

Interior Officials Oppose Land Administrator Plan

WASHINGTON (UPI) — West-ern senators Monday ran into a new roadblock in their efforts to change laws under which 477 million acres of public lands are administered.

Interior Department officials, headed by Assistant Secretary John A. Carver Jr., appeared before the Senate public lands subcommittee to oppose a bill calling for the creation of a public lands appeal board.

The legislation, introduced by Sen. Ernest Gruening, D-Alaska,

would create a board to review decisions dealing with use of the public lands for homesteading, grazing, mining and other purposes. Gruening said it would help homesteaders and others to cope with the "bureaucratic jungle" of the Interior Department.

But Carver protested that the bill would take away some of the interior secretary's power to administer the public lands laws and create even greater delays in handling applications for public lands.

Admitting that appeals under the current system sometimes had been handled with "bureaucratic callousness, superficiality and lack of imagination," Carver said he was taking steps to correct abuses. Gruening's bill, he said, would not solve basic problems and would "tend to thwart or defeat such administrative reforms."

Westerners on the Interior Committee, all cosponsors of Gruening's bill, said they were not committed to its exact provisions. But they said they saw it as a starting place to provide for appeals from any arbitrary decisions made by interior officials.

Subcommittee Chairman Alan Bible, D-Nev., and Sen. Milward L. Simpson, R-Wyo., complained of not being able to get copies of the department's unfavorable reports before the hearings. Bible said the committee staff had tried to get the information but that the reports had come "three minutes before we came into the hearing."

The Gruening bill would create a three-member board of land appeals within the office of the secretary of the interior. Appeals from decisions by the Bureau of Land Management or the Geological Survey could be made to the secretary and decided by a majority vote of the board. The bill also would allow for a hearing to be held at a location "convenient" to the appellant.

Appeals from decisions of the board could be taken to a U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals.



Alturas Officials Plan Four-Day Celebration

ALTURAS—Progress of plans for the four-day spectacular, July 4-7, in Alturas were the topic of discussion at the May 1 meeting of the Modoc County Chamber of Commerce.

William Dickroeger, manager of the Model Quarter Horse Magazine, reported that 36 cutting horse entries have been received to date for the "World's Series of Cutting Horses" which will be a feature of the four-day show. Dickroeger said the number one and number two cutting horses in the nation, Cutter Bill, owned by Rex Gault of Crockett, Tex., and Calamity Jane, owned by Tommy Arhopoulos of Brian, Tex., have sent their \$100 entry fees.

The cutting horse show, which is expected to draw up to 1,000 horses, will have a guaranteed purse of \$3,000 with entries added. One thousand dollars was donated by the Model Quarter Horse Association and the \$2,000 is being subscribed by the people of Alturas.

Dickroeger pointed out that now

is the time to begin a wide press and TV campaign to promote the show, which is going to be the biggest held in the Northwest this summer.

"The World's Series of Cutting Horses is the biggest to be held in the United States this year. The other four-day events are a community project and depend on all the community to put it over," he added.

Dickroeger went on to report that the cutting horse show will be held July 5 and the Model Quarter Horse Show, July 6. Seventy-five entries have been received to date for the quarter horse show.

Richard Hansen, manager of the KCNO radio station, announced to the businessmen that in an effort to increase subscribers for the show, he would give a spot announcement for every \$3 subscribed by a business house.

A. F. Van Horn, chamber manager, reported that all committee members were meeting weekly to coordinate plans for the parade, regatta, barbecues, pancake breakfast and other activities.

Total cost of building St. Peter's Church in Rome is said to be about \$50 million.

Bus Embargo Revolt Spreads Over State

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (UPI)—A political-religious demonstration against Missouri's refusal to provide public school bus transportation for parochial students was expected to spread across the state.

Catholic parents indicated that thousands of students would withdraw from church schools and enroll at public institutions. There is no apparent central authority in the demonstration, but there are 172,000 Catholic students in Missouri who could demand public education.

Massive enrollment by the students could spell "financial disaster" for Missouri, costing some \$55 million more each year in state funds.

There were scattered demonstrations last Wednesday and Thursday which grew and widened Friday. Suburbs of St. Louis and Kansas City expected heavy enrollments and some 1,500 Catholics said they would enter public schools in this state capital town.

Kill Bus Measure
The Missouri House had a bill before it which would have extended school bus privileges to private and parochial schools. The House Judiciary Committee voted 19-8 Tuesday to kill the measure.

There had been heated hearings concerning the proposal, but when

the bill died the protests exploded.

The Roman Catholic Church has not sanctioned the demonstrations. Some leaders said it was the right of the individuals to protest and

others said they were dead set against it. The main lobbyist for the bill, James Cox of Jefferson City, said there was no advanced planning in the demonstrations.

Parents at the tiny town of St. Martin, nine miles west of here, started the demonstration enrolling which spread rapidly.

Other Catholic parents said they planned to enroll their children in public schools next fall because "we can't afford to keep on voting bond issues for public schools and paying parochial tuition too."

May Reconsider Proposal
Capitol sources said the House of Representatives may reconsider the proposals in light of the demonstrations. One legislative leader said it was the type of issue that "you can't win" by voting for or against. Tuesday is

the deadline for reconsidering the measure.

Dr. Stanley L. Stuber, executive director of the Missouri Council of (Protestant) Churches, indicated that his organization would oppose reconsideration of the measure. He said "this emotional pressure action is something very dangerous."

Gov. John M. Dalton said he had no authority to deal in legislative matters and left the burden of the proposal on the shoulders of the lawmakers.

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ARIES MAR. 21-20	1. All	21. Affairs	41. Conventions
4.21-30.44	2. Remains	22. Life	42. Could
47.62-74	3. Excellent	23. To	43. Cause
TAURUS APR. 21	4. Avoid	24. Time	44. Love
7. 8.38-39	5. About	25. Your	45. In
64.68-81.86	6. Your	26. Spot	46. First
GEMINI MAY 21	7. Someone's	27. Some	47. At
4.43-55.59	8. Get	28. Wonderful	48. Plans
61.70-83.90	9. There's	29. Nervous	49. Money
CANCER JUNE 21	10. For	30. An	50. Ang
4.43-55.59	11. You	31. To	51. Or
61.70-83.90	12. Romance	32. On	52. On
LEO JULY 21	13. Effort	33. Some	53. Some
4.43-55.59	14. Allow	34. Backfire	54. Backfire
61.70-83.90	15. Gain	35. Evaporation	55. Evaporation
VIRGO AUG. 21	16. Mindful	36. Girls	56. Girls
4.43-55.59	17. Vicious	37. Discredit	57. Discredit
61.70-83.90	18. Now's	38. Physical	58. Physical
LIBRA SEPT. 21	19. Race	39. On	59. On
4.43-55.59	20. You'll	40. Needs	60. Needs
61.70-83.90	21. Arguments	41. Far	61. Far
SCORPIO OCT. 21	22. Spend	42. Come	62. Amount
4.43-55.59	23. Home	43. Love	63. Perish
61.70-83.90	24. Home	44. Happiness	64. Happiness
SAGITTARIUS NOV. 21	25. Spend	45. Guy	65. Unusual
4.43-55.59	26. The	46. Check-up	66. You
61.70-83.90	27. Get	47. Teller	67. Teller
CAPRICORN DEC. 21	28. And	48. News	68. News
4.43-55.59	29. Thrilling	49. Times	69. Times
61.70-83.90	30. And	50. Induced	70. Induced
AQUARIUS JAN. 21	31. Good	51. Adverse	71. Neutral
4.43-55.59	32. Good	52. Adverse	72. Neutral
61.70-83.90	33. Good	53. Adverse	73. Neutral
PISCES FEB. 21	34. Good	54. Adverse	74. Neutral
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61.70-83.90	36. Good	56. Adverse	76. Neutral



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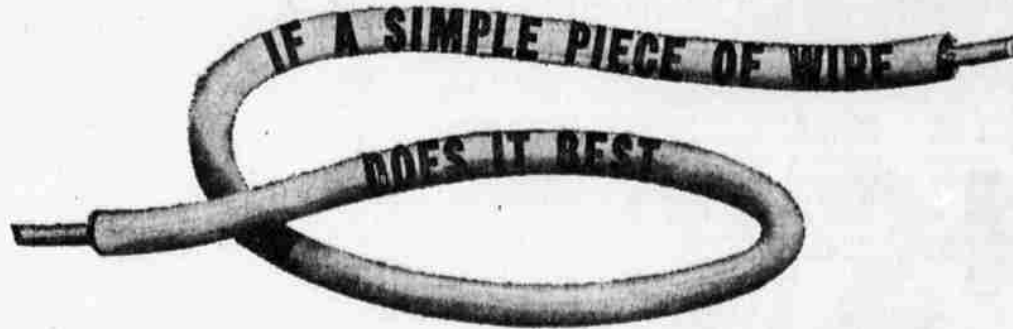
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