



JET HYDROFOIL — Boeing is shown testing its new pump jet hydrofoil on Lake Washington in Seattle last week. The new craft is propelled by a stream of water jetting out over the rear of the boat. The hydrofoil will travel over 45 MPH. It is powered by a gas turbine engine and weighs 2 1/2 tons. — UPI Telephoto

Numbers War Rages In California As Phone Users Fight New System

NEW YORK (UPI)—Some determined and resourceful citizens have been battling for months in growing California over the all-number calling system planned by telephone companies for their subscribers.

The dispute there and elsewhere has drawn attention both from ordinary phone users and from officials of telephone companies. It has even given rise to suggestions in some quarters that had the overall problem of dial telephone capacities been handled differently some years ago, when direct distance dialing was introduced, the current dispute might have been headed off or vastly diminished.

The switch ultimately would replace the call number system used in most communities at present, an exchange name abbreviation plus five digits, with seven digits. More simply, it would swap two letters and five numbers for seven numbers.

Telephone companies say the ANC system is an inevitable re-

Primitive Planet Life Possible, Says Expert

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—There is a strong possibility of a primitive form of life on the faraway planets of our solar system such as Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune, a Lockheed-California Co. scientist said today.

"Although the outer atmosphere of these planets may reach 200 degrees below zero, the surface temperatures may be at life-support level," Dr. Rainer Berger told the nation's leading space scientists at the American Astronautical Society's annual meeting.

He said this condition could result from a combination of a "greenhouse effect"—heat held within a planet's atmosphere—and heating from a warm planet's interior.

Berger said that of all the planets, Mars had the best climate to sustain life and "scorching Venus one of the worst."

"Seas of water and ammonia also may exist and prebiological reactions, such as occurred on Earth billions of years ago, could take place in the oceans of far-off planets," Dr. Berger said.

These reactions, he explained, could be triggered by organic material produced in the atmosphere by radiation or lightning, carried downward and dissolved in the seas.

"Such processes may have occurred for the last several billion years and resulted in life forms," Dr. Berger said.

"There is no scientific evidence to support the thesis of intelligent life anywhere in the solar system except Earth," he said.

However, he said the possibility of intelligent life beyond the solar system, say among the six million worlds similar to ours in the Milky Way, still remains a mystery.

PGE Awards Line Jobs

PORTLAND (UPI)—Portland General Electric Co. announced Wednesday that it has awarded three contracts for construction of an \$8 million transmission line from the firm's Round Butte Dam to Salem.

Receiving contracts to build the 230,000-volt, 99-mile-long line were: R. C. Hughes Electric Co., Inc., and Power Line Erectors, Inc., of Spokane, \$294,017, for part of the line between Salem and Gates; Charles T. Parker Construction Co. of Portland, \$1,481,222, for a 44-mile section of the line across the crest of the Cascade mountains, and Rasmussen-B-E-C-K, Inc., of Sunnyside, Wash., \$214,813, for part of the line through the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

Materials and property acquisition for the project were expected to cost \$5,895,048. A spokesman for PGE said the contractors were scheduled to complete their job this year.

Surplus Pear Purchase Set

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Agriculture Department plans to purchase 407 carloads of surplus winter pears, including some from Oregon, for distribution through the school lunch program, Sens. Wayne Morse and Maurice Neuberger of Oregon said today.

They said 78,800 boxes will be purchased from the Hood River area at prices ranging from \$2.68 to \$3.22 per box. Some 149,408 boxes will be purchased from the Medford area at prices ranging from \$2.29 to \$3.49 per box.

The ANC plan was the "best solution to an otherwise inevitable number shortage," it said.

"Subscribers who oppose ANC," said the article, "do so only because we telephone people have failed to apprise them of its importance."

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Civil War Pay Asked For State

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—The state of California asked the federal government Wednesday to pay off a \$7.5 million claim on money spent for defense during the Civil War at the urging of President Lincoln.

State Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk said 25 other states have been fully repaid for similar claims. The last was Nevada, which got \$500,000 in 1929.

Mosk said the infant state of California spent \$4,420,891 to pay militiamen at the rate of \$13 a month and to install 140 guns at the mouth of San Francisco Bay and on Alcatraz Island.

Some of the troops were stationed in the Los Angeles area, where a strong pro-Confederacy sentiment existed. Other units were used to put down a Confederate uprising in Texas and to reopen sections of the Overland Trail which were closed by Indians.

Mosk said the difference between the money spent and the \$7.5 million claimed represents interest paid on bonds which financed the state's expense. California still was paying interest on some of the Civil War bonds as late as 1945.

The attorney general said Sen. Clair Engle, D-Calif., was pressing the claim and that prospects for its payment are better now than ever before. Mosk also urged Sen. Spessard L. Holland, D-Fla., chairman of a subcommittee on efficiency and supplementals, to take favorable action on the claim.

It has been approved seven times over the decades by the U.S. Senate, but never received approval of both houses of Congress.

Massive Ice Jam Forged

By United Press International

A massive ice jam built up by tons of ice churning over Niagara Falls threatened lower Niagara River property today while freezing temperatures caused millions of dollars in damage in Southern California vegetable crops.

Niagara rivermen feared the ice bridge might match the destructive jams of 1903, 1908 and 1955. It already has caused extensive damage to waterfront properties from Tonawanda to Lake Ontario.

The ice, 70 feet high and 25 feet thick in some places, knocked out production for about eight hours Wednesday at the Ontario hydro generating plant. However, production at the \$720 million Niagara Power Project, the largest in the Western world, remained on schedule.

Southern California suffered its fourth straight day of freezing temperatures which took a heavy toll of vegetables and nursery stock.

A warning trend was expected to break a brutal, week-long cold spell in the eastern half of the nation that has smashed records set in the 1960s.

The cold snap, worst in 14 years already has caused more than \$3 million damage to Southern California's citrus, tomatoes, melons, nursery stock and floral crops.

Below zero temperatures were confined mostly early today to the Dakotas, Minnesota and Wisconsin, in sharp contrast to last weekend when the mercury fell in 48 states.

Vet Hospital Expansion Set

PORTLAND (UPI)—Plans for a \$15.8 million expansion of the Veterans Administration Hospital here are being made, the office of Rep. Edith Green, D-Ore., said today.

The addition would include 300 beds including 240 for psychiatric purposes. Mrs. Green reported the work also calls for consolidation of the outpatient clinic with the hospital and an increase in research space. The outpatient clinic is now in the Lincoln building.

Mrs. Grenfell Asks Divorce

PORTLAND (UPI)—Mrs. Kay Grenfell Wednesday filed suit for divorce from William A. Grenfell Jr., former state senator, charging "cruel and inhuman" treatment.

The suit asked for custody and support of the couple's three children.

Grenfell, an unsuccessful candidate for Multnomah County commissioner last November, recently was acquitted of a charge of making a false police report in connection with a fatal traffic accident last October. He still faces a Circuit Court trial on a charge of failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

Meet Stalled

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Oregon congressional delegation Wednesday postponed until next Monday a meeting to discuss the space age industrial park in the Boardman area of Eastern Oregon.

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Fight On Segregation Outlined For Churches

CHICAGO (UPI)—An "action program" for churches and synagogues to combat segregation was outlined today by the National Conference on Religion and Race.

It called for prompt elimination of racial barriers in all religious institutions, including church-related schools, hospitals, welfare agencies, homes for the aged and fraternal organizations.

It also proposed that religious bodies:

- Help Negro families obtain homes in all white suburbs.
- Work for the "stabilization" of changing neighborhoods in the inner city.
- Invest pension and endowment funds in projects, such as interracial housing developments, that will promote "equality of opportunity."
- Insist that all contracts for church construction or supplies include a pledge of no job discrimination.
- Work for enactment of federal and state laws against discrimination of employment and housing.

These and many other specific proposals for religious action on racial problems emerged from a four-day meeting, unique in U.S. history, at which 700 Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders sought to make religion a more dynamic force in the struggle for racial justice.

The conference was the first of its kind ever held under the joint sponsorship of the National Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Synagogue Council of America. Representatives of 70 religious organizations participated.

"The action proposals, unveiled at the closing session of the conference today, were developed by work groups which met behind closed doors Tuesday and Wednesday."

They are not binding on any denomination or local congregation but are simply recommendations from the interfaith conference. A follow-up committee was established to seek wide implementation of the proposals.

The conference was to conclude late today with the issuance of "an appeal to the conscience of the American people." Its text was withheld from publication pending debate and voting by the delegates.

Poland Raps China; Backs Khrushchev

BERLIN (UPI)—Communist Poland gave solid backing to Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev today in his campaign against the warlike policies of Red China.

Polish Communist leader Wladyslaw Gomulka, in a speech to the East German Communist party congress, said Khrushchev's defense of "peaceful coexistence" Wednesday "also expresses the attitude of our party."

Gomulka was the first speaker when the congress opened the third session of its six day meeting in East Berlin.

Western newsmen — with the exception of the British Reuters news agency which maintains an office in East Berlin — were barred and had to rely on the censored reports of Communist news agencies for accounts of the meeting.

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Musa Clarifies Revision Stand

SALEM (UPI)—Senate President Ben Musa said Wednesday he is "not opposed to altering" the Oregon Constitution.

However, Musa said he thinks it would "be impossible to pass the proposed revision" that has been submitted to the 1963 legislature by the Oregon Constitutional Revision Commission.

Speaking over state radio station KOAC, Musa predicted the revised draft will get a "rough going over" because of individual opposition to specific sections.

"Some changes should be made," he said, "but they can be made piece-meal and can be accepted."

Jap Fishers Get Support

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall today supported the decision by the U.S. section of the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission to allow Japan to join the United States and Canada in halibut fishing in the Bering Sea.

Udall, in a letter to Alaska Gov. William A. Egan, said the decision would only open the Eastern section of the Bering Sea to Japan, leaving 90 per cent of the halibut fishery to U.S. and Canadian fishermen.

Egan had written Udall Dec. 21 protesting the decision. Udall's reply, made public today, said that under the 1922 treaty there was no alternative to opening the Eastern Bering Sea to the Japanese. He said the United States and Canada had been unable to prove that the fishery was being fully utilized.

Clackamas Studies Dog Track Plan

PORTLAND (UPI)—A proposal to build a \$2½ million dog racing track in Clackamas County was before the county's commissioners today after the Oregon Racing Commission called off a hearing on the subject Wednesday night.

Thaddeus Bruno, chairman of the racing commission, announced that the hearing would not be held by the commission as scheduled Friday and suggested that the county commissioners look further into the proposal. The action followed a storm of protests.

"Since announcement of the hearing date, the proposal has received its first exposure in the metropolitan press and this publicity has generated considerable opposition by phone calls and letters to the commission office and the office of the chairman," Bruno said in a letter to C. E. Lalaurie, chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Clackamas County.

"In view of this opposition, the commission suggests that your board may want to conduct a supplementary study to further confirm or refute your original appraisal of the situation as it currently exists in Clackamas County," he said.

Bruno said that the racing commission would "accord this matter its prompt attention" following action by the county commissioners to his suggestion.

David Funk, who heads a group which plans to build the track near Wilsonville, said he was "extremely disappointed" that the hearing was called off.

He said that "there has been considerable support" for the project, "particularly in Clackamas County where this investment is to be made. This support, both in writing and person, will be delivered to the racing commission when it chooses to hold the hearing to which we feel fully entitled."

Opposition to the proposed project came from several state legislators at Salem including State Rep. Ed Whelan, D-Portland, and angry ministers at Oregon City.

Weather Roundup

Temperatures during the 24 hours ending at 4 a.m. PST.

High	Low	Notes
44	35	Western Oregon: Some night and morning fog and drizzle, cloudy; highs 38-50; low 29-38.
39	33	Eastern Oregon: Fair south, partly cloudy north; highs 35-45; low 10-32.
53	32	Western Washington: Mostly cloudy; highs 38-45; low 29-38.
43	37	Eastern Washington: Partly cloudy; highs 28-44; low 12-32.
50	37	Tatoosh to Blanco: Variable winds 5-15; mostly cloudy with patchy fog.
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41	27	

Ski Report

Northern California: Mostly fair with some low clouds and fog. Corvallis: Some night and morning fog; highs 40-43; low 33-38. Bend: Mostly fair; highs 40-48; low 10-20.

The Dalles and Hood River: Some night and morning fog and clouds; gurge winds west 10-25; temperature range 35-50.

Baker and La Grande: Partly cloudy; highs 40-48; low 10-20.

Portland-Vancouver, Willamette Valley: Some night and morning



POLITICAL LICENSE — Lorraine Foulks of Glendale, Calif., a good Republican, appears shocked as she receives her new license plates from William Lutz of the Auto Club. The JFK license disturbs her no end, for Glendale is one of the strongest bastions of Republicanism in the Far West with the highest GOP registration in California. — UPI Telephoto

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