

SNOW, FREEZING RAIN CRIPPLE EAST

Many Idled; State Positions Left Unfilled

Editor's note: The State's fiscal officers have been in a tizzy this year trying to keep up with rapid changes. First the legislature added 1,800 new jobs, then 1,271 jobs were eliminated after the Oct. 15 tax referendum. This is the third of five articles.

By ZAN STARK

SALEM (UPI) — Early this year Senate Minority Leader Anthony Yturri asked the Ways and Means committee to determine the dollar value of job stability enjoyed by state employees. It was during discussions of wage hike requests for state workers, and Yturri believed the financial advantage of job stability enjoyed by state employees deserved consideration.

Tillie Alberts must have wondered about that when she was laid off a few weeks short of her 32nd anniversary with the State Tax Commission. She had planned to retire early next year — but wanted first to get in her full 32 years with the state.

She was one of 522 state employees laid off as a result of the Oct. 15 tax referendum and the austerity program which resulted. A Capitol janitor scoffed at warnings of layoffs that could result if the tax measure was defeated, and said he was going to vote no. He was incredulous when he received his dismissal notice.

Many Vacant Positions Left Unfilled

In addition to 522 who were fired, another 749 vacant positions were left unfilled.

The legislature added 1,800 jobs earlier this year — 1,200 of them in general fund agencies. Most were new jobs in higher education.

After the tax measure was defeated, 1,271 jobs were wiped out. The 600 new dedicated fund agency jobs were immune to the cutbacks. Thus, this spring the legislature added 1,200 general fund jobs, and after the tax vote 1,271 general fund jobs were eliminated.

Some workers were shifted to jobs in other agencies. But because of pay increases that were approved earlier, the number of actual layoffs may exceed 522.

Pay raises went into effect July 1, however, and the Civil Service Commission ruled pay scales could not be cut back to their previous lower levels.

This meant departments had to lay off a few extra people to make up for the additional cost of the pay increases.

Higher Education Has Biggest Cutback

Biggest employe cutback came in higher education, where 203 were laid off, and 276 vacancies were left unfilled. The 276 vacancies that were eliminated included 240 in instruction, research and general services.

The giant Oregon State Hospital at Salem lost 91 positions, including 63 layoffs.

The State Tax Commission laid off 46, and eliminated 48 other vacancies for a total of 96.

The Department of Education didn't lay anyone off, but did eliminate 50 vacant jobs.

The secretary of state laid off 18, and eliminated two vacant positions.

The State Board of Health eliminated 27 vacancies, but did not have to fire anyone.

The Welfare Commission wiped out 63 vacancies, and thus escaped having to lay anyone off.

The more than 500 layoffs were costly, however.

It was estimated that it would cost more than \$1,000 for each employe fired — to pay unemployment benefits and accrued vacation pay.

In most cases the layoffs won't affect key services provided by state agencies. But many supplemental services were virtually wiped out.

Friday: Cuts in welfare and institution care.

Johnson Draws Praise For Cut in Spending

By ALVIN SPIVAK

United Press International WASHINGTON (UPI)—A top business leader today praised President Johnson's efforts to cut federal spending and urged local businessmen to support, rather than protest, economy closings of defense bases in their areas.

The business spokesman, President Edwin Neilan of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, even left open the possibility that he might vote for Johnson next year.

Neilan visited with the President at about the same time as disclosure was made that Johnson issued an order to department and agency chiefs to take still another whack at cutting their budgets. He told them to let him know by Friday night what they had done.

Gate Creek Reservoir Planning Approved

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A \$100,000 appropriation for planning the Gate Creek reservoir in Oregon has been approved by a House and Senate Conference Committee. Gate Creek is a tributary of the McKenzie River.

NEWS BRIEFS

EXTRADITION OF PERON ASKED
MADRID (UPI) — The Argentine government has officially requested the extradition from Spain of former Argentina chief of state Juan D. Peron, a Foreign Office spokesman said here tonight.

KENYA GAINS FORMAL INDEPENDENCE
NAIROBI, Kenya (UPI) — On a dais covered with animal skins, Britain's Prince Philip today presented former Mau Mau leader Jomo Kenyatta with documents from Queen Elizabeth II formally making Kenya an independent nation after 65 years of colonial rule.

PEACE CORPS LEGISLATION APPROVED
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate today approved and sent to the White House legislation authorizing \$102 million for operations this fiscal year of the Peace Corps — one of the most successful projects initiated by the late President Kennedy.

TRANSMISSION LINE FUNDS APPROVED
WASHINGTON (UPI) — A House and Senate Conference Committee has agreed to appropriation of \$8.5 million to begin construction of transmission lines to carry Columbia River power to the Pacific Northwest. The agreement still requires formal approval of both chambers.



SEASON'S FIRST FALL — Chicago's first snowfall of the winter season was a soft one reminiscent of scenes of the Christmas holidays. This view is in Lincoln Park near Lake Shore Drive. Snowfall was varied throughout the area with a minimum of two inches and a maximum of five. The outlook is for more snow. (UPI)

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33 Military Installations In 14 States To Be Closed

WEATHER
FORECAST: Fair, cool and smoky through Friday. Morning fog patches in northern portion of valley. Low tonight 38-43. High Friday near 45.
Highest Yesterday 43.9 p.m.
Lowest This Morning 33.2 a.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:32 a.m.
The Moon rises tomorrow and is at Apogee.
PROMINENT CONSTELLATIONS
Orion, in southeast 10:03 p.m.
Visible Planets
Venus, low in southwest 5:17 p.m.
Saturn, in southwest 7:10 p.m.
Jupiter, high in south 7:24 p.m.

Inquest Into Boys' Deaths Under Way

An inquest into the deaths of David Eugene White, 15, Central Point, and Paul Charles Thompson, 16, of Gold Hill, who were killed in an automobile-motorbike accident Sept. 12 is under way today.

Public Hearings on Commission Agenda

Seven public hearings are on the agenda of the Medford Planning Commission at its meeting at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

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Final Check of Boardman Lands Title Being Made

PORTLAND (UPI) — The plan to establish a 100,000-acre space age industrial park in the windswept desert wastelands of Northeast Oregon appeared near reality today.

A final check of title to the lands was being made here. Planning and Development Director Samuel Mallicoate said he expected Attorney Grant Anderson to ratify Boeing Company's \$4.6 million, 77-year lease of the Boardman-area property some time today.

Boeing's lease of the 12-mile-square area already has been signed, and needed only Anderson's approval to become effective.

To Get Signatures
State Veterans' Affairs Director H. C. Saffell was to meet in Seattle tonight with Navy officials to get their signature on a deed for the 48,000 acres of Navy land, and to turn over the state's check for \$522,000.

The land, the west half of the Navy's bombing range near Boardman, is the final block of property needed to complete the project.

Nobody was willing to declare creation of the 100,000-acre space age park an accomplished fact until the last detail had been completed.

The project's development has been marked by a series of crises. The Oregon Legislature has three times had to enact special legislation dealing with the development, and two special bills have been rushed through Congress.

Boeing Co. has been vague on its planned use of the facility, but it is believed the company will establish rocket testing facilities.

The state has invested about \$1.5 million in the development.

Federal Aid Sought For Graduate Center

PORTLAND (UPI) — State officials planned to move swiftly today to apply for federal funds for a graduate study center, which was authorized under a bill on which Congress completed action this week.

Sam Mallicoate, director of the state department of planning and development, said his department would prepare a "letter of intent" to send to the U.S. commissioner of education.

Rep. Edith Green, D-Ore., said the letter should be sent soon.

Of the \$1.2 billion in the higher education help authorized in the bill, about \$145 million is intended for graduate centers. However, only \$25 million will be available in the first year.

The 1963 Oregon legislature passed a bill allowing the state to participate in the graduate center program.

Estimated Saving Of \$106 Million A Year Expected

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara announced today that the government will close 33 military installations in 14 states over a period of three and one-half years.

The sweeping action will save an estimated \$106 million a year and will eliminate 16,300 jobs, he said.

The defense secretary said the action "reflects instructions given me by both President Kennedy and President Johnson to effect all economies possible without damage to the national defense."

McNamara said only about half the bases would be completely eliminated. The other half will be "very substantially reduced — to all practical purposes eliminated," he said.

Overseas Bases Included
The defense chief said shutting down installations ranging from supply depots to Chicago's sprawling 5th Army Headquarters would result in a net reduction of 8,500 civilian employes.

The department also plans to close bases in three foreign countries but did not identify them in today's announcement.

McNamara said the reductions announced today are in addition to a plan he disclosed Saturday to reduce Defense Department employment by 25,000 in the next 18 months. This would bring the department's civilian employment down to 997,000, the lowest in 15 years.

To Be Offered Jobs
McNamara promised that all civilians losing jobs will be offered new ones and estimated that nearly 80 per cent will remain on the payroll.

He said he expects a net reduction of 7,800 military personnel and 8,500 civilian employes in the widespread closings affecting 14 states and three foreign countries.

Among the largest installations to be closed are Fifth Army Headquarters in Chicago (being moved to Ft. Sheridan, Ill.); the Army depots at Rome, N.Y., Ft. Worth, Tex., and Schenectady, N.Y.; the naval repair shipyard at San Diego, Calif.; Stead AFB, Nev., and Camp Chafee, Ark., and Camp Leroy Johnson, La.

The list included 14 Army, 12 Air Force and seven Navy installations. States involved were California, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Ohio and Texas.

Bolivian Miners Kidnap 2 More Technicians

LA PAZ, Bolivia (UPI)—The tin miner's revolt spread to Cochabamba Province today, where two more technicians were reported to have been kidnaped. Miners at Catavi, in Potosi Province, already hold at least 19 hostages, including four Americans.

Government forces meanwhile grouped for a possible frontal attack on Catavi, about 150 miles from here, where rebellious miners last Friday took hostages in an effort to pressure the government into releasing three Communist labor leaders it holds on murder and fraud charges.

Miners ignored a 48-hour government ultimatum to surrender their captives which expired Wednesday night, and authorities said the matter was now a military and no longer a civilian problem.

Reports reaching La Paz did not identify the two new hostages other than to say they were "technicians," generally foreigners, seized by miners at Colquiri in the general Catavi area. Reports from Catavi

said tension had eased somewhat with withdrawal of army troops from the immediate area.

In La Paz, however, Interior (police) Minister Jose A. Arce said he and Defense (Army) Minister Gen. Luis Rodriguez Bidegain were taking charge of operations. Arce did not rule out the use of force as a solution to the apparent deadlock over the hostages.

Variance Request Denied by County Planning Group

The Jackson County Planning Commission last night denied a variance request of Howard Pruitt to operate a livestock hauling operation in the North Central Point zoned area.

The vote followed a public hearing which was scheduled before the commission after the board of adjustment of the commission earlier this year recommended that the request be denied and Pruitt appealed.

Commissioner President C. O. Lovejoy opposed the granting of the variance to break a tie in the vote. Commissioners Gerald Latham and Dave Lowry opposed the variance. Voting in favor of granting the request were Commissioners C. W. Dugan and Richard Courtright.

In Residential Farm Area
The livestock hauling operation is north of Eric Avenue and east of U. S. 99. It is in an area zoned residential-farm. Six persons spoke in favor of the request, citing the need for such an operation in the valley. Pruitt had offered several conditions under which he would operate if the request was granted.

Six residents of the zoned area spoke in opposition to the request.

In other action the commission referred a variance request for Dave Bechtel, Foss Road and Walen Lane, in the south Talent interim zoned area, to the board of adjustment for a hearing.

Bechtel wishes to construct a cold storage plant and produce warehouse on his property. Since Bechtel had agreed to eliminate some of the conditions which adjoining residents had objected to, the commission asked him to submit in writing what he planned to do.

In other action Lovejoy appointed Latham, Dugan and Edd Rountree to a nominating committee.

Malalla Voters Reject Consolidation

MOLALLA, Ore. (UPI) — Voters Tuesday rejected by a 781 to 390 count plans for consolidating 11 elementary school districts into a single administrative district within bounds of the Molalla High School district.

Mary Margaret Dyatt, 19, was followed by two cars of FBI agents for three miles from Reseda to Canoga Park. She was driving a late model white Chevrolet Impala, the same type car which Nevada police said they thought the kidnapers were driving.

"They showed my daughter their credentials, but she was so nervous she didn't read them," said Mrs. James Dyatt, the girl's mother. "She couldn't speak because she was so frightened."

Hatfield Names Portland Man To Head New State Department of Commerce



SALEM (UPI) — Hillman Lueddemann, a former Portland steamship company executive, Tuesday was named by Gov. Mark Hatfield to head the newly-established State Department of Commerce.

The department was created by the 1963 legislature. It is the first of the government reorganization programs asked by Hatfield to become law.

Lueddemann, 68, is a past president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and vice president emeritus for the Oregon Inland Waterways Association. He will resign from the board of directors of the Oregon Mutual Savings Bank and from the Delta Park Commission in Portland.

Hatfield termed the appointment "a major step toward a cabinet system of government."

The governor said the new department would become operational on Jan. 1. He said the salary range was from \$21,000 to \$15,000.

Lueddemann said he would have a small staff, and would "coordinate the operation of the 15 boards in the department to give better service to the public."

The 15 agencies being combined in the new department now have in excess of 100 employes.

The new department includes five administrative divisions: Planning, corporation, insurance, banking and development, and real estate.

Ten licensing, advisory and administrative review agencies are included: Collection, watchmaking and clockmaking, pilot commissioners, real estate, banking, and accountancy, architect examiners, auctioneers, engineering examiners, and landscape architect examiners.

Formerly each of these departments reported directly to the governor.

Another Major Storm Moving From Rockies

Arctic Air Sweeps Across Great Plains

By United Press International Snow and freezing rain knifed into the East today and turned highways into slippery ribbons of death. Another major storm front moved down from the Rockies with winds of nearly 50 miles an hour.

Heavy snow and hazardous driving warnings were posted from Pennsylvania to most of downstate New York and New England. More than six inches of fresh snow were expected in New England by nightfall.

Nine inches of new snow fell at DuBois, Pa., during the night. Philadelphia, Pa., had eight inches and Bradford, Pa., had seven. Five inches fell at Milwaukee, Wis., and Muskegon, Mich.

Visibility Reduced
In the frigid West, a fresh surge of arctic air swept down from the northern Rockies across the Great Plains, whipping snow into the air and cutting visibility.

Minot, N.D., was buffeted by winds gusting at 46 m.p.h. today. The mercury stood at 13 degrees above zero and visibility ranged from zero to a quarter mile.

Blizzard warnings, calling for winds up to 50 m.p.h., were issued for a large area from the Dakotas down to Nebraska and Iowa and up into Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

Gale warnings were posted for Lake Superior and sections of the New England coast.

Highways from the Rockies to Pennsylvania were sheathed in ice and snow.

A United Press International count showed at least 52 persons dead in weather-connected accidents since the wintry storm hit the Great Plains last weekend. Texas counted 3 dead, Indiana 7 and Illinois 6.

Traffic on U.S. 77 south of Purcell, Okla., piled up four miles deep late Wednesday night.

Temperatures Drop
Up to 5 inches of new snow fell in the pre-dawn hours in parts of the Great Lakes area and northern plains. Snow cover across the northern portion of the nation ranged up to 10 inches.

Temperatures continued to drop in the Rockies and down across the plateau.

Montgomery, Ala., received 1.82 inches of rain during the night. Nearly an inch hit Chattanooga, Tenn., and Huntsville, Ala., in six hours. Birmingham, Ala., had more than 3 inches of rain in 36 hours and the weather bureau warned of local flooding along small streams and low areas in north central Alabama.

The weather bureau said the storm would move into downstate New York by nightfall and send heavy showers southward into Florida.

Landslide Kills Four in Quebec

RIMOUSKI, Que. (UPI) — A landslide in a remote community in Quebec's rugged Gaspé area left four brothers dead and a village virtually cut in half today.

Six wooden houses slithered off the Tourelle River, a tributary of the St. Lawrence, and a seventh fell into a crater caused by the landslide that also wrecked a 75-foot concrete bridge connecting two sections of St. Joachim la Tourelle, Que.

Telephone and telegraph communications with both sides of the village were severed by the slide Wednesday night.