

U.S. Post Office: Guardian of Gems, Money and Morals

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 United Press International
 Washington—The United States mail service has achieved such a solid reputation for fast and safe delivery that millions of dollars worth of jewels move through its channels every month. Most jewel merchants prefer the U. S. mails to transportation by private guards and armored trucks, and in 1958 when the Hope Diamond was sent from New York to the Smithsonian Institution here it came by registered mail.

This high record of performance, of course, tempts thousands of peddlers of fraudulent schemes and merchants of pornography to use the mails. To fight them the Post Office Department deploys 1,500 postal inspectors around the nation. These men seldom perform deeds that create big headlines as, for instance, does the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Nor do they attempt to wrap themselves in a thick coat of secrecy as do the men of the Central Intelligence Agency.

But they are among the most effective of all federal investigators. The pay-off is not how many persons you arrest in a year, but how many convictions you obtain. The postal inspectors move quickly, gather their evidence carefully and win convictions in 99 per cent of the cases that go to court.



LEADERS LOCK ARMS—Leaders of the March on Washington lock arms and put hands together as they come along Constitution ave. in Washington, D. C. Wednesday. Walter Reuther is partly visible at extreme right. A. Philip Randolph is second from right. Roy Wilkins is third from right. The Rev. Martin Luther King is eighth from right. (UPI)

to get into trouble with the postal inspectors is to mail obscene material to persons at random. Charles J. Nalewak of Shamokin, Pa., got a prison term of from three to five years because he had been mailing obscene material to all young women whose names or photographs appeared in the newspaper.

Most of these cases are disposed of quietly, but occasionally the postal inspectors become involved in litigation that gets international attention. Sometimes it calls for a judicial opinion in answer to this age-old question: Is it art or is it obscenity?

One of the biggest such cases went to trial in Philadelphia in June before Federal District Judge Ralph C. Body sitting without a jury. The defendant was Ralph Ginzburg, publisher of Eros magazine. Documentary Books, Inc., and Liaison News Letter, Inc.

In this case the Post Office Department was nudged into action by the public. It got more than 35,000 complaints from citizens who received through the mails advertising describing Eros magazine as "a new quarterly devoted to love and sex." The advertising also offered a publication called "The Housewife's Handbook on Selective Promiscuity."

Advised Openly
 Ginzburg had acted openly with no attempt to be secretive about his project. Advertisements for Eros and his other publications had appeared in magazines and had reached nation-wide distribution. His case was that what he was distributing was not obscene. The court disagreed and on June 14 found Ginzburg guilty on all 28 counts of the indictment. He filed a motion for arrest of judgment

and was released in \$10,000 bail pending a hearing next month.

The Post Office Department regards this as a notable victory because it is a sort of legal precedent on the distribution of magazines through the mail. It also encourages the public to take an active interest in the fight to keep obscene material out of the mails. Any time a federal department gets 35,000 letters it knows it has to act—and quickly.

One job the Post Office Department does not particularly relish is dealing with the 2.5 million pieces of propaganda mail that come into the country each month from behind the Iron and Bamboo curtains. Since January it has been required by law to impound Communist propaganda and so notify the person to whom it is addressed. Unless he requests that it be forwarded, it is destroyed after 20 days. The purpose of the

law is to keep Communist propaganda away from Americans who have no interest in reading it, but it is an added and heavy burden on the Post Office Department.

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Public Proves Gullible

The American public is highly gullible when face to face with a get-rich-quick scheme. It is impossible to say how much swindlers obtain each year because many of the suckers are so ashamed that they never report their losses. But the Post Office Department can say with certainty that the figure is at least \$83 million annually because it has a record of those cases.

Year after year people fall for the same fraudulent tricks. Stephen Singer was convicted of mail fraud in Los Angeles early this year for telling people he would get their songs played on the radio. Postal inspectors say he took in \$200,000. Kenneth P. Chamberlain was convicted in Wilmington, Del., of defrauding 125 persons of about \$400,000. He sold counterfeit stock certificates or, in some cases, altered legitimate certificates and sold them. Hundreds of persons are convicted every year for swindling the public with promises of providing lucrative work that can be done in the home.

There is a heavy traffic in pornography through the U.S. mails, but a good bit of it is

Court Records

ASHLAND MUNICIPAL COURT
 Edward Joseph Susee, disobeyed traffic signal, \$5.
 Philip Marshall Crompton, excessive tire noise, \$15; disobeyed stop sign, \$5.

DISTRICT COURT
 Cathy Ann Stevens, no operator's license, \$5.
 Duane Lee Wilson, truck speeding, \$10.
 Dave LeRoy McAnnally, failure to stop, \$15.
 Lloyd Keith Walker, truck speeding, \$10.
 Gary Ardiel Tacia, no vehicle license, \$25.
 Lincoln Eldred McFall, no vehicle license, \$25.
 Betty Jean Gretsch, failure to stop, \$15.
 Floyd Meredith Done, violation of basic rule, \$10.
 Joseph Sylvester Harney, violation of basic rule, \$25.
 Arthur Clayton Roberts, disobeyed stop sign, \$7.50.
 William Grady Bowen, 42, Butte Falls, driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, \$20.
 Allen John Cam, truck speeding, \$10; overland, \$25.
 Larry William Ritchie, truck speeding, \$20.

CIRCUIT COURT
 Jaren Marie Rock vs. Larry Russell Rock, divorce decree.
 Theodore L. Sideras Jr. vs. Dorothy H. Sideras, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION
 George Taylor Rowden, Pitt Star route, box 85, Butte Falls, and Dianna Deanne Schultz, 1059 Morrow rd., Medford.

MEDFORD MUNICIPAL COURT
 John Henry Lusk, violation of basic rule, \$25.
 Stephen Booth, following too close, \$10.
 Edward Rex Thompson, violation of basic rule, \$15.
 John Mark Eynart, excessive noise, \$5; disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.
 Larry Dean Shore, disobeyed traffic signal, \$5.
 Herbert William Prosser, excessive noise with tires, \$10; driving while operator's license suspended, \$25.
 Louis Eugene Harvey, violation of basic rule, \$25; suspension of license for 90 days recommended.
 Thomas Harley Dew, excessive noise, \$5.
 Carl Douglas Johnson, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.
 Elmer John Kraus, driving on wrong side of street, \$10.
 Arthur A. Evelett, disobeyed stop sign, \$10.
 Linda Gail Stuckney, violation of basic rule, \$10.
 Chester Theodore McKinley, violation of basic rule, \$10.
 Max Leroy Lindley, improper passing, \$10.
 Jon Blake Miller, excessive noise, \$5.
 John Monroe Crow, no operator's license, \$5.
 Wayne Darrow Jensen, failure to stop entering public street, \$15; no operator's license, \$5.
 Jennings Daniel Miracle, violation of basic rule, \$10.
 Larry Lester Hodson, disobeyed stop sign, \$10.
 Delbert Stephen Howell, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.
 Janice Louise Rush, excessive noise, \$10; suspended for five hours work in library.

DISTRICT COURT
 Daniel David Hugo, following too close, \$15.

Displaced Workers Should Be Trained In New Vocations

Salem—(UPI)—It is more important to retrain workers displaced by automation than to extend unemployment benefits, the Legislative Interim Committee on Technological Employment was told here Wednesday.

"Give people a skill to sell to employers," Ray Ziegler of the State Bureau of Labor told committee members.

The interim group has launched a study of the impact of automation on Oregon's labor force, and will make recommendations to the 1965 legislature.

Labor Commissioner Norman Nilsen said his department was "facing a challenge to help the work force to adopt to the change which is sweeping Oregon and the entire nation."

Ziegler, who on his own time began a series of evening counseling programs for a number of unemployed workers, said many displaced persons don't know how to look for jobs, and don't know their skills or shortcomings.

Executives Have Problem
 He said displaced executives have the toughest problem getting a new job, while those who work with their hands are more easily retrained.

He said persons under 20 and over 40 face the most difficulty in finding jobs.

Nilsen said it was the labor commission's job to get the work force to recognize the skills it had to offer, and the department of employment's job to get the potential employee together with a prospective employer.

It was pointed out that the Oregon work force was above the national average in intelligence, and had one of the lowest rates of illiteracy.

Nilsen said this was a great advantage because the labor force was better able to adjust to technological advances.

It was pointed out that the state civil service recently listed 296 job openings, and more than one-third of them were open to out-of-state residents. This was because there was a shortage of people in Oregon to fill the positions, which required a high degree of technical skill.

PINKNEY APPOINTED

Salem—(UPI)—Dale Pinkney has been appointed as a training and education assistant with the training and education division of the Civil Service commission, it was announced today.

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State Population Growth Exceeds Job Opportunities

Salem—(UPI)—Oregon's population has been growing at a faster rate for the past decade than have new job opportunities, a Department of Employment spokesman told the Interim Committee on Technological Employment Wednesday.

Committee members also were told that during the past 10 years agricultural employment has shown a steady decline. Manufacturing and other industries have shown a slight gain, despite a 5,000 reduction in the number of railroad employees in Oregon.

Launch Probe
 The statements came in answer to questions by committee members who are launching a probe into the effects of automation on Oregon's labor force.

Public Instruction Supl. Leon P. Minear said the 1960 federal census showed Oregon had the lowest high school drop-out rate of any state in the nation.

But Minear warned there was a critical need for vocational training at the high school and community college level.

He said Oregon was a rural state, and most of the state's high schools were too small to offer vocational training.

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