

## Grenfell Enters Plea of Innocent To Court Charge

Portland — (UPI) — State Sen. William Grenfell (D-Portland) pleaded innocent in circuit court here Friday to a charge of failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

He was accused of leaving the site of an accident in Portland last Oct. 8 in which a man was killed.

Grenfell entered his plea before Circuit Judge Charles W. Redding. His trial is expected to be held late next month.

He also faces a charge of filing a false police report. He is scheduled to appear in municipal court in Portland on the charge next Tuesday.

Grenfell, who was running for the Multnomah county commission at the time of the accident, told police he was injured when he was abducted and pushed from a moving car.

His attorney later issued a statement that Grenfell had concocted the story because he did not wish to be connected with the accident.

New York — (UPI) — U. S. automobile registrations will reach an estimated 65.6 million by the end of this year, 2.3 million more than last year, according to the National Industrial Conference Board. California leads all states in auto registrations with 7.2 million.

Algiers, Algeria — (UPI) — The French left wing weekly "L'Express" may circulate freely in Algeria once again, it was announced today. An order banning the newspaper, issued last month, was to have been in effect for a year. There was no explanation for the lifting of the ban.

## Order Permits Use Of Foreign Ships In Lumber Trade

Washington — (UPI) — Commerce Secretary Luther Hodges has approved a federal maritime administration (FMA) order allowing the Georgia Pacific Co., Portland, Ore., to use foreign vessels to ship lumber to Puerto Rico.

Hodges approved a recommendation by FMA hearing examiner Paul N. Pfeiffer that the firm be allowed to use lower-cost foreign ships under an amendment to maritime laws passed by Congress this year.

Pfeiffer had recommended originally that Georgia Pacific must first give the U. S. shipowners three days in which to meet any rate quoted by a foreign shipowner. However, the period was extended to five days in the order approved by Hodges and the FMA.

Meanwhile the maritime administration began new hearings on similar requests by other Pacific Northwest lumber companies.

Ship Lumber — Asking similar permission to ship lumber to Puerto Rico aboard foreign cargo vessels were Dant and Russell, Inc., Portland; Oregon Lumber Export Co., Portland; Seaboard Lumber Co., Seattle, and Simpson Timber Co., Seattle.

Legislation to allow the foreign flag shipments was recommended last summer by President Kennedy in an effort to help the hard-pressed west coast lumber industry meet Canadian competition in U. S. markets.

Some American shipping lines opposed the legislation and the resulting applications by the lumber companies for exemption from historic maritime laws limiting intercoastal trade to U. S. ships.

## Government Stuck To State Contract To Avoid Lawsuit

Washington — (UPI) — Senate investigators have been told that the government agreed to stick by an Oregon aluminum contract in 1955 rather than face what Sen. Stuart Symington charged was an "incredible" damage suit for \$70 million.

Symington, chairman of the stockpile investigating subcommittee, said he could not understand why government attorneys were "so eager" to honor a contract with the Harvey Machine Co., now the Harvey Aluminum Co., Torrance, Calif.

The Harvey firm was represented by a New York law firm headed by former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

Contract in Dispute — The committee heard testimony that one of the government's lawyers, Maxwell Elliott, ultimately went to work for Harvey Machine. Elliott had been general counsel of the General Services Administration (GSA) when the contract for 270,000 tons of aluminum for the national strategic stockpile was in dispute.

So far the government has bought \$71,838,000 worth of aluminum under the contract and may purchase \$30,860,000 more from the Harvey plant at The Dalles, Ore.

Attorney James Nickerson, of New York said Dewey, former Republican presidential nominee, turned the case over to him and that he "handled it from beginning to end."

The committee did not inquire what legal fee was involved.

Nickerson explained that he concluded the government had "dishonored and breached" a 1953 contract with the Harvey Co. He said the government failed, as promised, to provide power from the Bonneville Power Administration. The Harvey firm by then, he said, had spent \$2 million in developing its aluminum plant at The Dalles.

He said someone in government had failed even to ask Congress for the money needed for the power setup. He said he felt his claim was just then and that he still believes so.

Faced with the lawsuit threat, Nickerson recounted, Defense Mobilization Chief Arthur S. Flemming decided to "honor the contract." Nickerson conceded that he estimated his client's potential loss "liberally" but said this was customary in a damage case.

Symington, Missouri Democrat, while complimenting Nickerson for his "magnificent" legal performance, said it was incredible to him for a \$2 million expense to justify a \$70 million damage claim. He said that if all government contractors took that position when the need for a product ended, the cost would be immense.

The committee contends that the government stockpile had more aluminum than it needed in 1955.

## Printers' Strike Threatens Life Of Major Papers

New York — (UPI) — A spokesman for the New York Publishers association has charged that demands of striking printers threaten the survival of some of the city's nine major dailies.

Walter N. Thayer, president of the New York Herald Tribune, said the printers' "unjustifiable" demands would cost the newspapers more than \$40 million a year.

Thayer's remarks came after an announcement by federal mediators that negotiations would resume next Tuesday. Both sides held pessimistic views on the prospects for a quick end to the strike which has idled 20,000 employees.

In his television appearance Thayer, who said he was expressing the views of the publishers association, declared: "We can all survive a long strike, if need be. We must also be able to survive the settlement when it is reached."

The nine dailies, with a combined circulation of 5.7 million copies, have been shut down since Dec. 8 when members of Local 6 of the International Typographical Union walked out at four of the papers. The other closed under an agreement among the publishers.

FREQUENT QUESTION — New York — (UPI) — The most frequent question asked by hotel guests of telephone operators is: "What time is it?" At least, that's the experience of operators at Hotel Edison here, who say 30 per cent of all questions asked by guests concern the time.

## Program Slated In Gold Hill

Gold Hill — Gilbert A. Mack, principal of Gold Hill schools has announced that the annual Christmas program at Patrick Elementary school will be held Tuesday at 1:15 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. All parents and patrons of the schools are invited to attend, he said.

The first graders will present a song "Merry, Merry Bells."

Second and third graders will present a pageant entitled "Once Upon A Christmas Time," accompanied by the speech choir and chorus presentation of several selections each. "Away In A Manger" will be sung by Penny Smith and Terry Stragey.

The audience will participate in singing of "Silent Night."

The family group cast will include Sharon Netzel as mother; Penny Smith as Pam; and Terry Stragey as Peter.

A play entitled "One Night In Bethlehem" will be presented by fourth graders. Characters are Simon, the innkeeper, by Clayton Netzel; Lydia his wife, Sue Foley; Sara, his niece, Terrie Martin; Abner, a jewel merchant, Glenn McGrady; Abigail, wealthy guest, Sharon Rosecrans; Rachel, wealthy guest, Debra Abbott; Mary, Eveone Bywater; and Joseph, Bill Marryington. Shepherds will include Billy Pearson, Russell Tilley, Ramon Corona, Kenney Maerz, and Mike Jerolammon. Wives will be Kathy Jones, Shirley Sutton, Connie Rosecrans, Melody Howell, and Terry Wheeler.

The chorus will sing several selections directed by Marvin Throne, vocal and band instructor at the school. The program will conclude with entrance of Santa's annual visit, with treats for pre-school and Patrick children.

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