

PLOTS TO KILL KHRUSHCHEV TOLD

Copco Rate Hike OK'd

Commercial, Industry Users Also Increased

Rates To Become Effective Sept. 28

Salem —(UPI)— Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill said today that California Oregon Power Co. has been granted an annual net increase in operating income totaling \$443,577.

The company, serving Southern Oregon, originally filed for a gross revenue increase of \$1,013,572 based entirely on residential rates. Hill said the rates approved by him will give Copco a gross increase of \$1,011,000 a year.

The new rates will be effective for the billing cycle starting with meter readings taken on and after Sept. 28.

Takes Exception
Hill took exception to Copco's residential proposal, noting that the differential between certain commercial and industrial rates and those of residential customers was greater than that of other electric utilities in Oregon.

On his basis, Hill said he ordered that the commercial and industrial users absorb about 25 per cent of the increase, by increasing rates in the intermediate and high use block and "appropriately reducing rates" in the lower use blocks of the same customers.

The new rates will provide a 5.51 per cent rate of return which "will be sufficient to attract capital and, ultimately, benefit the ratepayers," Hill said.

Main Said Lowest
The company contended its recent earnings on its common equity were the lowest of any comparable utility west of the Mississippi and that even if the full increase were granted, its position would remain the same.

Hill said the practice of allowing a bonus to appliance dealers for accepting old electric, gas or wood ranges or water heaters for new electric appliances is an "allowable expense" in the interest of promoting electrical usage. He permanently suspended the frozen schedules for water heating and for trailer camps.

Laotian Troops Engage in Fight

Saigon —(UPI)— Fighting broke out between Laotian government troops and a contingent of forces acting under orders of the revolutionary committee headquarters in Savannakhet, it was reported heretofore.

The clash, involving four companies of anti-government troops and an unspecified number of troops loyal to the Vientiane government of Prince Couvanna Phouma, was reported in a communique by the Laotian army high command.

The fighting occurred early Tuesday after the four companies set out from Pakxane, a town of 800 miles east of Vientiane, which was captured by the forces of Brig. Gen. Phoumi Nosavan Aug. 22 in an effort to capture the Laotian capital.

The communique, which was broadcast by Vientiane Radio, did not list any casualties.

U.S. Attorney General To Visit in Portland

Salem —(UPI)— State Sen. Carl Francis, Republican candidate for attorney general, will introduce U. S. Attorney General William Rogers at a \$100-per-plate GOP dinner in Portland Sept. 29.

Rogers will speak at another \$100,000 GOP dinner in Eugene the same evening.

Anti-Castro Fighters Step Up Shooting War

Havana —(UPI)— Anti-Castro guerrilla fighters were reported today to have stepped up their shooting war on a nationwide basis.

The reports coincided with reports in high military sources that Soviet Russia has supplied Cuba with 80-ton Stalin tanks and will deliver MIG fighter planes to the Cuban government within the month.

Reports from the interior said women militia units were taking over men's duties in some towns to enable the gov-

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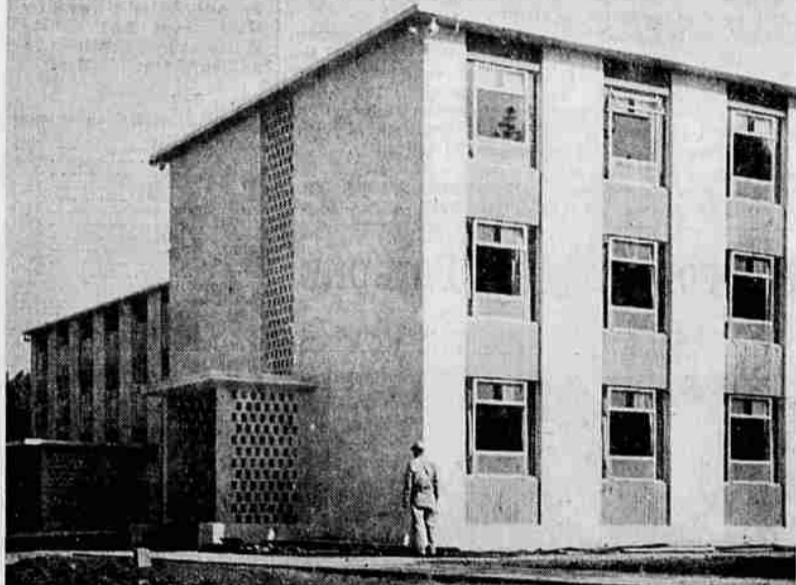
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DORMITORY COMPLETED — Southern Oregon college's new, 125-bed dormitory, named Cascade Units, has been completed and was opened to students as Freshman Week opened on campus this week. The \$450,000 building, patterned after one at the University of Oregon, will house 62 men, 62 women and a dorm mother. Its cost will be paid under 30-year self-liquidating bonds. General contractor was Ausland Construction company, Grants Pass, and architect was Robert J. Keeney, Medford.

Council in Ashland Approves Program For Nine Streets

Ashland — The Ashland city council last night approved paving, curbing and guttering for nine of 12 streets included in a street improvement program presented last month by City Superintendent Elmer Biegel.

Nearly 50 persons attended last night's public hearing on the program. The council's small, new chambers became so crowded the meeting was moved to the old chambers in the same building.

The council defeated improvements for only one street, Hillview dr. from Siskiyou to Peachy lane. Action on two others, Scenic dr. from Maple st. to the curve south of Manzanita st. and Maple from North Main to Chestnut sts., was referred to the city street committee.

Improvements on Nine Streets
The nine streets for which improvements were approved are Normal ave. from Highway 68 to the Southern Pacific right of way; Clark st. from Garden Way to Walker ave.; South Mountain ave. from Pleasant Way to Prospect st.; Prospect from South Mountain to Elkader; Gresham st. from Fairview to Iowa sts.; Auburn st. from Iowa to Gresham; Wimer st. from Scenic dr. to Chestnut st.; Rock st. from Coolidge to Maple sts. and Coolidge from Rock st. to Scenic dr.

Debate on the first street, Hillview dr., continued for so long that it appeared the hearing might last throughout the night. But the pace quickened when no opposition was voiced on paving seven of the nine streets which were approved.

Petitions were received from property owners favoring and opposing work on Hillview dr., but the council's decision not to improve the street at this time seemed to be based largely on statements by an elderly Ashland woman who said she could not afford the expense — about \$3.90 per front foot.

"I'm not asking for sympathy," she told the council. "I'm just asking that I be allowed to live."

Al Sarena Mining Claim Controversy Returns to News

Who was "right" in the 1956 election-year dispute over the Al Sarena mines? The lively controversy popped back into the news again this week, after a team of Portland newsmen published a copyrighted story in the Portland Reporter, claiming that "not one spoonful" of mineral has been removed from the mining claims since they were patented in 1954, but that millions of board feet of timber have been cut.

They also found that the patented mining claims have been sold to a Medford lumberman, but that the sale is not a matter of record at the Jackson county court house.

The Reporter's copyrighted article, together with two pictures of the area, appears on Page 8A of today's Mail Tribune.

Ike Will Meet Foreign Leaders Following Speech

Khrushchev Not On Calling List

Washington —(UPI)— The White House said today that President Eisenhower will confer with some foreign leaders Thursday after his United Nations speech but stressed that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev is not on his calling list.

Earlier, Eisenhower snubbed Cuban leader Fidel Castro by omitting him from a guest list for a luncheon the President will hold for representatives of 18 Latin American nations while in New York. The Dominican Republic was also excluded from the invitation list.

Names Not Disclosed
The names of the leaders Eisenhower will see Thursday afternoon were not disclosed in the announcement of the President's intentions by his press secretary, James C. Hagerty. But Hagerty said there is no thought of Eisenhower seeing Khrushchev.

There have been indications that the chief executive would confer with leaders of African states newly admitted to the United Nations and perhaps also see Yugoslavian President Marshal Tito.

Number Unknown
Hagerty told newsmen he does not know yet how many foreign officials would meet with the chief executive in his hotel suite at the Waldorf-Astoria.

But the President will stay overnight in New York City to allow time for the discussions, Hagerty said.

It was learned that the President would not see President Gamel Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic Thursday. But officials did not rule out the possibility of a meeting with Nasser in New York City next Monday when Eisenhower goes there to speak to a Catholic charities dinner that night.

Bright Object Seen by Residents

A bright object was seen by several local residents shortly after 8 p.m. yesterday, according to reports this morning.

James A. Roger, Medford, said he and Ernest A. Wolff, Coker Butte rd., Medford, saw the object traveling east, rather rapidly, about 30 degrees above the northern horizon.

Roger said it was "quite close" and larger than a star or the Echo I satellite. The object's tail, he said, varied in length. Its color was a "white hot" appearance.

Reports of a bright object traveling east were telephoned to the Federal Aviation agency control tower at the Medford airport by a woman, and into radio station KMBD by a man about the same time, reports indicated.

'I've Got Sort Of A Domestic Problem Myself'

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The county court will follow the commission's recommendation not to finance removal of snags around Hyatt lake, the county judge said this morning. However, commission members did not mention the recommendation at yesterday afternoon's meeting. The commission said Monday night that it had neither the money nor the authority for the snag removal.

City-County Parks and Recreation Director Robert L. Hixworth pointed out Monday night that the Talent Irrigation district which operates Hyatt lake for irrigation purposes, has \$10,000 in a reserve fund. TID Manager Walter Hoffbuhr explained this is an emergency fund from money received from timber cutting. The \$750 a year received from Hyatt lake concessionaires, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bowman, has already been expended for improvements in the concession area, Hoffbuhr explained.

Recently, the TID executed a quit claim deed to the United States government for all except 20 acres around the Hyatt lake dam.

County Court to Study \$60,000 Program for Lakes

Cape Canaveral, Fla. —(UPI)— The Air Force today fired its first Blue Scout rocket an estimated 17,000 miles into space, but lost radio contact with its payload within minutes after the launching.

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This was the first of 12 shots, including two attempts to orbit earth satellites, planned for Blue Scout within the next year. The rocket, costing "considerably less" than \$500,000, is based on the federal space agency's Scout tested July 1 at Wallops Island, Va.

Authorities said Blue Scout could "conceivably" pay its way by locating a "safe area" for high altitude testing of nuclear explosions, and in developing a system of detection.

Portland —(UPI)— Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, Philippine ambassador to the United States, and former president of the United Nations General Assembly, is scheduled to speak here Oct. 5 at the first winter dinner meeting of the Knife and Fork Club.

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Portland —(UPI)— Fall Chinook salmon spawn-taking operations have been started at the Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife Spring Creek Hatchery.

Within a few days the operations are to be under way in all federal hatcheries on the lower Columbia river, the department said.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Washington 3 9 4
New York 10 8 2
Ramos, Clevenger (8) and Batters; Ford, Maas (8) and Berra.

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LEAVES GENERAL ASSEMBLY—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, followed by aides, rides an escalator at the United Nations building after leaving the morning session of the General Assembly. He beamed and smiled at the session even after reports by Soviet security police that "former Gestapo agents" disguised as press photographers, were going to make a bid to assassinate him with a gun hidden in a camera. But for the first time he appeared grim and angry as he returned to his Park ave. headquarters. (UPI Telephoto)

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The county parks and recreation commission proposal for spending \$60,000 for added recreational facilities at Howard Prairie and Emigrant lakes will be studied by the Jackson county court, County Judge Earl Miller said today.

The decision is pending consultation with County Commissioner Ralph James, who returned today from an Association of Oregon Counties' committee meeting in Salem Tuesday.

Members of the county parks and recreation commission appeared before the county court yesterday afternoon to make the recommendations following a special Monday night commission meeting.

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Gun Concealed In Camera Said To Be Weapon

Premier Misses Afternoon Session

United Nations, N. Y. —(UPI)— Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev stayed away from the U.N. General Assembly afternoon meeting today following two reported plots against his life, and told reporters he felt as if he were under house arrest.

The Russians reported they had received word of a plot to assassinate Khrushchev with a gun concealed in a camera and authoritative sources said New York police also are checking reports Hungarian refugees planned to fire-bomb the Russian Embassy.

A high New York City Police Department spokesman said Russian reports of the camera gun plot by "Gestapo agents" appeared to be "part of the Russians continuing propaganda battle" but it was understood they were checking out both reports.

Despite the reported threats Khrushchev appeared on the balcony of the red brick Russian Embassy on Park ave. and carried on a shouted interview with reporters clustered on the street below while unusually heavy police reinforcements stood by.

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duty is no way restricted by the rule of U.N. nonintervention in domestic conflicts." "Any repetition . . . will therefore be resisted by the United Nations force . . ." the cable read.

The U.N. chief said that "according to confirmed reports" Katanga gendarmerie has carried out "brutal repressive operations" against civilian crowds in the Luena vicinity.

