

GOV. HALL LARGES INITIATIVE ON TAX FUND

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BENEFIT TICKET NO. 1 BOUGHT—Dick Gilman, left, chairman of ticket sales for the March of Dimes Ball tomorrow night, sells the first ticket to the affair to Bill Hensen, president of the Roseburg Active Club. The ball will be in the Roseburg Armory. The Active Club took charge of ticket sales, while members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce will decorate the Armory.

Cold Wave Relents in North But Worsens in South, Posing Threat to Crops, Livestock

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Relief from the severe cold weather which has enveloped nearly every section of the country appeared in prospect for some areas today. Alleviating in some measure the critical fuel shortage which has crippled production in many industries and brought discomfort to thousands.

GMC Restrained On Insurance Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Federal Judge John Bright today issued a temporary restraining order in New York City barring General Motors Corporation from putting an employee insurance plan into effect on Feb. 1.

The court's action was announced here by the National Labor Relations Board. Robert N. Denham, the board's general counsel, requested the order, contending that GM had failed to bargain on the insurance plan with the CIO Auto Workers Union. Denham charged this was an unfair labor practice.

Judge Bright gave GM until Feb. 3 to say why it should not be barred permanently on the plan. Denham told the court that GM was attempting to place its own insurance plan into effect without bargaining with the union as the firm had agreed to do in its present contract.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS these words are written, there is no shooting news on the wires. Nobody, at the moment, seems to be fingering a trigger.

That is always something to be thankful for.

The French have "devalued" the franc. That is to say, a pound or a dollar will now buy MORE francs.

Why did they do so?

Their reason is interesting, but isn't made fully clear to us common ordinary people, who don't keep up on such matters. Primarily, they want to sell more goods to America, and are jiggling the value of the franc as a sort of shot in the arm to make that possible.

How does it work?

Quite simply. If you're buying goods in Paris, you have to pay for them in francs, not dollars. So you first buy francs, and with your francs you pay your bill. That's how international trade is carried on.

The more francs you can buy

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Truman Seeks Extension Of Power To Control Grain Use

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—President Truman asked Congress today to extend until Oct. 31 his power to control use of grain, saying the present shortage "jeopardizes the national security."

In a special message to Congress, Mr. Truman recommended that his authority over grain be extended under the second war powers act "with respect to allocation and inventory control of grain for the production of ethyl alcohol regardless of the use to which the product is to be put."

Mr. Truman acted after a House committee shoved aside his request for legislation providing a temporary extension of controls which would affect the amount of grain allocated to distillers for use in whisky-making.

The power to control distillers' use of grain will end Saturday.

Mr. Truman called attention of Congress to the gravity of "a critical shortage of grain which threatens to become even more serious during the next few months."

The President said the situation "can not be solved" by voluntary agreements within the industry.

He submitted a proposed measure for the conservation of grain giving controls over its use for production of ethyl alcohol, "including but not limited to distilled spirits and neutral spirits."

The Weather

Warmer tonight and Friday; occasional light rain tonight.

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ROSEBURG, OREGON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1948

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French Banks Padlocked In Anti-Inflation Move

Author of Tax Cut Bill Asks Demo Support

Slash May be Pruned to Assure Enough Votes To Override Expected Veto

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The House voted today to consider the \$6,500,000,000 tax-cutting bill under procedure barring any changes. Democrats cried "Gag."

Rep. Cox (D-Ga.) told the House that for Democrats to offer the President's \$40 per person tax reducing plan (with a corporation excess profits tax to make up the revenue loss) "would be not much more than a piece of foolishness."

While the procedure voted by the House allows no amendments, Democrats will get one chance to offer a complete substitute for Knutson's bill. Cox told his party members the President's proposal hasn't a chance. He proposed that the Democrats rally behind a proposal by Rep. Doughton (D-NC) to trim the Republican bill from \$6,500,000,000 to around \$4,000,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Rep. Knutson today made a direct appeal for Democrats in Congress to split with President Truman on the big election year tax-cutting issue.

He declared his bill to lower income taxes by \$6,500,000,000 is needed to help meet the high cost of living and "preserve the American system."

"Do not be misled again," Knutson told the Democrats in a speech leading off debate on the measure.

"If there ever was a need to encourage production to combat inflation, it is today."

"If there ever was a need to provide relief to the individual income taxpayer from the oppressive war income taxes which are stifling initiative and preventing business expansion, it is today."

Last year President Truman twice vetoed bills by Knutson, who is chairman of the ways and means committee, to trim taxes \$4,000,000,000 a year. Enough Democrats held the party line in Congress to uphold the President.

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Meat Price War's End Not in Sight

ST. HELENS, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—New "bargains" were promised by butchers here for the weekend as the meat price war wound out its fourth week with no end in sight.

Ernie Peterson, partner of a store that opened Jan. 2 and who claims to have forced prices downward—said "We're making money."

Jack Sappington, who offered free ham earlier this week, said he couldn't see an end to the price slash spiral. He added he would just as soon stop the meat for loss leader items, however.

His specialty yesterday featured three pounds of hamburger for \$1. His stiffest competitor yesterday was offering pork roasts at 45 cents a pound, pork loin at 55, sirloin and round beef roasts at 49 and round steak at 52.

Other market operators, not enthused about the price cutting wave, agreed it was still in full swing.

There are nine meat markets in the city.

Buyers started flocking into the Columbia river community 25 miles from Portland, last week end when the war was in its third sensational week.

Peterson said his shop was buying animals from farmers and having them custom slaughtered. This he explained, permitted the price drop at a profit.

"We're doing all right," he added, "with the volume we're getting we're making money. This can keep up a long time and we won't complain."

First Shipment Leaves Dillard Separator Plant

First carload of stock from the new battery separator plant of the Dillard Wood Specialties, Inc., was shipped to California Wednesday, it was reported today.

The new plant, located at Dillard east of the Pacific Highway, is equipped with two Bamford slicers, one automatic equalizer and train machine, and three double groovers.

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French Banks Padlocked In Anti-Inflation Move

Withdrawal From Circulation Of 5,000-Franc Notes Planned To Crush Speculation, Black Market

PARIS, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The government proposed today to withdraw all its 5,000-franc notes from circulation as a blow at both inflation and the black market.

Four Injured In Collision of Cars

Four persons were taken to Mercy Hospital with injuries resulting from a head-on automobile collision Wednesday morning, 24 miles east of Days Creek, State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported.

Sgt. Harrell described the condition of Alex Campbell, Days Creek, passenger in one of the two cars involved, as "critical," with the full extent of his injuries not yet known.

Drivers of the two automobiles involved were named as Mrs. Edith Epping and Raymond M. O'Neill, both of Days Creek. Mrs. Epping was traveling east after taking a carload of children to school, while O'Neill was traveling west with three passengers.

The two cars met on the crest of a hill on the Days Creek Road, which is of gravel and was frozen, Sgt. Harrell said.

Mrs. Epping, O'Neill, Campbell, and Lloyd Bobbington, also of Days Creek, were brought to the hospital. H. J. Campbell was the only passenger not injured. Mrs. Epping suffered serious leg injuries and shock; O'Neill, shock, and Bobbington, shock and bruises.

Attendants at Mercy Hospital reported this morning that Bobbington and O'Neill were released after treatment.

Rail Car Shortage To Continue Through 1948

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The head of the Office of Defense Transportation said yesterday that the rail car shortage will continue for a long time.

Col. J. Monroe Johnson said the railroad industry would need to have 600,000 new cars and retire 300,000 old ones for perfect movement of freight.

The shortage is bound to continue through this year, he said. "If we build 10,000 new cars a month from now on," he said, "we will have only as many cars as we had in 1946 by next October."

He added that 10,000 a month aren't being built; last month's production was 9800; this month's, about 9000.

The rail car shortage eased in this area recently, but Johnson warned it would grow tight again in a month or so.

Ray Buckley, Accident Victim, Said Improving

Condition of Ray Buckley, owner of Ray Buckley Motors, who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident Tuesday evening, is reported to be "better" today, Chief of Police Calvin Baird said.

Buckley was riding a three-wheeled motorcycle, which struck the concrete divider at N. Stephens St. and E. 2nd Ave. W. Buckley was taken to Mercy Hospital suffering a skull fracture and head concussion, the chief reported.

A check by police with Mrs. Buckley indicated that his condition was less critical today.

Oregon Labor Pool to Get Heavy Influx of Vets

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The Veterans Administration today reported there would be a heavy influx of veterans from colleges into the Oregon labor pool by 1950.

The VA said that is the year when most of the ex-GI men and women will graduate and that nearly half the 11,780 veterans enrolled in Oregon colleges are sophomores.

Many will withdraw from school earlier, however, and the education benefits of others will expire before 1950.

Soviet Protests U. S. Air Base Reopening

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Russia has objected to U. S. plans to reopen an air base in North Africa.

First word that a formal protest has been filed with both the United States and Britain came in a Moscow radio broadcast today.

Government officials, confirming that the protest was received here last week, said a reply will be sent to Moscow within the next few days.

Senator Belton Out for Post Of State Treasurer



SENATOR H. C. BELTON

CANBY, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—State Sen. Howard C. Belton, Canby farmer, announced yesterday he would run for the Republican nomination for state treasurer.

Belton was president of the Senate in 1945, and is now in the middle of his third senatorial term.

Two other candidates are in the running for the Republican nomination for the same position. They are former Public Utilities Commissioner Ormond R. Bean and Sigfrid B. Unander, former secretary to ex-Governor Charles A. Sprague. Both are from Portland.

State Sen. Walter Pearson, Portland, is the only Democrat who was announced for the position.

U. S. Alley Cats May Go to Europe To War on Rats

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The United States may send an expeditionary force of tough alley cats abroad to kill rats pliering Europe's food reserves.

That, at least, is the proposal of the American Feline Society which, heading a plea from the London Daily Mirror, suggested yesterday that an army of 1,000 healthy and vigorous work cats be mobilized here for rat extermination duties in Europe.

Society president Robert L. Kendall, who conceded that the operation still is in the planning stage, suggested that a token task force of some 5,000 felines be packed off as soon as possible. They would be released in dock areas and near food distribution centers.

Kendall said only back alley brawlers would be "drafted" for the rodent hunting junket. Pedigreed cats aren't wanted—just the "toughies."

Members of the committee besides Dr. Hanford are Mrs. Roy O. Young, Rev. Morris H. Roach, W. C. Holmes, Frank Ashley, Dick Gilman and Frank Denton.

Portland Tenants Get Rental Boost Notices

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Tenants in apartment building here have received notices of rental increases from 4 to 20 per cent to be effective March 1, the day after expiration of federal rent controls.

D. A. Dryer, agent for owners of the Savoy Apartments, said the tenants were given a choice of signing the leases or vacating in 30 days. The building has 42 apartments, including one occupied by James E. Fadling, Portland area rent advisory board member and CIO Woodworkers president.

Dryer said the increases asked were to cover over-all increases in operating costs of 36.7 per cent.

Stanford University's President Dies in N. Y.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Dr. Donald B. Tresidder, 53, president of Stanford University at Palo Alto, Calif., died last night in his suite at a hotel here.

Police attributed the educator's death to natural causes.

Dr. Tresidder arrived in New York last Friday to attend a meeting of the Association of American Universities' policy committee of which he is chairman.

Libel Suit Hits Witness At Un-American Hearing

SEATTLE, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Jerry J. O'Connell, long prominent in Democratic state party ranks, filed a \$15,000 libel and slander suit in Superior Court yesterday against Louis Budenz, a witness at the state un-American activities committee hearing.

The suit involves testimony given by Budenz at yesterday's opening hearing session. The complaint asks \$750,000 in each of two causes of action.

Fiery Crash Of Plane Kills 32 Occupants

FRESNO, Calif., Jan. 29.—(AP)—The bodies of 32 persons who perished when a chartered transport plane loaded with Mexican deportees crashed and burned yesterday were being brought out of Los Gatos canyon today.

The Civil Aeronautics authority early today began an investigation of the disaster which killed 28 Mexicans, three crew members, and a U. S. immigration service guard. There were no survivors.

Witnesses said an engine fire apparently set on wing ablaze, the wing tore off and the DC-3 plunged in flames.

The plane was operated by Airline Transport Carriers, Burbank, Calif., under charter to the immigration service.

Four Americans Included

Irving F. Wilson, director of the United States immigration service at San Francisco, said the Mexican nationals were being flown to the deportation center at El Centro, Calif., for return to Mexico.

Wilson said the group included Mexican nationals who had entered the United States illegally, and others who had stayed beyond duration of work contracts in California. All were agricultural workers, he said.

The crew was identified as Frank Atkinson, Long Beach, the pilot; Mrs. Obbie Atkinson, his wife stewardess, and Marion Ewing, Balboa, copilot.

Plans for Hospital Further Discussed

Plans for the construction of a Douglas Community Hospital were further discussed yesterday at a meeting of the Douglas Hospital Committee.

The main factors considered were the attainment of a suitable location for the hospital, the establishment of committee headquarters, and the organization of a fund-raising drive.

Three tentative sites for the hospital are now under consideration, pending a council of architectural advisors, who will be contacted by Dr. Roy Hanford, chairman of the committee.

The committee plans to maintain headquarters at a convenient location in Roseburg for the purpose of administration of the hospital program.

The estimated amount required for the project is \$500,000, one-third of which would be an expected grant from the federal government. The plan is to acquire another third from local taxes and the remaining third through public subscription.

The committee will meet again Friday, Feb. 6, at the first of a series of scheduled weekly sessions.

Members of the committee besides Dr. Hanford are Mrs. Roy O. Young, Rev. Morris H. Roach, W. C. Holmes, Frank Ashley, Dick Gilman and Frank Denton.

Pioneer Denn Ranch at Camas Valley Purchased

Sale of the 1,377-acre ranch of Mrs. Ada J. Denn in Camas Valley to A. G. Hall, formerly of San Clemente, Calif., at a price of more than \$50,000 was reported today. Considerable equipment and livestock were included in the sale.

The ranch has been held by the Denns for many years, the family being among the early settlers in Camas Valley. Details of the transaction were handled by the Roseburg Realty Co., Hall who formerly ranched in Colorado and California, will operate the property as a grain and livestock ranch.

Mrs. Denn's future plans have not been disclosed.

Power to Limit Grain for Whiskey Ends Saturday

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The government's power to limit use of grain in whiskey will end Saturday.

The House Banking Committee, killed by a 12 to 9 vote a bill to continue the curbs through February.

Authority for the grain rationing through Jan. 31 was part of the anti-inflation law passed during the 1947 special session. The Senate voted last Friday to extend it another month.

DIGNITY VS. DOLLARS

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Philadelphia used car dealers got together and voted thumbs down on such trade names as "More Money Max," "The Smiling Irishman," and "Top Dollar Joe."

Names like that, the dealers solemnly agreed in a resolution last night, are not in keeping with the industry's "desire to maintain a dignified attitude in its transactions with the public."

\$14 Million Idle, Growing, He Points Out

Transfer to General Fund To Permit Additions to Colleges Aim of Request

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—Governor John H. Hall at a meeting last night urged Oregon voters to initiate a November ballot measure authorizing transfer of idle income tax fund surpluses for construction of college and university buildings.

The governor said the \$14,000,000 "now gathering dust in the treasury" will remain untouched until at least 1950 and continue to grow unless allocated by the people.

He spoke at a Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Earlier this week the state board of higher education sent to the governor's office a \$24,500,000 building program and asked for \$12,000,000 to erect urgently needed structures.

Hall said the transfer would not represent additional tax levies and that the state had allocated only \$100,000 for campus buildings in the 15-year period between 1930 and 1945.

He said the enrollment had jumped 76 per cent from the pre-war peak of 9902 to 17,416 students this year.

Only Fund Available

The income tax fund is expected to grow to \$31,000,000 in June, 1948, and to \$45,000,000 by June, 1949, Hall reported. He said all other funds are specifically earmarked and that the general fund will show a \$10,000,000 deficit at the end of the biennium.

Property taxes are nearing the saturation point, he said, which leaves only the income tax fund for the school structures.

The governor said such a move would come up anyway in the 1949 legislature which would refer the amendment to the voters the following year.

Hall's Proposal Campaign Propaganda, Salon Charges

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Governor John H. Hall's proposal for an initiative to use income tax surpluses for construction of college and university buildings drew fire today from State Sen. Dean H. Walker. Independence, chairman of the Senate ways and means committee and former president of the Senate.

But Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, said "the money couldn't be put to a better purpose." He said colleges and schools are in "desperate

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Dimes March Fund Stands at \$4,600

As the 1948 March of Dimes nears its close, contributions to date stand at more than \$4,600, Del McKay, city chairman, reported.

The official March of Dimes Dance—"The President's Ball"—will wind up the local campaign on a note of festivity at the Roseburg armory tomorrow night, he said. Proceeds from the dance will go toward the collo fund.

Several contributions are expected to be turned in before the close of the week from the city schools and a number of business houses and industrial plants, McKay said.

The campaign headquarters, located in the front window of J. C. Penney's store on N. Jackson St., will remain open Saturday to receive late contributions in the drive.

"Ticket sales for the dance are 'very good' and a record turnout was predicted by Dick Gilman, chairman of the local committee for the Roseburg Active Club.

Decorations for the Armory are being prepared by members of the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce, while music for the affair will be provided by Jerry Wilson and his orchestra.

Rose School children have donated a total of \$74 to the March of Dimes fund. It was reported late this morning at campaign headquarters.

Burton Hutton Named Asst. 4-H Club Leader

CORVALLIS, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The appointment of Burton Hutton as assistant director of Radio Station KALE in Portland, as assistant state 4-H Club leader was announced today.

Hutton will assume the post March 1, succeeding Miss Helen Cowell, who retired. A graduate of Roseburg High School and Oregon State College, Hutton worked on the Pendleton East Oregonian and the Corvallis Gazette-Times before entering the radio field.

Locity Fact Rent

By L. F. Katsenelson

General Eisenhower, it seems, would rather be the executive head of Columbia University than the worried head of "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean."