

Higher Mail Rates Will Be Sought by Postal Official

San Francisco—UPI—Postmaster General J. Edward Day said Monday he would press for postal increases which would raise first class mail rates to five cents an ounce and air mail rates to eight cents.

He told newsmen a substantial increase in second and third class rates also was needed to give the department an overall increase of \$843 million a year.

Day said he hoped Congress would approve the boosts this year to help offset an estimated gap of \$900 million a year between postal revenue and expenses.

The postmaster general said he hoped for a construction program affecting some 2,000 facilities a year—but that the automated post office was getting a second look.

The automated post office in Providence, R.I., has been a disappointment, he said, and plans for a similar one at Oakland, Calif., were under scrutiny.

"Automation may be fine for making pencils," Day said. "If some are damaged you can just throw them away—but you can't do that with mail."

Powers' Morale Drops Sharply

Norton, Va.—UPI—The father of U2 Pilot Francis Powers revealed today that his son expected to be released from his Russian prison along with two other RB47 fliers and that his morale had slumped sharply when he learned he was not coming home.

Oliver Powers said he and his wife receive regular letters from their son about every two weeks, relating small happenings in his Soviet prison and generally reflecting a cheerful attitude.

But the most recent letter showed a big drop in morale, Powers said.

Powers did not say who led his son to hope for release from his 10-year spy sentence when Capt. Freeman Ohmstead and John McKone won their freedom last month. The two fliers, whose RB47 plane was shot down by the Russians over the Barents sea, are back on duty now in Kansas.

Powers said his son was not putting the blame on anyone for his failure to get freedom right away.

"Don't get me wrong," the elder Powers said. "I've never heard Francis express any bitterness toward America about the fix he's in. He has accepted it much better than any of the rest of us."

SEEKS SOVIET TALENT

Moscow—UPI—American impresario Sol Hurok, in an interview Monday with the Soviet newspaper Izvestia predicted increased Soviet-American cultural exchanges this year. Hurok said Soviet artists and groups to appear in the United States would include violinist Igor Oistrakh, pianists Emil Gilels, composer-conductor Aram Khachaturian, the Leningrad Ballet, and the Igor Moiseyev Folk Dance group.

Milder Weather In Prospect for Midwest Region

A tornado-breeding low pressure center over the Midwest glided harmlessly into Lake Erie today, giving way to light snow and scattered showers from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

The U.S. weather bureau at Chicago said there were "no storm systems in sight" to duplicate Monday's twisters and hurricane-force winds that accounted for four deaths and widespread property damage in Indiana, Illinois and Tennessee.

Colder weather rolled into the Ohio valley and lower Great Lakes behind the low pressure center. Warm air and scattered showers remained in the south, where warmth broke temperature records Monday in Virginia, Georgia and Florida.

Two weather patterns of north-central snows and mid-western winds belted the nation's interior Monday. Seven children were hospitalized and 18 others were bruised when a school bus carrying 48 students tipped on its side on a rain-slick highway near Bay City, Mich.

Deadly winds killed three persons including an 8-month-old baby at Fiedonia, in west Tennessee. A 60-year-old woman died in her bed in Kokomo, Ind., home.

Southern authorities reported most flood emergencies from last month's river fury under control, although the cleanup job will take months.

The Upper Santee in South Carolina crested at 7½ feet over its banks during the week end and a Lower Santee crest at a foot over bankful was imminent. Floodwaters poured generally into swamps along the Lower Santee.

Mild temperatures covered most of the nation Monday. Record high readings for the day were set at Richmond and Norfolk, Va., both with 84 degrees; Macon, Ga., 86; Jacksonville, Fla., 88; and Tampa, Fla., 86.

California, the Southwest, eastern New York and Pennsylvania enjoyed springlike weather in the 50s and 60s with prospects of more to come.

Man Attempts To Get Into Vehicle

A woman told Medford police Monday afternoon that a man tried to get in her car with her 5-year-old daughter while the girl was alone in the car which was parked in front of a South Riverside ave. tavern.

The man apparently did not say anything to the girl, police said, but tried to open the car door. The little girl, however, locked the door before the man could open it. When the mother got back to the car, she said the man was still standing by the car. He turned and walked away without saying anything, she said.

She described the man as about 50 to 55 years old, heavy set, neatly dressed and clean shaven. He appeared to be intoxicated, she said.

Police searched several taverns in the area but were unable to find anyone answering the description given by the woman.

Reapportionment Plan Given Tentative Approval By House Elections Committee's 5 to 2 Vote

Salem—UPI—Amid charges of railroad and threats of a Supreme Court test, a House committee Monday gave 5-2 tentative approval to a reapportionment plan calling for scarcely any change in the makeup of the state legislature.

The plan okayed by the House Elections Committee was proposed by Rep. Kessler Cannon (R-Bend). It was nearly identical to a "preferred plan" that won the endorsement of House Republicans two weeks ago.

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Elizabeth Taylor Said Past Crisis

London—UPI—Elizabeth Taylor appeared to have passed the crisis in her battle with pneumonia today, and her doctor pronounced her "definitely improved but still in serious condition."

New drugs were being administered to the beautiful actress.

"Miss Taylor is too ill to manufacture the antitoxin necessary to fight the poison in her system," Dr. Carl H. Goldman said. "We have to pump it into her ready-made."

Dr. Goldman is one of the six doctors who have been at Miss Taylor's bedside in her struggle with the pneumonia that struck her down last Friday.

Coast Residents Face Job Losses Over Lack of Fish

Salem—UPI—The legislature was warned Monday afternoon that if more money is not forthcoming for fish rearing, 4,100 coastal residents may be added to the welfare rolls over the next four years.

The Oregon Coast Association asked a Ways and Means subcommittee for \$1.6 million more for stream clearance and pond rearing on the coast over the next two years.

Problem "Very Simple" Tom Becker, head of the association's fish committee, said the 4,100 are those whose livelihood is directly tied in with Silver and Chinook salmon. They include commercial fishermen, charter sport boaters, motel and lodge operators, and moorage operators.

Becker told the committee the problem is very simple: "No fish."

Becker, manager of radio station KNPT in Newport, said unemployment is running 30 per cent now in Lincoln county—the highest in Oregon and among the highest in the nation.

Association Manager Vern Ayers seconded Becker's remarks, adding that Oregon is "no longer the salmon capital of the world."

Commercial fishermen are calling the Pacific salmon a "dodo" and turning to tuna and other species, he said.

Ayers said the Columbia system is "recognized as not doing the job" and the state should turn to coastal streams for salmon propagation.

Coos County Judge James W. Harrison said logging methods are partly to blame for clogging of streams. The association president said counties are trying to clear the streams but the job is "tremendous" and state help is needed.

Salem Has Chance at All-America Award

Salem—UPI—Salem may be one of the 11 winners of the All-American City award this year, according to Salem Area Chamber of Commerce President Willard Marshall.

The awards will be officially announced March 15. Marshall said that Salem's entry into the 1961 All-America competition was based on a massive cooperation program aimed at uniting five local governments into area service operations.

Industrial Shares Feel Force of Profit Taking; Market Down

New York—UPI—Profit taking buffeted industrial shares, driving the stock market lower today.

The brunt of the selling appeared to be taken by such pivotal groups as autos, steels and chemicals. Chrysler lost 7½, Ford 1½, U.S. Steel 1½, Jones & Laughlin, Republic and Lukens 1½, Du Pont a point and Eastman Kodak 1½.

Oil was easier with Sinclair and Shell in drugs Home Products shed 2 and Smith Kline & French 1½ while Lehn & Fink, selling ex-dividend, added 2½. Electrical equipment shares were narrowly mixed and most rails fractions easier.

Monday's prices on selected stocks:

Alcoa	47 1/4	Shell	29 1/2
Alum. Co. Am.	38	Sears	38 1/2
American Can	38 1/2	Southern Co.	44 1/2
American Motors	38 1/2	Southern Pacific	42 1/2
A. T. & T.	113 1/2	Sperry Rand	25 1/2
American Tobacco	37 1/2	Standard California	40 1/2
Anacostia Copper	37 1/2	Standard Indiana	40 1/2
Armco Steel	74	Standard N. J.	40 1/2
Bendis Corp.	69 1/2	Sun Mines	4 1/2
Benjamin Steel	47 1/2	Texas Co.	101 1/2
Boeing Air	42 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	21 1/2
Brunswick	89 1/2	Texas Pac. Land Trust	20 1/2
Caterpillar Corp.	38 1/2	Transamerica	32 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	44 1/2	Union Pacific	31 1/2
Coca Cola	37 1/2	Tri-Continental	41 1/2
Continental Can	38 1/2	Union Carbide	32 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	38 1/2	United Aircraft	38 1/2
Curtis Wright	38 1/2	United Air Lines	40 1/2
Dow Chemical	70 1/2	U. S. Rubber	30 1/2
Du Pont	21 1/2	U. S. Steel	89 1/2
Eastman Kodak	38 1/2	Westinghouse	46 1/2
Firestone	29 1/2	Younis & T	106
Ford	78 1/2		
General Electric	69		
General Foods	43 1/2		
General Motors	43 1/2		
Georgia Pacific	40 1/2		
Graham Packaging	24 1/2		
Greenough	24 1/2		
Gulf Oil	37 1/2		
Ingersoll Mining	34 1/2		
Int. Paper	60 1/2		
Johns-Manville	32 1/2		
Kennecott Copper	47 1/2		
Lockheed Aircraft	38 1/2		
Verona	89 1/2		
Montana Power	32 1/2		
Montgomery Ward	24 1/2		
Nat'l Biscuit	82		
New York Central	38 1/2		
Northern Pacific	44 1/2		
Pho. Gas Elec.	41 1/2		
Penn. J. C.	44 1/2		
Peter D.	44 1/2		
Phillips	40		
Proctor and Gamble	35 1/2		

TAKES OATH—Associate Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark is shown swearing in his son, Ramsey Clark, left, as assistant attorney general, lands division, and Herbert J. Miller Jr., as assistant attorney general, criminal division, at Washington, D.C. Looking on, third from left, is Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. (UPI Telephoto)



EDWARD DAY Wants Nickel Letters

Nikita Advised To Pay Old Bill For Lend-Lease

Los Angeles—UPI—Nikita Khrushchev was advised a few weeks ago by a Los Angeles financier to pay off Russia's lend-lease debts if he expects to resume full-scale trade in nonstrategic materials with the United States.

Dr. Armand Hammer, president of Occidental Petroleum Co., disclosed today that he had a two-hour conference Feb. 17 with the Russian leader.

Hammer said he had a remarkably frank and forthright exchange of views.

No Ax to Grind "Khrushchev was in a wonderful mood," said Hammer who saw the Russian leader during an around-the-world trip. "I could say things that a diplomat could not say. I had no ax to grind."

"We would like to trade with the United States in peaceful goods," he quoted Khrushchev as saying. "We don't need your strategic goods—we have better rockets."

Hammer said he told Khrushchev that Russia could not get international credits until the Soviet lend-lease bill was settled from World War II.

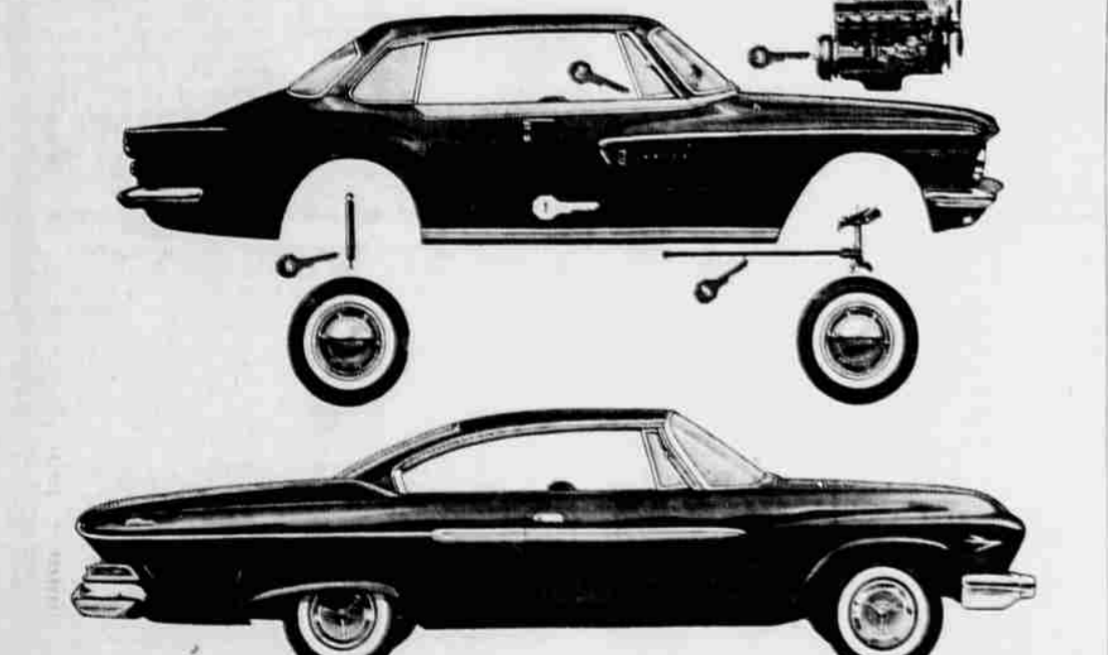
Khrushchev said he was willing to settle lend-lease debts if he got "the same treatment as the British."

Good Will Lacking Hammer said he also told Khrushchev that American public opinion of Russia had "worsened" since the Soviet leader's visit in 1959.

"You don't have good will," Hammer told Khrushchev. "There's your lack of cooperation in the U.N. Let's settle all problems in the U.N. then public opinion will be better."

Hammer said Khrushchev replied: "We'll see."

The meeting with Khrushchev was arranged through a mutual "acquaintance"—Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan.



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Quotes From the News

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 London—Elizabeth Taylor, gravely ill with staphylococcus pneumonia, quoted by a friend in a note she wrote to her husband Eddie Fisher:
 "Hug and kisses for the children. How am I doing?"

Hollywood—Boris Karloff, criticizing present-day horror movies:
 "There's so much needless violence, horror picture have become ludicrous. Audiences are amused instead of frightened."

Milford, Mich.—Acting Postmaster Robert H. Gorsline, a Republican, disclosing he has no luck trying to resign so a Democrat can have his job:
 "I'm not mad at anyone. Make that clear. I'm not mad. But I'm not going to stay on and have them hand me my hat whenever they feel like it."

New York—An Immigration Service officer, stating that three stowaways who feasted on expensive food stolen from the cargo of the ship on which they crossed the Atlantic would be sent back home immediately:
 "And you can bet they won't be eating so well on the return trip."

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