

10 A TWX Customers To Join Nationwide Dial Network

A total of 40 Medford area teletypewriter exchange (TWX) customers will join a new nationwide dial network Aug. 31, according to J. H. Creager, local Pacific Northwest Bell manager.

At present, all connections are made through manual switchboards. After the change — the first nationwide cutover in telephone history — almost all TWX calls will be dialed through the telephone direct distance dialing network that spans the country.

Portland will serve as one of 16 regional centers in the U. S. that will provide operator assistance. Operators at these points will set up conference, collect, sequence and other types of special calls.

About 2,000 Sets
There are more than 2,500 sets in the northwest that will be handled by the regional center in Portland. About 1,000 of the machines are in Oregon.

Over-all cost of the dial conversion in Oregon is estimated at \$3.1 million. This includes the modification of each Teletype set and the additions and changes in the telephone network to make it compatible with TWX lines.

TWX was offered on a nationwide basis in 1931 and now serves some 60,000 U. S. business and government customers. These users send more than 2.5 million written messages a month. About 300,000 TWX calls a year are made between the United States and overseas points.

The Hoffa Story—IV

Jimmy Hoffa's Election as President Of Teamsters Resulted in Monitors

Editor's note: This is the fourth of five dispatches on the life and times of Jimmy Hoffa.

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Washington—Every day is crisis day in the turbulent life of Jimmy Hoffa, but the big date in his career was Sept. 30, 1957, when the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America assembled at Miami Beach to elect a president.

Chairman John McClellan of the Senate racket committee, who had been trying to get something on Hoffa and had the frustrated feeling of a man who punches at a feather pillow, thought at least half of the delegates had been fixed in Hoffa's favor. He so advised the convention in a telegram.

A bold little band of 13 rank and file Teamsters agreed with McClellan and went into court to try to stop the election. They worked fast and in three days had their petition before Chief Justice Earl Warren. He ruled that the convention was already under way and denied the petition.

Seizes Chance
At that time Hoffa was ninth vice president of the world's biggest union. Dave Beck, the president, had been discredited by the McClellan committee and already had his foot on the road that was to lead him to prison for income tax evasion. It was the

main chance for Hoffa and he seized it.

Witnesses were to testify later that Hoffa stood on the platform waving his arms in a sort of semaphore code to the delegates and that Hoffa men were "running up and down the aisles telling people when to stand up and when to sit down." There were three candidates and Hoffa's opponents maintained headquarters with plenty of whiskey and pretty girls to pour it. Hoffa doesn't drink and all you got in his headquarters was a handshake and some advice.

Result of the first and only ballot: Hoffa, 1,208; William Lee, 313; Thomas Haggerty, 108.

Back Into Court
It was a stunning victory, but it still didn't give Hoffa firm control of the union. The 13 rank and file members had their backs up and again they went into court in an attempt to nullify the election. They had better luck this time and finally forced Hoffa to agree to a compromise. In return for dropping their suit they made Hoffa agree to put the affairs of the Teamsters into the hands of three monitors.

One was to be appointed by the 13 rank and file members, one by Hoffa and the two would choose a neutral member.

This situation, which went on for months with much bickering, clipped Hoffa's wings a bit, but he still was flying high. He walked through showers of subpoenas and law suits, he returned to testify before the McClellan committee and spar some more with his young counsel.

Robert F. Kennedy. Late in 1957 Hoffa suffered a blow which seemed almost certain to turn his union against him. The AFL-CIO met at Atlantic City and expelled the Teamsters from membership on the grounds of corruption. Hoffa was not able to appear at the AFL-CIO meeting and argue his case because he had a previous engagement in a New York court where he was being tried on charges of wire tapping. As usual, he won.

Survives Blow
Expulsion of the Teamsters was a serious blow and Hoffa knew it. He probably would go back into the AFL-CIO tomorrow if he could get the right terms. But events were to prove that Hoffa could survive almost anything. He came up for reelection as president of the Teamsters in 1961, again at Miami Beach. Result: Hoffa, 1,875; Milton J. Liss, 15.

Hoffa was rid of the monitors now and he took advantage of the situation to suggest that the Teamsters raise his salary. They voted to increase it from \$50,000 to \$75,000 a year, and Hoffa became the nation's highest paid labor leader.

In accepting reelection to the presidency, Hoffa made a homespun speech, and gave the back of his hand to the courts. Bobby Kennedy and the AFL-CIO: "Sticks and stones may break my bones but words are only yesterday's whisper."

Works for Members
The secret of the man's grip on his followers is his intense concentration on them and their problems. He has never gone quite as far as Commodore Vanderbilt did when he said "the public be damned," but he doesn't care much what anybody thinks unless he is a member of the Teamsters. His world has a population of 1,720,000, which is the membership of the union.

His work schedule is murderous. He shows up at the 55 million marble headquarters of the Teamsters here at 8 a.m. and stays until the day's business is finished. His door is open to any member of the union any time. Fifty appointments a day is not unusual for him and he keeps four telephones busy a good bit of the time. If a Teamsters local in Chicago is having a difficult time and they ask for his assistance, he will be on an airplane immediately, prepared to stay for the duration. If his presence is needed on a picket line, he is willing to pick up a placard and start marching.

Knows Business
Hoffa has no small talk and his language is rough and to the point, but some of the executives he comes up against in labor negotiations grudgingly admit that he is the best informed man in the country on the trucking business. They describe him as a man who drives a hard bargain, but some of them are willing to concede that once he signs a contract he lives up to it.

Nothing can divert Hoffa from his 12-and 18-hour work days.

"There was this time," he said, "when it was my wedding anniversary. My wife and I were going to have a big celebration. Then I was called away to a meeting and that was the end of the celebration."

Mrs. Hoffa understands such things. She formerly was a laundry worker and she met Jimmy on a picket line.

Next: How the Teamsters operate.

"POOR WHITE TRASH" is coming!



SMACKED IN EYE — Robert Pepsin, 9, of Warren, Mich., won the balloon blowing contest in his age group at the Michigan State Fair Tuesday, but it wasn't easy. As soon as he got it all blown up - POW - it smacked him right in the eye. (UPI)

Tree Seed Tests Start at University

Corvallis—Packages of Pacific Northwest tree seeds are arriving on the Oregon State University campus for use in a series of experiments aimed at helping forest scientists set up tree seed testing standards.

At Oregon State, researchers will conduct germination tests to help write a more definite set of testing standards for the Association of Official Seed Analysts. This group sets the standards for all major seed testing laboratories and commercial seed dealers.

Cooperating in the experiments are the U. S. forest service, Washington department of natural resources, Weyerhaeuser company, University of British Columbia, Canadian department of agriculture, and OSU.

The project originated with the Western Forest Tree Seed Council, a group of interested forestry agencies cooperating under the auspices of the Western Forestry and Conservation Association.

Fargo — North Dakota's lignite mines produce about three million tons per year.

Cone Pickers Reminded About Securing Permits

Salem — With the harvest of the forest tree cone crop soon to commence, individual pickers have been reminded that it is necessary to secure a permit to harvest miscellaneous forest tree products and certify that the permission of the landowner has been obtained.

State Forester Dwight L. Phipps made the announcement in response to a concern shown by forest landowners recalling extensive damage done in past years to their

crop trees by cone pickers ill-equipped with both know-how and tools to properly do the job.

Many instances have been observed where cone pickers have heavily damaged the trees by cutting off green limbs and breaking the tops out of the trees. Trees 20 to 30 feet tall have even been felled for what few cones they possess, Phipps noted.

This practice, however, is soon recognized by the picker as requiring too much effort for value received. State law places the defacing of trees on the property of another as a misdemeanor subject to a fine or imprisonment or both. **Hazard Usually High**

The cone picking season extends through a period when the fire hazard in the woods is usually high. Certain forest areas are closed to entry and a notice of such closures is posted on access roads, he said. Cone pickers may not enter the areas without first obtaining approval of the landowner and an entry permit from a state or federal official.

During short periods of extreme fire hazard all activities may be suspended. The immediate situation at a particular time can be secured from a local forest official, Phipps added.

The Douglas fir cone crop this year is reported by the state forest foresters as spotty and is rated from poor to fair, while ponderosa pine and the true fir look good for the most part. A fair crop of east-side Douglas fir is reported for the northeastern part of the state with ponderosa pine classed as excellent. Douglas fir, sugar pine and white fir crops are viewed as good on the eastside in southern Oregon, with an especially good crop of ponderosa pine.

Jewett Classes To Start September 10

Central Point — H. P. Jewett elementary school in Central Point will open Monday, Sept. 10.

First-grade students should plan to stay long enough to complete registration, find their rooms, and meet their teachers, school officials said.

Students in the second and third grades will have a full day of school the first day. Parents of children in the first grade should take birth certificates for their youngsters. Parents new to the district may call the school office at 864-1114 to give their name and address. Registration will be prepared and a copy of the school handbook mailed in advance.

EARLY SKILLS

Boston — Before the thermometer was invented, physicians developed an unusual skill in measuring the degree of body temperature with their hands.

FARM LOSSES

Washington — About 350,000 American farmers lost their farm holdings in 1933 during the great depression era.

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