

By FRANK JENKINS

Do you want to know why it costs so much money to run governments? I can tell you.

I'll attempt to back up what I've said here by relating a recent personal experience.

A few weeks back I advanced a trifling amount of money for travel expense in connection with a minor State of Oregon activity with which I have been associated for several years.

In due time, a letter arrived. It was a courteous letter to the effect that no, the check hadn't been cashed, so it must be assumed that it had been lost in the mails and that another one must be made out to me.

That's where the fun began. Enclosed with the letter was the proper legal form required by the law of Oregon in such cases.

It required from me an indemnity bond for twice the amount of the lost check—so that in the event I cashed both checks and showed the proceeds in my jeans—the state could compel reimbursement.

There was just a beginning. There was required also two separate affidavits of individual surety supporting my indemnity bond—the drift of them being that if the two checks were cashed and I failed to come through to the state these individuals would come through for me and make good the amount I had slobbered the taxpayers out of.

How come all this? It's perfectly simple. And perfectly logical. And undoubtedly necessary.

Well, a decade or so hence some investigating committee might be thumbing through the records and might come upon the fact that TWO CHECKS had been issued to me and that only ONE set of services had been rendered by me in return therefor.

That could be GRAPT. So all this rigamarole had to be gone through with and a record of it stored away so that in the distant future it could be proved, if someone raised Old Ned about it, that the transaction was strictly on the up and up.

You see, it's like this: We Americans insist on believing that our public servants are either actual crooks or potential crooks. From time to time, we fry them out in the pan of legislative investigations (or accusations by challenging candidates) and get a whole of a kick out of the headlines that follow.

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IT'S NOT EVERY HUNTER on this opening day of duck hunting season who can have the game literally eating out of his hand, but for several months, these five (count 'em) Canadian honkers at Harry Monroe's Boat Docks on Front Street haven't missed the chow call for the domestic ducks.

New York City's Commerce Tied Up By Truck Strike

NEW YORK (AP)—A truck strike, idling more than 23,000 drivers, hit New York City and a wide surrounding area today and threatens to choke off the region's commerce.

The AFL Teamsters Union called the strike of a general freight drivers at one minute after midnight to back up wage increase demands.

The truck strike is expected to have little influence during the weekend business lull. It's main impact will come Monday or later.

Three Hunters Feared Lost

DALLAS, Ore. (AP)—Three search parties went into the Fanno Mountain area west of here Saturday seeking three persons missing since Oct. 9 on a hunting trip.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair, variable high clouds through Sunday. High Sunday 74; low Saturday night 50.

Dixon-Yates Contract Approved

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government has tentatively agreed to contract terms designed to insure the Dixon-Yates power group a 9 per cent profit on its investment, with no specified profit ceiling.

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Reds Level Charge At U.S.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—Russia accused the United States Friday night of aggression against Red China and called on the U.N. General Assembly to put a stop to it.

In a letter to Dr. Eelco N. Van Kleffens, a secretary of the U.N. General Assembly, Andrei Vishinsky held the United States responsible for coastal attacks on the Chinese mainland and ship seizures near Formosa.

The United States refused to accept delivery of the Chinese complaint, which was circulated to U.N. members over American objections.

Rescue Party Finds Hunter

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP)—A 59-year-old deer hunter missing since Thursday was found Saturday morning in the Yaocit Burn area northeast of here.

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Hurricane Hazel Death Toll Rises

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS The storm was preceded and accompanied by a torrential rain which totaled a record 7.2 inches in 24 hours at suburban Malton, in Ontario, Canada.

Turbulent weather still boiled over parts of the eastern United States and in Pennsylvania, swollen rivers rose to flood stages, driving thousands from their homes.

More than 300 national guardsmen patrolled the stricken beach towns of South Carolina where the wind first struck, leaving a trail of wreckage and fleeing refugees.

Dock Strike Threatens Food Supply

LONDON (AP)—Anxious Britons braced today for a return to the homefront "austerity" of World War II as London's dock strike threatened food and fuel supplies.

At the same time, a spreading wildcat bus strike knocked more than half the teeming capital's double-decker buses off the streets, bringing a weekend of traffic chaos.

Neither strike showed any signs of a break. Nine more depots joined in the bus strike overnight, bringing the total of men out to more than 20,000.

Aid The United Fund Drive

Give to help — help to give. Support health, welfare and character building agencies through your United Fund. Klamath County's second United Fund - Red Cross drive starts October 20.



BEN GODDARD, 1636 Worden, explains to Mrs. John Bothwell, who lives at Oregon Tech., his plans on paper for getting his limit of ducks when the Oregon duck season opens this afternoon.

Indian Land Sale Slated

Under Department of Interior supervised land sale procedure, 1960 acres of allotted Indian land on the Klamath Reservation is now being offered for public sale.

The holding of public land sales may increase, stated Mr. Palmer, due to the plan affecting the Klamath Reservation now whereby Indian land is to become unrestricted.

Death Asked For Murderer

MEDFORD (AP)—James Norman Jensen, 25, was convicted Friday of first degree murder in the hatchet slaying of Mrs. Fern Hill, and will be sentenced Tuesday to die in the state gas chamber.

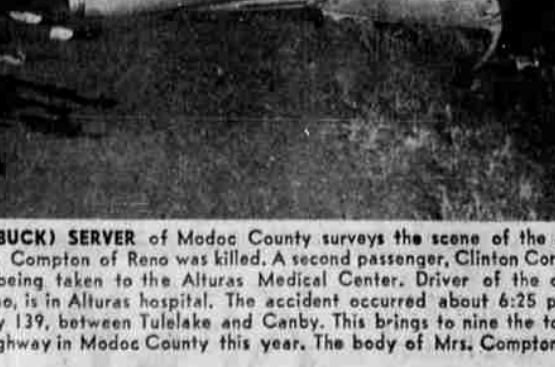
Dorothy Lowell Speech Planned

Dorothy Lowell, Democratic candidate for state representative, will outline her views on vital Oregon problems at a meeting at 8:30 p.m. in the Pelican School.

Table with shooting hours for Oregon and California. Oregon: Oct 17 OPEN 5:11, CLOSE 5:12; Oct 18 OPEN 5:11, CLOSE 5:11. California: Oct 17 OPEN 5:50, CLOSE 5:23; Oct 18 OPEN 5:50, CLOSE 5:23.

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