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Truman's Major Plans For '48 Appear Doomed

Tax Reduction Proposal Sure Of Rejection

Inflation Remedy Also Spurned; Forced Military Training Held "Doubtful"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Most of President Truman's major 1948 legislative proposals, particularly his tax reduction and anti-inflation plans, appear headed today for a congressional wastebasket.

But several, including rent control extension, foreign aid, broadened social security coverage, higher minimum wages and civil rights guarantees, seemed likely to pass in compromise form. Still others, such as national health insurance and compulsory military training, were lumped in the "highly doubtful" category.

But leaders of both the Republican majority and the Democratic minority left little doubt that they look for the president's tax and anti-inflation plans to be rejected after prolonged wrangling likely to lay the foundation for this year's presidential and congressional elections.

Pending future strategy meetings—the House GOP steering

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

RAINIER national park assistant chief ranger (William J. Butler by name) refuses a \$5,000 reward for finding a marine transport plane that had crashed on the mountain. The reward had been offered by parents of marines who lost their lives.

He gets a pay raise of \$126 a year from the interior department (which runs the national parks) and a letter from Secretary Krug that amounts to a citation for courageously honorable conduct above and beyond the call of duty.

A WEEK and a half ago a B-29 crashed in the frozen Seward Peninsula area of Alaska. Reconnaissance from the air indicated survivors. Without hesitation, an army doctor and three paratroopers jumped to their aid.

RESEMBLY ALL FOUR DIED in the rescue attempt. The body of one paratrooper has been found and is being brought back to Fairbanks.

THERE were survivors. Among them were the B-29's pilot and navigator, who set off into the frozen wilderness in the face of

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Truman's Message on State Of Union Draws "Left Wing" Cry From Republican Chiefs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Republicans pinned a political "left-winger" label on President Truman today as they set out to counter his state of the union proposals with their own laws-making program in preparation for next November's ballot battles.

But Senator McGrath of Rhode Island, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, replied that the president has offered "a business-like, practical program of progressive liberalism."

Senator Taft of Ohio, an announced presidential candidate and chairman of his party's policy committee in the Senate, will take to the air tonight at 9:30 EST to compare Republican ideas for new laws with those of the president.

Amid cries that the president's proposal for a \$40-a-year "cost of living" tax cut for each taxpayer and dependent was "purely political," even some Republicans conceded that Mr. Truman may have made hay with individual voters while taking a poke at corporations.

In the first 25 minutes, while he was discussing the social welfare legislation he said Congress should enact to elevate living

New 4-H Club Agent of Douglas County Arrives

Frank Von Borstel, Jr., has arrived in Roseburg to assume his new duties as Douglas County 4-H Club agent. He succeeds to the position vacated by Kenneth Minnick, who recently transferred to Benton County.

A native of Grass Valley, Ore., near The Dalles, Von Borstel was active in 4-H Club work for more than 10 years. He attended Ore. State College school of agriculture, majoring in animal husbandry and taking an active part in 4-H Club campus activities.

He is a veteran of World War II, serving twice overseas in the European theater and wears battle stars for Rhine and Ruhr valley campaigns.

Joseph Wharton Resigns As Grants Pass Mayor

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Joseph A. Wharton, mayor of Grants Pass since 1943, resigned Wednesday.

Morris Milbank, city council president and owner of the Rogue River Box Company in Grants Pass, was named by the city council to fill the term which expires in 1949.

Wharton listed increased pressure of business as the reason for his action. He has operated a sporting goods store here since 1907. Wharton has been called "Dean of the Rogue" because of his command of fishing lore. His brother, Charles W. Wharton, recently resigned after serving as mayor of Roseburg. The Wharton family came to Oregon in 1887 from Worcester, Mass.

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Ousted Film Writers, One Producer Sue for Millions

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Ring Lardner, Jr., Lester Cole and Edward Dmytryk have filed suits for a total of \$3,165,925 against movie studios who removed them from their film jobs for refusal to answer questions before a House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington.

Dmytryk, producer and director, asked \$1,783,425 from R-K-O studio.

Lardner, a writer, demanded \$1,382,500 from Twentieth Century-Fox and asked that his \$2,000 weekly contract be declared in force. Cole's suit, directed at M-G-M, asked an injunction ordering the studio to put him back on his writing job at \$1,150 weekly.

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General Kuter Succeeds Landis on Air Board

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—President Truman today selected Maj. Gen. Laurence S. Kuter for chairmanship of the Civil Aeronautics Board succeeding James M. Landis.

Kuter is the United States representative on the council of the International Civil Aviation organization.

Landis was dropped as CAB chairman, at the end of last year. Mr. Truman gave no explanation of his decision not to reappoint the former New Dealer to the post.

Morse Says He Would Back Taft for President

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Ore. State College convocation here yesterday he would support the Republican party's presidential nominee—even Senator Taft of Ohio.

"Taft is not the great menace to his party or the country some would have you believe," Morse, who has differed sharply with the Ohio senator in congressional debate, said.

The statement came during a forum discussion. Replying to another question, the Oregon senator said former Vice President Henry A. Wallace is following the route of "fellow travelers—whether he knows it or not."

Morse's address was on inflation curbs, which he said should be tighter. He also spoke in favor of the Marshall plan to aid Europe.

Egg Grading Law's Tightening Favored

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—(AP)—More strict enforcement of Oregon's egg grading laws had the support today of the Oregon Poultry Council.

A committee was set up to work with the state director of agriculture that surveys indicated the quality of eggs was not always what the label on the carton promised consumers.

Forbes Buxton, Molalla, was elected president. Felix Wright, Silverton, was named a vice president.

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Youth To Die For Murder Of Two Officers

RENO, Nev., Jan. 8.—(AP)—David Blackwell, 18-year-old Tacoma youth, must pay with his life for the deaths of two Reno police detectives.

In sentencing the escaped Monroe, Wash., reformatory inmate to be executed the week of March 14 in the Nevada gas chamber, District Judge Merwyn Brown said Blackwell had shown a "coldblooded and ruthless disregard for human life."

"I am astounded at how a youth of this age could be launched on such a deliberate career of crime," the judge added.

Blackwell pleaded guilty to murder in connection with the shooting Nov. 8 of Capt. Roy Geach, 36, and after a hearing of evidence required by Nevada law Judge Brown fixed the charge at first degree murder.

Defense attorneys Ernest Brown and Robert Wells said they would confer with Blackwell's family on the question of appeal.

The youthful slayer admitted shooting Geach and Det. Sgt. Allan Glass, 36, when they sought to arrest him for questioning in connection with a series of robberies. He still has not entered a plea.

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Warning Given On Greek Red "Govt."

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Eastern Europe's Soviet satellites are preparing to recognize the Communist Greek "government" of Markos Vafiades despite western warnings that the move will bring about a major international crisis, high diplomatic authorities representing those countries said here today.

These informants, who said that the ultimate objective of the Communists was to capture Athens itself, predicted that recognition of the Vafiades regime was at most a question of months.

Only yesterday Britain and the United States advised Yugoslavia and Bulgaria of the "serious implications" of such a step, which they said would be contrary to the principles of the United Nations charter.

With Greece under Communist control, Russia would have a strong foothold in the eastern Mediterranean which would enable her to dominate not only the economically weak Arab states but also the well-armed countries of Southern Europe.

Turkey would be effectively isolated from the west by a chain of states sympathetic to Russia's international policies.

The route to Iran—and to the other Arab countries producing much of the world's oil—would be accessible only with the greatest difficulty.

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There were no casualties. One messenger boy was saved from drowning, and a man reported missing was found to have slept

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George V. Allen Named Asst. Secretary of State

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—President Truman announced today he is appointing George V. Allen, now ambassador to Iran, as assistant secretary of state for public affairs.

Allen, a native of Durham, N. C., will succeed William Benton, who recently resigned.

The post carries with it direction of the state department "Voice of America" broadcasts and other foreign information programs.

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NEW G.O.P. SLOGAN WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The Republican party came up with a 1948 victory slogan today: "Vote Republican in 1948—Save What's Left."

In 1946 it was "Had Enough?"



HIGHWAY BRIDGE DAMAGED—This is the Pacific Highway bridge four miles south of Dillard, which received a severe battering from the South Umpqua River during Tuesday night's storm. The upper view is taken from the up-river side, showing the twisted girders of the super-structure. View at right shows the center pier, split in two by the river's swift currents. Additional flood pictures may be found on Page 2.

Northwest Floods Begin To Recede, Leaving Six Deaths, Disarranged Highway Travel

(By the Associated Press)

Six floodwater deaths were counted today in the Pacific Northwest as rivers began to recede throughout widely scattered valley areas of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Oregon's central Willamette valley areas however braced for the flood crest striking today at Salem, the capital city.

Five of the drownings were in Oregon—three persons in a Rogue River cable car, a horseman attempting to ford Clallam Creek, and a 20-month-old Stuyton child who fell into a ditch.

Washington's lone death, reported today, was Leland H. Williamson, 24, a White Salmon, Wash., tractor driver who plunged into a swollen stream when a bridge gave way under his machine.

Freezing temperatures over the inland Empire country of eastern Washington and northern Idaho last night sharply reduced stream flow. The Palouse River was down markedly today, easing the situation at Pullman, Wash., where 300 Washington State College students had been evacuated from trailer houses.

Eugene Area Eased In western Oregon light and scattered showers replaced the torrential downpour which, continuing for days, had pushed all rivers into flood.

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Consulation Set On Proposed Aid For China WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The new proposal of American aid for China forecast by President Truman will be submitted to Congress after special envoys of Chiang Kai-Shek have been consulted, administration officials said today.

Calling for \$300,000,000 or possibly more, it is expected to be put into final shape within the next two weeks.

Sen. Thomas Parkinson Files for Re-election SALEM, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—State Sen. Thomas Parkinson, Roseburg Republican and Circuit Judge Victor Oliver, Albany, filed their candidacies for reelection today.

Senator Parkinson represents Douglas County, while Judge Oliver's district includes Benton and Linn Counties.

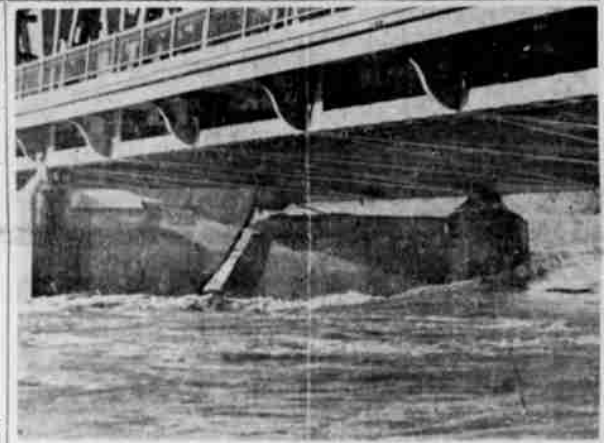
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Pictures by Paul Jenkins

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Greece Orders Equipment To Boost National Guard ATHENS, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. William G. Livesay, chief of the U. S. military mission in Greece, disclosed today that the Greek government has ordered 40,000 rifles and necessary ammunition from England to arm an augmented Greek national guard.

The United States, through its aid mission, approved an increase in the size of the national guard this week from 20,000 men to 50,000 men. The army is to be increased from 120,000 to 132,000 men and freed of its security duties in order to concentrate on seeking out and attacking Communist Guerrillas.

Ex-Publicity Chief Of Demo Committee Dies WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Charles Michelson, 79, newspaperman and former publicity director of the Democratic National Committee for 13 years, died today.

In 1940 he promoted a third term for Franklin D. Roosevelt—the first ever given a president.

A native of Virginia City, Nev., he started his newspaper career as a \$7 a week reporter on the San Francisco Post.

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Additional Container Allowed Pear Shippers SALEM, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—The State Department of Agriculture today granted pear shippers permission to use an additional container for pears during the current shipping season.

The container is 5 3/16 inches deep, 11 1/2 inches wide, and 16 1/8 inches long. If the container becomes popular, it may be added to the list of standard containers.

Flood Washes Out S. P. Tracks Near Dunsmuir SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Rains of the past 48 hours in northern California caused damage in the vicinity of Eureka and Dunsmuir.

Flood waters struck near Dunsmuir, washing out 190 feet of Southern Pacific track. Buses carried 200 passengers around the break.

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Farmer Driving Cattle Killed by Truck's Blow SILVERTON, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—John Henry Drake, 62, Silverton farmer, was killed last night when struck by a logging truck on the highway three miles north of here.

He was driving a herd of cattle across the road when the accident occurred.

Old Road Over Roberts Mt. Being Used

Travel Restricted To Passenger Cars; Repairs To Span 3 Months' Job

Traffic on the Pacific Highway in the Dillard area is being detoured on the Roberts Mountain Road today, while engineers investigate the extent of damages to the steel-and-concrete highway bridge which was severely battered by the rain-swollen South Umpqua River Tuesday. K. D. Lytle, State Highway Department engineer, said.

Only passenger cars are being allowed to travel over the road. Convoys are being escorted through in each direction by a pilot car. Lytle said the Clark Creek Road, in the same area, might be opened today as an additional detour for northbound traffic, while the Roberts Mountain Road would be used for southbound traffic.

Yesterday afternoon the detour was closed for graveling. A good country road, it was not bearing up under the heavy traffic suddenly diverted from the highway. The gravel will also enable inexperienced drivers to negotiate the steep grades and crooked turns. State and county road crews were cooperating in maintaining the detour.

Other Routes Designated

Trucks and buses will have to use either the Oregon Coast or the Dalles-California Highways until highway crews can erect temporary bridges. It was reported in Salem that the Army had loaned two Bailey bridges which would be erected in three weeks. Salem also reported that it will take three months to repair the main 400-foot span.

The Pacific Greyhound Lines were providing service from Portland to Roseburg today. California-bound passengers were being routed by way of Eugene and Klamath Falls. West Coast Trailways buses are not operating today in either direction.

Lytle said the Umpqua Highway between Drain and Reedsport is expected to be open to traffic this afternoon. The Coast Highway is still closed at Riverston, in Coos County. The Coos Bay-Roseburg Highway is open to travel.

Two Truck Drivers Unreported After N. Umpqua Trip

Two drivers for the Flegel Transfer and Storage Co. were still unreported today after starting on a trip up the North Umpqua Road to the California-Oregon border.

Forest Ranger M. M. Nelson, supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest, reported.

Although portions of the North Umpqua Road were covered by the river and closed by slides, it was believed that the two drivers had reached Toketee Camp with their loads. Telephone lines were severed in the slides, which occurred at Bogus Creek, 38 miles east of Roseburg.

Names of the drivers were given as Richard Dunning and Roy Mullett, both of Roseburg.

Yesterday an aerial search of the road was given by Albert G. Flegel, manager of the transfer company, piloted by George Felt, manager of the Roseburg airport. The two trucks were not sighted.

Bridge Held By Cables Forest Rangers George W. Churchill and Joe Elliott hiked to Steamboat Creek yesterday. Churchill was to reestablish telephone communications, while Elliott proceeded up the river beyond Steamboat Creek. Nelson said the Steamboat Creek Bridge, which washed out two years ago, was saved by being secured to the shore with cables.

A bulldozer was dispatched by the California-Oregon Power Co. to clear the slides at Bogus Creek, Nelson said.

The North Umpqua Road was covered by water at Deadman Creek, a few miles above Steamboat Creek, but a light truck was taken over the road when the water receded.

Communication has not yet been established to the Tiller area, Nelson said. The Tiller-Trail highway was closed by slides near Milo Tuesday. Other flood and storm damage in the South Umpqua area has not been learned.

Italian Police Disperse Red-Directed Strike TRIESTE, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The Communist-dominated United Syndicate of Labor Unions staged a general strike today in protest against the arraignment of 21 Partisans arrested Sunday at nearby Opicina. Police estimated the strike was 75 per cent effective.

The Partisans were arrested in a clash with Venezia Giulia civil police when the police dispersed an unauthorized demonstration.

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Levity Fact Rant By L. F. Rasmussen's

President Truman has proposed to Congress a \$40 individual income tax cut. At current prices that would allow about enough for a "chicken in every pot."