

Savings and Loan Firms Reduce Rates

Portland—Two Portland savings and loan associations announced Monday they will reduce the dividend rate paid on savings one-quarter of one per cent beginning July 1.

The firms are Benjamin Franklin Federal and Portland Federal. The new rate will be 4 per cent.

Robert H. Hager, president of Benjamin Franklin, said the institutions are caught in a squeeze between a softening home mortgage market and increasing costs resulting from a 40 per cent federal tax boost.

Loose Translation

By DICK WEST

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Lumber Strike Talks Collapse

Portland—Talks between the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union and the Timber Operators Council, which represents some 196 employers, resumed and then broke down again Monday.

Spreading of the current strike appeared possible.

The TOC offered the union a 20-cent hourly wage hike over the next three years.

This was rejected by the union which reiterated its demand for a 60-cent an hour raise over the same period.

A federal conciliator called a caucus for each side and then talks were recessed.

A union spokesman said he considered the talks at an impasse and added the negotiating committee "may take selective economic action" against one, two or three members of the TOC.

In Knappton, Mont., a temporary restraining order which had barred the LSW from striking against the St. Regis Paper Co. at Libby and Troy was vacated by Judge Frank Haswell.

The LSW and the International Woodworkers of America earlier struck St. Regis and U.S. Plywood and four other members of the Big Six employer group shut down in retaliation.

Kennedy Signs Frankfurt Book

Frankfurt, Germany—President Kennedy signed Frankfurt's treasured "golden book" today.

Among those who signed the book before the President affixed his signature were Dr. Albert Schweitzer, novelist Thomas Mann, the late Kaiser Wilhelm and Ad. H. Hitler.

A huge painting of the Emperor Charlemagne, who once made Frankfurt his capital, gazed down on the President in the Kaiserhall (Emperor's Hall) as he signed.

The Black Muslims—II

By H. D. QUINN
UPI Correspondent

The Black Muslims, an American Negro movement that is conspicuously anti-white and racist in direction but furiously aggressive unless attacked, has been involved in some personal disturbances and court actions involving its claims to be a religion.

Another federal judge has ruled that orthodox Muslims believe in the Virgin Birth, the Immaculate Conception, and the ascension of Jesus Christ. Islam is not a rejection of Christianity.

In 1938, Elijah Muhammad was permitted by the Muslim League to make a pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca. Observers believe he could not have done it in the position without powerful friends overseas.

C. Eric Lincoln, social philosophy professor at Clark College in Atlanta who made a full-scale study of Black Muslims, believes there is "good reason to believe the Black Muslims will soon be officially accepted in the community of international Islam."

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American Negro Group Involved in Actions Regarding Religious Claims

Washington—The Black Muslims in Africa State Prison to strike down a state ruling that they cannot conduct services because their movement is not a religion.

At San Quentin Prison in California, where a Black Muslim was shot to death by a guard during a melee among Negro and white inmates in February, Associate Warden Dale Frady said there was no way of telling Muslims after they got there whether Muslim "missionaries" got themselves imprisoned.

Frady said the most prominent demand of Muslim inmates was recognition as a religion, that they frequently try to conduct services but that "we break these meetings up as we do any large gathering."

Observers agree that the Black Muslims have a tremendous record of rehabilitation—released convicts who join stay away from crime. One big city urban league director has been quoted as saying: "Frankly, I'd like to find some non-Muslims who are as well behaved."

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