

Mining Industry Asks Lower Rate

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10—An attempt is being made to prevent California miners from securing a \$250,000 reduction in mining compensation insurances rates in 1938 due them under the rating experience of 1936, according to a letter sent to Samuel L. Carpenter, Jr., insurance commissioner, by Claude M. Chaplin, manager of the Mining Association of California in San Francisco.

Chaplin states that the 1936 rating experience warrants a reduction from the present rate of \$9.44 to \$7.00 or less for underground mining and from \$7.72 to \$5.00 for surface mining.

The letter follows:
Mr. Samuel L. Carpenter, Jr.
Insurance Commissioner
State of California

417 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

We understand that actual experience with accidents in the California mining industry during the year 1936 warrants an immediate reduction in mine compensation insurance rates from the present underground rate of \$9.44 per \$100 of payroll, to \$7.00 or less per \$100 of payroll.

The experience in surface mining we understand warrants the reduction of the present rate of \$7.72 per \$100 of payroll to approximately \$5.00 per \$100 of payroll.

We also understand that there are certain elements in the compensation insurance business in California which are attempting to prevent the application of these new low rates in 1938 policies. An attempt is being made to substitute the rating experience of 1937 and to ignore completely the rating experience of 1936, because the rating experience of 1937 is said to be higher than that for 1936.

The rating experience of 1936 should apply to 1938 policies, just as the rating experience of 1935 applied to 1937 policies. An indicated higher rating experience for 1937 should not be used to prevent the Mining Industry from securing lower rates earned through care and application of safety regulations during 1936. Past procedure definitely indicates that the rating experience of 1937 can apply only to 1939 compensation insurance policies.

This reduction in rates will mean a saving of approximately \$250,000 to the Mining Industry.

The Mining Industry has confidence in you and we appeal to you to see that justice is done. Your favorable action in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Claude M. Chaplin
General Manager

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FITTING MEMORIAL FOR JEFFERSON

Rep. Allen T. Treadway, Republican member from Massachusetts of the U. S. House Library Committee, has introduced a bill to "memorialize" Thomas Jefferson by designating the Library of Congress the "Thomas Jefferson Memorial Library." The measure of the Massachusetts legislator further provides that the present steps and Fountain of Neptune at the entrance of the building be eliminated and replaced with an entrance containing a statue of Jefferson "in character," at a cost of \$25,000; also that the more than 2,000 volumes still extant of the Jefferson Library be placed in a specially prepared compartment where they can be seen by the public.

Mr. Treadway who, in the second Session of the 75th Congress vigorously opposed the plans to have a \$3,000,000 Jefferson Memorial constructed on the Tidal Basin site near the Potomac River, Washington, D. C., believes that his program will not only fittingly "memorialize" the author of the Declaration of Independence and the third President of the United States, but will be a saving of approximately \$2,965,000 to the taxpayers, without in any way depreciating the honor due him.

In commenting further on his plans, Mr. Treadway pointed out that it was Jefferson's private library which formed the nucleus of the Library of Congress, and that the naming of the library for him as a memorial would be more appropriate than the erection of a marble temple "which," he added, "would be in direct contrast to Jefferson's characteristic simplicity."

Knights Sponsor Essay Contest

The Knights of Columbus of Nevada are sponsoring a statewide essay contest on the topic, "Communism: Builder or Destroyer."

Fifty dollars are offered in prizes: first award, \$25.00; second, \$15; and third, \$10. Judges in the contest are Mr. Joseph McDonald, City Editor of the Reno Evening Gazette, and Mr. Morley Griswold, Reno attorney and former Governor of Nevada.

The following are the rules governing the contest:

- 1: Entry into the contest is restricted to high school students of the Senior class, whether boy or girl, Catholic or non-Catholic.
2. The composition is not to exceed 1000 words.
3. Legible longhand is permitted but double-spaced typewritten work is preferable.
4. The work will be judged on the score of composition and argumentative force. Grammar, spelling, and neatness will also be considered.

5. Contestants must sign their name and address, school and class on the top of Page 1.

6. Manuscripts must be submitted to "Essay Contest Editor", St. Thomas Aquinas' Rectory, 310 West Second Street, Reno, Nevada, before midnight of Monday, February 28, 1938.

Junior Chamber Party Joyous

The Junior Chamber of Commerce last evening "threw a stag party" at The Meadows, in royal style.

There were no propaganda, no speeches, no admonitions to build up and support Las Vegas, which proved both a change and a comfort.

The fellows just got together for a feed and an evening of fun and anyone who was fortunate enough to be there will testify that it met those conditions perfectly.

A special program of entertainment was put on in the banquet room during the evening.

To Coordinate Highway Policy

The Automobile Club of Southern California and the California State Automobile Association have joined in a movement to have an initiative proposal placed on the California ballots at the November election for the purpose of creating a California Highway and Traffic Safety Commission.

Section 1, of the amendment states the policy as follows:

"It is hereby declared that the public welfare demands and it is the purpose of this article (of the Constitution) to create a single State Commission to be charged with the responsibility of developing and maintaining a system of State highways designed for safety and adequate to meet present and future traffic needs determining the causes of traffic accidents applying remedial measures for the reduction thereof, and enforcing State traffic regulations."

In other words, the amendment seeks to correct the lack of proper coordinations under present methods of administering State highway affairs in California and in those functions of State government which have to do with the traffic accident problem. It proposes as a means of correcting these conditions a plan of reorganization whereby all highway and traffic safety affairs of the state shall be properly coordinated and placed under the direction of a single qualified administrative body. No additional agencies are set up by the plan. A new and more effectively organized Commission would simply replace the existing State Highway Commission. No increased cost to taxpayers is involved but rather the plan will eliminate the duplicating and overlapping of functions which now militate against maximum results for the sums expended.

HOMES ON EASY TERMS

The housing bill has finally passed and under its terms any family with a small steady income may secure a home of their own. The Government will guarantee loans on new homes up to 90 per cent, leaving only 10 per cent to be advanced by the home owner. Thus, with \$300 one may acquire a brand new \$3,000 house.

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PROGRAM

SUNDAY—MONDAY—TUESDAY
February 13, 14, 15

"GREATEST PICTURE OF ALL TIMES"

FREDERIC MARCH in
"The BUCCANEER"

—WITH—

FRANCISKA GAAL
AKIM TAMIROFF
MARGOT GRAHAME
WALTER BRENNAN

—ALSO—

PETE SMITH Specialty
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LATEST NEWS

WEDNESDAY—THURSDAY
February 16, 17

The Picture of Today
"International Settlement"

—WITH—

Dolores Del Rio
George Sanders
June Lang
Dick Baldwin

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Paramount Pictorial
VARIETY
LATEST FOX NEWS

FRIDAY—SATURDAY
February 18, 19

Two Major Studio Features
"PARTNERS OF THE PLAINS"

Featuring
WILLIAM BOYD

"BULLDOG DRUMMOND'S REVENGE"

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