

Freight Rates Said Part Cause Of Oregon Jobless

SALEM (AP) — High freight rates were blamed Tuesday for causing much of Oregon's unemployment, the highest in the country.

Spokesmen for labor and industry, meeting with Gov. Paul L. Patterson to discuss methods of providing more jobs for Oregonians, said freight rates are so high that Oregon producers are getting shut out of Eastern markets.

T. Morris Dunne, member of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, said 42,000 jobless workers are drawing unemployment checks, and that 4,500 others have drawn all the checks to which they are eligible.

Dunne said 13.8 per cent of the state's covered workers are jobless, compared with 7.4 per cent a year ago.

A. C. Newell, of Paulus Bros. Packing Co., Salem, said the freight rates are now so prohibitive that Michigan cherries can

complete in Salem stores with cherries canned in Salem.

George Brown, state CIO secretary, and James T. Marr, state AFL secretary, said the unemployment commission is trying to paint a rosy picture by saying that the unemployment can be blamed entirely on normal seasonal shutdowns.

Brown said employment could be increased if lumber and aluminum products were finished in Oregon, rather than shipped to other states in their raw condition.

He criticized Gov. Patterson's five-man Oregon Development Commission as not having a broad enough base. It should be more representative of industry, labor, and the banks, he said.

"We need more diversified industry," Brown added. "In Multnomah County, where there is diversified industry, the unemployment rate is only half of the state average."

Marr said that more low cost power must be developed, adding that the state of Washington is getting ahead of Oregon in the power field.

Volney Martin, representing the AFL building trades unions, said the situation now is bleak for the construction workers, and is going to get worse.

Kenneth Davis, secretary of the Northwestern Council of AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers, told of many sawmills closing down because of lack of markets. He urged that more markets be found for lumber, and said the trouble isn't seasonal.

"We're on the wrong track if we think that when the sun begins to shine next spring, we'll all go back to work," Davis said.

Davis and other labor leaders urged that access roads be built to open up new timber stands to enable the little logging operators to stay in business.

R. T. Rollo, of the canning workers union, said that the canneries should pack off-season products. Newell answered that his cannery would like to can soups, dog food and pork and beans, but that the freight rates made it impossible to compete with Eastern firms in the same field.

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James Cellars, Astoria, representing fish canners, said the problem in Astoria is seasonal, as well as a shortage of products.

Cellars said that the albacore fish pack, which totaled 44 million pounds in Astoria in 1944, dwindled to 2,000 pounds in 1953. The salmon shortage is getting worse, too, he said.

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A number of food supply companies are among the creditors.

Federal Road Aid Bill Introduced

WASHINGTON (AP) — The administration is backing a bill to boost federal aid for road construction and to give the states greater leeway in spending the money they get from the government for this purpose.

Rep. McGregor (R-Ohio), chairman of the House roads subcommittee, introduced the bill Tuesday.

1. Increase the present \$75 million dollar ceiling for federal road help to 800 million dollars. This money must be matched by local and state contributions.

2. Authorize \$4 1/2 millions a year for solely federal road construction.

The money for his program would come out of the \$10 million collected each year from the federal gasoline tax.

Defense Contract To Portland Firm

PORTLAND (AP) — The Screw Machine Products Co. of Portland has been awarded a contract for more than \$500,000 worth of practice projectiles.

The work, which will permit the rehiring of about 80 men laid off earlier, is expected to take about six months.

Timberline Lodge Concession Sued

OREGON CITY (AP) — Creditors, attempting to collect more than \$10,000 claimed due in unpaid bills from the management of Timberline Lodge, have sued in Clackamas County circuit court.

Owned by the U. S. Forest Service, the Mt. Hood lodge is operated as a concession by Timberline Lodge, Inc. Charles Slaney who recently bought out the former managers, John and Carl R. McFadden, said the debts were incurred before he took over.

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Columbia Basin Money Predicted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Pelly (R-Wash.) Wednesday predicted the House Appropriation Committee will increase appropriations for the Columbia Basin reclamation project by at least four million dollars.

The Budget Bureau has recommended an \$8,818,000 program, including \$218,000 in carryover funds, for the basin in the year beginning July 1. Estimated appropriations for the current year were \$18,303,000.

Pelly, at the request of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, recently protested the slash, saying it would disrupt the program's schedule.

The bureau's recommendation would provide enough money to bring 27,000 acres under water in the year beginning July, 1955, as contrasted with the scheduled 60,000 acres a year.

Pelly advised the chamber Wednesday that after calling the matter to the attention of the House Appropriations Committee and "quietly campaigning among other members of the house, I find sentiment favorable enough for me to stick my neck out and predict that the committee will recognize the necessity of restoring at least four million dollars of the cut."

CHURCH BAN — LEGHORN, Italy (AP) — Wyndal Hudson, American Church of Christ preacher, said Wednesday that he has been ordered to close his church here. Hudson said he would continue to hold services despite the ban.

Police Seek Bodenheim Murderer

NEW YORK (AP) — Detectives reported today they are working on fresh out-of-town leads in the slaying of Greenwich Village poet Maxwell Bodenheim and his third wife. Authorities refused to supply further details, indicating they would have more to say on the investigation later in the day.

They would not say whether the new leads involved Harold Weinberg, 25-year-old "fast talker" sought since Monday for questioning in the double slaying.

Meanwhile, arrangements were being made for the funerals of the slain couple, whose bodies were found Sunday in a cheap furnished room rented by Weinberg.

Bodenheim's body was released to a son yesterday, and funeral services for him were scheduled today at Riverside Memorial Chapel here. Burial will be in Emerson, N. J.

The body of his third wife, the former Ruth Fagan, 35, also was claimed yesterday. A brother-in-law, Roy Ginger, Roxbury, Mass., came here for it. He said it would be cremated.

Bodenheim's first wife, the former Minna Schein, arranged for his funeral and burial. Their son Solbert, 30, identified the body yesterday, his first view of his father in eight years.

Author Ben Hecht, a friend of the 58-year-old Bodenheim in pre-depression Chicago, had offered to pay the funeral expenses.

Police said last night that Weinberg had been committed to the Rockland State Hospital at Orangeburg, N. Y., at the age of 10 because of mental illness and had been released in 1945, when he was 17.

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