



IKE TEES OFF—President Eisenhower is shown on the practice tee at the Kaneohe Marine Air Station golf course at Kaneohe, Oahu, prior to teeing off for a round of golf. The Chief Executive arrived Monday for a short period of rest and relaxation after his trip to the Far East. (UPI Telephoto)

Locomotive Crews To Decide On Settlement

Chicago—(UPI)—General chairman of the 45,000-member Brotherhood of Locomotive firemen and Engineers met today to decide whether to accept a pattern wage settlement with the nation's railroads.

The pattern offer of a 4 per cent wage boost was accepted Wednesday by the 107,000-member Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, largest of the operating unions.

The Trainmen became the third largest brotherhood of on-train employees to settle their differences with the carriers.

Government arbitrators earlier this month awarded the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers a 4 per cent increase and the Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen subsequently accepted the pattern.

The Trainmen's agreement provides for a 10.2 cents hourly increase over the next 16 months. One-half of the increase will take effect July 1 and the other half March 16, 1961. The agreement will expire Nov. 1, 1961.

Theodore Short, spokesman for the railroad bargaining teams, said the wage boosts for the Trainmen would cost the carriers \$30 million a year.

Short said the wage boosts mean that "unless ways to cut the exorbitant cost of feather-bedding waste are found, rates must be increased and jobs eliminated."

"In an industry where earnings have been going down steadily in recent years, it is obvious that any increase in wages at this time is going to hurt the general public and the employees as well as the railroads themselves," Short said.

The railroads and BRT began negotiations more than a year ago. The carriers asked the union to accept a 15 cent hourly pay cut while the union demanded a 14 per cent wage increase.

To Make Recommendations
A presidential fact-finding board will make recommendations to President Eisenhower July 15 on a dispute between the carriers and another train union, the Switchmen's Union of North America.

Negotiations will resume July 6 between carriers and 11 non-operating unions with 600,000 members. Basis for the talks will be recommendations by another presidential fact-finding board that the non-operating unions be granted a 10 cent package increase.

The BRT is composed chiefly of brakemen, flagmen, baggagemen, yardmen, switch tenders, dining car stewards and some conductors.

The agreement includes freeing into the basic hourly rate cost-of-living adjustments totaling 17 cents an hour, which have been added

Separate Parks Department Favored

Salem—Bert Miller of Salem, Democratic candidate for the 1961 Legislature, said Wednesday the state parks department must be made independent of the Oregon Highway Commission.

Miller, also executive secretary of the Interim Committee on Criminal Law, addressed the Interim Committee on Highways.

He said the Oregon Highway Commission "is not showing any imagination in planning for the tremendous increase in use of our parks and recreation facilities."

Miller said a "crying need exists" for an immediate expansion of land acquisition for future park and recreational use. He said Oregon has a "wonderful park system" but cited figures showing an expected even greater population explosion on the west coast.

Animal Byproducts Present Problem
Salem—(UPI)—A U.S. agriculture department official said Wednesday that unacceptable animal byproducts are arriving in America so fast, incinerators can hardly keep up with the shipments.

Dr. T. A. Gage, western area director for the department's division of animal inspection and quarantine, said rapid movement of peoples world-wide has increased the problem of protecting the U. S. against entry of animals and their products carrying diseases.

Dr. Gage is in Oregon during a routine inspection tour of coastal states.

4-H NEWS

Recently the Valley Experimenters 4-H club held their June meeting at the home of the leader. The meeting was called to order by the vice president, Janet Glidden.

The club members voted on meeting one day each week for practice of rabbit judging. They discussed getting ready for the 4-H FFA fair. They also decided the next meeting will be held July 15, at the Root home.

Ice cream was served for refreshments.
Larry Mitchell, Reporter.

Portlandians To Chile Said \$30,385

Portland—(UPI)—Portlanders donated \$30,385 for the Chilean Relief fund, completed tabulations showed here Wednesday.

The Portland goal was \$25,000.

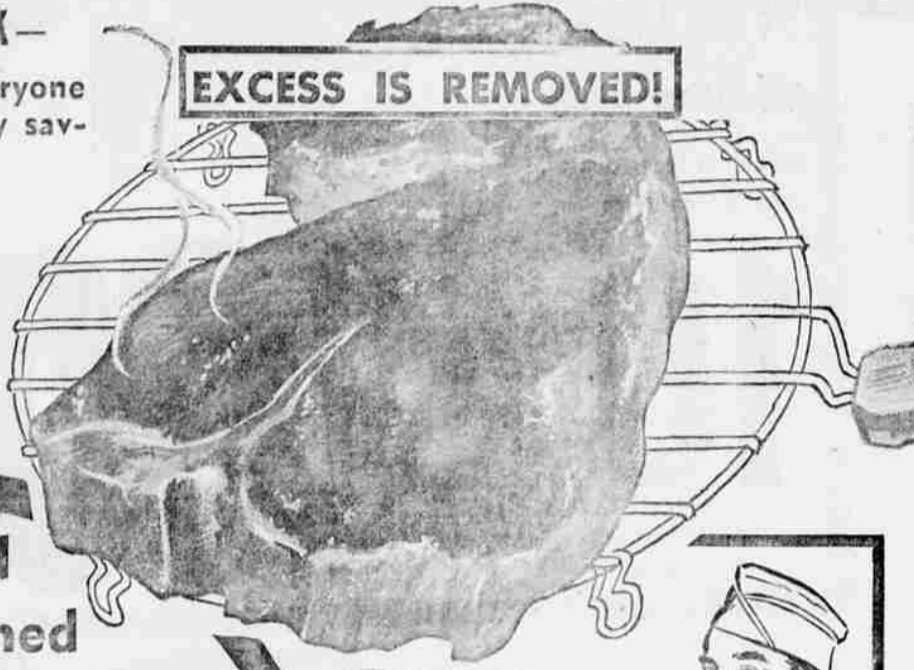
to trainmen's paychecks since May, 1957. The cost-of-living escalator clause was eliminated.

The current hourly wage rates for the union ranges from \$2.25 to \$2.84 and their annual wages averages about \$7,187, a railroad spokesman said.

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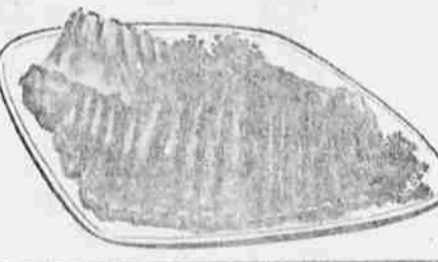


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