

Hearing Held on Request for New Telephone Firm

Salem—An executive of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company has denied that any rate increases would result from the proposed creation of a new telephone firm in the Northwest.

F. M. Mitchell, vice president and general manager of Pacific's Northwest operation, in answer to questions directed to him during a daylong hearing in Salem, said the proposed new company—Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone company—would not expect rate increases to cover financial costs of the change.

Norman Webb, assistant attorney general, representing the public utility commission, placed emphasis on the higher interest cost of the financing required in the formation of the new company, which could result in higher rates. Webb asked Mitchell to prepare financial statements which will clarify the manner

in which the cost of reorganization will be handled by the firm.

Mitchell said the need for the reorganization stemmed from the firm's tremendous growth, declaring, "There comes a time when top management spreads itself too thin." The reorganization would place Northwest management in a position for faster and more flexible dealings with both customers and employees, he pointed out.

He said under the plan, Pacific Northwest Bell—a newly formed corporation would assume assets of PT&T in the Northwest and operate independently in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, with headquarters in Seattle.

PUC examiners will set a future date for the second half of the hearing during which the state attorney will cross-examine witnesses.

Tokyo—APU—A Japanese rocket engine, which is expected to be used to hurl Japan's first satellite into orbit in 1965, failed its first test Sunday. The first stage of the planned three-stage rocket ran for only about 10 seconds after it was started in its first experimental test on land.

State's Per Capita Income Up in 1960

Portland—Oregon's per capita income rose to \$2,276 in 1960, the Portland field office of the department of commerce announced today.

This was five per cent above the \$2,188 estimated for 1959 and two per cent above the national average of \$2,242.

Total personal income in Oregon in 1960 amounted to \$4,036 million, an increase of five per cent from 1959 levels. Total personal income in the United States rose to \$401.6 billion, an all-time high which is five per cent above 1959 levels.

Personal income in Washington rose five per cent. New highs were posted in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, although incomes were affected by the downturn in economic activity later in the year.

For the nation, income per person amounted to \$2,242 or about four per cent more than in 1959.

Inquiries Received On Loan Eligibility

"Inquiries that we have received indicate some misunderstanding concerning eligibility for a per cent loans to small businesses in areas of substantial labor surplus," John G. Barnett, manager of the Portland office, small business administration, said today.

The same criteria is used for determining eligibility as used in areas without labor surplus. Only the interest rate is different in areas of substantial labor surplus.

If loan funds are available to the applicant at a legal rate of interest from a private source the applicant is ineligible for a loan from small business administration although he meets all other requirements.

Inquiries from Oregon businessmen regarding eligibility should be directed to the small business administration branch office, 208 SW Fifth st., Portland 4.

Job Fine; Now Wants Benefits

Salem—APU—Marion County Engineer John Anderson said Friday one worker on the county's work-relief program for welfare recipients apparently liked his job.

Anderson said the man finished a two-week stint working on the county parks, then filed for unemployment compensation.



QUEEN CANDIDATES—One of these high school senior girls will be chosen queen of the annual Crater Lions Sportsfair at a dinner and style show to be held at Rogue Valley Country club Wednesday, April 26. The princesses are (left to right, at back) the Misses Terri Turner, Crater High school; Judy Harper, Medford High school; Gay Schwebert, Ashland; Linda Morlan, Medford; Mary Jo Batzer, St. Mary's school; Mary Frohnmayer, Medford, and

Martha Ansted, Eagle Point; (left to right, front) the Misses Sara Vandenberg, Ashland; Becky Ferrell, Crater and Barbara Gysin Phoenix-Talent. An eleventh princess not shown here is Miss Karen Mocabee, Phoenix-Talent. The Lions fair to be combined this year with a home and garden show, will be held May 5, 6 and 7 at the Medford Armory.

Nine in Family Perish in Flames

North Beach Park, Md.—APU—A pre-dawn fire today destroyed a two-story frame home here and killed an entire family of nine, state police reported.

The victims included William Bowden, his wife and their six children, and Bowden's mother.

The cause of the fire was not immediately determined. State police from Annapolis theorized it might have stemmed from an open fireplace.

Ike Schedules News Conference May 1

Washington—APU—Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower will hold a news conference in Gettysburg, Pa., May 1 after his meeting with GOP congressional leaders.

The Gettysburg question and answer session will be held on the front lawn of his office at Gettysburg college if the weather permits. If the weather is bad, the session will be held in a theater.

Catholics Urged To Abandon Pressure

Bloomington, Ind.—A prominent Catholic lawyer has urged his fellow-Catholics to abandon "local political pressure" in their dealings with opposing groups.

In a book published today by Indiana University Press, entitled "Life, Death and the Law," British legal expert Norman St. John-Stevens warns that "the hostility aroused against the Catholic community by these tactics would be hard to over-estimate."

"They strengthen in the non-Catholic mind the ever present fear of Catholic power and do much to nullify the persuasive force of Catholic teaching. In proportion to their ill effect their good effect is small, and Catholics would be well advised to abandon them."

In "Life, Death and the Law," an examination of law and Christian morals in England and the United States, St. John-Stevens discusses in turn birth control, homosexuality, sterilization, euthanasia, artificial insemination, and suicide, with the intent "to clarify the basic issues under-

Goldwater Wants Invasion of Cuba

Phoenix—APU—Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) advocates intervening in Cuba if all else fails.

The conservative leader, on a speaking tour of his home state Saturday, said: "This country is in greater danger than it has ever been. We can overnight become a second-rate world power."

"We can in a very few years come under a foreign philosophy."

He said the American people "are getting sick and tired of being pushed around by Russia," and stressed that the country's mistake "is not being tough."

Salem—APU—State Tax Commissioner Dean Ellis announced late Friday he is not available for reappointment to the commission when his term expires June 4.

The former chairman said the decision was made for personal reasons and emphasized that no disagreement with the Hatfield administration is involved.

Four of Kennedy's Proposals Stated

Washington—APU—President Kennedy's congressional lieutenants hoped this week to complete action on four of his priority legislative requests.

Set for fast action were administration proposals to: help economically distressed areas; assist needy children of unemployed workers; expand overseas sales of government-owned farm surpluses; increase federal judgeships.

Congress also was expected to move forward on a half-dozen other Kennedy measures, including the minimum wage boost, higher taxes on highway users, broader federal housing programs, federal aid for education, and funds for Latin America.

Hearings opened today on the President's farm program and Wednesday on his proposal to hike postal rates.

Cancer Registry Workshop Slated

Portland—To inform Oregon physicians and hospitals about the functions and purposes of cancer registries in hospitals, the Oregon division of the American Cancer Society will sponsor a workshop on registries Saturday, April 29 at the Multnomah hotel Rose Bowl.

Conducting the session will be Dr. John F. W. King, New York, director of the service section of the American Cancer Society's medical affairs department; Abraham Ringel, New York, hospital cancer registry consultant in the service section; Dr. James O. Gillespie, San Francisco, na-

tional medical program advisor for the medical affairs department and Dr. James M. Whitely, Portland. Dr. Whitely is vice president of the society's Oregon division and chairman of its service committee.

Hospitals maintaining registries now are St. Vincent, Good Samaritan, Portland Sanitarium, Emanuel and the University of Oregon Medical school in Portland; Sacred Heart, Eugene; St. Anthony's, Pendleton; McMinnville General in McMinnville; Salem Memorial, Salem, and the Rogue Valley and Sacred Heart hospitals, Medford.

The April 29 workshop will begin at 9 a.m., close at 3:30 p.m. It will be open to physicians, medical record librarians and others interested in cancer registries.

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