

# Non-Controversial Change in Voter Qualification Law on Ballot



**VOTING BOOTH AT SEA** - When the American President Lines' SS President Hoover sails for the Orient Nov. 3 she will be equipped with "polling booths" for election day Nov. 8. The Mid-Pacific election won't count in the national returns but APL is providing the "straw poll" so the passengers won't miss out on the fun and excitement. Here, Fred Dupont prepares posters and signs for the event. On election day, the Hoover will be en route to Yokohama at the approximate position indicated on the sign which is near Marcus Island. (UPI Telephoto)

## Partial Waving Of Residential Requirements

Editor's note: There are 15 state measures on the Nov. 8 Oregon general election ballot. This is the third of five articles describing their background and effect.

By DOUGLAS GRIPP  
Salem - (UPI) - The seventh issue on this fall's ballot is a non-controversial change in the Oregon voter qualification law.

Oregon now requires that a person live six months in the state before he can vote. Measure No. 7 would allow partial waiving of this restriction and permit newcomers to vote for president and vice president.

The requirement for voting for other offices would still be six months' residency, plus the existing regulations.

Measure No. 8 calls for authority to increase the limit of the state's bonded indebtedness. The legislature would have more leeway in planning construction of state buildings during the next decade.

State buildings now are financed by the legislature from general funds. Anti-credit enthusiasts are against the measure, but there appears to be no organized opposition.

**Judge Retirement Sought**  
Proposition No. 9 would force Oregon judges to retire at the age of 75. Some elderly judges slow up to the point of delaying the work of the courts, but under present law they cannot be required to retire.

State Sen. Carl Francis (R-Dayton), chairman of last year's Senate Judiciary committee, says "voluntary retirement seems to be an unsatisfactory situation. It has been truthfully said that justice delayed is justice denied."

An "escape hatch" section provides that those who are 75 but still qualified may be recalled to active service in the same court.

Thursday: Vacancy of elective offices, financing improvements in home rule counties, and government continuity in enemy attack.



**WRECKAGE REASSEMBLED** - Parts of the Eastern Airlines Electra that crashed in Boston harbor Oct. 4 are being brought to a huge building at the Hingham Industrial Center at Hingham, Mass., and laid out in their original relationship to the plane. In this way investigators will seek answers to the crash which cost 62 lives. (UPI Telephoto)

## Motorists Warned of Increased Danger in Early Darkness Hours

Longer hours of darkness mean increased danger both to drivers and to pedestrians, Medford Police Chief Charles P. Champlin warned today.

Nation-wide, he said, the mileage death rate is estimated to be three times as great at night as in daylight. About 28 per cent of the fatal accidents occurring in Oregon cities happen in the evening between the hours of 4 and 8, he added.

"This is the time of day when most people are going home from work," Champlin pointed out, "and during the fall and winter months many drivers and pedestrians fail to adjust their driving and walking habits to the poor visibility of dusk and darkness."

Drivers, he said, should turn on their headlights at the first sign of dusk. Pedestrians should always wear something light-colored at night to make it easier for them to be seen by the headlights of oncoming cars, he suggested.

Also, pedestrians should never cross streets except at crosswalks and the need to follow this rule is doubly important during the winter when driver vision is limited. A pedestrian crossing in mid-block where drivers do not expect him is "just asking for injury," he added.

The chief reminded drivers to switch to low beams when following as well as approaching another vehicle.

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## Body Sought in Barge Explosion

The Dalles - (UPI) - Skindivers today sought the body of Ed Coburn, 54, believed drowned after an explosion ripped a fuel barge and inflicted fatal injuries on another man.

Coburn, an electrician, was blown into the water when a spark from a welder's torch apparently touched off the blast. Ward Warren, 45, a welder, died in a hospital from injuries.

The explosion burst one of two compartments in the 206-foot barge and also started a fire on which firemen poured water for two hours.

Firemen said that apparently welder's sparks reached a hidden fume pocket. The two victims were working forward above decks.

About 15 men in all were working on the barge but firemen said none of the others was hurt. The blast broke windows in the offices and recreation building on the nearby pier.

The barge had been undergoing repairs at the Pacific Inland Navigation Co. terminal.

## Milwaukie Express Closure Rejected

Salem - (UPI) - Railway Express Agency, Inc., has denied permission to withdraw its agent at Milwaukie, Ore.

Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill said the agent was withdrawn a year ago but without authority from the PUC. Since then the agency has been serving downtown Milwaukie by truck and this amounted to half its former service, the commissioner said.

Hill said the abandonment was "inappropriate," and that Railway Express did not show valid reasons for withdrawing the agent.

## No Favoritism For Ike's Brother

Washington - (UPI) - An Agriculture Department official says no special treatment ever was given a grain storage company that lists Edgar Eisenhower, the President's oldest brother, as one of its directors.

The statement was made by Farnum White, an officer in the Portland office of the Commodity Credit Corporation. He testified Tuesday before a House government operational subcommittee studying government grain storage practices.

Melvin N. Stewart, vice president and general manager of the storage firm, testified that Eisenhower had nothing to do with the company's operations.

In New York City, Eisenhower said he notified the subcommittee last week that he had nothing to contribute to the hearing and would not appear. He made the same statement in a telephone conversation with Subcommittee Chairman L. H. Fountain, (D-N.C.).

The subcommittee concluded its inquiry Tuesday and announced no further hearings.

The panel had said the hearings were concerned with "situations involving possible

## Soviet Ship Under Tight Security To Avoid Defections

New York - (UPI) - Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's liner Baltika was clamped under full security today to prevent any of the 190 seamen aboard from following the example of shipmate Viktor Jaanimets, who defected to freedom.

Late Tuesday the 29-year-old Estonian, who called Khrushchev a "tyrant" and condemned Communist enslavement of his homeland, turned his back on two Russian Embassy officials when they sought to persuade him to return to his ship.

**Said Not Forced**  
"I will not talk to you," Jaanimets said. Later, at a news conference, he said the Russian officials "asked me whether I was forced to defect and I told them no—I had made my decision a long time ago."

The Russian officials from the Embassy in Washington, Viktor Ossitov and Valeri

## Supreme Knight To Speak on Radio Today

Woodburn - (UPI) - Marion County Sheriff Denver Young Tuesday night arrested a service station operator here and charged him with possession of a slot machine.

Being held in the Marion county jail in Salem was Vernie Harold Jackson, 27. The device, which was in operating condition, was found in the rear of the station and was confiscated, Young said.

## WSU Judges Win

Portland, Ore. - (UPI) - Washington State University won the first annual college meat judging contest sponsored by the Pacific International Livestock Exposition here.

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