



Vets Organizations Split On Oregon Proposal to Pay State Bonus to Ex-Service Men

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2.—(AP)—Veterans, don't get ready to spend your state bonus. Legislative leaders don't think you will get any now.

Even the veterans' organizations disagree over whether one should be paid now.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars asked the House Military Affairs Committee for a bonus similar to the one which the veterans rejected last November. It calls for maximum payments of \$600, based on active duty service between Dec. 7, 1941, and Dec. 31, 1946. Each veteran would get \$10 for each month of domestic duty, and \$15 for each month for overseas service.

It would cost the state \$55,000,000.

But the committee, as well as legislative leaders, don't like it because there isn't any plan to finance it, and because the voters showed in November they don't want a bonus.

The VFW suggested unofficially it could be financed by a 15 percent tax on tobacco. But C. L. Lueallen, Pendleton, chairman of the committee, says that "tax would raise only \$5,000,000 a year. At that rate, he said, it would take 11 years to pay off the principal, with extra money needed for cost of administering the act and for interest."

Rep. Phil Dreyer, Portland, prominent in the American Veterans Committee, says he doesn't want a bonus unless it is accompanied by a logical plan of support.

B. F. Owens, Salem, state commander of the American Legion, told the committee that the Legion doesn't want a bonus now, but he left the door open for a bonus some time in the future. He said that "in view of the state's other financial problems, now is not the time to ask."

The House Military Affairs Committee has a three-man sub-

Medical Exam Set for Alleged Killer of Co-Ed

BOULDER, Colo., Feb. 2.—(AP)—Capping 45 minutes of legal arguments, District Judge George H. Bradford yesterday ordered a hearing Saturday on a motion by Joe Sam Walker's attorneys to quash murder charges against him.

The 31-year-old metal worker is accused of the rape-slashing last November of Theresa Foster, Colorado U. co-ed. Bradford also granted a motion prohibiting officers from questioning Walker except in the presence of his legal counsel.

Bradford continued until later decisions on several other motions filed in Walker's behalf by his lawyers, James T. Burke and Paul A. Ruston of Denver.

Heated debate between Burke and special prosecutor Hatfield Chilson, former district attorney, highlighted the action yesterday before a packed courtroom. Walker chatted amiably and smiled with his attorneys throughout the proceedings.

The court took under advisement a report by a Denver physician, who examined Walker last Sunday, recommending his hospitalization. Bradford said a Boulder physician will examine Walker and on the basis of the two reports the court will decide whether the defendant should be hospitalized. Bradford said he expected to make a decision today.

One of Burke's motions had asked that five key prosecution witnesses be subpoenaed to support his petition to quash the murder charge.

Chilson opposed that plea with the assertion "Mr. Burke's purpose is nothing more than to make the district attorney's office disclose fully and in detail all of its evidence."

National Representative Of AFL Warns Against Groups Injurious to Labor Unions

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 2.—(AP)—Nearly 500 local members of the American Federation of Labor packed the Eugene Carpenters hall Monday night to hear Charles R. Smith, national AFL representative, exhort them to abide by AFL concepts of "coordination, harmony and general well-being of organized labor."

The meeting, called last week following a telegram from William Green, national president of the AFL, was originally scheduled at the Labor Temple, but the large attendance from 53 local unions and the Railroad Brotherhood caused shifting the session to larger accommodations.

Smith stressed the "necessity for each and every member to adhere to the AFL principles regarding the attempted infiltration of Communists, Fellow Travelers and their sympathizers" into the ranks of organized labor.

"Representatives of various organizations whose aims are to destroy peaceful industrial relations between bona fide representatives of management and labor, are synonymous, in my opinion," Smith declared, "to certain individuals who actively engage in tactics which result in destroying free trade unions in many European countries."

Smith said the AFL would also fight "certain" representatives of industry whose sole purpose is to disrupt and destroy free collective bargaining and create a state of chaos that will affect industry and eventually every citizen of the community. He said some of those at whom his words were aimed were posing as competent labor relations counselors for industry.

Umatilla County Bans Use of Slot Machines

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 2.—(AP)—Umatilla County officials jumped into the slot machine war yesterday, barred all machines in the county effective Monday and placed the question of their legality squarely up to the State Legislature.

Officers indicated that there would be no exception to the county-wide ban of slot machines, Pinball machines and punchboards which are illegal under state law, but generally licensed by municipalities.

Similar action has been taken in other Oregon counties and unconfirmed reports here are that the machines will be closed up throughout the state.

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River Development Plans Receive Heavy Approval

SEATTLE, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Business and public leaders flocked to the witness stand yesterday and registered overwhelming approval of the Army engineers' three-billion-dollar plan to develop the Pacific Northwest's river resources.

Seven major dams are authorized for construction in the engineers' report, not involving the proposed Columbia Valley Authority issue recently made public by President Truman.

After several witnesses representing business and development groups had commended development by "existing agencies," J. C. Unger, representing public power forces, brought the CVA issue into the open. He said the Tennessee Valley Authority projects "were the best managed in the nation."

Private Capital Hesitant on European Aid Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—American businessmen are showing little interest in investing dollars in Marshall-Plan countries.

The joint congressional committee on Foreign Economic Cooperation, reporting this, said that unless Congress offers better guarantees to American investors, "a substantial improvement" will have to occur in European recovery before private investment will assume an important role.

The report was submitted to the Senate by retiring Chairman Bridges (R-NH) at a time when President Truman is calling on American private capital to help develop backward areas of the world.

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