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Delay Rate Quiz, Utility Asks Iowa

By Jerry Szumski

Union Electric Co. of St. Louis, Mo., has asked the Iowa Commerce Commission to postpone a June 22 public hearing on the company's year-and-a-half-old request for an increase in electric rates.

Company lawyers said the company already is booked to appear all through June at rate increase hearings in Illinois and Missouri.

No action has been taken on the motion.

Action Explained

Iowa commission spokesmen say the company is anxious to settle the Illinois and Missouri cases before the Iowa case because the other two states do not allow Union Electric to collect the higher rates before a decision is made.

In Iowa, a company requesting a rate increase may boost its rates under bond — that is, by filing a bond to cover refunds of the excess charges if the increase is denied.

Union Electric has been collecting 15 per cent higher rates from its customers in southeast Iowa for about 15 months under bond. The excess collections now total some $900,000. There is no limit on how long excess charges may be collected under bond.

The Iowa commission suspended the company's rate boost request on Nov. 8, 1969. A suspension pits off approval of the bond and sets the stage for a public hearing. The hearing date was set last month after legislators accused the Iowa commission of procrastination in rate cases.

Documents filed with the Iowa commission show Missouri officials suspended the request in that state last Dec. 1, more than a year after Iowa's similar action. The date of the Illinois suspension action is not shown in the documents.

Union Electric lawyers asked for an Iowa postponement from June 22 to Sept. 15.

Appearance Dates

The company's motion said Union Electric is scheduled to appear before the Illinois Commerce Commission on 13 days between June 1 and 25.

The motion says the company is scheduled to make its case for an increase in Missouri on June 7 and then must return to Missouri June 28 for cross-examination.

The Iowa commission has hearings on electric rate increase requests from two other utilities scheduled for June — Iowa Public Service Co., Sioux City, on June 1 and Iowa Power and Light Co., Des Moines, on June 8.

FRENCH WANDERLUST

PARIS, FRANCE (REUTER) — Sixty per cent of French teen-agers would like to emigrate, as opposed to 22 per cent of all Frenchmen, according to a poll published here. A majority of the 22 per cent indicated Britain as their choice.

WIREPHOTO (AP)

Military Mother of the Year

Mrs. Kirby Newman of Twin Falls, Idaho, appears with her eight sons Friday in San Diego, Calif., after she was named Military Mother of the Year. Her sons are, from left: George, Weldon, Eddie, Joe, John, David and Ray, who compose "Newman's Navy," and Delbert, who has been discharged from the service. A family reunion is being held for the Newmans this Mother's Day weekend. The sons have a combined total of 72 years of Navy service.

13 CHARGED IN DISORDERS

By a Staff Writer

IOWA CITY, IA. — More than 100 law officers arrested 13 persons during disorders here Thursday night. At least seven of those arrested were University of Iowa students.

Eight persons were charged with unlawful assembly. They were:

Dan G. Kalopek, a U of I sophomore from Elberon; Betty A. Wood, a junior from Burlington, Ill.; Katherine R. Parrott, 19, of Iowa City; Mark D. Larson, 21, a sophomore from Iowa City; David L. Kurt, 34, a graduate student from Iowa City; Richard L. Pyszar, 22, a graduate student from Iowa City; William F. Cox, 18, of Iowa City; and Michael Maxwell, 20, of Dubuque.

Two were charged with resisting execution of process. They were Dennis R. Liming, 20, of Ames, and Lawrence K. McClure, 21, of Greenfield.

Kent Simon, a U of I sophomore from Evanston, Ill., was charged with larceny over $20 after allegedly attempting to remove a riot helmet from the head of Johnson County Sheriff Maynard Schneider.

Two persons were charged with intoxication — Steven E. Mayer, a U of I senior from Coralville, and Dean A. Zoerick of Iowa City.

Student leaders reported that at least two volunteer monitors were taken into custody by authorities. Both were released after authorities determined they had been trying to quell the crowds.

Protest Leaders Schedule Workshops Aimed at U of I

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that police were waiting at the courthouse grounds. A half-block from the courthouse, Sheriff Maynard Schneider's riot-equipped deputies emerged to disperse the crowd.

"Pepper Foggers"

Two deputies carried "pepper foggers." Designed to spread tear gas, the hand-held devices Thursday night spewed a thick white cloud of smoke which contained an unidentified chemical.

Schneider refused to disclose the chemical being sprayed. The smoke had an odor similar to that of insecticides sprayed on trees. Schneider said tear gas was available for possible use later.

Deputies chased the crowd back to the Pentacrest where officers and young persons faced off nearly two hours. Spectators gathered on the sidewalks, and by midnight the crowd had grown to some 1,000 persons.

Fifteen deputies stood in front of a group of about 200 backers. Student monitors stood between the two factions.

Finally, the monitors convinced Schneider to pull back his men to allow students to handle the situation. Schneider co-operated, but refused to leave the immediate area.

Hat Target

The core of backers remained and soon one of the group darted at Schneider and attempted to take the sheriff's riot helmet.

At that point Schneider called for reinforcements. Three busloads of officers—including Iowa City police and highway patrolmen — arrived and the crowd scattered.

At least thirteen arrests were made during the 90-minute sweeping operation by officers.

Newsmen once again were the targets of police harassment. A cameraman-reporter for KCRG-TV of Cedar Rapids, Daryl Woodsen, was taken into custody after trying to film the arrest of one youth. He was detained for three hours and released without being charged.

Reporters and photographers for other news media also report they have been "roughed up" by club-carrying officers while trying to gather information.

On Wednesday night, two newsmen were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

Heavy Rain

A heavy midday rain Friday halted a scheduled picketing of the U of I administration headquartered at Jessup Hall. Only about six persons showed up for a half hour, protesting what they called the university's "involvement" in the Indochina war.

No rallies had been planned for Friday night. Protest leaders said workshops will be held this weekend to plan "militant action" aimed at the university on Monday.

Meanwhile, City Manager Frank Smiley said Friday the city has not decided whether to seek a court injunction barring disruptive demonstrations here. Last spring, such an injunction was issued during student unrest.

HUSBAND, WIFE DOCTORS SLAIN

MARIETTA, GA. (AP) — A husband and wife, both doctors, were beaten and shot to death Friday at their home about five miles east of Marietta, and police speculated that their assailant may have been wounded.

The victims were identified as Dr. and Mrs. Warren Bond Matthews, pathologists for Atlanta, Ga., area hospitals.

Gun Permit

Police said that Mrs. Matthews had a permit to carry a 38-caliber pistol, and they asked physicians or others to report anyone asking for treatment of gunshot or gunshot wounds.

Matthews, 40, was chief pathologist at Kennestone Hospital in Marietta. His wife, 40, was chief pathologist at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta but had planned to retire June 30.

Cobb County police said the home, located in a remote and heavily wooded area, had been burglarized within recent months and theorized that the slayings might have resulted from another burglary attempt.

Officers said they found the bodies after a neighbor, Ed Thomas, reported he heard screams and gunshots at the home. Thomas later told newsmen he heard what he thought were three shots, "then heard a lady scream for help several times and some more shots."

The officers said both Matthews and his wife were shot with what appeared to be .38-caliber bullets.

Shot Twice

Matthews' body was found near the garage door at the side of the house. Police said he had been shot twice — once under the left eye and in the back. They said he also had been struck on the head.

Mrs. Matthews had been shot three times, authorities reported — once in each arm and in the back of the head.

Officers said Mrs. Matthews' body was found at the rear of the house, about 20 feet from the entrance to a basement den.

RAY PRAISES IOWA FARMERS

By Don Muhm
(The Register's Farm Editor)

Noting that eight out of every 10 jobs in the state relate directly or indirectly to agriculture, Gov. Robert D. Ray praised farmers and their role in the state's economy Friday.

"We're blessed with some of the richest agricultural soil found anywhere in the world and with people who long have been a great asset to our state and are well known for their hard work and enterprise," Governor Ray said at a meeting with 50 farm leaders at the Statehouse.

The occasion was an "Iowa Salute to Agriculture Day" held in conjunction with a national observance at the White House in Washington, D.C.

Pressed to bear the governor praise their industry were Iowa leaders representing farm organizations, agribusinesses, farm youth groups and several farmers.

"Farmers and agriculture are not recognized sufficiently in this country, or even in the state of Iowa, for their contributions," Ray added.

The governor alluded to the current tax and budget problems in the state and noted that lower hog prices are a contributing factor.

"No one knows better than I how basic agriculture — our No. 1 industry — is to the state's economy," he said. "You find out in a hurry what hog prices mean to our economy."

Hog prices dropped late last year to the lowest levels since 1964, and have swung upward only slightly since then.

"I am not given the opportunity to raise farm prices as I would like to do," the governor added. "But I can help let everyone know how important agriculture is to us, to our state, our nation and yes, even to the world."

Iowa State Fair Secretary Kenneth Fulk spoke briefly about his hopes for staging a world food exposition in Iowa to help observe the bicentennial of the American Revolution in 1976.

"A food exposition would show the fruits of our freedom," Fulk said. "It would let the rest of the world see that we are the best-fed country in the world and the reason why America is such an abundant producer of food.

"In history we are at a time where no one need go hungry anywhere in the world. The U.S. can lead the way."

A temporary exhibit of farm machinery and livestock was set up in the parking lot east of the Statehouse for the agricultural day program under arrangements made by Agriculture Secretary L. B. Lidy. There were few visitors because of the rain.

Garbage to Be Collected Today

Garbage collectors for the Metropolitan Solid Waste Agency will work for five hours today picking up refuse that wasn't collected Friday because of the rain.

Robert Porter, director of the agency, said garbage collectors worked until 11 a.m. Friday; then asked to take the rest of the day off because of the cold rain.

Under the "cold policy" in the garbage collectors' union contract, they can stop work in severe weather and make it up on Saturdays or other days when garbage is not normally collected.

FIND FOSSILS

MOSCOW, RUSSIA (REUTER) — More than 1,000 clay impressions of subtropical fossilized plants, 30 to 50 million years old, have been found in the sands east of the Aral Sea in Soviet central Asia, Tass news agency reports.

ABANDONED LEG

MILAN, ITALY (AP) — A second-hand artificial leg and 18,000 umbrellas were among items the Milan municipal lost-and-found department put on sale to raise funds for the poor.

Conway Declared A Disaster Area

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Small Business Administration (SBA) has declared Conway, Ia., a disaster area and has made it available for government loans, Representative William Scherle (Rep., Ia.) said Friday.

The town was hit by a tornado Wednesday and, according to SBA, suffered damage of $600,000 to five businesses and 27 homes.

Disaster loan applications will be accepted at the SBA office in Des Moines.

Bulldozer Snared By Power Lines

LIEGE, BELGIUM (AP) — A 10-ton bulldozer dangled on a railway's overhead power lines for four hours before it was dismantled and a crane took down the parts. The yellow machine slipped onto the wires from a highway project on higher ground.

Defeat Plan to Drop Sales Tax

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Friday of what the House plan would do to the state's tax revenue from corporations.

Backers of the change said it would increase significantly corporation taxes, which are expected to bring in about $26 million in the next fiscal year under the present taxation system. Foes said the change might reduce actual collections.

Opponents also said it could hamper industrial development in Iowa.

Republican Leader Andrew Varley (Rep., Stuart) said Iowa does not give special tax exemptions to new industry, as many states do, and Iowa's one advantage in competing for new industry is the single-factor corporation tax.

Ray Proposal

Gov. Robert Ray has recommended an increase in the corporation tax, but not the adoption of the triple factor method.

Representative Charles Uhan (Dem., Waterloo) argued that merely raising the present corporation tax would make Iowa's corporate tax rates among the highest in the nation. He said Iowa should broaden the tax base with the triple factor tax rather than raise the rates on the present tax.

Representative Elmer Den Herder (Rep., Sioux Center), one of the Republicans supporting the new tax, said most of the increased revenue from the tax would come from out-of-state corporations doing business in Iowa.

The vote was 56 to 36.

The triple factor tax in almost certain to run into heavy opposition from lobbyists, and not even its backers expect the proposal to survive and be enacted into law.

Here is the roll call on the three-factor corporation tax:

Yes (56):

Republicans: Chairman Jim Jensen, Lawton; Elmer Den Herder, Sioux Center; Ed Fenn, Ames; Ed Fitzgerald, Cedar Rapids; Jim Fitzgerald, Dubuque; Frank Wolf, Iowa City.

Democrats: Gerald Bergeson, Algona; Ralph Bisignano, Des Moines; Ed Bolkcom, Iowa City; Ed Bowden, Des Moines; Ed Campbell, Ames; Ed Chalupa, Cedar Rapids; Ed Cohen, Des Moines; Ed Cook, Des Moines; Ed Fallon, Des Moines; Ed Fenton, Des Moines; Ed Fitzgerald, Dubuque; Ed Fitzgerald, Cedar Rapids; Ed Fitzgerald, Des Moines; Ed Fitzgerald, Iowa City; Ed Fitzgerald, Des Moines; Ed Fitzgerald, Des Moines; Ed Fitzgerald, Des Moines