

Consumers To Be of Special Concern to Mrs. Neuberger in Senate

Oregon Democrat Indicates Desire For Committee

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Washington (Special) — Sen. Maurice B. Neuberger (D-Ore.) is planning to place the interests of American consumers at the top of her list of special concerns when she takes her place in the Senate.

The better legislative leverage in behalf of consumers' interests, Mrs. Neuberger plans to apply for a seat on the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee.

This committee, whose chairman is Washington Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, has jurisdiction over all bills affecting the government's host of regulatory agencies, such as the Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, Federal Power Commission and others.

Mrs. Neuberger, who stopped here briefly for a visit to her new Senate office en route to a meeting in Paris of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, may not be able to obtain her wish for a post on Magnuson's committee immediately. There are not presently any Democratic vacancies, although in the shift of other senators to fill other vacancies in January one may be opened to her.

Believed Forgotten Man

Oregon's new lady senator has indicated to her staff that she believes that the consumer is the forgotten man among the powerful interests which exert pressures upon Congress and the government agencies for action in their behalf. The essential duty of the regulatory agencies is to protect the broad public interest by regulating the activities of powerful economic interests—manufacturers, power companies, broadcasting companies, etc.

Another powerful committee on which Mrs. Neuberger has indicated some hope of assignment is the Finance Committee, because it is in this committee that all social security bills are worked over or bottled up, as the case may be.

Headed by Sen. Harry Byrd (D-Va.), this committee could be a major source of difficulty for the new Democratic president, John F. Kennedy, when it comes to his proposal for adding medical insurance to the social security program. Byrd's committee declined to approve such a bill last session, adopting instead the legislation extending assistance to the needy through greater grants to the states.

Power in Tax Laws

There is a vacancy on the Finance Committee, due to the defeat of Sen. Allen Frear of Delaware. This is a much-sought committee, however, because of its power in writing tax laws.

Mrs. Neuberger would also be interested in, and most likely to obtain, a seat on the Interior Committee, which deals with strictly western problems from irrigation to Indians.

The special value to her immediately of membership on this committee is that the proposed Oregon Dunes National Seashore legislation must emerge from the Interior Committee if it is going to be enacted. Kennedy, a sponsor of such legislation for Cape Cod during the past year, is expected to recommend seashore legislation after he takes office in January.

Second in Seniority

The new chairman of the Interior Committee is likely to be Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.), unless it is taken by Sen. Clinton Anderson (D-N.M.). Anderson is now second in seniority behind retiring Sen. James E. Murray (D-Mont.) and Jackson is third; but Anderson may become chairman of the Space Committee which has been headed by Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.).

Committee assignments will be one of the first orders of business when Congress convenes early in January.

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Oxford, England—Oxford University student Lord Sufley, 21, bought all the available copies of a short story collection here that contained one of his contributions. "I realize now," he said, "I should have left them there for others to see and buy."

Depressed Steel Industry May See Decline to 45 Per Cent

By HENRY J. BECHTOLD

New York — The depressed steel industry may see its operations dip to 45 per cent of capacity for December and less than 40 per cent around the holidays.

But this is considered a seasonal decline and will not mean that the steel economy is going backwards again. It only emphasizes that year-end factors carry a greater impact in a downturn period than they do when the economy is trending upward.

However, Tom Campbell, editor-in-chief of Iron Age magazine, said the steel industry by the end of the year will be in better shape to "start something going" than it was at the end of 1957.

He cited skimpy steel inventories, no mill backlog, and the chance that there will be labor troubles again in 1962 as factors setting the stage for the recovery.

But Campbell does not expect any substantial recovery to start until next March. Unfortunately, he said, steel has had to take on a special depression of its own before it tackles the overall "mild recession."

The volume of new steel orders has hardly changed at all the past five months. It has varied between 40 and 50 per cent of steel mill capacity, with the differences among individual firms reflecting the product mix and whether they are suppliers to the auto industry.

The steel expert said the reason the low order pattern did not show up in the steel

ingot rate much earlier than it did (late in June) was the substantial backlog on the books of all steel mills.

This week, he stated, steel order backlogs just don't exist. Special cases such as pipe line orders are the only exceptions. Most unfilled tonnage are nothing more than orders placed awaiting hasty processings.

Chances are good that the bottom in new order volume has been reached. But Campbell said there is no assurance that order volume will get off the floor in the near future.

Any significant change in steel, according to Campbell, will follow past patterns: The cycle will be changed and the move upward; inventories will be too low; there will be fear of a price increase; and the smarter purchasing agents

will smell the end of the steel-labor armistice coming.

Makings of Boom

These factors alone cannot make a booming steel market. But when you add anti-recession moves by the new administration, higher defense spending, a recovery in home building, a re-entry into the steel market by the railroad, oil and gas industries, and other miscellaneous users, "you have the makings of a boom," the Iron Age editor declared.

His forecast: The boom in steel will make its statistical start in March 1961. Fuel will be on the fire by mid-1961. Customer uncertainty of supplies when they are wanted will show up by Labor Day, and the big drive to order "safely" will come in the first six months of 1962.

Polk County Sheriff Suspicious of Attempt By Four To Escape Jail

Dallas, Ore. — "Hi big bully. All I can say is help... we need one pack of good hacksaw blades."

Polk County Sheriff Tony Neufeldt said Tuesday this note was smuggled out by four county jail prisoners in an unsuccessful attempt to escape.

The four, arrested Nov. 11 in the Y cafe near here and charged with burglary are Richard Evan Bankston, 24; Fred Joseph Winkler, 28; James Jesse Roberts Jr., 27, and Robert Lee Arnold, 24, all of Salem.

Neufeldt said the four apparently hoped to break out Monday night. They had hung a string weighted with a spoon out of their cell window on the second floor of the jail. The idea was for an accomplice to tie on some hacksaw blades.

But a fifth Salem man, Frank Carrol Ward, 24, was arrested in Salem Saturday on a charge of vagrancy and on him was the note.

The note also asked that a get-away car be left in a parking lot near the jail in Dallas. Neufeldt said the note was apparently smuggled out by a prisoner who had been released.

Back Stairs: Chance To Watch Masters

By WILLIAM J. EATON

Augusta, Ga. — Back stairs at the traveling White House.

Dwight D. Eisenhower, the nation's foremost amateur golfer, gets his first chance in nine years to attend the Masters' Championship golf matches here next April.

The speculation now is that he'll be around to watch the country's leading professional compete for one of golf's

most coveted prizes.

His title will be former president by then, but the southern hospitality he has enjoyed at the Augusta National Golf club on 27 occasions shows no signs of abating.

Eisenhower is one of the 200 members of the exclusive club, and he is certain to return on periodic visits to play the well-manicured course.

White House aides say that the Augusta layout—including

a cottage valued at more than \$75,000—is Eisenhower's favorite vacation headquarters.

He has made a habit of coming down immediately after the Masters' event to play with the winner.

Crowds running well over 40,000 have kept him away from Augusta in past years, partly for security reasons.

But, as the President said, he will be a "free man" and will not be accompanied by a phalanx of bodyguards after he leaves the White House next Jan. 20.

'Cabin' Offered

It is expected that club officials will insist that the Chief Executive and Mrs. Eisenhower stay in "Mamie's Cabin" whenever they are here, in office or not.

The "cabin" is a 1½-story brick split-level club built especially to house the first family. But the Eisenhowers do not own it and other members occupy it when the President is not here.

One builder said the cost of interior decorations and furnishings—selected with Mamie's liking for pink in mind—ran about \$35,000.

The Augusta club was not designed for the average week end golfer who patronizes daily fee courses.

Costs Expensive

Members are secretive about the costs of joining, but one version in Augusta is that initiation fees and other expenses are now \$10,000. In addition, it costs another \$2,000 to \$3,000 for the average member in dues and miscellaneous costs.

Eisenhower joined shortly after World War II when the fees were not as high as they are today.

His current two-week visit here is a happy one for the golfer. Aides say he is hitting the ball well and keeping his scores lower than usual.

Local Man Bound Over To Grand Jury Here

Maurice Wilson Young, 31½ Cedar st., Medford, was bound over to the grand jury yesterday in district court on charges of uttering and publishing a false check.

Young is charged with issuing a false check to a local market Nov. 12. He waived right to an attorney and preliminary hearing and is being held in the county jail in lieu of \$1,500 bail.



TAKEN FOR A WALK—Unidentified white youths grab Malcolm R. Carnahan, 20, of Decatur, Ill., a student at Vanderbilt School of Divinity, as they tell him "Let's go up the street and have a little talk." All three were taken "up the street" by police and arrested at Nashville, Tenn. Malcolm was helping Negroes stage a "stand-in" outside a downtown restaurant when he was slugged by one of the youths shown. (UPI Telephoto)



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Phoenix Man Held on Petty Larceny Charge

Ralph Wendell Wier, Phoenix, Ore., is being held in the county jail after his arrest by sheriff's deputies Monday on charges of petty larceny.

Wier is charged with taking 20 gallons of gas from an orchard owned by Wendell S. Spence on Cedar lane. The theft occurred during the week end.