

Last in a Series

Trading Stamp Issue Splits State Legislature in Many Directions

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

There's something new in the sky—the latest model of our Discoverer satellites. This one is Discoverer XIX. Its job is to take the earth's temperature. Exactly the same as your doctor takes your temperature. And for the same reason.

When your doctor takes your temperature, he wants to know what's going on in your system. If there is too much HEAT, something is wrong. HE then goes to work to find out WHAT is wrong.

The Discoverer satellites are designed to work in the same way. They merely use different equipment. Your doctor uses a clinical thermometer, which he puts under your tongue. The Discoverer satellites carry equipment to measure the amount of infrared radiation given off by the earth. This information is then radioed instantly to the Midas missile alarm system.

YOUR doctor's thermometer tells him the temperature of your body. If your temperature is 98.6 degrees, you are normal. If it is ABOVE 98.6 degrees, something is wrong.

The job of our Midas missile system is to determine the NORMAL amount of infrared radiation given off by the earth. Then—if the Discoverer satellites circling the earth every 93 minutes report a sudden RISE in the infrared radiation (which is given off by HOT bodies)—it will be assumed that something is WRONG.

The assumption would be that our enemies had blasted off at us a flock of missiles, which are VERY HOT bodies. We would then (presumably) take the step called for by the situation and would instantaneously launch back at them enough missiles to destroy them.

PRETTY rugged?
It certainly is.
But nuclear warfare is rugged. It changes the whole face of warfare as we have known it.

THIS is the point:
We have given the Russians the FIRST BITE. Which is to say, we have given our solemn word that under no circumstances will we be the AGGRESSOR in a nuclear attack. That amounts to this: It tempts the communists to SHOOT FIRST — to DESTROY US before we can shoot back. To get everything ready and then blow us off the earth in one massive missile strike.

THIS is the point:
If we can get INSTANTANEOUS warning that the communists are launching missiles at us, we can instantaneously launch missiles at them. That would mean MU-

TUAL destruction. Our theory is that the communists won't invite MUTUAL destruction.

IT'S a grim theory.
But nuclear warfare is grim. The future will be somewhat less grim if we can convince the Russians that a sneak attack on us will bring upon them instantaneous RETALIATION.

Spanish Peasant Claims No Sleep Taken During Life

Madrid, Spain — (UPI) — A wiry peasant glanced through picture magazines and chatted with two correspondents today in a wide-awake demonstration of his claim that he has not slept a wink in his life.

Valentin Medina Poves, 61, was still going strong on the second day of his 48-hour sample of permanent insomnia.

"I will sleep the day I die," Medina said simply.

And there appeared to be no reason to doubt he would not sleep before then.

Forty-eight hours after two UPI correspondents set up a watch over him at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Medina showed no signs of fading.

As the newsmen kept watch with bloodshot eyes, Medina had his usual supper consisting of a cheese sandwich and a bottle of wine.

Medina even seemed to gain strength as the time wore on. He helped move a desk from one room of the office to another.

The two correspondents took turns napping but one or the other kept Medina in view at all times.

Medina has been to numerous doctors, most of whom have concluded that he actually has total insomnia. Pills and injections, wine supplied by friends and other home remedies all have failed to put him to sleep.

Dr. Luis Tomas Casamayor, who examined Medina Wednesday, said "Apparently the man is not lying and he actually doesn't need to sleep."

But he reserved final judgment until he could "study the case for a period of several weeks."

10 GN Freight Cars Jump Tracks
Puyallup, Wash. — (UPI) — Ten cars of a 98-car Great Northern freight train headed for Tacoma were derailed near here this morning when a journal box on one of the cars burned out.

There were no injuries. The cars were coming from Seattle to Tacoma and were loaded with wheat.

Great Northern officials said there would be no tieup of southbound rail traffic because trains will be diverted over a parallel Union Pacific track.



FUGITIVE—Kenneth Eugene Cindie, above, a tall, tattooed veteran criminal, has been added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." Cindie is charged with armed robbery of a Wichita, Kan., restaurant and is considered dangerous.

Two Churches Tell Sunday Activities

Central Point — A Christmas service will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian church, Central Point. The Rev. Robert W. Olmsted, minister, will preach the sermon, entitled "God's Greatest Gift." Mrs. Merrill Harsh will sing "O Holy Night" accompanied by Mrs. Lewis Kilbourn. The Junior High boys group will sing "The Song of the Desert."

The church school and junior church will not meet Sunday morning. Instead the parents are asked to take their children into the sanctuary so that the whole family may worship together.

Mr. Olmsted will be on vacation from Dec. 25 through Jan. 3. On Sunday, Jan. 1, the Rev. Robert Bridge will be in the pulpit for the morning worship service.

A Christmas worship service will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday in the First Presbyterian church of Jacksonville. The Rev. King Jones, pastor, will conclude his series "New Thoughts from an Old Story" with a sermon on "Men Far Wiser than Their Times."

The choir will sing two Christmas numbers, "And There Were Shepherds" including a duet by Mrs. Rafe Anders and Mrs. Furman Everham, and "Star of the East" including a solo by Mrs. Dave Allen.

There will be a reception of new members during the service.

Sunday school classes and the Jacksonville Westminster Fellowship will not meet on Christmas Sunday.

Activities of the week include a session meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

A snow party for high school students is planned for Thursday. Members of the JWFF will meet at the church at 7 a.m. and travel to Mt. Shasta. The cost will be \$2, which should be paid on or before Christmas Sunday.

Tax Collections In State Decline
Salem—(UPI)—The Oregon Tax commission said today that state tax collections for the first five months of the current fiscal year were \$40,141,824, down 5.4 per cent for the same period in the previous fiscal year.

The personal income tax continues to be the reason for the decline in revenue, the commission said.

Through Nov. 30, personal income tax collections were down \$2,778,241 compared to last year because of a reduction in the number of installment accounts and greater withholding refunds.

Collections from quarterly installments and other nonwithholding sources are \$3.5 million this year compared to \$7.3 million last year. The \$4 million difference represents money ordinarily paid in quarters but because the legislature imposed a one per cent interest charge on people who pay their taxes by installments, most taxpayers paid their entire tax bills last spring.

Corporate excise and corporate income tax collections remain higher this year. For the first five months receipts total \$4,017,037 compared to \$3,423,841 last year.

The third largest tax administered by the state—forest products—is also producing more revenue this year.

Nearly \$2.5 billion worth of proprietary and ethical drugs were purchased last year.

Business Council Group To Seek Regulation

Editor's note: The following is the last of four dispatches based on answers to a United Press International poll of Oregon legislators on issues facing the 1961 session.

By DOUGLAS GRIPP
Salem—(UPI)—Oregon legislators are split in many directions over the tough question of regulation of trading stamps by the state.

A United Press International poll reflecting a cross-section of the 1961 assembly show the lawmakers evenly divided between those who favor such a law, those who do not and those who have no opinion.

Those who do favor the idea were further split as to how far it should go. Several predicted a restrictive control bill could never be passed.

There was an unsuccessful fight in the last two legislatures to flatly prohibit trading stamps in Oregon. This year a group called the Oregon Business Council plans to push a bill to regulate

them, emphasizing that the stamps would not be outlawed.

Four-Bill Bill
Ralph W. Emmons of Salem, council executive secretary, says the plan calls for a four-fold bill requiring that:

—Stamps show their cash value.

—Stamps be redeemable for one cent or more.

—Stamp firms be licensed and bonded by the state and required to file annual financial reports.

—Stamp companies must sell to any merchant willing to buy.

The companies are particularly opposed to the latter. Rupert Bulfinch of Portland, attorney for Sperry & Hutchinson green stamps — biggest trading stamp operator in Oregon — terms it "vicious legislation."

"It would put us out of business," he said. Stamp companies now contract with merchants on a franchise basis.

A group called Oregonians for Business Freedom is the main force against any regulation. Hollis Goodrich of Portland, public relations man for OBF, said the "real purpose" of the legislation is not to regulate trading stamps but to kill them. Emmons denies.

Emmons complains that in 1957 housewives were bombarded with literature and "the pitch was, 'they're going to take your stamps away.'"

The housewives in turn protested letters and the tougher legislation died in committee. The same thing happened in 1959 on a smaller scale.

"I don't know what their line will be this time," he said.

3,000 Housewives Answer
Goodrich said at least 3,000 housewives recently replied to cards asking if they were interested in a pro-stamp effort in 1961. A statewide "Consumers Committee for Trading

Stamps" has been formed headed by Mrs. Leland V. Belknap, Portland housewife.

Several legislators said they already have received mail from constituents opposing any restrictions.

Rep. Tom McClellan, (D-Neotsu), said he doubts if any legislation could pass. Trading stamps, he said, "will probably have to run their course until the public becomes less interested or becomes saturated with the various kinds."

In another poll question, legislators were asked to give their best guess as to how long the 1961 session will last. The recent average has been 115 days.

Estimates ranged from 90 to 150 days with the average guess about 115 days.

Sen. Walter Leth, (R-Salem) gave no estimate. But he commented: "too long."

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