

State Pension Bill Has No Legal Effect

Merely Declaration Of Policy, Ruling of Neuner; Welfare Not Affected

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 15 — (AP) — Oregon's voter-approved old age pension measure is "of no effect" as law and is only a declaration of policy, Attorney General George Neuner declared Saturday.

The attorney general's opinion, given to the State Board of Control, apparently gets the state out from behind its financial eight-ball.

His opinion said "this act, in the form in which it now exists, has the characteristics of a legislative resolution on the subject

of public policy but when stripped of its surplusage and otherwise ineffective provisions, it fails to enact such public policy into law; on the contrary, it expressly leaves such enactment to subsequent legislation."

The saving feature of the opinion so far as maintaining past welfare payments uninterrupted is the statement that "this act does not repeal, amend or otherwise affect the present public assistance laws of this state."

The State Public Welfare Commission, uncertain of the effect of the measure on federal sharing of costs, indicated it would make no further payments until the situation was clarified.

The state's credit also was in question. Investment houses had declined to bid on a \$2,000,000 bond issue offered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Hearing Summarized

Neuner's summary of what the measure, approved by the voters in the recent general election, means:

"In its present form this measure is effective as a declaration by the people that the public policy of this state is, among other things, that \$50 per month is the minimum requirement necessary to maintain life; that any woman of the age of 60 years, or more, and any man of the age of 65 years, or more, who receives an income of less than \$50 a month is a 'needy' person and that this state recognizes an obligation to provide such an amount to all needy persons otherwise qualified. It constitutes a definite recommendation by the people to the legislature that the public policy so declared be enacted into law."

But, as a law itself, the opin-

Princess Elizabeth Gives Birth to Son

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This is not an automatic title, but one created. Throughout history it has been exclusive to the sovereign's eldest son.

Ordinarily, Elizabeth's son might have to wait for the honor until his mother became queen, but it is felt in some circles that a special dispensation might enable him to assume it sooner.

The infant is second-in-line heir presumptive to the throne because there are several possible—but unlikely—contingencies in the succession.

Boys have an edge on girls in the succession. It is a medical fact that Queen Elizabeth can have no more children. But as a historian learned in such matters put it:

"If our dear queen should die—which God forbid—and his majesty should marry again and have a son by his second wife..."

Name Not Yet Announced

Britons everywhere rejoiced as the word spread around the world. And their jubilant feelings were echoed in the hearts of people everywhere.

Today, 41-gun salutes will boom out and bells will peal from thousands of churches throughout the Commonwealth.

Although the name of Elizabeth's son was not announced, King George already has disclosed he will have the title of Prince of Edinburgh and will be addressed as "royal highness."

The infant's name will perhaps be kept secret until the christening—probably in the church at Sandringham, King George's favorite country estate, where the family is expected to spend Christmas.

One may assume that selections have been made—and that two of them are George, for the king, and Philip, for the father. Albert may be included in deference to a custom initiated by Queen Victoria, who asked that the name of her consort be included in that of future princes. In the running, too, is Louis, for Earl Mountbatten, Philip's uncle.

Defense Emphasis Put On Saving Injured

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sons might be engaged in civil defense. But during normal times the force would be small—technical men to train volunteers, organizations to keep municipal and state defense units in existence and up to date on developments, teams of specialists skilled in dealing with radio-active dangers, poison gas attack or the menace of what the planners called only "other special weapons."

Germ Warfare Feared

What this means—but what military security did not allow the civil defense planning office to say openly—is germ warfare.

From indirect reference in the report, it is apparent that some recommendations for protecting the population against bacteriological warfare have been decided upon. But they can not be published for the advice either of the public or of civil defense workers. Instead, they had to be turned over to the research and development board of the national military establishment. A flat ban on any reference to bacteriological warfare has been imposed by the military.

The germ warfare recommendations obviously deal not only with possible attack on humans but on the crops and livestock of the nation. Three experts, one in each field, who are members of the secret bacteriological warfare project to Camp Detrick, Md., were on the planning group.

Record Jackpot Won By Wife of Jobless Man

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 — (AP) — Prizes valued at \$30,200—biggest jackpot in the history of the American Broadcasting Company's "Stop the Music" giveaway show—were won last night by the wife of an unemployed jewelry salesman.

The winner, Mrs. Edward Easton, 34, of Attleboro, Mass., struck it rich by identifying the program's "mystery melody" over the telephone as "The Minstrel's Return From the War."

lion said, it is "invalid, inoperative and of no effect."

It adds, "the administrative duties of the State Public Welfare Commission and other public agencies are in no way altered or changed by the voters' approval of the initiative measure identified as the Oregon Old Age Pension Act."

The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office

Roseburg, Oregon
Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Mostly cloudy with occasional showers today. Partly cloudy and slightly warmer Tuesday.

Highest temp. any Nov. 76
Lowest temp. for any Nov. 14
Highest temp. yesterday 62
Lowest temp. last night 40
Precipitation yesterday .12
Precipitation from Nov. 1—1.68
Precipitation from Sept. 1—4.37
Deficient from Nov. 1—35

Mrs. M. V. Payne Of Garden Valley Dies

Mrs. Maxine Verna Payne, 35, resident of Garden Valley, died Nov. 14 after a short illness. She was born July 24, 1913, in Lane County, Kansas and came to Oregon six years ago to make her home.

Surviving are her husband, Alvin Lee Payne, and a son, Harold LeRoy Payne, both of Roseburg; three brothers, Floyd and George Plummer, both of Warrenton; and Carl Plummer, Garden City, Kansas; six sisters, Mrs. Ruby Neptune, Roseburg; Mrs. Fern Fenton, Riddle; Mrs. Leona Chance, Warrenton; Mrs. Georgia Honstad, Roseburg; and Mrs. Ruth Linn, Vallejo, Calif.; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Plummer of Garden City, Kansas.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the Roseburg Funeral Home Friday, Nov. 19 at 2 p. m. with the Rev. Forrest Hill officiating. Interment will follow in the Masonic Cemetery.

Communists Gaining In Suchow Battle

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landed at Lienyunkang, eastern terminus of the Lunghai railroad. They started a diversionary westward march.

A small detachment of Leathernecks was flown from Tsingtao, U. S. Navy base, to protect the American Consulate and help evacuate Americans from North China. Nationalist soldiers looted Tientsin food shops Thursday. The whole area faces Communist occupation if the Reds win out at Suchow.

Fall of Peiping, capital of Hopei Province, was reported imminent. Official quarters in Peiping confirmed the evacuation of government regulars and top officials from the city, 90 miles southwest of Peiping.

John D. Dusenbery Summoned by Death

John D. Dusenbery, 67, Mt. View Road, Roseburg, died after a short illness at his home Nov. 14. He was born Nov. 16, 1880, in Iowa and had been a resident of this community for 20 years.

Surviving are his wife, Inga, Roseburg; a brother, Hubert Dusenbery, Longmont, Colo.; and a sister, Mrs. Jennie Daley, Minneapolis, Minn.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the Roseburg Funeral Home Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 2 p. m. Interment will follow in the Civil Bend Cemetery.

Peace Still Being Sought in Dock Strike

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men and employers were only 5 cents apart. The union wanted a 15-cent raise to \$1.82 an hour, and employers offered 10 cents.

Still to be settled, too, is a jurisdictional matter: whether the AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific shall have jurisdiction, rather than the CIO, in Alaskan ports and steam (lumber) schooners.

Harry Lundberg, head of the AFL union, said his men won't go back to work until their claim is granted. In Cincinnati, the AFL convention promised him full support.

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Housing Authority Makes Payments In Lieu of Taxes

Pursuant to its policy of making payments in lieu of taxes, the Housing Authority of Douglas County is today mailing checks to the separate taxing bodies of the county to the amount of \$6,363.62. It was announced by H. L. Scofield, executive director.

This amount would be the same which the authority would pay were it taxed as a private landowner in this community, Scofield said. The largest share goes to School District No. 130, Sutherlin, in the amount of \$2,374.67, with the next largest amount going to School District No. 19, Myrtle Creek in the amount of \$863.21.

Payments being made are as follows: Douglas County, \$534.54; City of Sutherlin, \$839.37; School District No. 130, Sutherlin, \$2,374.67; Roseburg Rural Fire Protection District, Roseburg, \$21.62; City of Myrtle Creek, \$863.21; School District No. 105, Reedsport, \$860.10; Total, \$6,363.62.

Occupancy in the four projects operated by this Housing Authority is at 100 per cent capacity, with the exception of the project at Scottsburg, where there are several vacancies.

North Roseburg Sanitary Board Meets Tuesday

Meeting of the North Roseburg Sanitary Committee will be held at the Church of God on Garden Valley road at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday. It was announced by Clarence V. Ladis, chairman.

All persons residing within the proposed North Roseburg Sanitary District, whether owners of property or not, are invited to the meeting, Ladis said. Discussion of the forthcoming election, Nov. 23, will highlight the meeting.

Wagner Act's Return Demanded by A. F. L.

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political organizations — campaigned to beat lawmakers who voted for the Taft-Hartley act. On the eve of the convention opening, the AFL Council voted to demand outright repeal of the act, now that the Democratic

party controls both houses of Congress. As the basis for a new law which the labor organization would regard as fair to both employers and workers, the AFL leadership proposed a quick return to the Wagner act.

The Wagner Labor Relations Act, adopted in 1935, was amended by the Taft-Hartley act, passed over presidential veto last year. The labor leaders would build on that on the basis of experience with the 17-month-old Taft-Hartley act.

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handle disputes outside the railroad industry.

The AFL leaders hastened to correct the impression that they wanted that to happen.

A specific policy would be hammered out by the convention committees and the delegates before adjournment, now tentatively set for Nov. 23.

Pay Increases Slated

Pay increases to President Green and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, and restoration of the 13 vice-presidencies which were wiped out a year ago in a

fight over the status of John L. Lewis are major recommendations of the council. Lewis quit the Federation a year ago.

Green's pay probably will be increased from \$20,000 to \$25,000 or \$30,000. Meany's \$18,000 salary will be boosted in proportion. They haven't had a pay increase in eight years.

Meany reported that the AFL membership is 7,220,000, and its treasury balance on Aug. 31 was \$810,720. The AFL spent \$2,901,800 in the past year, Meany reported.

Green Has Wrong Impression

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