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Roosevelt Confers With Pres. Vargas in Brazil

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the waters in the last month.

LIBERIA ALSO VISITED BY ROOSEVELT EN ROUTE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. (AP)—Piling precedent on precedent, President Roosevelt is taking advantage of his historic trip to North Africa by stopping off en route home and conferring with

the heads of allied nations in both hemispheres.

The latest of these meetings came yesterday, when Mr. Roosevelt saw President Vargas of Brazil at Natal, main South American terminus of the airplane service to Africa.

Meanwhile the White House disclosed last night that Mr. Roosevelt had paused on his journey homeward from the momentous war councils in North Africa to greet the president of tropical Liberia, on the western bulge of Africa.

There he reviewed American

Negro troops and inspected a plantation turning out war-vital rubber.

News of his Liberian visit was contained in a dispatch from Monrovia, released through the White House, which told for the first time of Mr. Roosevelt's travels after the president, Winston Churchill, and the American and British high commands chartered their 1943 war plans in a ten-day conference at Casablanca, Morocco.

The conference ended Sunday, and chief executive and prime minister drove southward

150 miles to Marrakech, an ancient Berber and Arab town at the foot of the Atlas mountains of French Morocco. There they spent the night and there they said their farewells the following day.

When he met the presidents of Brazil and Liberia, Mr. Roosevelt added to the list of precedents set on his trip to Africa. Never before in wartime had an American president greeted the chief executive of a foreign state in the latter's homeland.

Oregon Tax Code May See No Changes

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reduce the bounty on cougars from \$50 to \$25. The bill was introduced by the senate game committee, but the committee itself recommended the bill be killed.

The house judiciary committee agreed today to introduce a bill, at the request of the state supreme court, that the court discontinue its sessions in Pendleton, which are held each October and May.

The committee also will ask that the salary of Arthur S. Benson, clerk of the court, be increased from \$3000 to \$3600 a year. The salary has been unchanged since 1899.

Dr. J. C. Evans, superintendent of the Oregon State hospital, won the first round of his battle for more employees today when a ways and means subcommittee agreed to give the hospital 16 new attendants, four more kitchen employees and 12 other employees.

When 47 patients died two months ago from eating scrambled eggs contaminated with roach powder, there were only three paid employees in the huge kitchen.

The joint mining committees of the senate and house recommended passage today of a resolution asking the government to authorize funds for establishment of a sponge-iron plant in the lower Columbia area.

The senate fishing industries committee will hold a hearing here next Thursday night on the bill to give the state fish commission authority to fix seasons, which now are fixed by the legislature.

The senate county affairs committee recommended today that a bill to audit county and municipal accounts be passed by the senate.

Exemption Erasure Opposed

The house assessment and taxation committee indicated today it disapproves of the bill by Rep. French, Moro, to wipe out all property tax exemptions, including churches, schools, veterans' state aid commission property and hospitals.

The committee, however, will draft a bill to wipe out exemptions on income-producing properties, such as schools of business and hospitals.

Sen. Mahoney, Portland, wrote letters to all circuit judges today asking if they favor a bill providing that sentencing judges must give all offenders the maximum sentences provided by law, with the parole board to determine the actual time to be served.

The bill is sponsored by the parole board.

License Hoist Repeal Asked

Sen. Cornett, Klamath Falls, said today he would introduce a bill to repeal the 1941 law increasing the cost of drivers' licenses from \$1 to \$1.50 to create a fund to provide for care of indigent traffic accident victims.

Cornett said the extra 50 cents is unnecessary, since little of the fund has been used. He said he believes indigent accident victims should receive care through relief agencies.

Between June 13, 1941, when the law became effective, and Jan. 20, 1943, a total of \$253,437 was paid into the fund. But of that amount, only \$27,009 was paid out, including \$18,094 for hospital claims and \$8,914 for administrative costs.

The balance in the fund \$232,427 is what Governor Snell wants turned over to the highway commission.

Reserve Fund Chance Slim

Small possibilities for establishment of a reserve fund for post-war employment and construction out of current surplus revenues were seen today by the house taxation and revenue committee.

Governor Snell asked for such a reserve fund, but the law passed by the people last November gives all surplus income tax revenues to the schools.

Rep. Snyder, Lakeview, said he saw no chance for setting up an actual reserve, but that "the best reserve fund we could possibly have is good credit for the state."

Rep. Cullaway, Brownsville, opposed the reserve fund idea, which he said would be the target of pressure groups and would probably be spent before it was needed.

Rep. Hall, Portland, said the only chance to build up a reserve fund would be by a property tax or a sales tax.

No Gas For Drunks
"Gassed up" drivers couldn't get gas under provisions of a bill introduced in the house today by Rep. Wells, Portland. The bill would prohibit sale of gasoline to drunken drivers.

Life habits of the Yaquina bay oysters would be made a matter of research by laboratories of Oregon State college by a \$5000 appropriation bill introduced in the house today by the Lincoln

county legislative delegation.

To Abolish Milk Control

Rep. Steelhammer, Salem, introduced a bill today to abolish the entire milk control set-up, after Sen. Mahoney, Portland, longtime foe of milk control, withdrew his bill to place the milk control board's functions under the department of agriculture. Governor Snell favors the latter bill.

Cities Ask More Funds

Two bills to increase money available to cities from highway and liquor funds were introduced in the house today by the cities and counties committee. The bills are sponsored by the League of Oregon cities.

The highway bill would give cities 15 per cent of highway funds over \$10,000,000 annually, distributed on a population basis. The cities would get 16 per cent of liquor revenues, the money to be used for police work.

Another bill by the cities and counties committee would let counties set up sinking funds for road building and repairs of equipment.

Banks Oppose Merger

Spokesman for banks, corporations and savings and loan associations lined up solidly in opposition to Governor Snell's proposal to consolidate the state banking and corporation departments. They appeared before the house administration and reorganization committee.

B. H. Greenwood, Portland, secretary of the Oregon Bankers' association, said bankers believe that as long as their state banking department is self-sustaining, it should not be disturbed. Bankers, he added, fear that some day a man not familiar with banking problems might be put at the head of the proposed new department.

John Van Boskirk, Portland investment banker, said corporations do not want a banker in charge of administering the state's security laws.

Both men said little money would be saved by the consolidation.

Dairy "Ad" Tax Favored

The house food and dairy industries committee, with only one dissenting vote, decided today to recommend passage over ex-Governor Sprague veto a bill passed by the 1941 legislature to tax dairy products to set up a fund to advertise Oregon dairy products and to conduct research into new uses of such products.

The bill would set up a five-man dairy products commission, activities of which would be financed by a one-half cent per pound tax on butterfat, to be levied only in June of each year. It would raise about \$35,000 a year.

Mrs. Stella A. Cutlip, Coos county representative, did not approve of the bill, and will enter a minority report urging that the veto be upheld.

Lend-Lease Continuance Urged by Stettinius

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knacks to the soldiers, sailors and marines scattered through out the world?"

He said, too, that this action had received no assurances that planes turned over to other countries as lend-lease aid would not be used commercially after the war in competition with the United States.

Rep. Bloom (D-N. Y.), chairman of the foreign affairs committee, later described Jones' remarks as "ill-advised at this time" and contended they were "obviously made for political purposes."

As first witness, Stettinius told the committee that "if there is any question to be debated in

connection with the lend-lease act, it is, to my mind the question of why we have not sent more to our allies, not whether we should continue to send supplies to them."

New Russian Thrust Costs Nazis 9,000 Men

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east of Kropotkin, just below Tikhoretsk, after a total advance of 215 miles from Mzozlok in the lower Caucasus.

Far to the north, in the Voronezh sector, the plight of the Nazi invasion armies appeared to be growing bleaker by the hour, with thousands of Germans, including three generals, surrendering or falling captive as the Russians stormed toward Kursk.

Tomorrow, on the 10th anniversary of his rise to power, Hitler may attempt to reconcile the

fate of these annihilated tens of thousands with his boast last September that the Russians "will never get us out of Stalin-grad."

YOU JUST GOTTA OBEY ORDERS IN U. S. ARMY

CAMP DAVIS, N. C. (AP)—You can believe it or not, but the story is going around that a detail of eight enlisted men was assigned to move the post library here. The men carried out the assignment, but left one book. Its title was: "You Can't Take It With You."

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