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McNamara Orders Shift in Federal Steel Purchases

Price Hike May Impair Security

Washington—UPI—Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara today directed that steel purchases for military uses be shifted as much as possible to steel firms which have not boosted prices.

He expressed concern that the steel hike announced this week may impair "the security of the United States."

Second Move

McNamara's purchasing order was the second move made by the Kennedy administration in response to the \$6 a ton increase announced this week by most major steel companies.

Even as McNamara made his announcement, Inland Steel Co., the nation's eighth largest producer, announced it would not follow the price rise pattern set by U.S. Steel Corp.

Among other producers which have not yet announced price hikes are Armco, Kaiser, Great Lakes and Colorado Fuel & Iron.

President Kennedy promptly halted the inland decision as "very good" news.

Other Developments

There were three other developments on the government front:

The House Appropriations Committee voted a peacetime record of \$47.8 billion for arms spending today and warned that it may have to put up more later because of the steel hike.

A Federal Grand Jury investigation was in the works to determine whether the government was considering a civil antitrust suit to break up U.S. Steel.

The President summoned administration leaders into extraordinary session to consider possible other moves.

Informational Picket In Front of Store

The picket at Fitt's Fish and Seafood Market, West Main st., is an informational picket, according to James D. Cain, secretary-treasurer of Local 503 Meat Cutters union.

It was incorrectly stated in Thursday's Mall Tribune that the store officials had received a letter from Cain. The letter was sent by the secretary of the Jackson County Labor council at Cain's request. It asked for the store's owner to meet with the executive board of the council to discuss his reasons for not wanting to conduct a union shop.

The letter explained that if an official of the store did not appear before the council his store would be placed on the "do not patronize" list of the council in accordance with similar action which had been taken by Local 503.

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Morse Urges Power Provision Be Kept In Constitution

Salem—UPI—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said in strong terms today that the public power provisions of the Oregon Constitution mustn't be disturbed.

To remove them would feed the "monopolistic" tendencies of some private power companies, he said.

Morse, leadoff witness before the finance and local government subcommittee of the Oregon Constitution Revision commission, said the commission has a "tremendously heavy burden of proof in proposing the repeal of any constitutional provisions which were adopted by the initiative route," including the public power section.

The people's utility district amendment was voted in by

the people in 1930, and the state power development amendment in 1932.

The commission, drafting a new Oregon Constitution which it wants to be as lean and austere as possible, is questioning whether the public power sections could just as well be in the statutes.

Morse declared that taking them out would "constitute a severe loss to the people of Oregon."

Private Power State

Morse also said one reason Oregon lags behind Washington in industrial development may be that Washington is primarily a public power state while Oregon is a private one.

He urged the 1963 Oregon legislature to launch a full investigation of the electric power situation.

Federal Power Commissioner Howard Morgan, the second witness, seconded Morse's remarks but said he thinks one section is obsolete. This is the part that lets a PUD levy a property tax to backstop bonds, he said, adding that this has never been done and probably never will be done.

Never Exercised

The public power section allows the state to create a state power agency and although this has never been exercised, Morgan said, just the presence of it in the constitution gives the people an alternative if private rates become "unbearable."

Morgan said electric rates have a "suspicious tendency to rest at the level of what the traffic will bear." He cited the Klamath Falls area, served by private power, as a "high price" area.

California has the best utility code in the nation and much of the code is in the California Constitution, Morgan said.

No Appointments Made to Give Blood

No appointments have been received so far by the Red Cross for the Monday and Tuesday visits of the Bloodmobile, Mrs. J. W. Burba, blood program chairman, reported today.

The quota of 350 pints for which 400 donors are needed has been set for the visit next week. Monday the Bloodmobile will be at the Red Cross chapter house from 3 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Appointments may be made by telephoning the Red Cross building, Spring 3-3813.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair with variable clouds; high 77, low 57, Saturday 77, low 57, Sunday 77, low 57.

Highest Yesterday 77, Temp. 77, Lowest This Morning 57.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise tomorrow 6:58 a.m., Sunset tomorrow 5:33 a.m., Moonset tomorrow 3:19 a.m. The planet Mars, like the Earth, orbits around the Sun, but at greater varying distances. It is now about 124 million miles from the Sun; last day, the distance was more than 130 million miles.

Porter Plans Visit In Medford Area

Former Congressman Charles O. Porter, Eugene, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for representative from the fourth congressional district, will be in Medford Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15.

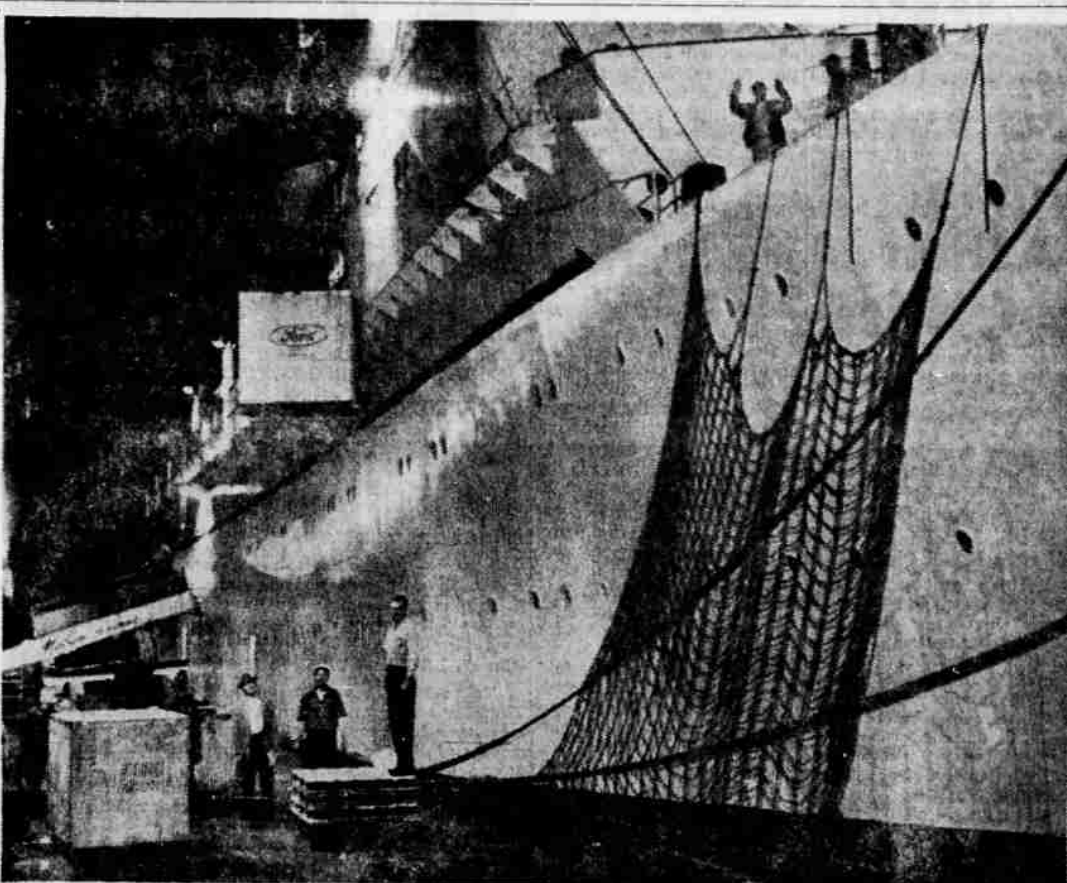
Wilbur Gardner, Medford, Porter's Jackson county campaign chairman, said Mr. and Mrs. Porter plan to attend the Roosevelt Memorial dinner Saturday night at McLoughlin Junior High School.

On Sunday, Porter will be at an open house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Madden, 1317 Springbrook rd., Medford.

Two Story House Is Damaged by Fire

A two story house at 423 Garfield ave., was extensively damaged by fire about noon today. The house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Willard Duley.

Firemen were still at the scene at press time and further details were not known.



WORK RESUMED—Maritime unions went back to work Thursday under a Tait-Hartley order asked by President Kennedy. Here longshoremen in San Francisco hoist cargo aboard the S.S. Mariposa, a Matson cargo-liner which is scheduled to sail for Los Angeles and the South Pacific Saturday. (UPI)

State, Democratic Party Officials To Attend Dinner

Several state and Democratic party officials as well as Democratic candidates plan to attend the 12th annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at McLoughlin Junior High School, Medford.

Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy will be introduced by Sen. Wayne Morse and Robert B. Duncan, Medford, speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives, will be master of ceremonies.

Among those planning to attend are Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton and State Senator Walter J. Pearson, both candidates for governor; Labor Commissioner Norman Nilsen, seeking reelection; Charles O. Porter, Robert Straub and Patrick Flynn, all of Lane county and all candidates, along with Duncan, for fourth district congressional representative.

Democratic National Committee Chairman E. D. Spencer also plan to attend. Nan Wood Honeyman, former congresswoman and later Oregon collector of customs also will attend the event.

Other delegations plan to attend from Coos Bay, Josephine county, Klamath Falls and Roseburg, according to George A. Loftin, Democratic party county chairman.

Following the dinner, the Democratic Social club will preside at a reception honoring Senators McCarthy and Morse.

Sunday morning, the Eleanor Roosevelt League will hold a no-host breakfast for visiting guests who remain overnight. It will be held in the Rourke room of the Medford hotel at 8 a.m.

WINS FOURTH PLACE

Salem—UPI—An Ontario high school girl, Charli Ann Harland, has placed fourth in the national essay contest, it was announced today.

The Sportsfair queen will be selected Sunday evening from among 11 candidates selected from high schools throughout Jackson county.

Candidates for queen will model clothes from Burelson's during the fashion shows.

Other highlights of the Sportsfair will be the first public showing of Arthur Dubs' record sized polar bear, and the selection of the king and queen for the Pear Blossom Festival.

Flemming To Speak At Annual Dinner

Arthur S. Flemming, president of the University of Oregon, will speak at the annual dinner meeting of the Jackson County Family and Child Guidance Clinic at 7 p.m. Monday, April 16, at Hoover school, Medford.

Flemming will discuss "the report of the joint commission on mental illness and health: a call to action."

The Medford High school Madrigal Singers will provide entertainment. The buffet dinner is being catered by North's Chuck Wagon.

Dinner committee representatives said reservations for the dinner should be made as soon as possible by telephoning the guidance clinic in the Jackson county courthouse, Spring 3-6211.

Budget Committee Discusses Request For Pay Increases

The Jackson county budget committee yesterday afternoon discussed pay increases requested for its employees.

Hatten had requested increases for 27 of 29 employees ranging from \$168 to \$408 a year.

"I feel they are worth more money than they are being paid," the county assessor told the committee. "If I didn't think they had earned the money I wouldn't ask for it."

Hatten also explained that the county assessor's office is conducting a state appraisal program in the county as required by law. To keep qualified personnel they have to be paid fair salaries, Hatten said.

Hatten remarked that apparently his understanding of merit pay increases is different than the budget committee's. If any employee is earning a raise in pay he should receive it, Hatten said. The committee said only the top personnel should receive raises.

"I'm trying to keep the employees satisfied so they will do a good job. To rate some good employees higher than others would create friction," Hatten said.

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Record Arms Spending Voted By House Group

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The committee approved virtually intact President Kennedy's increased defense spending plans for the 12 months starting July 1.

It also pressed on him additional funds to speed work on the B57 bomber, the Dyna-Soar space glider, and a new Mark 46 anti-submarine torpedo. Money also was provided to block the President's planned cutbacks in the Army reserves and the National Guard.

Sum Questioned At a closed-door session members questioned whether the recommended sum would be enough in light of the steel rise. Rep. George H. Mahon, (D-Tex.) promised a report by Tuesday on how hard the increase might hit the armed forces.

Mahon, chairman of a subcommittee which drafted the biggest defense money bill since the Korean War, told newsmen the committee would press the military to economize in every way possible in an effort to absorb the extra outlays. But he said a supplemental appropriation might be necessary later to offset the increases.

The committee bill included a planned sharp acceleration in research on chemical and biological warfare with special emphasis on new "infecting" agents which would render enemy forces temporarily helpless.

PLEADS GUILTY Santa Monica, Calif.—UPI—The wife of academy award winning actor James Dunn Thursday pleaded guilty to misdemeanor drunken driving charges and was placed on two years probation.

It was wet and wintry through the Northern states with temperatures near the freezing point.

La Crosse, Wis., got 3.1 inches of snow, bringing the "seasonal" total to 78.7 inches for a new record. In Minneapolis-St. Paul, the opening game of the Minnesota Twins was canceled.

Two and a half inches of snow accumulated at Berlin, N.H. and up to 7 inches was expected for the White Mountains in that state. There was hazardous driving throughout Maine. Snow plows were brought out in Wisconsin to open some side roads.

Dense fog closed Los Angeles International Airport and disrupted shipping activity in the harbor.

Salem—UPI—The Oregon Welfare Commission today urged the public to give its views on the welfare program when the commission meets in Medford April 27.

The first of the regional 1962 meetings was held in Eugene in January. Others are being set up later at Astoria, Pendleton, Hood River and Klamath Falls.

Court of Inquiry Told of Clothing Gifts Received

Fertilizer Magnate Declared Involved

Dallas—UPI—A high U.S. Department of Agriculture official in Washington resigned today within 24 hours after a court of inquiry in Dallas disclosed that indicted Texas fertilizer magnate Billy Sol Estes took him shopping for \$245 suits and \$65 slacks. The official is Emery E. Jacobs, deputy administrator of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Texas Atty. Gen. Will Wilson tried to establish Thursday in a court of inquiry in Dallas that Estes, 37, outfitted Jacobs with \$1,433.20 worth of clothing from the exclusive Nieman-Marcus Co. men's store last Oct. 8.

Wilson also sought to establish that another unidentified Agriculture Department man accepted a \$245 suit and shoes from Estes at Neiman-Marcus last Sept. 7 or 8.

Held Government Grain Estes, indicted on federal fraud charges, controlled an interlocking empire of anhydrous ammonia fertilizer sales and grain elevators that contained an estimated \$48 million worth of government grain. Wilson sought to prove that he got the grain stored in his elevators through favors to agriculture department officials.

Jacobs resigned to Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman in the following letter:

"I am submitting to you my resignation from the Department of Agriculture effective today, in view of the accusations made against me and in view of my long-held belief as to the measures a public servant must take under such conditions, I feel there is no other course."

Wilson, a Democratic candidate for governor, said in San Antonio that he still wants to question Jacobs in Texas.

Not Content "We are not content with just his resignation," Wilson said. "In my opinion, he is guilty, but if he is not, we need our office to him to come to Dallas and testify in detail about the entire transaction."

"We want him to testify to all his relationships with Billy Sol Estes, especially as to how Billy Sol Estes managed to secure the storage of Commodity Credit Corp. grain."

Jacobs returned to Washington Thursday night from an agricultural conference at Denver. He conferred for two hours with Horace Godfrey, administrator of the ASC and submitted his resignation.

Testimony at the Dallas court of inquiry was that Neiman-Marcus salesman shipped the clothing to Mrs. Margaret S. Campbell, Jacobs' secretary.

Mrs. Campbell returned to Washington today from a funeral in Oregon. She recalled two packages with Neiman-Marcus return addresses sent to her address.

Jacobs maintains living quarters in Arlington, Va., but Agriculture Department officials said his family lives in Oklahoma City.

ROSES PLANTED Salem—UPI—Three dozen "Gov. Mark Hatfield" roses have been planted on the Oregon capitol grounds, the secretary of state's office said today.

Handwriting On The Wall

