

Morse Scores Ike Proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) Tuesday denounced President Eisenhower's proposal to raise the interest rate on Rural Electrification Administration (REA) loans.

"I for one am not ready to feed these people to the money-lending lions," Morse said of the members of the REA cooperatives.

Eisenhower has asked Congress to increase the present two per cent interest rate to the level the government has to pay for money it borrows.

"The money lenders look at the electric cooperatives with covetous eyes," Morse told the Senate. "because they observe an opportunity to make some quick and highly profitable interest dollars if the administration's proposal is adopted."

Morse reviewed the benefits brought to rural areas by the REA program and said it has not cost the government a cent.

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OREGON TECH ADVISORY COUNCIL members who visited the OTI campus on Monday are shown at the start of the regularly scheduled council meeting. Members attending, from left, are Edward Branchfield, Medford; William G. Ross, Vale; Mrs. Leigh Gustvine, Medford; Jess A. Bell, chairman, Portland; W. D. Purvine, Oregon Technical

Institute director; Mrs. A. H. Powers, Coos Bay; Alfred S. Teller, Portland, and Allen Leake, Helix. Other members of the committee who were unable to attend are Glenn C. Sands, Cove; Harley Libby, Jefferson, and O. I. Paulson, Salem, state director of the division of vocational education.

Carpenters To Investigate Corruption Within Union

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)—Instead he reportedly wrote the council again disclaiming any personal union corruption but agreeing to launch a widespread probe of scandal charges against his outfit.

Although Hutcherson's letter did not mention it, AFL-CIO leaders understand such a probe would include the affairs of Charles Johnson, boss of the Carpenters in New York state. According to recent testimony before the Senate committee, Johnson and two relatives received approximately \$450,000 in union salaries and expenses over a three-year period.

AFL-CIO President George Meany and other federation leaders are reported to feel there is no evidence to show that Hutcherson used union funds in an alleged Indiana highway land scheme.

Top AFL-CIO leaders were reported disposed to accept Hutcherson's written assurance that he never misused union funds. This would remove the reason for ousting him from the AFL-CIO council.

The uncommunicative Hutcherson failed to show up last fall in response to an invitation to explain to fellow council members his refusal to answer the Senate committee's questions.

Hutcherson ignored a similar summons to the current meeting.

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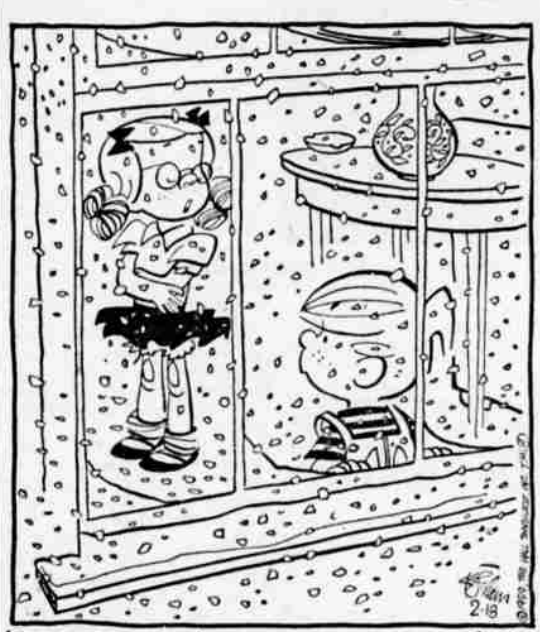
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Committee Aide Questions Action By Employer Group

SALEM (AP) — A Republican member of the House Labor and Industries Committee, Rep. Joe Rogers, Independence, raised the question Tuesday of whether employer groups could block repeal of the 1953 anti-picketing law.

Rogers, at a committee hearing on the Senate-passed repeal, asked the question of Donald S. Richardson, attorney for the state AFL-CIO.

Richardson replied that if the Legislature passes the repeal, then the employers could put it on the ballot by referendum.

But, Richardson added, he would hate to see it done because he would wish "to avoid a heated election campaign such as other states have had over right-to-work laws."

The anti-picketing law forbids picketing for the purpose of influencing workers to join a union, but that section was declared unconstitutional by the state Supreme Court. The law still provides for elections to determine whether employees want to be represented by a union.

Richardson argued that the law is "an anti-labor measure that is one-sided."

He said the state should be neutral, and that the law serves no useful purpose because the federal government is pre-empting the whole field of labor regulation.

But representatives of small business argued that the law gives them real protection against coercion by unions.

The Oregon Independent Retail Grocers Assn., supporting the law, asked that the repeal bill be referred to the people by the Legislature. The association is confident that the people would retain the law.

Republicans on the committee, after hearing a letter from state Labor Commissioner Norman O. Nilsen supporting repeal, demanded that the letter be expunged from the record. But the committee, splitting on party lines, voted 6 to 3 to accept it.

Rep. Fred Meek (R-Portland) challenged the right of any state official to write a letter to a legislative committee.

Francis Reagan, state director of labor elections, who administers the anti-picketing law, said the law should be amended to make the election provisions more workable.

He said the election provisions are "full of holes."

Reagan also said that the ban on organizational picketing cannot be enforced because it is seldom easy to prove when that is the purpose of the pickets.

He said that the law permits employers to influence their workers to vote for the employers' interests in the elections, and that the law can be used to certify company unions.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
SALEM (AP)—A hearing will be held next Tuesday at 1 p.m. on a bill for daylight saving time, the Committee on Planning and Development decided Tuesday.

The proposal provides referral to the people if the Legislature approves it.

Department Bill Tabled

SALEM (AP)—The House Committee on Planning and Development Tuesday tabled a bill to create a state department of natural resources.

The legislation, proposed by the Interim Committee on Government Reorganization, would have incorporated state agencies concerned with natural resources.

It would have provided that the department make a study of its functions and report back to the 1961 Legislature.

The Committee on Planning and Development said it did not feel the department was the proper agency to make the study.

The committee vote was unanimous although it said the issue might be reopened to provide further study by an interim committee.

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