

# Patronage Is Problem In Oregon Due to Lack of Demo Leadership

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Washington — Oregon Democrats have yet to settle on a means of clearing persons for new patronage jobs with the Kennedy administration because there is no single Democrat whose leadership is now recognized by all others.

Many job seekers are communicating their wishes to members of the Oregon congressional delegation. They want to be appointed to everything from United States Attorney for Oregon to postmaster of their home town. Both of these jobs, as well as a number of others, are technically presidential appointments, requiring confirmation by the Senate.

An apparent question still to be resolved is whether Sen. Wayne Morse or Sen. Maurice Neuberger or Rep. Edith Green is going to have top authority to decide who gets what positions. Inasmuch as relations among these three top Democrats are not close in the personal sense, there is now understood to be no agreement and some anxiety about how the patronage matter will be handled.

**Rep. Green Emerges**

Congresswoman Green, in some ways, has emerged as the state's most influential Democrat because of her early and close association with the successful presidential aspiration of President-elect John F. Kennedy.

Neither Sens. Morse or Neuberger were Kennedy supporters before the Democratic National convention, and neither attended the convention.

But Sen. Morse, the senior senator, could exert his will upon any appointments which require Senate confirmation simply by refusing to grant clearance when their names were dispatched to the Senate. By matter of Senate courtesy, this is all it takes to stymie such an appointment.

**Illustrates Power**

Several years ago, as an illustration of this senatorial power, Morse quietly let it be known that he would never clear for a judicial appointment Wendell Wyatt of Astoria when Wyatt had been all set to receive such a post-

age to the hit. This is not expected to be the case, for only a smaller number are expected to change hands.

**Many Obscure Jobs**

This list, for example, consists of many obscure positions, such as director of U.S. Savings Bonds for the Treasury department, which is now held by George W. Minnaugh and pays \$12,210.

Among those that won't change hands is director of Selective Service for Oregon, who is traditionally always recommended by the governor. Sprague H. Carter, Gov. Mark Hatfield's man, presumably will retain this \$10,635 post.

U.S. Attorney pays \$17,500, U.S. Marshal \$10,895 and Collector of Customs \$12,210, all of them traditionally going to the party in power.

Postmasterships cannot be handed out on a wide scale. Only places with existing vacancies or acting postmasters are currently open to new appointments. Otherwise, a duty until he is 70 years of age or who retires earlier or is discovered to be removable for some wrongdoing in office. Acting postmasters at

Corvallis, Roseburg, The Dalles, Canby and some other places can be replaced if the Democrats wish.

**Pay Is Low**

Postmasterships are not considered high paying jobs, considering that the job requires meeting civil service qualifications and often entails great administrative responsibility. The state's largest post office at Portland does a \$12 million a year business, and the postmaster's salary is \$12,205. The next two largest postmasterships, at Salem and Eugene, pay \$9,160.

department asks the local congressman or senator which of these three persons he would prefer for the appointment. Local party workers usually are consulted, and in time the appointment is made and confirmed by the Senate.

Since 1956, Rep. Walter Norblad has been handling this task for the whole state, simply because he was the only Republican in Congress from Oregon while the GOP controlled the Post Office department.

How this assignment will now be divided among Sens. Morse and Neuberger and Mrs. Green and Rep. Al Ullman is one of the matters the newly empowered Oregon Democrats will have to decide.



**CARS OFF TRACKS**—A train derailed between Minier and Hopedale, Ill., threw 15 rail cars from the tracks, causing an electrical shutoff in the area. The cars tore up considerable amount of track and were spewed around three sides of the grain elevator at left, but by a quirk of fate, the elevator was not damaged. No one was injured. (UPI Telephoto)

## Announcer Denies Hit-Run Charges

Medway, Mass. — (UPI) — A radio disc jockey appeared in court Saturday accused of killing a 12-year-old boy in a hit-run accident and then going on the air with repeated appeals for the guilty driver to surrender.

Friday night police stood outside a broadcasting booth at station WMRC while the disc jockey, Ronald C. Greene, 26, broadcast for several hours, interrupting his "Stars in the Night" jazz and mood music program frequently to read the appeal.

"A 12-year-old boy, Dominic De Fazio, was killed in Medway this afternoon," the disc jockey announced. "Medway police say the boy was killed by a hit-and-run car."

"Anyone have information concerning the identity of the car or the driver should contact Medway police."

**Recites Prayer**

Greene ended his program by reciting the Lord's Prayer. Then he walked into the arms of waiting police. He pleaded

innocent at his arraignment. Almost exactly five hours before Greene's arrest Friday night, Dominic was killed as he pushed his bicycle along a Medway street. Carl Villeaux, 11, was with him.

Villeaux said he narrowly missed being hit by the car, which slammed into Dominic with such force that his body was hurled 60 feet through the air.

A policeman noted a few minutes later that Greene's car, parked in the radio station lot, was minus part of a fender ornament. A piece of ornament had been found at the accident scene, only a short distance away. Investigators were summoned and found bits of clothing identified as De Fazio's caught on the ornament section still on the car fender.

Police Chief William Giallonardo and three other policemen then went to the broadcasting studio and waited for Greene.

**Denies Accident**

He denied he had struck anyone with his car, but admitted he had driven past the accident scene at about the time the boy was hit.

The accident occurred around 5 p.m., police said, and Greene went on the air at 6 p.m. Before the program, he helped Charles Fitzgerald, the station's radio news writer, prepare the hit-run appeal by telephoning police for information, Giallonardo said.

Fitzgerald then wrote the announcement, which he gave Greene to read, police said.

"I couldn't have gone on the air and read those announcements, if I knew I was the man responsible for that boy's death," Fitzgerald said.

Greene pleaded innocent to a manslaughter charge and two charges of driving violations in Wrentham district court. Bail was set at \$1,500.

**PUC Grants Request From Courtesy Cab**

Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill Friday approved in part the application by John H. Hill of Courtesy Cab, Medford, for authority to provide service beyond the exempt three-mile limit provided for in the motor transportation code.

Courtesy Cab, operating in an area having a radius three miles beyond the Medford city limits, had applied for a permit authorizing operations within and from and to 25 miles of Medford.

Hill said that evidence presented at a recent public hearing did not indicate the need for such a broad authority, but that it was "in the public interest for Courtesy Cab to provide service from and to the area in which it was now operating."

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