

CASE QUERIED ON FUND OFFER

Senate Okays Natural Gas Bill; Ike Expected To Sign

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bill to free natural gas producers from direct federal price controls was passed by the Senate last night 53-38 and sent to President Eisenhower.

Both backers and opponents in the three weeks of Senate debate which preceded the vote, predicted Eisenhower would sign the bill into law.

Opponents said that would bring a sharp rise in householders' gas bills. The bill's chief Senate sponsors, conceding there might be some slight increase, said the long-term effect would be beneficial.

They argued that removal of federal regulation would stimulate exploration and thus result in a more adequate supply of gas.

All efforts to change the bill were beaten down by margins similar to that on final passage. The Senate then accepted a version which the House had approved 204-203 last year in place of the one drafted by its own Commerce Committee.

That action bypassed another test in the closely divided House. On the final Senate test, 31 Republicans and 22 Democrats voted for the bill. Opposing it were 14 Republicans and 24 Democrats.

The vote came at the end of a 10-hour Senate session. A disclosure by Sen. Francis Case (R-SD) that he had rejected a proffered \$2,500 campaign contribution, which he said seemed to be intended to sway him for the bill, apparently had little effect on the final tally. Case, as he had said he would do, voted against the bill.

John M. Neff of Lexington, Neb., insisted there were "no strings attached" to his offer of the money to Case.

With the bill itself out of the way, Senate leaders arranged to press today for a bipartisan investigation into circumstances of the incident.

The closeness of the vote in both branches of Congress indicated that proponents probably could not muster the two-thirds majority which would be required to enact the bill over a presidential veto—but such a veto is not considered likely.

Rep. Harris (D-Ark) and Sen. Fulbright (D-Ark), the sponsors, predicted Eisenhower will sign the bill.

Proponents contended that "burdensome" regulation of natural gas prices by the Federal Power Commission discourages production and would result in scarcities in years to come. They argued too that there are no similar federal controls on competing fuels such as oil and coal.

Opponents asserted that lifting controls would mean a 600 to 800 million dollar hike in consumer gas bills and a multibillion-dollar "windfall" paid to producers.

The effect of the bill is to nullify a 1954 decision by the Supreme Court that the FPC had a duty to fix wellhead prices for gas sold to companies for shipment through interstate pipe lines. Previously, the commission held that the 1938 Natural Gas Act did not give it such authority. A 4-1 majority of the present commission backed the legislation.

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Already the colonists had handed the Socialist Premier a stinging defeat. Their violent demonstration forced him within two hours of his arrival to accept the resignation of Gen. Georges Catroux from the special Cabinet post Mollet created a week ago for Algeria. Catroux, due here Friday to take up his post, was the demonstrators' chief target.

The veterans, through a "Committee of Public Safety" they formed, called for reorganization of the French army along guerrilla lines. They demanded that France use all means to stop alleged Egyptian and Libyan aid of the nationalist rebels, that French sovereignty be maintained in Algeria and that Mollet stop any idea of a single representative Algerian Assembly in which the eight million Moslems would outvote the country's million Europeans.

Such an assembly was a key point in the ideas for Algerian peace advanced by Mollet during the recent French election campaign.

It will be in Portland two or three days, he said, then will go to Salem and Eugene and on to other parts of the state. He said he expects to include Eastern Oregon in his visits, probably the latter part of this week or the first of next.

The only announced candidate for the governorship in State Sen. Robert D. Holmes, Astoria radio station manager, a Democrat, should both Holmes and Norblad run and win their party nominations, the November election would pit men who both have strong followings in the northwestern part of the state.

Gov. Elmo Smith, who moved up from Senate president on Gov. Patterson's death, fills the office until a successor is elected in the November voting. He said Tuesday he hasn't made up his mind whether to run for the rest of the term which expires after the 1958 election.

It is this two-year term which Holmes seeks and which Norblad, and possibly Smith, are eyeing.

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A LUNCHEON MEETING Monday noon at the Winema Hotel drew Boy Scout council officers and the operating committee of the Modoc Area Council together for a planning meeting in preparation for a review dinner on Wednesday, February 8, at which representatives of the National Council will be present. Those attending the luncheon were standing, left to right, Jim Harpole, Boy Scout executive; Jerry Thorne, district executive; John Robinson, activities chairman; James Pinniger, advancement chairman; Cal Peyton, camping chairman. Seated, same order, William Ely, council treasurer; Harold Ashley, council commissioner; J. Vern Owens, finance chairman; Ronald E. Phair, council president and George Elliott, training chairman. Members of the council not present are Winston Purvine, organization and extension chairman and Dr. Raymond Tice, health and safety chairman.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
This is written at Coronado, where the California Newspaper Publishers Association is holding its 68th annual convention. In the 68 years since 1887, the newspaper has come a long way.

Back in the 19th century, the newspaper at its best was a PRO-FACKET. At its worst, it was a racket.

On the average, the newspaper was then a way of life. People didn't then go into the newspaper business to make money. In itself, it wasn't looked upon as a career.

If young men in those days were thinking in terms of a career, and took the newspaper into their thinking, they thought of it as a stepping stone leading up to a POLITICAL career.

The newspaper was then apt to be regarded as a door leading into politics.

All that has been changed. The newspaper in America is now an INDUSTRY. In our huge metropolitan cities, it is BIG industry. It involves an investment running far, far up into the millions. The investment includes huge buildings, vast and complicated machinery and staggering invoices in the way of raw materials.

From the standpoint of payroll alone, it must be looked upon as an industry. In any city, large or small, the newspaper payroll will rank in size well up toward the top.

The day when an ambitious journalist could get into business with a shirt-tail of type and an old handpress is definitely gone.

Back in the eighties, when the California Newspaper Publishers Association was born, the ideal team for a weekly newspaper was a husband who had a nose for news and a talent for writing stirring editorials that would lead straight and a wife who could set type.



FRANK HURD

Hurd To File For Judgeship

Frank W. (Pop) Hurd, a colorful figure in Klamath Falls civic affairs for many years, announced Tuesday that he will file for the nomination for county judge on the Republican ticket.

Hurd, who says he is only seeking one term as county judge, promises to devote his full time to the job, if he is elected.

"I won't forget that I am a servant of the people," he declared. "The county judgeship is a full time job and the man who holds it should not be engaged with outside interests. All he is, after all, is a hired man for the county."

"Not only is the county judge the chairman of the board of county commissioners and custodian of county property," he continued, "but he also should act as a public relations man for the county."

Hurd has been an employe of J.W. Kerns Oregon Ltd. for the past 10 years. He has devoted a great deal of time to civic and improvement programs in Klamath Falls.

He was born in Williams, Iowa, February 19, 1888. He is married and has three sons and two daughters. One of his sons, Horace (Red) Hurd, is a former sports editor of the Herald and News, and at present is on the news staff of the Portland Oregonian.

Albania Makes Balloon Charge

LONDON (AP)—Communist Albania, following the Kremlin lead, Tuesday accused the United States of floating "explosive balloons carrying photographic equipment and propaganda leaflets" over Albania.

A Tirana radio broadcast, heard here, said the balloons menaced air transportation, endangered the lives of Albanians and violated the nation's sovereignty.

The broadcast said the balloons were being released by the privately financed Radio Free Europe, with headquarters in Munich.

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Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Wednesday with patches of morning fog. Highs 40-45. Lows Tuesday night 28-33.

High yesterday 31
Low last night 26
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Precip. since Oct. 1 15.25
Same period last year 3.85
Normal for period 7.16

CIVIL SERVICE STRIKES

JERUSALEM, Israel (AP)—Eight thousand high-ranking Israeli civil servants, most of them doctors, went on strike for more pay Tuesday. Skeleton staff are manning hospitals.

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Congressional Committee Votes To End Sarena Probe

WASHINGTON (AP)—A joint congressional committee voted Tuesday to end its inquiry into the grant of 15 disputed mining patents to Al Sarena Mines Inc. in Oregon's Rogue River National Forest.

Sen. Scott (D-NG), who has presided over the investigation, said the agreement was reached after Charles and Herbert McDonald, brothers and principal officers of the Oregon firm, advised him they did not desire to testify.

Scott said Secretary of the Interior McKay has not responded to the joint Senate and House subcommittee's invitation and "apparently" does not desire to appear.

McKay is now out of the city but will be permitted to testify if he wishes to upon his return, Scott said.

The decision to end the prolonged proceedings was reached at a closed session of the committee.

Scott said the hearing record would be held open another 30 days to permit members to submit any additional data.

The joint committee agreed to meet Feb. 21 to resume its hearing into forest management policies of the Indian Service, Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service.

It was during hearings on this subject in the West last fall that the committee launched into its investigation of the controversial Sarena patents.

Clarence A. Davis, undersecretary of the interior, has assumed full responsibility for the patents which he approved in 1954 while department solicitor. The Bureau of Land Management in 1951 recommended against the patents, saying the 15 claims did not show sufficient mineralization.

Democrats contend the Sarena company was more interested in "timber mining" than in the minerals. They say the company has done no mining since 1943 but has cut an estimated \$100,000 in timber from the claims.

Davis and Republican members of the committee contend he had no recourse under the law but to grant the patents upon a showing of a valid mineral discovery.

Admiral Okays Rescue Plan

Aboard the U.S.S. Arned En Route to New Zealand (AP)—Rear Adm. George J. Dufek, commander of the U.S. Deep Freeze task force, Tuesday approved a dramatic plan for a Navy patrol bomber to fly from Maryland to join the search for a plane missing five days in Antarctica with seven men aboard.

A twin-engine Neptune took off Monday from Patuxent Naval Air Station, Md., via South America to Little America V, Operation Deep Freeze's main base on Kainan Bay.

The PV is flying by way of Puerto Rico and South America, the shortest route to the antarctic.

The missing plane, a single-engine De Havilland Otter, disappeared Friday while flying from Marie Byrd Land to Little America with some members of a trail blazing party whose vehicles had broken down. The last radio voice contact with the Otter was 67 minutes after takeoff. An SOS, apparently from the plane, was received Saturday.

Extensive plans were made for increased facilities for searching for the Otter. Dufek canceled orders for two four-engine Skyraiders in New Zealand to be alerted for a flight to the antarctic. It was hoped these large-wheeled planes could fly directly to McMurdo Sound, land on the ice to refuel, then search the area east of Little America. However, McMurdo reported the ice unsuitable for landing.

A second Otter has reached Little America V aboard the icebreaker East Wind and will be ready soon to join the search. A third Otter is standing by at McMurdo ready to fly to Little America as soon as weather permits.

Heart Attack Takes Reckard

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Solons Slate Probe Of Campaign Proffer

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Tuesday created a special committee to investigate the offer of a \$2,500 campaign contribution to Sen. Case (R-SD) during the gas bill fight. But Democrats on the Senate Elections subcommittee jumped the gun and summoned Case to a public hearing Tuesday afternoon.

On a 90-0 vote with Case among those voting, the Senate adopted a resolution by Democratic leader Johnson (Texas) for an investigation by a special four-member committee.

But within an hour, an announcement came from the elections subcommittee, headed by Sen. Hennings (D-Mo.), that Case would be heard by this panel at 2 p.m.

Hennings said Monday he favored an investigation not only of the Case incident but a much broader inquiry into the use of money to influence elections or legislation.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE
The four-man special committee also will probably meet some time during the day Tuesday.

In Lexington, Neb., John M. Neff, 47-year-old attorney, who reported Monday he had offered a \$2,500 contribution to Sen. Case's campaign fund, but with "no strings attached" said he welcomed the investigation.

"I have no hesitancy (to testify) and I am glad there is an investigation."

Neff declined further comment, as he has since making public the contents of a telegram he said he sent to Case. He denied the contribution was intended to influence Case's vote on the natural gas bill.

The committee includes two Republicans and two Democrats. It was instructed to report back to the Senate by March 1. The members, as appointed by Vice President Nixon on the recommendations of Johnson and Senate GOP leader Knowland, are:

MEMBERS
Sen. George (D-Ga), Hayden (D-Ariz), Bridges (R-NH) and Thye (R-Minn.)

Hayden and Bridges supported the natural gas bill, George and Thye opposed it. The four will choose their own chairman.

The committee was given subpoena powers and \$10,000 to finance the investigation.

Case told the Senate of the \$2,500 offer last week and interpreted it as an effort to influence him to vote for the gas bill. He said he rejected the money.

And when the Senate passed the gas bill Monday night, 63-38, Case was one of those voting against it.

Case read to the Senate yesterday Neff's telegram of explanation and said he never has contended that any "bribe" was intended.

Case has said he asked permission for money to be returned to the original contributors or given to a charity organization. Neff declined to discuss whether others may be involved in donating the money. Declining to say whom he represents, he said: "Until I get permission from my client, I don't want to say."

URGENT
Senators Curtis and Hruska, Nebraska Republicans, said Neff had urged them to vote for the gas bill but not in any improper way. At Lincoln, records showed Neff was registered during the 1955 session of the Nebraska Legislature as a lobbyist for the Superior Oil Co. of Austin, Tex.

Johnson told newsmen he and Sen. Knowland of California, the GOP leader, will press for Senate approval of a resolution proposing a special committee investigation of the affair. He said what Hennings does about it is up to Hennings.

Case said in a separate interview he will follow Hennings' lead if the latter orders an immediate investigation. It was obvious they could override any objections by the third subcommittee member, Sen. Curtis.

Search Begins For 'Chutists'

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—Helicopters, planes and some 500 aircraft workers and volunteers searched today for two Convair Altrons Co. light aircraft, which bailed out of a burning B36 bomber which caught fire yesterday about 20 miles northeast of Fort Worth.

J.E. Cunningham, 35, and P.J. Verrips, 34, were forced to bail out of the aircraft compartment to avoid suffocation.

The B36 landed safely at Conair Airport in Fort Worth a few minutes later and the fire was put out.

Sharp Quakes Jar Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two sharp but not serious earthquakes which apparently originated in mountains above Newhall jarred the Los Angeles area last night. No damage was reported, but several interruptions in telephone service were reported.

The first shock at 6:17 p.m. had a magnitude of 4.0, according to Dr. Charles Richter of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. The second tremor at 7:18 p.m. registered an intensity of 4.6.

The quakes, which were centered about 40 miles from Pasadena, were felt most sharply in the Chatsworth area and in mountain sections near Newhall and Saugus along Highway 99.

Ex-Governor Lashes Out At Demos

By LYLE DOWNING
One hundred and fifty Klamath County Republican leaders got a thorough briefing Monday night on GOP campaign strategy for 1956 from former Governor Dan Thornton of Colorado who indicated the Eisenhower forces will try to win at the polls on an Americanism versus Socialism basis.

Thornton seemed to take it for granted that President Eisenhower will run again. He pinpointed the defeat of Senator Wayne L. Morse, Democrat of Oregon, as one of the chief objectives of the Republican party.

LABOR BOSSES
The former governor also charged that the Democratic candidate for president will be picked by "big city labor bosses" who are advocates of sweeping aside the American way of life and supplanting it with socialism.

"That's the issue," Thornton declared. "We are going into a death struggle between Americanism and Socialism. President Eisenhower has been able so far to keep the people of America from being enslaved by socialism."

The Colorado drew a comparison between President Eisenhower and Abraham Lincoln. He said they both had lowly beginnings—Lincoln in a log cabin and Eisenhower as the son of a tenant farmer.

At the climax of his talk, Thornton pulled out all the stops and blasted Senator Morse. He said the senior senator from Oregon believes in socialism and preaches the doctrine that government should do everything for the people and the rights of the individual should be eliminated.

COHORTS
He added that Morse and his cohorts are "battling to capture the minds of the young people of America."

"If President Eisenhower is to carry on his program," Thornton continued, "he must have people in Congress who will back him up. The spotlight is on Oregon and I am sure the Republicans in this state will produce a candidate who will defeat Wayne Morse."

Thornton spoke at a Lincoln Day dinner sponsored by the Klamath County Republican Central Committee. He was introduced by Committee Chairman George Proctor. Gene Favell acted as master of ceremonies.

Before introducing Thornton, Proctor paid glowing tribute to Mrs. Olive Cornett, Republican committeewoman from Oregon, who has announced she will not seek another term. On behalf of the central committee, Proctor presented Mrs. Cornett with a silver tray.

Surprise Alert Called By Wilson

WASHINGTON (AP)—A surprise alert called by Secretary of Defense Wilson Tuesday sent about 400 lesser officials from the Pentagon to the secret hideouts where top officials would go in an enemy attack.

The stand-ins for the Pentagon's top officials and officers left by helicopter, motor car and other conveyances just as their bosses would do if it were the real thing. No sirens were sounded and few knew that anything unusual was afoot.

Norblad May Run For GOP Governor Nomination

PORTLAND (AP)—Rep. Walter Norblad said Tuesday he is thinking about running for the Republican nomination for governor to fill out the term of Gov. Paul Patterson who died unexpectedly last week.

Norblad, 47, is in his sixth term in Congress and said recently he would seek re-election. This, though, was before Patterson's death.

Norblad said he would confer with Republican party leaders and others for several days before making up his mind whether to seek the governor's chair, a position his father, A. W. Norblad, once held.

Norblad has been discussed as a potential Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate position held by Democrat Wayne Morse. But he said he would not run for that.

Whether he runs for the governorship, he said, depends on the conferees he has planned in coming days.

Salem Lawyer Files Candidacy

SALEM (AP)—Jason Lee, Salem lawyer, announced Monday he would seek the Democratic nomination for Congress in the First District.

The seat now is held by Rep. Walter Norblad, Stayton Republican.

Lee was graduated from the University of Oregon Law School in 1939, was administrative assistant for the State Tax Commission until 1951, and has been practicing law here since that time.

And yet—
There are people who say that employment of these young Americans to deliver newspapers to their subscribers constitutes EXPLOITATION and ought to be forbidden by law.

With that, I can't agree.

CLARENCE BENNETT, left, 103 1/2 Pine Street, and Billy Adkins, 233 Cedar Street, were stopped by the 9 o'clock photographer this morning as they trooped to Riverside School.