



WAGE TESTIMONY—Secretary of Labor Arthur Goldberg, center, chats with Rep. James Roosevelt (D-Calif.), left, and Rep. Clayton Adam Powell (D-N.Y.) as Goldberg arrived to testify before the House Labor Subcommittee on the administration's proposal for a gradual increase in the minimum wage. (UPI Telephoto)

Road Development To Mt. Ashland Ski Area Gets Boost

Development of an improved road into the proposed Mt. Ashland ski resort has been tentatively approved by the O and C counties association, County Judge Earl Miller said today.

For the road to be assured, an allocation for the project would have to be approved in Washington, D.C., and the U.S. forest service must give its approval.

Miller said he also received a telephone call from Darrell Jones, Clackamas county commissioner, stating that the O and C executive committee of the Association of Oregon Counties and the roads committee of the association of O and C counties have tentatively endorsed using O and C timber receipts for the proposed road.

A resolution favoring the road was endorsed during a joint meeting of the two groups Feb. 9, Jones told Judge Miller. Jones is head of the O and C executive committee of which County Commissioner Chester Wendt is a member. Miller is a member of the roads committee.

Resolution Passed
The resolution was passed on condition that Thomas Parker, Ashland contractor, and his associates follow through on their proposed \$165,000 winter sports area development, Miller explained.

The local project was among a long list of similar projects tentatively approved providing funds be made available and government agencies such as the forest service give approval.

Wendt had stated previously that the county's portion of the overall 14-mile road will be included in the new county road plan now being developed. Jackson county's portion covers three miles. No paving work could be done until spring.

According to earlier reports, paving of the road and

Loud Sonic Boom Is Heard in Rogue Valley

A louder than normal sonic boom heard here last night caused little damage, but considerable commotion. Medford police, who fixed the time of the boom at 8:16 p.m., said they received 25 telephone calls inquiring as to the source of the noise.

The only report of damage received by police was from an unidentified woman who said the boom broke three windows in her residence. Another woman complained to police that the sound waves from the boom blew out the pilot light on her gas furnace.

APPLING OUT OF GAS
Salem — (UPI) — Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. ran out of gas in Portland Monday night as he and Mrs. Appling were returning to Salem from a Lincoln Day banquet.

Milwaukie Democrat Rips at Pearson Over Bill To Permit Mill at Gardiner

Salem — (UPI) — Rep. Beulah Hand (D-Milwaukie) lit into fellow Democrat Walter Pearson, senator from Portland, today and called his State and Federal Affairs committee a "clique of special interest boys wheeling and dealing" over two bills aimed at granting easements for a proposed pulp mill at Gardiner.

Appeals to Public
Rep. Hand appealed to the public to oppose passage of the two bills which Thursday won approval from Pearson's Senate committee.

Rep. Hand, former vice

Higher Auto Insurance Costs Declared Possible Under Minimum Amount Plan

Salem — (UPI) — Private insurers warned a Senate committee Thursday a bill to make automobile insurance compulsory in Oregon and set minimum policy amounts could raise rates and jack the cost of premiums anywhere from \$10 to \$50 over what many customers now are paying.

In addition, they said it probably would increase the

accident rate, stick the state with an administrative monstrosity, and still fail to answer a cent when they are hit by an uninsured driver, he said.

Furthermore, he said, insured drivers now are paying extra premiums to protect themselves in case they are struck by a driver without insurance. Each driver should carry his share, Straub said.

Ken Johnson of the Salem Capital Press said insurance companies feared compulsory insurance was the first step in a cycle that would lead to state intervention in the insurance business.

Straub estimated some 4 to 6 per cent, or about 50,000 of the state's drivers, are uninsured.

The bill, SB303, also would set personal liability mini-

mums of \$10,000 for one person and \$20,000 for two, and a property minimum of \$5,000—which would require roughly 40 per cent of the state's drivers to up their payments.

Merrill Hagan of the Oregon Association of Insurance Agents and Pete Brooks of the Oregon Automobile Insurance Co. protested compulsory insurance, and said accident

rates were high in states that had it.

"It's nonsense," Straub replied, "to say somebody is going to risk life and limb just because he has insurance."

Meanwhile, the first of Gov. Mark Hatfield's reorganization bills to receive action was sent to the Senate floor today with a "do pass" recommendation from the State and Federal Affairs Committee.

The bill would create a cabinet Department of Commerce that would take in planning and development as well as numerous scattered examining boards that now function independently.

The committee amended the bill to eliminate shifting the state's travel advertising agency from the highway department. That was the only section of the bill to receive protests at a hearing last week.

Sweetland's Bill Would Double Medicare Share

Legislature Nears End of 6th Week

Salem — (UPI) — A bill to double Oregon's share of the medicare program over the next two years was introduced today by Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie).

It was among several new measures offered as the legislature neared the end of its sixth week.

Under Sweetland's bill medicare would be tied to Social Security and \$13 million allocated. This is double the state share recommended by Gov. Mark Hatfield, whose bill is patterned after the present federal-state medicare law.

But Congress may amend this law and Sweetland said his bill would enable Oregon to proceed without delay should the Social Security-type program pass Congress.

Sweetland's bill is broader than the original Oregon medicare measure and would cover all persons over 65, picking up those who have less than \$2,500 a year income. His measure is contingent upon congressional action.

A bill by Rep. Robert Smith (R-Burns) to let the state purchase Boardman industrial park outright was read in the House. Smith said ranchers were disturbed over trading grazing lands in southeast Oregon for the Morrow county site.

Another measure read in the house was one to bar discrimination in any place offering public goods or services. It is similar to one previously introduced.

Sen. Richard Groener (D-Milwaukie) offered a bill to let suburban customers of city-owned water utilities seek rate relief through the public utility commission. Rep. Juanita Orr (D-Lake Grove) introduced a bill to prohibit suburban rates of more than 25 per cent above what city customers pay.

Other measures offered in the House would make licensed physicians not liable for civil damages in connection with emergency care and make scholarships to state colleges and universities up to \$500 available to qualified students. The latter would appropriate \$75,000 to be awarded by the State Scholarship Commission.

Bus Driver Killed Near Grants Pass

Grants Pass — (UPI) — A Greyhound bus driver from Portland, Milton Wilburn Erickson, 50, was killed early today when struck by a car about 5 miles north of here on Highway 99.

State Police said Erickson had stopped his bus to go to the aid of another Greyhound bus that had stopped because of a flat tire. Officers said Erickson was struck by a car driven by Robert Doran Bricker, 22, Grants Pass, as he crossed the highway.

The accident occurred about 12:45 a.m.

Drain Bank Holdup Suspect Arraigned

Portland — (UPI) — A federal grand jury Thursday indicted Donald Gene Kelso for the \$2,400 robbery last month of the Drain branch of the U.S. National Bank.

Kelso was arrested near Drain a few days after the holdup.

Two puppet committee members, Rep. Hand said today, "has added another disgraceful example to this committee's continuing flagrant misuse of power."

The committee's attitude, Rep. Hand said, is "the public interest be damned."

Pearson, not visibly disturbed by the charges, chuckled and said, "Beulah, I didn't know you cared that much about me."

He added he saw no reason to reply further to such "ridiculous" charges.

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Crane Plunges In Missile Pit; Six Workmen Die

14 Others Injured; Two May Not Live

Roswell, N. M. — A 35-ton crane plunged into a deep missile-launching pit Thursday, killing six workmen.

Fourteen men were injured, two so seriously they were not expected to live.

Police said the crane got too close to the edge of the 170-foot-deep hole, a silo for the launching of Atlas ICBM missiles.

Men working on the concrete sides of the silo were brushed from the walls like flies with a giant whisk as the crane plunged by. The crane's fuel tank exploded, spewing flaming fuel and debris over the workers. Injuries ranged from severe burns to lacerations.

"I saw the crane topple," said Earl D. Metton, an iron worker and welder who was working in a gallery running from the silo to the concrete control house nearby. "The crane blew up when it hit the bottom. There was lots of flame in the bottom of the hole."

About 25 men were working in or around the silo. D. L. Orendorf of the Corps of Engineers said it appeared all the men had been accounted for.

The accident occurred 23 miles northwest of Roswell on U.S. Highway 70, where 12 Atlas launching sites are being constructed, generally circling Walker Air Force Base.

Western Railroads Seek Merger OK

Washington — (UPI) — Four Western Railroads today sought from the Interstate Commerce Commission approval of plans to merge their lines in a giant system operating in 17 states and two provinces of Canada.

The directors of Northern Pacific, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy and the Great Northern railroads approved the merger plans Jan. 26.

Under the proposed plan those three railroads would be joined into one company to be called Great Northern Pacific & Burlington Lines Inc. The new corporation would lease the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway, which is jointly owned by Great Northern and Northern Pacific.

"Now A Little Foreground Briefing"



Liberia Suggests Leaders Attend Peace Meeting

Conference Would Be Held at UN

United Nations, N.Y. — (UPI) — Liberia today proposed a 60-day general truce in the Congo while leaders of all the country's political factions came to the United Nations headquarters for peace talks with Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld and the Security Council.

Liberian Ambassador George A. Padmore put before the Security Council the suggestion first made by President William Tubman of Liberia.

It included a proposal that the Security Council schedule a session in the Congo or in a nearby territory for a first-hand look at the situation.

Padmore did not make the suggestion as a formal resolution.

Others Working

Liberia, the United Arab Republic and Ceylon had worked for several days on a resolution to deal with the latest Congo crisis touched off by the slaying of Patrice Lumumba, but diplomatic sources said it was not yet ready to be submitted.

Russia was understood to oppose the plan. Afro-Asian resolution because it contained no demand for Hammarskjöld's removal.

Ambassador Omar Loufi of the United Arab Republic outlined to the Council five points of the resolution he said would be submitted "in due course". They were:

—U.N. steps to prevent attacks by Moise Tshombe's Katanga forces using foreign contingents.

—Removal of foreign military and paramilitary forces from the Congo and the application of sanctions if a U.N. order to this effect is not complied with.

—An immediate investigation to identify the "murderers" of Lumumba and punish them.

—A return to the country's legal institutions, including the reconvincing of parliament under U.N. protection.

—Reorganization of the Congo's armed forces and their isolation from the country's politics.

Truce in Congo Proposed



EARLY BLOSSOMS—Against a backdrop of bare tree limbs, Ginger Newberry smells the sweet purple blossoms of a Chinese magnolia tree that has busted out all over.

San Antonio, Tex., has enjoyed about 10 days of warm sunshine and the magnolia tree responded with blossoms. (UPI Telephoto)

Appraisal Plans Told for Proposed Building Site

Oregon Congressman Edwin R. Durno notified the Mail Tribune Thursday that an appraisal of the proposed federal building site will be made here next month.

But, even as the appraisal is being made, a new motel will be going up on approximately the same site.

Durno said the appraisal will be made March 13, and will be followed shortly with a second appraisal. He pointed out that the appraisals should be completed within 60 days of the appraisal announcement.

The proposed site of the \$3,365,000 federal building, according to the General Services Administration, is on a square-block area bounded on the north by 10th st., on the east and west by Riverside and Central aves., and on the south by approximately where 11th st. would be, if 11th st. extended through the block.

Construction to start

However, a smaller site located in this same general area is wanted by the Imperial "400" motel chain of Los Angeles for a new 40-unit motel, costing approximately \$120,000. Plans for the motel are already in the hands of the city building department and construction is expected to start next week.

If construction does start next week, then the motel will have been under construction for three weeks by the time the federal government gets around to making its first appraisal.

If the motel is in the way, the federal government, if it so desired, could conceivably condemn the property. But, the GSA has announced in the past that it would not purchase the property unless it could be obtained at a "reasonable" price.

County Receives Two Checks from State

A check for \$3,790.84 has been received by the county treasurer's office from the secretary of state for the county's share of money received from liquor licenses. The money is added to the general fund.

Also received this week was a check from the state highway department for \$7,057. This amount pays for county property which will be right of way for Highway 99 freeway near the county shops south of Medford.

Arguments Slated In Barnett Road RR Crossing Case

Judge James M. Main will hear arguments in circuit court Monday on the reply of the Public Utilities commission to a suit by the city of Medford. The city is asking that part of a recent PUC order on the proposed Barnett rd. railroad crossing be declared void.

Monday's hearing will be the first court test of a case that started in September, 1959, when the city petitioned the PUC for a railroad crossing at Barnett rd. The city had proposed to extend Barnett rd. across the tracks to connect with Melrose ave.

At a hearing, held in September, the city pointed out that no railroad crossing exists in Medford between Stewart ave. and 11th st., a distance of nearly a mile. City Attorney Joel Reeder, spokesman for the city, contended that the crossing was urgently needed to facilitate traffic movement in this part of the city.

The Southern Pacific railroad vigorously opposed the crossing as being unnecessary.

Hands Down Order
Nearly a year later, in August, 1960, PUC Commissioner Jonel C. Hill handed down an order in which he granted the city its request for the Barnett rd. crossing, but also stipulated that in exchange the city should vacate its 11th st. crossing.

The order directed that, at the same time as the Barnett rd. crossing is opened, the Medford city council should pass an ordinance closing the 11th st. crossing. Hill contended that 11th st. should be closed because it is a traffic hazard, and also because closure would be necessary in order to give Southern Pacific adequate "switching" room.

The city, however, was not willing to accept the terms of this order, and, in November, City Attorney Reeder filed a suit seeking to void that part of Hill's ruling regarding 11th st. The complaint contends that Hill's order is unconstitutional and exceeds the PUC commissioner's authority as an administrator under state law.

Exceeding Authority
Specifically, the city claims that Hill is exceeding his authority by ordering the 11th st. crossing closed without first having a public hearing.

Terror Reigns in Congo as Youths Attack Missions

Leopoldville — (UPI) — New waves of terror and violence rolled across the Congo today. Lumumbist youths attacked Roman Catholic missions and killed and mutilated a priest in Bukavu, a stronghold of Lumumbist forces in the north.

A United Nations spokesman said bands of youths protesting the death of Patrice Lumumba swarmed through the streets of Bukavu, capital of Kivu Province, sacked and burned a Roman Catholic mission and attacked priests and nuns.

Kasavubu Switches
A group of Lumumba supporters in Stanleyville bent to death a man who had openly criticized his successor, Antoine Gizenga. Gangs of Lumumba youths roamed the African quarters of Leopoldville during the night, attacking supporters of President Kasavubu and hacking one man in two.

President Kasavubu, who has been cool to United Nations operations in the Congo, did an abrupt about face today and pledged his full support to Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld.

Power Display
To show his power he sent a battalion of well-armed paratroopers swinging past the U.N. headquarters in Leopoldville. They marched in perfect step and wore immaculate jungle green uniforms.

Kasavubu cabled Hammarskjöld, "At the moment when your person is being violently attacked by different countries we want to assure you again of our confidence and the wish of the legal government of the Congo to cooperate with you."

Condemnation Suit Filed in Court
A condemnation suit has been filed by the state highway department in circuit court here to obtain three parcels of land near Ashland for the Seven Oaks-Nell creek section of the Highway 99 freeway.

The highway department seeks the property for right of way for the construction of a connecting road between Orchard and Ashland lanes.

The complaint has been filed against Mr. and Mrs. Hugh G. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Joslyn, Mr. and/or Mrs. Donald J. Wolcott and the State of Oregon represented and acting by the director of veterans' affairs.

Two parcels of the property total .80 of an acre with the third .50 square feet. The true value of the property, according to the complaint, is \$550.

Explosion Fatal To African Miners

Johannesburg, South Africa — A thousand pounds of dynamite exploded in a gold mine near here today, killing or trapping 22 miners working deep below ground.

The blast occurred at the start of the 8 a.m. shift, shattering heavy wooden shoring in a shaft and sending tons of water cascading into the lower levels of the mine. Authorities feared scores had been trapped but officials put the casualty toll at 12 natives and two white miners killed and two whites and six Africans missing and presumed dead.