

TAX CUT OPPOSITION FROM TRUMAN FACED

Administration of City's
Business Under Newly
Chosen Officials Begun**Carstens Named President of Council,
A. N. Orcutt Appointed City Attorney;
Mayor Flegel Conducts Brief Session**By JEROME SHELTON
(News-Review City Editor)

"Here you are, AL!" With this simple greeting from retiring Mayor Charles W. Wharton, Albert G. Flegel last night began his administration as the city's chief executive.

Retiring council members, who met to approve December's bills and to receive monthly and annual reports of city departments, quit their seats around the council table and their successors took their places.

Icy Wave Spreads
Misery in Europe

LONDON, Jan. 7. —(AP)—The worst cold wave of winter still crippled Europe today, snarling transportation and trimming industrial output.

Many canals froze in Venice, where the mercury slipped to 12 above zero, the coldest weather there since 1929. Neapolitans saw Mt. Vesuvius in a rare white garb of snow. Freezing rain filigreed the ancient buildings of Rome.

Forecasters predicted, however, that a thaw soon would ease the suffering of millions who were poorly clothed and housed.

The British Isles were digging out of the heaviest snow of the season. A mass of mild air from the southwest was warming the islands.

Moscow reported "dark and snowy" weather with the temperature at 14.

Berlin's millions, huddled in the war ruins, endured another night of misery when the mercury dropped to five above zero.

Schools were closed because of a fuel shortage. Many families remained abed to keep warm.

Italy had 13 deaths from the cold yesterday and 11 more today.

Charles S. Woolworth,
Chain Store Head, Dies

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 7. —(AP)—Charles Sumner Woolworth, who was a co-founder of the Woolworth chain of 5 and 10 cent stores 65 years ago, died today at his home. He was 90 years old.

Woolworth opened his first store here 65 years ago and later formed the F. W. Woolworth Company with his brother, the late Frank W. Woolworth, and the late Fred M. Kirby of Wilkes-Barre.

The 5 and 10 cent store idea was credited to Frank Woolworth but the success of the enterprise was largely attributed to Charles, who began his career sweeping floors and tending fires at Watertown, N. Y., for \$4 a week.

Babe Ruth's Condition
Satisfactory, Doctors Say

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. —(AP)—Babe Ruth, who underwent a serious neck operation yesterday, spent an uncomfortable night but his condition at 11 A.M. today was declared satisfactory by physicians at French hospital.

At that time the former home run king, who was in the operating room more than two hours yesterday, had a temperature of 99—less than a half degree above normal.

Flaming Match Head
Leads to Ruined Home

LIBBY, Mont., Jan. 7. —(AP)—Mrs. Ed Dutton lighted a match and the stick's flaming head snapped and fell into her fur-trimmed bedroom slipper. She kicked the burning slipper and it landed on a davenport. Flames quickly enveloped the davenport and one hour later the Dutton home was in ruins.

U. S. Not Again to Invite an
Attack by Being Unprepared**Disarmament Must Be on 'Collective'
Basis, Truman's Message Emphasizes**

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

President Truman's message to Congress gives us a succinct answer to one of the burning questions of the day:—When will it be possible to achieve at least partial disarmament and so reduce the mountainous expenditures for the maintenance of a vast fighting machine?

The chief executive says the United States will be willing to lead in collective (emphases on the "collective") disarmament—when a system of collective security under the United Nations has been established. But, he adds, until such a system becomes a reality we must not again allow our weakness to invite attack.

That's right along the line of language used by Bernard Baruch last weekend in his letter to the president, resigning from the U. N. Atomic Energy Commission. Mr. Baruch admonished the country not to give up the secrets of the A-bomb or to halt their manufacture until a treaty for their control has been made effective.

In short, Uncle Sam can't put his shooting-iron aside until the other fellows do—and until the United Nations are in position to guarantee security.

Wisdom, Patience Needed

And when will that be? Well? The president doesn't say—in

The council chamber was crowded with friends and well-wishers who had come to see the new mayor and councilmen take hold of the reins of city government.

Last night's meeting adjourned in hardly more than an hour. Mayor Flegel conducted the order of business with brevity and dispatch.

Taking their seats around the council table were H. T. Carstens, Percy Croft and J. A. Hart, holdovers from the previous administration; Hal Aytte, Frank Ashley, Paul Lund, George E. West and Harrison Winston.

In an informal ballot, Carstens was chosen president by his seven colleagues. He succeeds Croft, who became council president a year ago, on Wharton's elevation to the office of mayor.

Appointment of A. N. Orcutt as city attorney was announced by Flegel. Orcutt's acceptance, the mayor explained, is conditional upon the appointment of J. V. Long as assistant city attorney, who will attend council sessions in place of Orcutt whenever necessary.

Orcutt resigned as city attorney last July 1. Ira B. Riddle, then a councilman, was appointed city attorney.

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Ten Deer, Pressed by
Cougars, Leap to Death

LEAVENWORTH, Wash., Jan. 7. —(AP)—Ten deer, at bay on the rim of a cliff overlooking the Wenatchee river, leaped to their deaths when a band of cougars closed in. Game Protector Bob Hemstreet reported.

The meat was salvaged and placed in a cold storage plant for use by charitable institutions. Then Hemstreet began organizing a posse to pursue the killers.

And there are plenty volunteers—there's a \$50 state bounty on cougars.

Sen. Morse Joins Move
To Gag Filibusters

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. —(AP)—Senators Knowland (R-Calif.) and Morse (R-Ore.) moved yesterday to gag filibusters by a mere majority vote of the senate.

Separately, they proposed amendment of the senate rules to permit restrictions on how long a senator can talk. If a majority of the Senate is in favor, Present rules require a two-thirds vote to limit debate.

The proposed change was referred to the rules committee for study.

Youths Arrested With
Lebanon Robbery Booty

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 7. —(AP)—Two Lebanon robberies were believed solved today with the arrest of Jack Pemberton, 19, and Orville L. Harms, 21, in Lebanon at a hotel across the street from where the robberies occurred.

Sheriff H. A. Southard said jewelry loot valued at \$600 was recovered in the hotel room occupied by the pair who entered the Pastime Billiards and Landstrom jewelry stores by a rope dropped through a skylight.

Butter Price Drops

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7. —(AP)—Another drop of a half cent in the wholesale price of Grade A butter at San Francisco today placed the price in line at 75 cents at the four principal coast markets for the first time in recent weeks.

Supplies were ample and demand mostly slow yesterday on the wholesale markets here and at Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle.

The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; fog in morning.

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'Camera' Shooter Slain in Fight

Rocco Keeps
Vow Not to be
Taken Alive**Fugitive Shoots It Out
When Bayed by Officers
In Catskills Hideout**

GRAND GORGE, N. Y., Jan. 7. —(AP)—"They'll never get me alive," Alphonse Rocco swore before he was shot to death in his snowy hillside hideout near here, after a full flight following the New Year's eve "camera" shooting of his former wife in New York City.

Rocco met death last night under an evergreen tree and a full moon in Patchin Hollow, as he crouched in a sleeping bag taken from one of the two Catskill mountain farm homes where he gained shelter for nearly 48 hours by brandishing two pistols.

He fired four shots from his German Walther automatic as state police and New York City detectives waded through knee-deep snow to surround him. Then

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2 Officials Begin
Half-Year Terms

City Recorder A. J. Geddes and City Treasurer T. J. Brown yesterday began their six-month terms in office which terminate July 1. When the city manager plan becomes effective, the manager will have power to appoint the recorder and treasurer.

Geddes was re-elected recorder at the city election in November, although his name was not on the ballot. After the election, he was reluctant to state whether he would continue in office at the expiration of his term.

Brown, sole candidate for city treasurer, was also re-elected. When the manager plan becomes effective, the duties of police judge will be separated from the position of recorder, and the position of judge will be filled by appointment of the mayor and council.

Ax-Slayer Goes Calmly
To Death on Gallows

WALLA WALLA, Jan. 7. —(AP)—Repetent and calm, John Henry Clark, Seattle ax-slayer, went to his death on the penitentiary gallows here early today.

His last words were for forgiveness and of love for his mother.

Clark and his wife, Annie, were convicted of first degree murder for the slaying of Sam Katz, "Skid Road" drygoods merchant, on October 27, 1945.

His wife is serving a life sentence in another building of the penitentiary for her part in the crime.

Surplus Oregon Spuds
Sold for Livestock Feed

PORTLAND, Jan. 7. —(AP)—Approximately 240,000 sacks of No. 1 and No. 2 grade Oregon potatoes are being offered for sale to livestock feeders, the state production and marketing administration of the Department of Agriculture said today.

The administration said the price was 30 cents a hundredweight. Where the freight rate is more than 30 cents from the storage place to the buyers' closest station, the price is the rate plus \$5 a carload.

Some 13,300 sacks have been sold, the PMA said.

Meteor Flashes Over
Southern California

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7. —(AP)—A fiery ball, giving off weird flashes of light, roared over southern California last night and out to sea. It was visible from San Diego to Bakersfield—nearly 200 miles apart.

It was agreed today that the object was a meteor, and Dr. Clarence H. Clemenshaw of Griffith observatory said it apparently was "exceptionally large." No missing planes were reported.

New Postmaster at
Wilbur Takes Over

WILBUR — Mrs. Agnes B. Stout took over the postmaster's office at Wilbur January 1. The position was vacated by the recent resignation of Kenneth Bernburg. Mrs. Stout will operate the post office in conjunction with her grocery store.

The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; fog in morning.

New Spring Clothes
Will Leave no Room
For Excess Poundage

By DOROTHY ROE
Associated Press Fashion Editor
NEW YORK, Jan. 7. —(AP)—Figures can't lie in the new spring clothes as shown by New York designers in their first collections after the lifting of government fabric restrictions.

Though skirts are longer and fuller, the long, fitted torso of the 1947 silhouette leaves no room for excess poundage.

Pauline Trigere set the pace for the new season with a beautifully conceived and executed collection of well-bred suits and ladylike dresses which accent the "stem torso" throughout. Her suits have long jackets which reach below the hips, the long, fitted torso of the 1947 silhouette leaves no room for excess poundage.

The skirts, from an inch and a half to two inches longer, use pleats, pressed and unpressed, to achieve the new fullness, but all are stitched to below the hips, giving a slim look through the middle. She shows matching vests with most suits, puts crisp lingerie touches on dark dresses, and uses exquisite details of handwork on dressier clothes.

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Movie Will Show
Oregon's Beauty

Public free showing of the colored motion picture, "Beautiful Oregon," a scenic film prepared by James L. Loder, Salem automobile dealer, at the Roseburg Armory Thursday, Jan. 9, at 8 P. M. is announced by the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club.

Paul Caskey, vice-president of the club, and Gene Kent, director, are co-chairmen in charge of arrangements for the meeting, which will open the club's annual membership campaign.

Attendance at the show, however, involves no admission charge nor obligation to purchase a membership. "We hope every person interested in Oregon's scenic beauty will be present to see this beautiful film as a guest of the Rod and Gun Club," Caskey said.

Loder's collection of motion pictures devoted to Oregon scenery covers a period of more than 10 years. He has a library containing more than 40,000 feet of film, and is currently at work on a picture portraying the state's scenery, particularly snow-capped peaks and beaches, from the air.

The picture to be shown at Roseburg Thursday night includes the state's principal scenic spots in each of the four seasons of the year.

Auto Prices Increased
By Kaiser-Frazer Corp.

DETROIT, Jan. 7. —(AP)—Kaiser-Frazer Corp. raised the price of its Kaiser car \$124 and its Frazer car \$139 yesterday following an increase of approximately \$100 for each early in December.

The company attributed the new increase to "increased manufacturing costs."

Factory list prices now are advanced to \$1,868 for the Kaiser and \$2,053 for the Frazer.

'Monty' Gives Russians
His Ideas on Warfare

MOSCOW, Jan. 7. —(AP)—Field Marshal Montgomery, chief of the British imperial general staff, today placed his conceptions of the role of assault troops in modern warfare before high-ranking officers in the higher military academy of the Soviet general staff.

Montgomery, famed for his generalship, told the Russian military leaders he placed great emphasis upon what he called the "human equation" in the direction of a fighting army.

Montgomery is being lavishly entertained.

Pension Age Cut From
65 to 60 Years Sought

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. —(AP)—Rep. Sikes of Florida today offered a bill in the house to lower the age when old age pensions may begin from 65 to 60 years, making federal payments \$30 a month. The federal government now may pay \$25 if a state pays \$20. Where the state pays below \$20, the federal government matches the state payment.

Fire Loss in Roseburg During
1946 Reported as \$25,494**Rural District Loss Placed at \$15,022;
Overheated Stoves, Flues Main Causes**

Thirty-eight times during 1946, Roseburg's 31 volunteer firemen were called out on general alarms by the air raid siren atop City Hall. Fire Chief Glenn H. Taylor reported.

There was a total of 110 fire calls, of which 38 were general alarms. There were 86 fires within the city; 24 in the Roseburg Rural Fire Protection District. In addition, there were three emergency calls in which the rescue boat or first aid squad was dispatched.

Total value of property at risk by fire, within the city, was \$1,962,540, with a fire loss of \$25,494.50.

In the rural district, property at risk was valued at \$80,700 with a total fire loss of \$15,022. Fire fighters laid down 7,600 feet of 2½-inch hose, 650 feet of 1½-inch hose, and hoisted 270 feet of ladders. They used the booster pump, mounted on the fire truck, 27 times.

The Fire Department practiced fire prevention as well as fire fighting. Twenty-nine grass fire hazards were removed and six dilapidated buildings ordered razed. There were 750 city and rural fire permits issued.

Truman Gets
Praise From
Both Parties

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. —(AP)—Democrats concluded with relief today that President Truman held to a middle course in his state of the Union message and thus consolidated his party's support at the outset of the Republican-controlled Congress.

Praise for the president's legislative recommendations came from both wings of the party.

It was accompanied by indications that if Mr. Truman keeps to the course he charted yesterday he may enjoy greater Democratic support than he previously has been able to muster in Congress. All agreed that such support would strengthen his position if he bids for renomination in 1948.

The party's self-styled liberals, who obviously had feared the president was going over to what they regard as the conservative viewpoint as a result of the November election, generally said they found the message satisfactory.

'Might Have Gone Further'

Senator Murray (D-Mont.), retiring chairman of the Labor Committee, found the general tone of the president's message "very satisfactory," but said he believed Mr. Truman might have gone further "by putting more emphasis on some of the progressive measures that have been proposed."

The president covered only generally or omitted entirely some of the things he was more specific about in previous recommendations to Congress, such as higher minimum wage standards, fair employment practice legislation and other measures that the New Deal wing has plugged.

But if he disappointed this group somewhat on that point, he apparently pleased those who

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Mother Burns to Death
After Saving 2 Babies

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7. —(AP)—A 19-year-old mother burned to death today after dropping her two babies — 15-month-old Johnny and two-month-old Francine — from a second-floor window to safety in the arms of neighbors.

The woman, Mrs. Ruth M. Bracelen, then disappeared from the window, apparently intent on saving valuables. When firemen reached her she was dead of burns. The home was destroyed.

Shore Given CPA Nod
For Drive-in Restaurant

Approval of a \$7,500 drive-in restaurant to be constructed by Raymond Shore of Roseburg, on the Pacific Highway at the north city limits, was reported by the Civilian Production Administration at Portland today.

Application to the CPA for \$2,451 of alterations at Roseburg was made by the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Parley on Steelworkers'
Pay Hike Demand Dated

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 7. —(AP)—The U. S. Steel Corp., and the CIO-United Steelworkers of America begin negotiations Jan. 16 for a new contract that may once again set the wage pattern for the steel industry.

A year ago the steelworkers' demand for a \$2-a-day increase resulted in a month-long nationwide steel strike. It was settled by an 18½ cent hourly wage boost. The present contract expires Feb. 15.

This year the steelworkers' wage demands remain undisclosed. Steelworkers and National CIO President Philip Murray, however, has announced he expects a "substantial" boost without a corresponding rise in prices.

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Reds Upset Peace Efforts,
Foes, Relying on U. S. Aid,
Intolerant, Envoy Charges

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. —(AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall today denounced the "dominant reactionary" group in China's nationalist government, protested the "provocative" policies of Chinese Communists and said liberal leadership is needed to end civil strife there.

Breaking a long silence on the situation in China, President Truman's personal envoy to Nanking declared that reactionaries in Chiang Kai-Shek's government "have evidently counted upon substantial American support regardless of their actions."

His statement, released by the State Department a day after the White House announced Marshall is returning home to report, left wide open the questions of whether he will go back to China and whether China will be given the \$500,000,000 loan it has been seeking from the Export-Import Bank.

Marshall said that China's newly adopted constitution will provide an opportunity to form a democratic government, but he noted that it remains to be seen whether the government will afford a "genuine welcome" to all groups to share in the administration.

Communists Scored

His ire was directed at both the government and the communists, but was particularly bitter in discussing the propaganda of the latter group. He said that the "divided-the-wool" communists have not hesitated at the most "drastic measures to gain their end, for instance, the destruction of communications in order to wreck the economy of China and produce a situation that would facilitate the overthrow or collapse of the government."

At the same time, he asserted that "the period of political tutelage" of Chiang Kai-Shek's government.

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Anti-Semitism Being
Revived in Germany

BERLIN, Jan. 7. —(AP)—Leading figures in postwar German public life are finding that anti-Semitism in Germany is neither dead nor dormant, but is reviving daily in a flood of anonymous death threats and letters of vilification.

Since the broadcasting of programs listing some of the major sins of the Hitler regime, the head of radio Berlin, Max Seydewitz, has been receiving increasing numbers of anonymous letters describing him as a "dirty son of a Jew" who would have his "carcass torn to pieces limb by limb."

Leaders of the Berlin Jewish community express much bitterness at the treatment accorded them by German municipal officials.

"Germany has been given a thorough denazification law, but Berlin has not yet issued a law compensating the Jews for the property confiscated and robbed by the Nazis," said Julius Meyers, head of the Jewish community here.

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Budget Above
GOP Figure
Is Expected**President Wants Public
Debt Slash; Income Tax
Cut Plan Breeds Discord**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. —(AP)—President Truman was reported ready today to send congress a \$37,000,000,000 budget and simultaneously take a strong stand against any tax cuts.

This speculative figure clashes head-on with estimates already given reporters by the new Republican chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Rep. Taber of New York. He told reporters the needs of government can be met with about \$29,500,000,000.

Also the president's view that any revenue surplus should go to reduce the public debt — as already indicated in his state of the union message — runs into a determined tax-cutting drive by Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.) of the house ways and means committee.

Knutson contends congress can reduce levies on incomes up to \$300,000 by 20 per cent and still balance the budget by cutting expenses.

Thus the budget and taxes join labor law revision as the hottest issues of the new Republican dominated congress.

Arguments Are Ready

Usually well-posted administration men say they expect the president in his budget message Friday to anticipate the Republican economy and tax drives with these arguments:

1. The only way government

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Slot Machine Tax
Law Repeal Urged

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 7. —(AP)—Gov. C. A. Robins called today for repeal of the Idaho slot machine tax law, for stricter law enforcement and for widespread revamping of the state's public school system.

The new Republican chief executive, installed yesterday as Idaho's 21st governor, made his recommendations in his inaugural address to the state legislature, dominated by Republicans in both House and Senate.

The 1945 legislature authorized operating of slot machines in so-called non-profit clubs but Robins said the law had been "followed by a train of abuses well known to most of us."

In urging stricter law enforcement, he called also for a more severe penalty for drunken driving.

Robins proposed consolidation of public school districts "for administrative efficiency and economy."

Crew, Passengers Saved
From Burning Airliner

CHICAGO, Jan. 7. —(AP)—Under direction of two young stewards, 37 passengers and the crew of four of a Northwest Airlines passenger plane, which caught fire as it landed at the municipal airport last night, fled safely out of the burning liner.

The plane lost the left landing gear as its wheels touched the snow-covered field. The left wing scraped the ground and the left inboard engine and the left wing burst into flames. The plane skidded several hundred feet before coming to a halt.

The plane, which reportedly was valued at \$400,000, was destroyed, as was the passengers' baggage and several sacks of mail.

Two Children Perish in
Trailer Camp Cabin Fire

BREMERTON, Wash., Jan. 7. —(AP)—Firemen said today an overheated stove caused the blaze last night in which two small children burned to death in a trailer camp cabin here.

They reported the fire broke out while the children's mother, Mrs. Gladys Turner, waitress, was at a lunch counter across the street. Neighbors battled heroically to save the youngsters.

Charles, 6, and his sister, Lorita, 4, but were driven back by dense smoke. Finally an unidentified man fought his way in and brought out the little girl but she was dead on arrival at a hospital.

240 French Troops Slain
Battling Rebels in Hanoi

MANILA, Jan. 7. —(AP)—A Viet Nam communiqué broadcast today by Radio Hanoi reported 240 French troops were killed, 30 were wounded and two tanks were knocked out in a 10-hour battle in Hanoi Friday.

Lovely Fact Rant

By L. F. Rasmussen

Portland's \$64 question: When is a safe not a safe? Answer: When, containing money, it's left overnight in a Portland business office.