

ICC Renews WP Hearings

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Representatives of several shipping firms were to testify before the Interstate Commerce Commission today when it begins a new three-day round of Western Pacific railroad hearings.

The second round of the clash between Southern Pacific and Santa Fe ended Friday at San Francisco.

The past two weeks were devoted primarily to cross-examination of two competing carriers. Each seeks ICC permission to acquire stock control of Western Pacific and its 1,189-mile line.

Principal testimony to be given here was expected to be about maintenance of the Bieber, Calif., route that is Western Pacific's link between the Santa Fe and Great Northern systems. The link competes with Southern Pacific's Pacific Coast route.

There has been speculation that

the hearings may set patterns for a revolution in the railroad industry. Rail executives have been pointing to a "merger fever" that might leave the country with only a few super-giants in another decade.

Southern Pacific has asked the ICC to approve side-by-side consolidation of parallel and duplicating facilities, which is what the line calls Western Pacific's link route.

Santa Fe proposed to extend its lines through control of Western Pacific from San Francisco to Salt Lake City.

Observers feel that if either railroad wins its case the decision could produce a chain reac-

tion affecting other possible mergers across the nation.

Western Pacific is not forced to seek consolidation, since it makes a handsome profit now and has a potentially much greater future. But President Frederick H. Whitman feels that the tendency toward mergers is such that his line will inevitably be absorbed by a bigger railroad.

Whitman prefers to merge with Santa Fe, a commercial ally for decades. His company is backing Santa Fe in the hearings.

After three days here, the hearings will resume at Salt Lake City Thursday and Friday; at Seattle Oct. 23-24, and at Portland Oct. 25-27.

Boat Capsize Victim Found

DEPOE BAY (AP) — An autopsy is planned for James Ralph Burton Jr., 28, Toledo, Ore., whose body was recovered Sunday after a 26-foot trawler overturned in thick fog near Depoe Bay.

A search continued today for Burton's companion, Darrel L. Forsha, 23, Depoe Bay.

The men were en route to Newport to put Burton's trawler in winter storage. Shortly after they left Depoe Bay, Saturday a heavy fog settled.

Coast Guard units started a search when the men failed to arrive about 9 p.m. Wreckage was spotted shortly before noon Sunday.

East Oregonians Plan Reapportionment Moves

BEND, Ore. (AP) — A group of angry Eastern Oregon legislators met in Bend Saturday.

They discussed avenues of action that might be taken to correct what they said was an unjust legislative reapportionment plan submitted by Howell Applegate Jr., Oregon secretary of state.

The last Legislature passed a reapportioning act, which did very little reapportioning, but it was struck down after several appeals were filed with the Oregon Supreme Court.

The court said the Legislature's action did not conform with the constitutional direction that representation in both houses must be strictly by population.

The meeting was called by State Sen. Harry D. Boivin, D-Klamath Falls, who set the keynote with this statement:

"It is the old story of taxation without representation. We could, over a period of time, be put in a serious situation. To my mind, the people of Eastern Oregon are entitled to proper representation, just as much as the people in Multnomah County.

The opinion most generally voiced at the Bend meeting was that area should be as important as population in representation to the Legislature.

The problem facing the 16 state senators and representatives who attended was this: The state constitution requires the Legislature to reapportion itself after every census on the basis of population.

If the Legislature does not do it, the secretary of state must. And the Supreme Court has the final say on the constitutionality of any plan.

Lawmakers at the Bend meeting discussed three plans, all of which would have to be augmented through a constitutional amendment.

PREDICTS COMMUNISM'S END

NEW YORK (UPI) — Four thousand Cubans rallying against the regime of Fidel Castro were told Sunday that Castro's downfall would mark the beginning of the end of communism in the world.

The prediction was made by Dr. Jose Miro Cardona, chief of the Cuban revolutionary council.

First was the plan passed by the Legislature, but ruled invalid by the court. That would have taken three representatives from eastern Oregon and left the same Senate representation for the eastern two-thirds of the state.

Second was another proposal, almost passed by the Legislature, which would have increased the numbers of senators and representatives, and increased eastern Oregon's representation in the house.

Third was the so-called federal plan, which would give a senator to each county, regardless of population, with the house membership made up on the basis of population.

Fourth, and only half in jest,

the Eastern Oregon legislators talked of secession — economic if not political.

Boivin suggested, tongue in cheek, that the counties east of the mountains join Nevada. But another delegate was serious about it.

"We may not be able to secede," Giles French, a former legislator from Moro, said, "but we can secede economically. That's a rough thing to say, but we may have to do it."

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Youth Held In Shooting

BAKER, Ore. (AP) — Nelson Johnston, 14, was taken into custody after the fatal shooting of his 15-year-old brother, Lee, at the family home in Baker Sunday.

Fred Still, Baker police chief, said Dave Johnston, 17, told him the shooting took place while his brothers were arguing over who had shot a deer brought in by the boys and a 16-year-old uncle.

Johnston said he was sitting on the front steps when he heard a shot. Upon entering the house, he saw Nelson holding a 30-30 rifle. Lee was laying on the floor, he said.

The father, Carl Johnston, 39, collapsed when told of the incident and was treated for shock, Still said.

Outing Ends In Tragedy

PORTLAND (AP) — A family outing to Larch Mountain, about 30 miles east of Portland, ended in tragedy Saturday when a 12-year-old boy plunged 800 feet from the top of the mountain to his death.

The boy, William Edwin MacKay, slipped and fell down an almost sheer face of the mountain, after he had climbed over a guard rail to recover a toy airplane.

The family was on an outing to the mountain in observance of the birthday of the boy's brother, Danny, 10. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. William E. MacKay, Route 1, Corbett.

Youth Says He Was With Girl

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP) — A Lincoln County Circuit Court jury Saturday heard the Yamhill County sheriff say that Glenn Dixon, 18, McMinnville, admitted he was with Linda Jean Stevens, 18, the night the girl was killed.

Dixon is being tried for first degree murder in the death of Miss Stevens. The trial was scheduled to resume today. His companion, Larry West Shipley, 20, McMinnville, has been sentenced to death for the girl's slaying.

Sheriff W. L. Mekkers said that Dixon told him Shipley was the one who shot the girl. Mekkers testified that Dixon made a statement shortly after his arrest. Mekkers said, in which he said he had argued against Shipley's plan to kill Miss Stevens, but that Shipley went ahead.

Dist. Atty. A. R. McMullen has contended that Dixon was responsible for the death of the girl, along with Shipley.

Maurine Visits African Ghana

ACCRA, Ghana (AP) — Sen. Maurine Neuberger, D-Ore., arrived in Ghana Sunday for a two-day visit.

She was accompanied by Sen. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., his wife, and Carl Macy, chief of staff for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Gore said the purpose of the visit is to learn more about Ghana and reinforce U.S. policies in the area.

Defectors Get Special Reward

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — The Chinese Nationalist air force today presented \$22,500 worth of gold bars to two members of the Chinese Communist air force who defected and brought a small crop-dusting plane with them.

The Nationalist air force has a schedule of payments it makes to Chinese Communist airmen who defect and bring along a plane. The amount of the award depends on the type of plane.

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