

Voting Rights For Ex-Cons Sought

Restoration Efforts Made by Gov. Sprague, Parole Board; 10,000 Persons Affected.

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
SALEM, March 8. (AP)—Ex-convicts, who have paid in full their debts to society, may get the right to vote if efforts by Gov. Charles A. Sprague and the state parole board are successful.

The state constitution provides that when a man is convicted of a crime, he forfeits his right to vote. There is no way for him to get it back, and the provision also prevents him from holding public office.

It may take a constitutional amendment to give ex-convicts voting privileges, but the governor said he is "exploring every possibility toward evolving legislation that would provide for reinstatement of the right to vote." This means he is going to try to do it without a constitutional amendment.

There are about 10,000 ex-convicts in the state, a large percentage of them being good citizens. After completing their full terms the governor generally restores them civil rights. But he can't give them voting rights or the right to hold public office.

For instance, if a man is sentenced to three years, he may get out in one or two years by getting a parole or accumulating credits for good behavior. But his civil rights, minus voting privileges, are not restored until the three years are up.

Shies at Full Parole
There is one way the governor can restore the right to vote. That is by granting a full parole, but executives hesitate to do that because a pardon implies that there has been a miscarriage of justice.

"Only two per cent of convicts in prison," Cecil Edwards, private secretary to the governor, said. "This means that all convicts are more of a problem when they get out of prison, and giving them the right to vote would make it easier for them to take their normal places in society."

Edwards said 50 per cent of all convicts are serving sentences of three years or less, and 90 per cent are in for five years or less.

"The greater turnover of about 300 convicts a year consists mostly of men sentenced for less serious crimes, such as forcing small checks and minor larceny cases," he continued.

"Many of those released are youths convicted of minor crimes, but yet these youths forfeit forever their right to vote."

"When a man has finished his sentence, he has paid his full debt to society. For that reason, he should receive all the privileges of society."

Finns Spurn Ultimatum—Like, Soviet Peace Offer

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reaching than the original Russian demands which resulted in the outbreak of war Nov. 30.

At the same time the Finnish government was reported concerned over Sweden's supposed part in transmitting Soviet demands considered here to be so obviously unacceptable.

Sweden Arouses Ire
Popular resentment against Sweden's attitude toward the conflict appeared to be increasing.

The pre-war demands called for a trade of some islands in the Gulf of Finland, a Russian naval base at Hanko, in southwestern Finland, cessation of part of the Karelian isthmus to Russia, border revision in the Arctic and demilitarization of the frontier. In return, Finland was offered a portion of Soviet Karelia north of Lake Ladoga.

More similar than the terms, in the opinion of Finns, was the fact that Russia was reported to make a settlement at all. Previously the Kremlin has declined to recognize the Finnish government, calling its leaders "white guards."

(Informal Moscow observers saw scant possibility for peace at present.)

(Foreign observers expressed belief that Sweden was moved to act as an intermediary for fear that continuation of the war in Finland eventually would compromise her own neutrality.)

Taipaale, the Mannerheim line fortress on Lake Ladoga, was reported repelling all attacks, but Russian seizure of some islands northwest of there was acknowledged.

Military observers predicted that the Russians, already in the outskirts of Viipuri, would not try to take the city until they could drive back the Finns west and east.

FINNISH, RUSSIAN ARMY CHIEFS AGREE PARLEY

COPENHAGEN, March 8. (AP)—Finland, still fighting desperately, today weighed a choice between more one-sided war or peace on Russian's grim terms as reports of the almost simultaneous arrival in Stockholm of Finnish and Russian field marshals led to excited talk throughout Scandinavia of a possible conference between the two.

Marshal Mannerheim and Marshal Blucher, once Russia's powerful far eastern army commander, were said to be in the Swedish capital, center of the new effort for peace.

Finland was known to be pondering Swedish-transmitted Russian peace terms, described as more severe than those she rejected on the eve of the war's outbreak.

(Reuters, British news agency, quoted well-informed sources as saying that the United States might be asked to act as mediator, and reported from Stockholm that Frederick A. Sterling, United States minister, had conferred there this morning with Erikko.

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Berlin Also Interested

That Berlin also was keenly interested in the peace move and might be a center for negotiations was indicated by the arrival in Copenhagen and immediate departure for Berlin of Herr Schindler, ex-president of Finland. It was believed the Finns through him might ask Germany to use her influence at Moscow for ending the war.

The Finnish government was said to have placed the choice of peace or war in the hands of Mannerheim, and a Stockholm newspaper quoted Finnish Foreign Minister Tanner as saying his government was "in contact with a go-between for the Soviet government and this contact has not been broken."

Despite reports that the Soviet proposal was an ultimatum to Finland, there was a strong belief among competent observers that the Russians themselves were anxious to terminate the conflict that began Nov. 30.

The girls from the Northwest Poultry company plant won two out of three games from the Copeco girls in last night's round of the women's bowling league, taking total pins of 1940 to 1869. Horn's Super Cream won two out of three from Betty's Annex with total scores of 1927 to 1871. Anita Young rolled high game and high series scores, 156 and 128.

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Chapman 90 102 125 317
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Washington Convicts at Large; Hounds on Trail

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 8. (AP)—State prison guards employed bloodhounds today in their search for Robert Cameron, 31, who walked away from the penitentiary here yesterday.

Cameron, who was sentenced from King county for second degree burglary, would have been eligible for a parole in two months. Marshall was sentenced from Yakima county for bigamy. Both were rated one grade higher than trusty and so were unguarded.

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Britons Urge Retaliation on Nazis for Air Raids

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Wood with more than a thousand sorties over Germany, added during the night to their record of reconnaissance and leaflet-bombing.

An air ministry communique said "wide areas of enemy territory" were "scorched," including the city of Posen (Poznan) and other sections of German-occupied western Poland—the first flight reported over Poland since Great Britain went to war with Germany over the invasion.

Supplementary information said the big British bombers landed in France after dropping leaflets over western Poland. It was the third successive night of such flights.

The latest assault in the aerial warfare at sea was the 5,335-ton Italian steamer Amelia Laura, bombed and set afire off the southeast coast last night. Another Italian ship, the Titania, answered the Amelia Laura's SOS and early today 29 men, three of them wounded, were brought ashore.

The air ministry announced tonight that British war planes had bombed three German patrol vessels near the naval base of Borkum and a German auxiliary vessel near the island of Sylt.

The communique did not say whether the planes scored hits.

Sinking of the British steamer, 5,068 tons, by "enemy action" of the northwest British coast was disclosed today with the landing of the crew at an unnamed port.

The communique was one of a fleet of 16 passenger and cargo vessels operated by the Charente steamship company on West Indies' routes.

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Convict, 93, Thanks Judge for Chance to Sober Up

MEDFORD, Ore., March 8. (AP)—William Winston Churchill, 93-year-old former who posed as a wealthy Texas cattleman, thanked Judge H. D. Norton today for a three-year term in the state penitentiary.

Churchill, sent to the Salem prison last July, wrote to the judge expressing gratitude "for a chance to sober up and time to ponder matters of the most lasting importance."

The judge accepted the aged convict's recommendation to read the Bible's discussion of courts and judges in the sixth chapter, First Corinthians, and congratulated him upon his frame of mind.

More Spent for Liquor Than Schools, Assertion

PORTLAND, Ore., March 8. (AP)—States are spending more money for liquor than for public schools, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, New York, vice-president of the Women's Christian Temperance union, made this assertion today at an Oregon and western Washington white ribbon conference.

"The fact that the liquor traffic permit operate under a license system is in itself recognition that its product is potentially antisocial and that control is necessary," she declared.

Mrs. Colvin pointed out that although brewers use the produce of 3,000,000 farms annually, it amounts to only about one per cent of the 341,000,000 acres in cultivation.

Death Summons Former Gov. Colquitt of Texas

DALLAS, Tex., March 8. (AP)—Oscar Branch Colquitt, 78, governor of Texas from 1911 to 1915, died in a hospital here today. He had been ill ten days of influenza.

Stock and Bond Averages

Compiled by The Associated Press.

March 8. 71.6 18.8 28.8 50.9
Prev. day 71.7 18.9 28.9 50.1
Month ago 75.7 22.9 40.9 52.4
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—New high.

Funeral Set For William Powell

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Community church in Oakland for William Maurice Powell, 22, who died yesterday at Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene from the effects of injuries suffered at his home near Tyee in the explosion of a gasoline tank. Powell was injured while attempting to solder a leaky fuel tank taken off a tractor.

He was born at Tyee, Dec. 8, 1917, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Green C. Powell. He graduated from the Oakland high school with the class of 1936.

Surviving are his parents; three sisters, Mrs. Roy Cobb, Williamina, Ore.; Mrs. Elma DeGnath, Seattle, Wash.; and three brothers, Warren C. Powell, Santa Rosa, Calif.; Harold G. and Jesse P. Powell, both of Umpqua.

The service will be conducted by the Rev. Perry Smith of Roseburg and internment will follow in the L. O. O. F. cemetery. Arrangements are in charge of Stearns mortuary, Oakland.

Trade Treaty Program Given Committee O. K.

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for Pepper (D., Fla.) opposed "extension of Hatch bill restrictions against political activity to state and local government employees paid in part with federal funds."

Pepper said the proposal imperiled states' rights. He tied his argument to an assertion that the justice department investigation of Louisiana corruption interfered with the rights of a sovereign state.

The senate, reaffirming an earlier vote, refused yesterday to relax the law so as to permit "voluntary" political activity by federal employees.

The vote, 42 to 35, came on an amendment by Senator Adams (D., Colo.) to eliminate from existing law a provision preventing federal workers from taking "any active part in political management or political campaigns."

The senate turned down previously, 44 to 41, a similar proposal by Senator Miller (D., Ark.). Miller's plan differed from Adams' only in that it would have extended permission for voluntary political activity to state employees paid partly from federal funds. If the latter should be subjected to restrictions against political activity now applying to federal workers.

Pending legislation by Senator Hatch (D., N. M.) would make such state-federal employees subject to these restrictions, and Adams' proposal was offered as an amendment to Hatch's legislation.

More Farm Aid Sought
Vying for congressional attention with action on this major economic foundation of Mr. Roosevelt's New Deal program, the House today passed a bill for the farm payments by the federal government.

The house trimmed the president's budget estimate for the agriculture department from \$29,519 to \$13,886,084. But farm state senators talked of a billion-dollar bill through additions of from \$200,000,000 to \$300,000,000.

Chairman Russell (D., Ga.) of the subcommittee said he would insist that the committee include an item for "parity" payments to farmers. Some committee members said this might total from \$200,000,000 to \$225,000,000, with an additional \$70,000,000 to \$85,000,000 for export subsidies and disposal of surpluses, as well as \$25,000,000 for a farm tenancy program.

If these increases should be approved by the senate and then by the house, substantially all the savings thus far made by congress in an effort to avoid both new taxes and an increase in the statutory debt limit, would be wiped out.

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The women were ahead at the start of the century, and have improved their position ever since. "In this situation, and in the absence of any substantial immigration," says the report, "it is very likely that the ratio of females to males in our population will show a continuing increase."

Tremendous social trends that may flow from such a female surplus are mentioned in a separate analysis of European nations here, due to the world war, there were for a time surplus of women of marriageable age with a shortage of husbands. One result was a serious discussion of permitting polygamy. Another, the marriage of older men to young women, with increasing divorce and a drop in child-bearing.

Martial Law Decree For Netherlands Looms

THE HAGUE, March 8. (AP)—A royal decree extending martial law to the "greater part of the Netherlands" is in preparation, it was announced today.

The minister of defense made the announcement in answer to questions as to what steps the government was taking in view of the "dangers of espionage."

"If necessary the government will not hesitate to proclaim martial law for the entire country," the minister declared. He did not indicate when the royal decree would become effective.

PUD Not Subject to Six Per Cent Debt Limit

SALEM, March 8. (AP)—People's utility districts are not subject to the six per cent constitutional limitation because there is no basis on which the limitation may be determined, Attorney General Van Winkle ruled today for

Steamship Lines Ask for Permit to Boost Rates

NEW YORK, March 7. (AP)—Owners of about 100 American steamships engaged in Atlantic-Pacific coastal shipping—the large segment of the United States merchant marine—applied today to the maritime commission for the right to raise freight charges 5 to 20 per cent.

The boost, voted by the Inter-coastal Steamship Freight association, will become effective May 1 if the commission approves. Only the rates for carrying grain and lumber would be unaffected by the rise, although it was understood the carriers were debating the advisability of asking higher rates on lumber.

Chief reason for the boost is the present shortage of ships in the coast-to-coast trade, it being estimated in shipping circles that about 35 have been withdrawn for use in the transatlantic runs made more profitable by the European war.

The main ports of call for the intercoastal vessels are New York and San Francisco.

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