

# Summerfield Plugs For Postal Reforms

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield plugged hard today for adoption of the Eisenhower program for modernizing the postal service.

But his argument that this would give the economy a timely lift drew Democratic retorts that it was too small an effort to help much.

# Economists Hit Ike Prediction On Employment

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 (AP)—Some economists disagreed today with President Eisenhower's prediction that next month will be a possible turning point in business and employment.

"I question that very seriously," said Dr. Marcus Nadler, economist of the Hanover Bank and New York University. He added: "So far the government has been talking but not doing anything."

The economists were asked for comment after the President said in a statement that March should see the start of a rise in employment and "the beginning of the end" of the downturn.

Dr. Jules Bogen of New York University said: "We can't eliminate the cyclical forces by just taking them away. We need more remedial steps. Our economy has been weakened by a very prolonged boom."

The vice president of a leading New York bank said: "We should get some signs of bottoming out as we go along. But I don't see how we can pinpoint March or April or any other month."

Retail economist A. W. Zelomek said it may be some time before employment shows any substantial gains.

"There was a lot of hoarding of labor during the boom," said Zelomek. "This always happens in good times, when business efficiency lags. Now industry is heading in the opposite direction."

# Police Free Stuck Pup

BERNARDSVILLE, N.J., Feb. 12 (AP)—Curiosity may have killed a cat but dogs are made of sterner stuff.

An 8-month-old puppy belonging to Mrs. Shirley Lounsberry of nearby Liberty Corner tried to crawl through a galvanized culvert at her driveway entrance yesterday.

He only got his head out the other end. His tail froze in water in the near-zero temperatures.

Bernards Township police Sgt. Robert Moore and Ray Cutshaw, township road superintendent, used a blowtorch to cut a hole in the pipe just behind the dog's tail. Then they melted the ice with the torch so the puppy could get loose.

Mrs. Lounsberry, meanwhile, had wrapped the dog's head in a blanket and fed him warm milk. The pup was doing fine today.

# ICC Authorizes Rail Freight Raise

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission today authorized a railroad freight rate increase averaging about two per cent on most freight items effective at midnight Friday.

The ICC action applies only to interstate freight movements. But the authority took note that the railroad industry is seeking comparable upward revisions in intrastate rates from the state commissions.

# B&O Announces Lay Off

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 12 (AP)—C. T. Williams, general manager of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad's central region, said tonight the railroad will lay off over 250 employees in the region Monday. Williams said about 200 car maintenance employees would be laid off because a car building program there has been completed.

# Tunisia Asks For French Evacuation

TUNIS, Feb. 12 (AP)—Tunisia demanded today the evacuation of all French forces as the price of restoring French-Tunisian friendship. The government underscored its demand with a display of increased hostility, including firing on a French patrol boat at Bizerte.

In retaliation for France's air attack on the border village of Sakiet Sidi Youssef Saturday, Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba told France to pull out her 15,000 troops and give up her strategic naval base at Bizerte.

But the French showed no signs of bowing to Tunisian demands.

In Paris, the French were reliably reported ready to seek to have all French bases in Tunisia brought directly under command of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Then Bourguiba would have to deal with the 15-nation military force of the NATO Alliance.

Although Tunisia is not a member of the alliance, she is friendly to the West. She has received both financial and military aid from NATO's biggest member — the United States.

Bourguiba's demand for the removal of French garrisons came after he talked with a string of foreign diplomats, including U.S. Ambassador G. Lewis Jones. As they conferred, an angry crowd of Tunisians outside the presidential palace clamored for action.

# Union Facing Half-Million Bill

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 12 (AP)—The Teamsters Union tonight was reported facing a half-million-dollar legal bill resulting from the compromise court suit which tried to block James R. Hoffa from becoming the union's president.

Godfrey P. Schmidt, attorney for the 13 rank-and-file New York Teamsters Union members who were plaintiffs in the case, has served notice he will seek \$300,000 as fee and expenses.

"I'd say that's about right," Schmidt said when contacted in New York about the reported figure.

Schmidt's fee to be paid by the union, will need prior approval from U.S. Dist. Judge F. Dickinson Letts in Washington.

It was indicated the plaintiffs' costs, plus the union's own defense costs, will run the bill to the union to close to half a million dollars. Under the court settlement, the union must pay all legal fees on both sides.

Schmidt was chosen by the plaintiffs as one of three monitors to look over all Teamsters affairs under Hoffa's rule of the 1,400,000-member union.

# Ex-Captive Says Soviets Not Bluffing

CAMP FRIEDLAND, Germany, Feb. 12 (AP)—A German rocket scientist held by the Soviet Union for 13 years declared tonight the Russians are not bluffing when they say they have intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Peter Lertes, 66, who worked with Prof. Wernher von Braun on the German V1 and V2 rockets of World War II, made the statement when asked about Russian progress with guided missiles. Lertes was a specialist on electronic remote control as applied to rockets.

# Morse Says Files Show Government Immorality

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—House investigators retrieved three heaps of secret files today from Sen. Wayne L. Morse (D-Ore.), who said the documents show the Eisenhower administration is honeycombed with political immorality.

At the same time, the investigating group subpoenaed Dr. Bernard Schwartz, its ousted chief counsel, to testify tomorrow about his charge that a member of the Federal Communications Commission received a money payment in connection with the award of a TV license.

Schwartz turned what he called his "personal working files" on a six-month investigation over to Morse after Schwartz was fired Monday night by the House subcommittee on legislative oversight, which is looking into the FCC and five other regulatory agencies.

In returning the files to the subcommittee, Morse called for a separate Senate investigation of alleged pressure on the agencies by White House and other high Republican figures. Morse's proposal got no immediate support, however, and the inquiry remained in the House group's hands.

Speaker Samuel Rayburn (D-Tex.) said he wants the subcommittee to make a "real thorough investigation" and not just do "a lot of pin-pricking."

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# Jordan, Iraq Kings to Retain Thrones When Kingdoms Unite

AMMAN, Jordan, Feb. 12 (AP)—Kings Hussein of Jordan and Faisal II of Iraq will retain their thrones when their countries unite under a single flag and foreign policy within the next 24 hours, authoritative sources said tonight.

An official communique said after a day of discussions between the kings and their ministers: "To our satisfaction the discussions took place in a spirit of brotherly understanding and complete agreement on national objectives which the two parties seek to reach."


Hussein and Faisal, 22-year-old Hashemite cousins, plan to sign the proclamation tomorrow.

The two Arab kingdoms reportedly will share single foreign, defense and economic ministries, as well as one army.

There will be one parliament for the two countries, but each also will have its own legislative body.

Hussein, who wields large au-

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Summerfield went before the Senate Post Office Committee to plead for the program which President Eisenhower's press secretary, James C. Hagerty, released Tuesday. Hagerty said then it would be fair to describe it as part of the administration moves to counteract the current slump.

Summerfield, while contending it would help combat the recession, also testified that the program was not designed to be a public works program as such. He said its main purpose was to modernize the department and increase its efficiency with new equipment and buildings.

Chairman Johnston (D-S.C.) of the Post Office Committee said more than this was needed to catch up with post office needs, and to help people out of jobs.

Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) told Summerfield his program is so little it couldn't provide the needed stimulus. Neuberger said Eisenhower had presented it as a plan "to get the people off the floor."

"Oh, he didn't say that," Summerfield replied. But he maintained it would give the economy a boost.

Under the administration plan, private investors would put about 1 1/2 billion dollars into new or renovated buildings which the Post Office Department would rent. About 175 million dollars a year in federal government funds would go for modernization of mail handling methods. The program would last three to five years.

"We are prepared to begin to introduce entirely new mechanical and electronic devices to handle mail," Summerfield said.

# Explorer Transmitter Goes Dead

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—The Defense Department said today signals from one of two radio transmitters in the American Explorer satellite apparently have stopped.

The transmitter, originally expected to function for from two to three weeks, was the more powerful of two encased in the 30-pound satellite.

The satellite was launched by the Army on the night of Jan. 31. If the batteries have gone dead, they lasted less than 12 days.

The Naval Research Laboratory, which has charge of tracking the satellite, said, "Today's Explorer passes over the mini-track system have produced no signals on the 108.03 band." It said signals continue to come in strong from the second transmitter in the satellite. Predictions were that one would operate from two to three months.

The transmitter not heard from today operated with a power of 60 milliwatts, or 6/100 of one watt.

# 500 Expected to Attend Governor Leader Confab

ERIE, Pa., Feb. 12 (AP)—Some 500 persons from eight northwestern Pennsylvania counties are expected to attend a regional conference heretomorrow and hear Gov. Leader explain how he hopes to reduce unemployment in Pennsylvania.

Leader will be accompanied by several members of his cabinet and other state officials. Sen. Clark (D-Pa.) also, hopes to attend.

Sinking Creek, in Breckenridge County, Ky., disappears, then follows a subterranean course for an undetermined number of miles before emerging suddenly again as a scenic fountain.

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