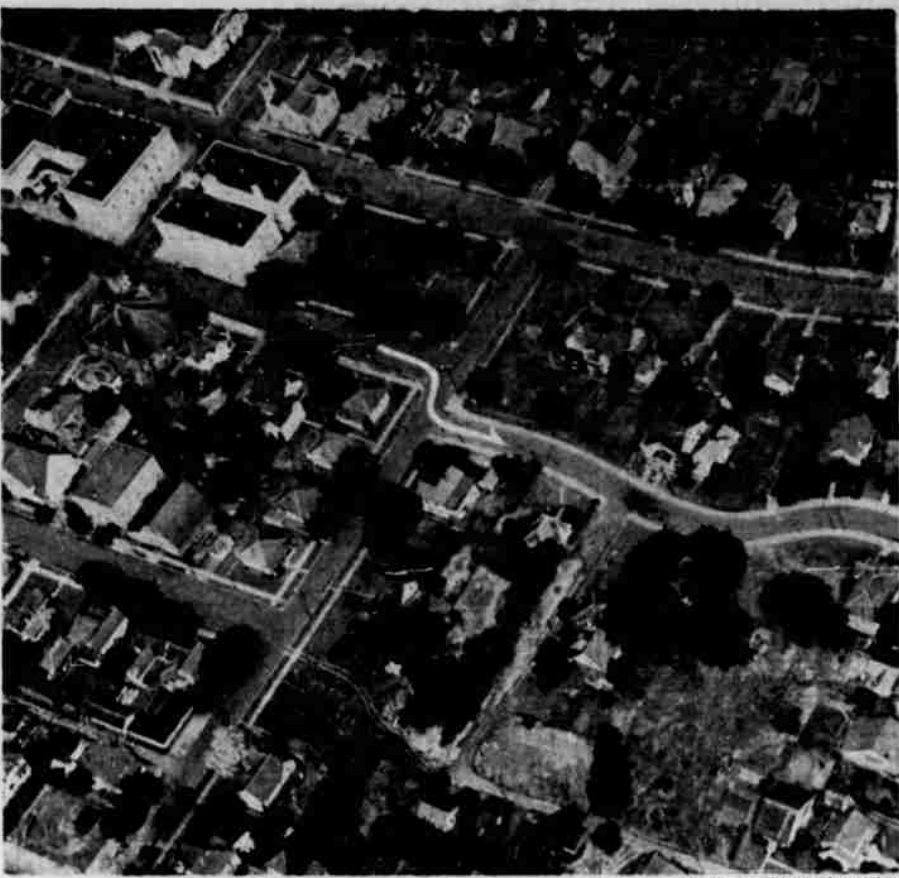


Marshall Presents Plan For Federalized German Nation

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SEEK WIDENING OF HAZARDOUS "JOG"—White arrow in the aerial picture above shows the corner at S. Jackson and Mosher St., which the city hopes to widen before the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. starts construction on its new building. A triangular section from the former Binger Hermann residence property, to the right of the arrow, is necessary for accomplishment of the street widening. The telephone company property, together with the narrow block on which the Kohlhaugen Apts. are situated, upper left, will be rezoned from second residence to business to permit construction of the telephone office building.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

JOHN L. LEWIS, in a letter containing only 20 words, calls off his contract termination notice of last November that touched off all the coal firestorms, including the recent rather spectacular supreme court decision.

Boiled down, there will be no coal strike this spring.

HERE is the obvious conclusion: Lewis—who, whatever else may be said of him, is smart—has decided that he's tangled with TOO BIG A TIGER.

ANOTHER conclusion: The handling of the Lewis-precipitated coal situation, right or wrong, is an example of FIRM government leadership in meeting an emergency. We've had comparatively little firm government leadership in the past.

Facing a showdown with Russia, we need more of it now. If we are to hold our own in the world situation that confronts us, we must have firm, decisive, WISE leadership on the part of our government.

Lacking such, we'll be in bad trouble.

THE Georgia supreme court (in a 5-2 decision) rejects the claims of Herman Talmadge and holds that M. E. Thompson is Georgia's legal governor.

Talmadge's father was elected

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Abolishment of Traffic Hazard Aim of Meeting of City Council, Phone Heads

Widening of the intersection at S. Jackson and Mosher St. will be sought by the City Council tonight, in a special meeting with officials of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.

To widen the hazardous "jog" in S. Jackson St., it will be necessary to acquire a triangular section of the former Binger Hermann residence property where the telephone company plans to erect its central office building and exchange.

A petition by residents of the neighborhood was presented to the council Monday night by Floyd C. Frear, who said it is "now or never" for widening the intersection to make it less of a traffic hazard.

Also to be considered tonight is the rezoning ordinance, which would reclassify the telephone company property, together with the narrow block on which the Kohlhaugen Apts. are located, from second residence to business.

Passage of the rezoning ordinance is required by the telephone company's plans for construction. According to Roseburg's zoning ordinance enacted last year, business structures may not be built in residence areas.

To avoid creating a separate business "island" for the telephone company at S. Jackson and Mosher Sts., the council provided that the adjacent narrow block between Lane and Mosher, S. Jackson and S. Main Sts., should also be rezoned from second residence to business. Lane St. is the present boundary of the business district.

Earlier this year, the council approached telephone company officials to see if the intersection could be widened. Engineering plans had proceeded "too far," the company said, for changes to be made. They also pointed out that the donation of a triangular section of the lot would mean elimination of off-street parking.

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Communism Perils U.S.—Acheson

Aid Requests Must be Met, Official Says

Secret Documents On Situation in Greece and Turkey Will be Bared

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—Under Secretary of State Acheson said today the existence of "Communist-dominated governments" any place in the world is "dangerous to the security of the United States."

Acheson made that reply when Rep. Judd (R-Minn.) asked whether a Communist-dominated government of China would be a danger to United States security.

For the second straight day, Acheson testified before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on President Truman's request for authority to use \$400,000,000 plus military advice and materials to help Greece and Turkey resist Communist aggression.

Before Judd's question, Acheson said that a Communist-dominated government in Greece would be considered dangerous to this country's security.

A moment later, he commented that "Communist organizations throughout the world appear to act with a high degree of discipline and unanimity which is beyond the probability of coincidence."

"Showdown" Favored

He said he favored whether the State Department knew of any "Communist government" in the world that is "not Soviet dominated."

At that point, Rep. Mervyn (R-N.H.) interjected that he favored a "showdown" with the Communists. He added:

"Mr. Stalin and his associates will not stop their program of aggressive expansion until the United States takes a firm stand."

Merrill asked whether the United States would be abandoning its world leadership by denying that.

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SALES TAX BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

Heavy Overhauling Faced By Measure Before Going To Senate for Final Vote

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR. SALEM, Ore., March 21.—(AP)—The Oregon Senate, with only a week or so left to work on it, got the 3 per cent sales tax bill from the House today amid predictions by House leaders that the bill would be almost unrecognizable by the time the Senate's Assessment and Taxation Committee works it over.

The House passed the measure late yesterday, 38 to 22, concluding three hours of the most bitter debate during the first 67 days of the legislature. The bill would be referred to the people at a special election June 24, the people already having beaten five sales tax proposals.

Levy on Gaming Devices Proposed In Oregon's Need

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR. SALEM, Ore., March 21.—(AP)—

The joint legislative Ways and Means Committee, which must decide quickly whether to make a drastic cut in all appropriations of more than \$5,000,000 for the next biennium, voted 6 to 5 today to ask the House Tax Committee to bring in the bill to levy a 30 per cent tax on slot machines, pinball games and punchboards.

The Tax Committee has tabled the bill, which would bring in about \$4,000,000.

The Ways and Means Committee took the action after Rep. Robert C. Gile, Roseburg, chairman of the House Tax Committee, held the Ways and Means group that his committee has finished its work. The committee's program includes the cigarette tax of 2 cents a package, which would bring in \$4,000,000.

The 3 per cent sales tax bill, which was passed 38 to 22 yesterday by the House and sent to the Senate, would not help the deficit, since it must go to the people.

Alternate Plan Offered

C. C. Chapman, chairman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Finance, suggested to the committee that one way out would be to have the deficit, and authorize the State Tax Commission, on July 1, 1948, to call a special election to levy a property tax to make up whatever deficit exists at that time. The property tax then probably would be offset by income taxes.

The committee also voted today to make relief payments a lien against the estates of persons receiving the payments, thus restoring a provision of the law that was eliminated in 1941.

The committee also is faced with having to make a 20 per cent

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House Group Adds O. K. To Tax Cut Plan

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—The House Ways and Means Committee today approved, 16 to 9, the Republican-backed bill to slash income taxes by 30 per cent for the small taxpayers and by 20 per cent for most others.

The legislation was headed for the House floor for a showdown next Thursday. The committee vote virtually followed party lines.

Before approving the measure, the committee rejected, 15 to 10, a motion by Rep. Doughton (D-N.C.) to postpone tax considerations "until we know what our foreign and other commitments will be" in connection with recent world developments.

The tax cut, under the legislation authorized by Ways and Means Chairman Knutson, would be effective as of last January 1.

Withholding from wages and salaries under the pay-as-you-go system would be slashed to conform with the tax reduction effective June 1. Taxpayers would get rebates for any overpayments between January and June under the new rates.

The bill provides an overall \$3,840,000,000 slash from the present individual tax collections of

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Flood Conditions In Britain Worse

LONDON, March 21.—(AP)—Gale warnings went up throughout Britain today and "worsening conditions" were reported in the nation's two most critical flood areas—the Fenland region in the east and the northern mining town of Bentley.

Rivers were reported receding in virtually all other areas, however, after the nation's worst flood disaster in living memory.

British soldiers and volunteers stacked more sandbags on a 12-mile long, seven-foot high dyke holding back the swollen Wyke river in the Fenlands, where entire communities and 110 square miles of rich farm land already were under water.

Trucks piled high with sand were dashing to the danger spots along roads dotted with fleeing flood refugees. RAF planes ranged over the region reporting the spread of ever-widening waters.

Two army amphibians sped the work of rescuing hundreds of families marooned in Bentley, ringed by churning waters and inundated up to a depth of six feet.

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County-Wide Radio Link Police Plan

County-wide police radio hookup is the proposal to be put before Roseburg's City Council and the Douglas County Court by Paul O. Lund, member of the city police commission.

The network would include a 50-watt transmitter for the county sheriff's equipment and a 10-watt transmitter for city police, and by installing a 500-watt transmitter in Roseburg, hookups could be made with communities throughout the county for complete coverage.

With 60 per cent of the county and city arrests being intoxicated, Lund declares that by procuring the equipment through the County Court's liquor control fund, which is obtained through a percentage of violation fines for furtherance of liquor control, a county-wide police radio network would not only save taxpayers much money in automobile maintenance and unnecessary travel, but aid in complete county law enforcement.

Lund's proposal is to have the County Court turn over its approximate \$3,800, now in the liquor control fund, to the county sheriff's office for the purchase of the equipment in conjunction with the city police.

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Senate Majority Backs Lilienthal

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—David E. Lilienthal has the present support of a majority of the Senate, an Associated Press check showed today.

Hence his confirmation as chairman of the Atomic Control Commission is almost certain unless some senators change their minds during debate.

Of 74 members willing to say how they would vote today on the controversial nomination 49—a clear majority of the 95 qualified members—said they intend to support the nomination. Senator Taft said debate on the issue probably will start Monday.

Forty-three senators, including Senator Capper, who had been undecided until today, have announced publicly their support of Lilienthal. Six others said privately they intend to vote "yes" but do not want their names used before they announce their stand in the Senate.

Twenty-five senators are listed as opposed to confirmation. Five of these, however, are withholding publication of their names until they can tell their colleagues in Senate speeches why they do not want to see the former TVA chief continue at the helm of the Atomic Commission. Lilienthal has been serving under a recess appointment since last January 1.

First Auction of Timber Dated by Forest Service

PORTLAND, Ore., March 21.—(AP)—The first timber auction instead of traditional sealed bid sales will be held early in May by the U. S. Forest Service on 76,187,000 board feet of Columbia National Forest timber.

The stands lie near Packwood, Wash. U. S. Forest Service officials said the auction method might avoid the possibility of a firm, dependent on obtaining the timber to remain in business, being forced to bid unnecessarily high. Recent sales have brought record prices.

Minimum prices will be set for the auction. The sale will also allow for reappraisal in April, 1949, should market conditions change decidedly.

New Sawmill to Operate On Sunshine Road

The S. and S. Lumber Co. will begin operation Monday of its new sawmill, at the Short Farm, on the Sunshine Road, seven miles from Roseburg. The mill is under management of Weston Scott. It will have an approximate daily cut of 15,000 feet.

Milk-Pop Bottle Gather Slated Here Tomorrow

Boy Scouts of Troop 4, Roseburg, will stage a milk and pop bottle drive tomorrow. Residents are asked to place all their old, empty milk and beverage bottles on their parking strips for a city-wide collection starting at 8 A. M. The collection will be made with the use of a truck donated by Mayor Al Flegel.

The Weather

Occasional light rain tonight and Saturday.

Rent Controls' Continuance, With State Advisory Groups, Urged by Senate Committee

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—A Senate Banking Subcommittee today unanimously approved legislation continuing rent controls through Feb. 29, 1948, without a general increase.

Chairman Buck (R-Del.) said the subcommittee will decide next on how the rent program will be administered after OPA goes out of business next June 30.

Raymond M. Foley, national housing administrator, recommended to the committee that rent ceilings be retained on new dwellings as well as on old houses.

"Complete removal of rent control or new construction," he said, "may in many instances result in excessive rents for accommodations constructed" after passage of legislation under consideration.

"It may also foster discontent on the part of owners of rental projects, recently constructed under the priority and permit regulations, who may still be subject to control," he continued.

Third Group Deserts Studio Union's Strike

HOLLYWOOD, March 21.—(AP)—The third defection from the ranks of Herbert K. Sorrell's striking conference of studio unions was reported today.

President Frances Millington announced that the screen story analysts had withdrawn from the CSU and would immediately petition major studios to open contract negotiations. The movie strike, a jurisdictional dispute between the CSU and another AFL group, the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, has been going on for over six months. Electricians and janitors began returning to work last week.

Fire Destroys Cabin at Myrtle Grove Auto Court

A cabin at the Myrtle Grove Court, 12 miles south of Roseburg, was destroyed this morning by fire caused by a defective flue. Loss was approximately \$1,000. Fire Chief Glenn H. Taylor estimated. Vacant at the time of the fire, the cabin was occupied by tourists last night.

Children playing in the basement of the Jim Nichols home, 442 E. Commercial St., set fire to boxes and rubbish this morning. Taylor also reported. Damage was slight.

Lake Weed Problem Put Up to Game Commission

SALEM, Ore., March 21.—(AP)—The joint legislative Ways and Means Committee voted today for a bill authorizing the State Game Commission to take steps to remove weeds from Tahkenitch and Sittoos lakes on the Oregon coast. The value of the lakes is being destroyed by the weed growth.

The committee estimated the \$25,000 appropriation, leaving it up to the Game commission to spend its money.

Bevins Joins in U. S. Proposal At Moscow

American Secretary of State Urges Quick Action To Advance Peace Treaty

MOSCOW, March 21.—(AP)—U. S. Secretary Marshall called on the council of foreign ministers today to set plans for the creation of a German government in motion at once and both he and Britain's Ernest Bevin presented programs for the organization of a federalized German nation.

Marshall laid down a three-point plan of procedure for settling up a German government.

First, he said, there should be "establishment of a provisional German government composed of the heads of the governments of the now existing states and laenders, including Berlin, and clothed with necessary powers to create and operate central administrative agencies."

To this end, he said, the laender or state governments should be completed "throughout Germany at an early date."

Second, Marshall called for "a drafting and acceptance of a constitution which shall be German in origin and which shall be consistent with democratic principles and the decentralization of government authority." All powers not assigned to the central government would remain in the state governments.

Third, Marshall said, there should be the assumption of the governmental authority by the central government created by the constitution and by the state authorities recognized by the constitution.

"I submit a proposal embodying these ideas," he said, "I feel that the process outlined above should be gotten under way at once, so that there will be properly constituted German authorities which can carry out the terms of the peace settlement on which we are now working."

Would Copy U. S. Form

British officials on the government structure for Germany called for creation of a two-house legislature of the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives; a president without executive powers and strong state rights.

Bevin was the first of the four ministers here to place his ideas on the structure of the German plan, envisioned a lower legislative chamber elected according to population and an upper chamber elected on the basis of a fixed number of representatives from each of the laender (states).

The council agreed to invite representatives of the Austrian government here immediately for discussion of the Austrian peace treaty.

Molotov, Soviet foreign minister, said he already had assured Foreign Minister Gruber, of Austria, that visas would be issued for the Austrians assigned to come to Moscow.

The action on Austria came after Marshall had urged the council to break the Austrian treaty impasse on what constitutes German assets in that country and had expressed hope that the treaty would be completed in

Iron, Steel For Russians Halted

BERLIN, March 21.—(AP)—A joint British-American announcement said today that British and American authorities had sharply reduced shipments of German iron and steel to the Soviet zone and were considering a total embargo because the Russian zone has failed to fulfill terms of a trade agreement.

The joint statement said the Soviet zone was lagging far behind its commitments under the agreement with the combined American-British zone to deliver foodstuffs and various other materials in exchange for steel and iron.

On the other hand, the statement said, deliveries of iron and steel up to the end of February had fulfilled 95 per cent of the British-American commitment.

"This failure (of the Russians) has placed the United States-British zone in an extremely difficult position," the statement asserted.

A report from Minden, headquarters of the British-American economic control group for the two western zones, said an embargo on all shipments of pig iron, steel and standard iron and steel products to the Russian zone had been ordered effective today.

But this report could not be confirmed officially until further conferences were held between British and American officials.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Greek is meeting Greek in the ages-old war area, and it's up to Uncle Sam to feed the government troops to demonstrate the truth of the axiom that an "army travels on its stomach."