

## Free Textbooks Face Referendum

SALEM, April 23.—(AP)—A preliminary petition for a referendum against the bill to give free textbooks to students in private and parochial schools was filed today in the state department by the Association Against Public Taxes for private schools.

It is the third such referendum to be filed against a measure passed by the 1941 legislature, others being directed against the cigarette tax and the bill closing coastal streams to commercial fishermen.

The three measures would become law June 14 unless 15,866 registered voters sign petitions, which must be filed by June 13. Measures referred to the voters would be on the November, 1947, general election ballot.

The association which is fighting the textbook bill is headed by Charles A. Rice, president, formerly Portland superintendent of schools. He was an unsuccessful candidate for state superintendent of public instruction in the 1938 general election, being defeated by Rex Putnam.

## Fresh Nazi Blow Adds To Plymouth's Damage

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was attacked last night and the bombs were reported to have fallen entirely on the residential section.

A number of persons were buried in the wreckage of their houses, it was said, and a direct hit on a shelter containing 30 persons caused numerous casualties.

## TRIPOLI SUFFERS HEAVILY FROM BOMBARDMENT

LONDON, April 23.—(AP)—Delayed reports of the shelling of Tripoli on Monday said the British fleet pumped more than 1,000 tons of high explosives into the Barbary coast base of the axis counter-offensive now striking into Egypt.

British officers were quoted as saying it was the biggest, most spectacular bombardment in naval history and that Tripoli harbor was "set aflame" as guns of the fleet blasted the port for 42 minutes.

The armed merchant cruiser H. M. S. Rajputana has been torpedoed and sunk, the British admiralty announced this evening.

Aid Pledged Slavs  
Foreign Secretary Eden told parliament today that 17-year-old King Peter of Yugoslavia and his government had "established themselves in the middle east" and would continue the struggle as allies of Britain.

[There have been unverified reports that Peter and his minister arrived at Jerusalem after German armies had criss-crossed their nation.]  
Eden said the Yugoslavs could count on "the fullest possible measure of help" from Britain whose firm intention is "fully to maintain the independence of Yugoslavia."

The foreign secretary said "kid glove" tactics henceforth would not be used wherever Britain has "power and authority to take action."

Asked about "increasing permeation of Germans to Iraq" where the British landed troops

last week ostensibly to protect oil fields—Eden replied that he was "well aware of the potential menace to our interests."

## Glendale

GLENDAL, April 21.—Lon Aytech picked a handful of wild strawberries Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins enjoyed a visit in Eugene this week they were accompanied there by Mrs. Grover Hughes and children who have been visiting at the Harvey Smith home.

Wesley Hayes visited his home on a short furlough this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harris and sons of Drain are making their home on the place commonly called the Cline place.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lynch were Grants Pass visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Harvey spent Tuesday in Medford on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Life Edson and Mrs. Ida Basse spent Easter at the guests of Mr. Edson's parents at Gaville, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Henninger and family were Easter guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Henninger at Winchester.

Jennings Basse and C. W. Vincent have returned from spending a few days in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford D. Losey of Sweet Home spent Easter at the home of Mrs. Losey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tanner.

During the day Mr. Losey met with a motorcycle accident which necessitated taking him to the hospital in Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lewis entertained Mrs. Lewis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reed of Springfield over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson and family were visitors at Roseburg on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Arlet Smith were business callers at Grants Pass Saturday.

Miss Frances Douglas spent the weekend visiting in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodley were business callers at Grants Pass on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Webber and Herbert and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bufkins spent Sunday at Crescent City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dobyns spent Friday in Medford. Mrs. Dobyns visited her mother Mrs. L. E. Flurry.

Bob Lewis returned to Portland Sunday to resume his studies after spending a week home.

Mrs. Fred York and Donald left Friday for their home in Portland. They had visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones for a week and helped them observe their 60th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Winkelman of Coquille, Virgil Winkelman and children of Oakridge, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Winkelman of Grants Pass and Dave Winkelman of Klamath Falls visited friends and relatives here Easter.

W. L. Dobyns, district agent for the Copco received his 20-year service pin at Medford last Friday. The pin was presented by the president of the company, H. H. Cleland, for loyal and efficient service with the company.

Mr. Dobyns has been employed as truck driver, served as line-man, straw boss, foreman in the construction department, line-man in the operation department, and since October 1, 1933, has been the district agent at Glendale.

## Blitzkrieg Shatters Defense of Greece

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out-numbered and out-gunned even before the collapse of Greece's army of the northwest, was uncertain. Two choices appeared:

1. To abandon Greece entirely, presumably in a "Dunkernue" escape with the help of the British fleet.

2. To attempt a hazardous retreat through Athens to the Peloponnese, the "waterfob" of southern Greece.

The German radio asserted that 30,000 British soldiers had gone down with transports sunk by nazi dive-bombers in Greek waters.

If true, this would be approximately half of the B. E. F. contingent which rushed to the aid of the Hellenic kingdom when Hitler's armies started their twin drives into Yugoslavia and Greece on Palm Sunday, April 6.

Athens itself had seven alarms in 24 hours yesterday but was not bombed. The raiders struck heavily, however, at the port of Piraeus, five miles away, and other coastal points nearby.

German military commentators said the British were in "full retreat," and that the Aegean fleet had developed into a "verloren"—a follow-through after a break in resistance. The battle, they said, was "nearing the end, with the question remaining how many British and how much equipment we will capture."

Luftwaffe Hits Malta

The Luftwaffe continued its Mediterranean offensive last night with another attack on installations at Malta, British island base, causing "the heaviest destruction in navy yards, fuel tanks in the harbor at Valletta" and scoring a hit on a British destroyer.

The Germans said two British destroyers and one armed merchantman were "victims" of German bombers in the Mediterranean. These destroyers possibly were in addition to the destroyer claimed hit at Malta.

As evidence of the British loss, informed Germans said, observation pilots reported these ships missing after an attack on a convoy en route from Malta to the eastern Mediterranean.

Today, informed sources said, German combat planes continued to harass British columns, in several places destroying the few remaining roads to the south.

In addition, the forward pressure by land netted the Germans vast amounts of abandoned war

material as well as prisoners.

"Australian troops which covered the British retreat with New Zealand units suffered heavy losses," these sources declared, adding that prisoners were taken among the New Zealanders particularly.

## Carl W. Nelson Funeral Will Be Held Thursday

Funeral services for Carl W. Nelson, 60, former resident of Milo, and late of Roseburg, who died last Sunday, will be held in the chapel of the Douglas Funeral home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Morris Roach of the First Presbyterian church officiating. Interment will follow in Civil Bend cemetery.

## Proposed Tax Increases Facing Opposition

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would be 4.4 per cent of \$250 or \$11.

It was estimated that these higher rates would yield an estimated \$1,517,100,000 of the new revenues sought. Other levies would produce the remainder.

Surtax Limit Erased

In normal times, surtaxes are something that cause no concern

to income taxpayers in the lower brackets. At present an individual must have a taxable income of more than \$4,000 before he has to pay a surtax. If the treasury program is adopted, however, the surtax and the basic tax would apply simultaneously to the very first dollar of taxable income.

Both the current and the proposed income rates include the 10 per cent defense surtax—or tax-on-a-tax—imposed by congress last year.

The treasury surtax schedule, it was reported authoritatively, already has encountered opposition in the staff of the joint congressional committee on internal revenue taxation, at least as far as some details go.

This also was said to be the case with some members of the house ways and means committee, which will do the actual drafting of the big new tax bill.

After the treasury program was submitted and discussed at the committee's closed meetings Monday and yesterday, several committee members hinted that they were not enthusiastic about some of the proposed surtax rates, especially those applying to the lower incomes. They declined to comment for publication on the treasury plan until it is announced officially by Secretary Morgenthau at public hearings, starting tomorrow.

## Defense Board Moves To End Coal Strike

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before any mines are opened.

## OCHOCO LUMBER CO. CLOSED IN DISPUTE WITH CIO

PRINEVILLE, Ore., April 23.—(AP)—A break in negotiations with the CIO International Woodworkers of America closed the Ochoco Lumber company here yesterday.

Company officials refused to bargain in good faith over demands for a 15-cent-an-hour wage increase, a union shop and a week's vacation with pay, the union charged.

Manager Roland Watt denied the company had refused to bargain.

SEATTLE, April 23.—(AP)—Conferences between sawmill operators and union representatives over wages were shifted to Seattle today after failure of conferees to reach an agreement in two Tacoma discussions.

Two AFL union men, two operators and two accountants were to meet today with Federal Labor Commissioner Ed Jackson

in an effort to break a deadlock. The negotiations were stalled last night by the refusal of operators' representatives to meet the union's 10-cent an hour increase demand.

Previously the labor representatives rejected the operators' demands.

fer to raise wages 5-cents an hour to bring the minimum hourly wage to 72½ cents.

The union leaders told the operators they were prepared to call millworkers out on strike if necessary to obtain their demands.

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of the Gibraltar Fire & Marine Insurance Company of New York, in the State of New York, on the thirty-first day of December, 1946, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital paid up.....\$1,000,000.00

Income received during the year.....\$1,778,822.48

Interest, dividends and rents received during the year.....162,272.84

Income from other sources received during the year.....24,474.24

Total income.....\$1,955,570.00

Net losses paid during the year including adjustment expenses.....\$ 827,349.78

Commissions and salaries paid during the year.....477,610.10

Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year.....49,914.37

Dividends paid on capital stock during the year.....140,000.00

Amount of all other expenditures.....158,614.75

Total expenditures.....\$1,921,518.00

Value of real estate owned (market value).....\$ 500,469.00

Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.....71,500.00

Value of bonds owned (market value).....20,496,901.00

Value of stocks owned (market value).....11,521,853.00

Cash in banks and on hand.....4,301,928.82

Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1946.....2,584,607.13

Interest and rents due and accrued.....330,210.62

Other assets (net).....56,902.22

Total admitted assets.....\$40,621,568.65

Business in Oregon for the Year

Net premiums received during the year.....\$ 137,132.08

Net losses paid during the year.....52,654.50

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