Nepal, and the day after it may be us."

Asia's swift and negative reaction to the Tibetan revolt added up to Peiping's worst

**AVIATRIX DIES**

New York — UPI — Mrs. Luba Galanchikoff Phillips, 71, an early woman aviator, died Saturday.

beating since it blossomed out as an Asian power at the Bandung Conference of 1955, and possibly since the regime came into being 10 years ago.

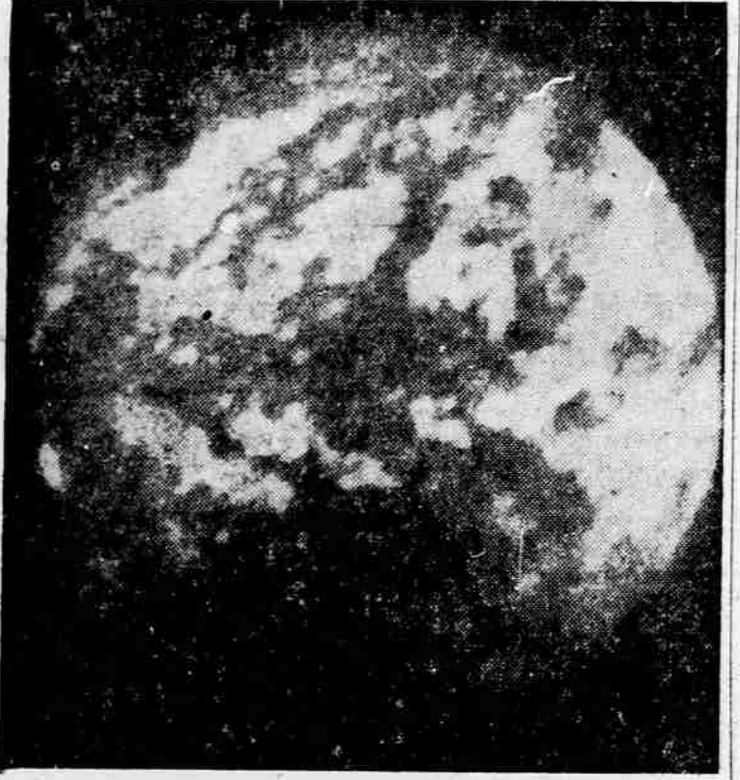
Whether this signals a revision of past policies of neutrality, however, is doubtful.

**Goodwill Drying Up**

All of these nations sit practically on Red China's front doorstep, and they will think for a long time before abandoning an attitude of cordial — if not particularly friendly — intercourse for one of hostile defiance.

But what is clear is that the reservoir of goodwill Red China has assiduously built up among neutrals, especially since the Bandung Conference in Indonesia, is drying up fast.

What remains when the shock of Tibet wears off may be a thick sediment of distrust and wariness toward Peiping.



**NEW LOOK FOR OLD SOL**—The sun shows a new face in this photo made from a Naval Research Laboratory rocket 123 miles above the earth. Just released, the photo presents the sun as recorded in detail in the extreme ultraviolet region of the spectrum. This is one of a series of rocket astronomy experiments being conducted by the NRL under auspices of the International Geophysical Year.

## Pickin' Pears News and Notes From Camp White

**By SID HOLLINGSWORTH**

The VA Domiciliary at Camp White was listed 13 in the top 50 stations in the United States qualifying for maximum safety in performance, according to Veterans administration records for the year 1958.

The report is based upon a 4 per cent accident frequency rate. There are 110 stations which failed to meet this requirement. About 60 conformed to the standard.

The Camp White record was 850,477 hours or 468 days since the last disabling accident up to midnight Dec. 31.

Employees at this station were especially commended by Manager Henry Herzog for the safety record. "It is gratifying to find that the precautions taken have materialized in this splendid record of performance," he pointed out.

Accidents which cause loss of time occur occasionally in the kitchen and engineering where the hazards are greatest.

A daily record of the number of days without crippling disability, and the location and date of the last accident, is kept and posted on the bulletin board at the entrance to the domiciliary.

Herzog and Assistant Manager Banks I. Paul have returned from the area budget conference in San Francisco with assurances that the plans they outlined for the domiciliary at Camp White will receive favorable attention.

"It was my first meeting with many of the VA officials in this area," Herzog stated. "An opportunity was afford-

ed to exchange ideas and become acquainted personally with those in the region who are in daily contact with this office."

Herzog was much impressed with the interest shown in the program of benefits provided at Camp White and the work that is being done.

Arrangements are being made for the Hobby Fair to be held in the arts and crafts section Sunday, April 26. This annual display is a VA's undertaking under direction of special services.

Opportunity is afforded for members who show talent in this field or whose activities include unusual hobbies, to compete for prizes or to sell such items as mats and rugs, wood work, leather work and novelties.

George Butts, who has sparked the creative urge in the wood and metal working wing of arts and crafts during the past two years, as recreation assistant, will not be on hand for the show this year. He is making a grand tour of the western states and Mexico. He has friends in most of the places he will visit, including California, Arizona, Colorado and the northwest.

A new experience awaits him on this trip to Mexico. "I am going to spend some time on the west coast, which I have never seen. I have always been on the east coast in Mexico on previous visits," he says.

George plans to return later to take up residence at Eagle Point. He is a cabinet maker and has a hobby in the designing of old model pistols and guns.

August Lovy, who has been making flags out of inlaid wood, is going to wait until congress finishes admitting new states before he tries another "star cluster" for Hawaii.

He is going home next month for the summer and may try the 50 star flag on his return. He will again wait for the official design, he says.

Alonzo Eastman, although crippled with arthritis, loves the outdoors and the open road. He has acquired a "house on wheels" and a large boat which is lodged on top when it is not used to cruise over Oregon lakes and rivers in pursuit of the fish to be caught in these waters.

Alonzo has been busy at the domiciliary this winter putting his huge van and himself in condition for his annual trek over the highways of the coast region. He acquires enough food, which is canned and then stored inside, to subsist in his travels.

Eastman took the big bus out for a trial run last week and ran into trouble, of all places, at the entrance to Camp White. A minor crash with another vehicle makes it necessary for him to do a little more work on the job, before he sets out for Gold Beach and the mouth of the Rogue for his first catch of fish.

The Rev. Perry Johnson, Medford minister who served as chaplain at the domiciliary for a number of years, dropped in to say hello to the members, and possibly goodbye. He is considering a pastorate in Klamath Falls, but likes Medford too well to make a final decision at this time.

Capt. William Ricken, of the Salvation Army, had exhausted his supply of inducements to get the men to sing at the Sunday coffee hour services. He divided the sides to see which would sing louder. No response.

"That fellow with the blue shirt is the only one singing," he remarked.

Since there were 20 in blue shirts, they all started singing.

Members of the young ladies' choir of Sacred Heart church, Medford, sang the Easter mass, celebrated by Chaplain Lawrence Es'kay, Sunday morning.

The group included Simon Petard, Ann Spears, Katherine Parlier, Frances Thrum, Vivian De Lisle, Edith Dugan, Patricia Scheringer, (sopranos), and Jackie Hackett, Donna Kaufer, Bee Horton and Mary Mauroni, (altos). Barbara McFarland was organist.

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