

Two Jailed for Fire Responsibility

Chelan, Wash. — Two telephone company employees from Chelan were held in the Okanogan county jail today, charged with the responsibility for a \$50,000 blaze which threatened the town of Brewster, Wash., last week.

Prosecutor John Hancock said the men, Martin Sjöberg and Gordon Fellows, were charged with setting a fire without a permit and with leaving an unattended fire.

Hancock said the men were burning rubber insulation off copper wiring near the dump at Brewster and then drove off last Thursday, leaving the fire unattended. The blaze threatened the city hospital, 15 homes and an eight-unit apartment building as it raged from the dump across sage brush toward the town.

It was brought under control just short of the city limits.

TABLE HOPPING

New York — What won't designers think of next in the way of double-duty furniture? Valley Furniture company, has introduced a contemporary-style sofa with a table fitted into the back. The table can open to 72 inches for dining.

Oregon To Get Funds for Airports

Washington — The Federal Aviation Agency today announced that Oregon would receive \$474,410 under the new \$74 million federal airport act program.

The FAA allocated \$218,118 to Portland to acquire land, resurface runways and taxiways and to extend a perimeter road at the Portland International Airport. Other allocations included: Brookings airport, \$53,268; Cottage Grove airport, \$48,651; Hermiston airport, \$18,310; Lake County-Lakeview airport, \$42,218; Pendleton airport, \$72,215; Salem, McNary field, \$6,249, and Seaside-Gearhart airport, \$10,083.

House Committee Votes Federal Wage Increases

Washington — Brushing aside Kennedy administration objections, the House Postoffice and Civil Service Committee voted today to give 1.8 million federal workers pay raises totalling \$1.2 billion a year.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. James Morrison (D-La.) was cleared 18-3 after weeks of closed-door battling. The outcome was a defeat for the administration which had sought to the last to salvage some part of President Kennedy's somewhat less costly pay raise proposal.

No Threats
No one in the administration has brandished the threat of an election-year veto over the Morrison bill. Budget Director David Bell wrote the committee last week, however, that the measure "would not fulfill the fundamental requirements" of Kennedy's proposal.

The bill would provide higher pay for more than a million civil service workers, 586,000 postal field service employees and smaller numbers in the foreign service, Veterans Administration, judicial and legislative branches.

Federal employees last received a pay increase in 1960 when Congress overrode President Dwight D. Eisenhower's veto of a \$740 million pay hike.

Timing Involved
The conflict between the Morrison and Kennedy bills was not over the total cost. Kennedy's plan would cost \$1 billion.

The differences involved timing of the pay increases and the amounts to be paid to employees in the heavily staffed lower grades of the postal and civil service.

The Morrison bill would provide pay hikes in two-yearly installments — retroactive to July 1, 1962. The last compromise plan backed by the administration would have provided three yearly installments starting next Oct. 1.

Mining Concern Denies Excessive Profits in Chrome

New York — The present head of a mining concern which was formed during the Korean War to produce chrome ore denied Wednesday that the firm had made more than 1,000 per cent profit on the contract.

Richard Pistell, chairman of American Chrome Co. and of Goldfield Consolidated Corp., made the denial in replying to testimony in Washington before a Senate subcommittee headed by Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.).

Testimony contended that American Chrome had realized a profit of more than \$4 million from a small investment on chrome ore delivered to the government stockpile.

Pistell, who heads a group of investors who took over control of American Chrome and Goldfield a year and a half ago, said that when American Chrome was set up during the Korean War to produce chrome at Nye, Mont., \$2.5 million was invested. He said the investment was partly in cash and partly by guaranteeing large bank loans that since have been paid off.

"The facts are that, at great risk to the company, the return was about 9 per cent a year, which in a mining venture is very conservative," Pistell said.

Pistell also denied contentions that the ore was "nearly worthless." He said the government has about \$31 million invested in the chrome ore, which, admittedly, is low grade.

He said American Chrome recently spent \$1.5 million to build a pilot plant and had demonstrated that the chrome ore could be upgraded into acceptable ferro-chrome for U.S. industry.

If upgraded in that manner, the stockpile chrome would be worth about \$80 million, Pistell said.

Pistell said American Chrome has a proposal before the government to upgrade the entire stockpile and sell it as market conditions justify.

Northwest Turkey Growers Seek Cut In Grain Prices

Washington — A delegation of Pacific Northwest lawmakers and spokesmen for the region's turkey growers today asked Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman to take steps to reduce feed grain prices there.

The group told Freeman at a meeting in his office that feed supplies in the area were tight and prices had risen. Since feed grains are a basic raw material in turkey production, the group said, turkey growers in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho were at a disadvantage in competing with Mid-West producers.

Agriculture Department spokesmen said Freeman took the request under consideration but made no commitments. The department could, if it approved the plea, move stocks of government-owned feed grains into the area. Alternatively, it could ask railroads to cut freight rates for shipment of grain into the Northwest.

The Congressional delegation calling on Freeman included Democratic Sens. Wayne Morse and Maurice Neuberger, both of Oregon, Warren G. Magnuson of Washington, and Frank Church of Idaho, several House members, and James Hill, of Pendleton, Ore.

Stock List Mixed In Quiet Trading
New York — With few exceptions stocks were fractionally mixed in quiet trading today.

The Dow Jones industrial average developed an immediate loss, however, chiefly reflecting a 3-point decline in Du Pont. Other chemicals were narrow.

Most oils, steels and motors were little changed aside from Shell and Youngstown off 1 and Chrysler up a large fraction on news it has been awarded a giant contract for Saturn rockets.

President Kennedy's call for more rigid controls over new drugs dropped Home Products and Meck more than a point and unsettled many other pharmaceuticals fractionally. Where changed significantly, the colorful growth issue showed gains. IBM was up nearly 2, Corning Glass 1 1/2, and Xerox 1 1/2.

Vandenberg Sends Satellite Aloft

Vandenberg AFB, Calif. — The Air Force launched another satellite Wednesday, possibly of the Discoverer series, but again refused to say whether it attained orbit.

The satellite, third such launch within 12 days, employed a Thor-Agena B booster combination, the same used in previous Discoverer shots before the policy of secrecy was adopted.

The satellite was launched toward polar orbit less than four hours after the successful firing of a new Atlas-F intercontinental ballistic missile from a nearby launch pad at this Pacific missile and space base.

The policy of secrecy was begun after the disclosure of the so-called "sky spy" SAMOS launchings late last year and early this year.

Georgia Racial Investigation Urged
New York — Attorney General Robert Kennedy should investigate the "disgraceful" racial crisis in Albany, Ga., the National Urban League's executive director declared Wednesday.

In a telegram to President Kennedy, Whitney M. Young said the attorney general's office should "act speedily to restore to Negro citizens rights that have been violated." The situation in Albany "threatens the very fabric of our democracy," Young added.

Committee Hears of Long Wait For Estes' Reply To Challenge

Washington — Senate investigators were told today that the government challenged the cotton allotments of Billie Sol Estes and certain other farmers and then waited three months without action to see if Estes would comply.

The testimony was given by Joseph A. Moss, director of the cotton division for the department's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Moss told the Senate investigations subcommittee "the burden was on Estes" after the Agriculture Department asked the Texas farm tycoon to certify the validity of his cotton allotment transfers on Jan. 31, 1962.

Moss' comment did not sit well with Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.). McClellan said Estes had more than 3,000 acres of transferred cotton allotments and was "the man under the greatest suspicion."

"I'm putting the burden on you," McClellan commented acidly. He said that Moss, as head of the cotton division, could have set up a meeting with Estes or wired him to find out if he planned to sign a certification.

"The procedure did not contemplate any further action by Washington," Moss said.

"You were just washing your hands of it," the chairman said.

According to Moss, the disputed cotton allotments for Estes were cancelled April 25 and 26 along with those of a number of other farmers who elected not to sign the certifications.

He said the Agriculture Department, except for one allotment transfer still under

investigation, rejected for various reasons all the certifications which were made.

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Joseph Edgar of the Teamsters Union said some 290 beer truck drivers have been asked to organize a strike. He said he expects an answer by Monday.

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U. S. AMBASSADOR RECEIVED IN BULGARIA
Vienna—Mrs. Eugenie Anderson, the first American woman ambassador to a Communist bloc nation, was received Wednesday by Bulgarian Foreign Minister Karlo Loukanov, according to the Bulgarian News Agency.

STEVENS SCHEDULES VACATION IN SPAIN
San Sebastian, Spain—United States Ambassador to the United Nations Adlai E. Stevenson will arrive in Spain Saturday for a three-day vacation as the guest of U. S. Ambassador to Spain Robert F. Woodward, it was announced here.

WEST GERMANY REJECTS LARGER ARMY
Bonn—The West German government rejected in advance Wednesday any possible demands for increasing the size of the Bundeswehr (army) to more than 500,000 men.

Government press spokesman Karl Guenther Von Hass said a higher figure would be "unrealistic and not feasible."

JAPANESE SUBMARINE SQUADRON INAUGURATED
Kure, Japan—Japan's first post-war submarine squadron was inaugurated Wednesday under the command of a Japanese officer who participated in the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor.

He is Capt. Asakichi Anaki, who was chief navigator aboard the Japanese submarine I-24 during the Pearl Harbor attack.

He underwent post-war training in a submarine school in the United States.

AFRICAN ALUMINUM EXPANSION PLANNED
Johannesburg, South Africa—Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. of the United States and McKee Brothers of South Africa are equal shareholders in a \$2.8 million company formed Wednesday to expand aluminum production here.





INDONESIAN SCHOOL GETS FORD GRANT
Tokyo—Radio Indonesia said Wednesday that the University of Indonesia has received a \$170,000 grant from the Ford Foundation in the United States.















In a broadcast monitored here, the radio said the grant would be administered by the University of California.

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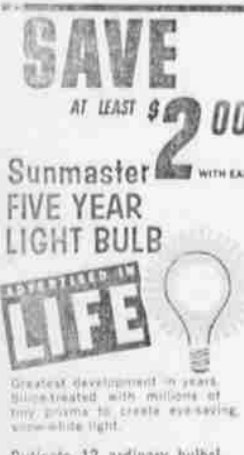

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