

Government Shakeup Power Voted by House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—President Truman's request for broad power to reorganize the government rested with the Senate today, following overwhelming approval by the House. The bill to give the president permanent authority to reshuffle a sprawling array of executive agencies—got its okay in the House last night by a thumping 356-9 margin.

Aside from the veto provision and another setting up special treatment for seven agencies, the bill would give Mr. Truman practically a free hand in streamlining the complex executive establishment, which in 20 years has grown from 350 to 1,800 agencies and from 370,000 to 2,100,000 employees.

The measure now goes to the Senate, where former President Herbert Hoover ran a strong interference for it yesterday before the Senate Executive Expenditures Committee.

Hoover is chairman of the commission created by the last Congress to map reforms for the whole executive branch.

In its first report yesterday, the Commission recommended a vast re-arrangement of agencies, including a merger which would leave only some 20 offices where 65 now exist.

The bill specifies that the president must submit any reorganization proposal to both branches simultaneously, and that unless both reject it within 60 days, the plan automatically takes effect.

Voting for the bill were 226 Democrats, 129 Republicans and one American-Laborite. Against it were eight Republicans and one Democrat.

"pie" chart, showing how income is shared. Another chart comparing purchases of power through the past nine years, showed how consumption has increased.

In an election of directors, Arnold Cheever, president, and Neal Meyer, secretary, were both re-elected. Cheever, representing District 6, received 62 votes to 54 cast for Norman Compton Meyer, of District 2, received 80 votes to 21 cast for Fred Schulze.

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Lone Woman Legislator Takes Jest on Initials

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woman. Don't stop reading until I explain that. What I refer to is the inability of Mrs. Peck to convince the world that she is a woman. She gets communications by the dozen addressed to Mr. Peck. And I noticed that in the House calendar, where bills are mentioned which she sponsored or assisted in sponsoring, it is often listed as Mr. Peck, Brady, etc. It annoys me that it is so difficult for people to recognize a woman as a potential political person.

Some sources recognize her femininity for her desk usually resembles a table in a hospital room. As I write this within ten feet of where she is sitting, I see on the desk a beautiful bouquet of spring tulips, a large cluster of pussywillow stalks, another hyacinth plant and finally a group of tall flame colored carnations. How she has room to work at her desk I do not know. As her desk is toward the front of the room it is a color focus spot for the spectators from the galleries.

Battled Hard Way
Grace is proud of the fact that she was born on the wrong side of the tracks where she had to slug it out with the neighborhood bums. Her father was an old-time river captain and her childhood must have been very colorful if not always smooth.

For a description of Rep. Peck I would say that she is a large woman and enjoys brightly colored clothes. She wears her gray hair short and slightly curled on the ends. She is probably somewhere in her forties but doesn't say exactly. She likes jewelry and always wears a large gold cross locket. She is a new convert to her father's religion—Catholicism—and I am told that she faithfully attends mass every day. However, I am also told that she is not allergic to some robust parties in the evenings and I am sure that she is not too inhibited in her everyday activities.

When Mrs. Peck celebrated her birthday in January, a mention of it was made on the floor and using her initials she was referred to as the Grand Old Party. Since she is a Democrat, the initials are not pertinent in her case.

When I visited the State Home for Feeble Minded at Fairview with the Social Welfare Committee, I noticed that Grace was more disturbed by the rotten conditions of some timbers supporting parts of the building than by anything else. I believe she is determined to find out the actual condition in the institutions and use her influence on this committee to improve them if possible.

It is hard to summarize such a person because she has only begun to write her story in the Legislature, but in spite of the fact that we have practically nothing else in common—because she is a woman—I'm wishing her success in politics.

Exhibit Building At Fairgrounds Projected

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search, Inc., met with the League at its session Monday afternoon. Committees Named

Standing committee appointments for the forthcoming year were announced as follows:

Membership — Hugh Ritchie, Leo Sparks, G. N. Riddle. Legislative — Carl C. Hill, Huron S. Clough, A. G. Clark, W. A. Burdick, Charles V. Stanton.

Roads and Bridges — Ross Hutchinson, Royce Busenbark, Clyde Catching, Elmer Metzger, Wm. Adair.

County Offices — C. E. Moyer, Glenn Riddle, H. C. Berg, John Stanley, John Penn.

Sundry Items — Arthur Marsh, Eugene Fisher, Henry Goodmanson.

School Districts — W. A. Burdick, Carl C. Hill, G. W. Wilcox, Eugene Fisher.

Principalities — Wm. Adair, H. C. Berg, Elmer Metzger, L. E. Thompson.

Price List — Harry Booth, A. J. Hochradel, A. A. Wilder, B. R. Shoemaker.

Nominations — G. N. Riddle, Royce Busenbark, C. E. Moyer.

Members of the Planning Commission, which meets Feb. 28.

Richfield Oil Company was granted the contract for supplying city gasoline on a bid of 21.9 cents for ethyl gas and 20.4 for standard gas. The approval was subject to study of the contract submitted by the company to guarantee protection for the city.

The bid was the same as Standard Oil Company's, but since the latter company had had a contract recently, the Richfield bid was given preference.

More Time for Street Job
E. L. Gates and Company was granted a 60-day extension for the completion of street work on Military, Corey and Harvard avenues, because inclement weather conditions made completion on the scheduled date impossible.

The Council also voted to issue special fund warrants in payment on contracts completed by the company for South Jackson Street improvement and the Kinney addition sewer work. Since the city has no other funds avail-



POLIO FUND AIDED—Mrs. Bonnie Harrison, left, president of the National Guard Auxiliary, presents a check to Del McKay for the March of Dimes campaign. With Mrs. Harrison is Mrs. Jeanie Simms, vice president of the National Guard Auxiliary. The check represents \$16.35 collected by the women at the check room, the night of the recent March of Dimes dance in the Armory. This presentation to McKay, city chairman of the campaign, took place at a "Man On the Street" broadcast over KRNR.

Rerouting of City Buses Will be Considered

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were available. He added that the bus line is not a paying proposition in some parts of the town. He requested the meeting in order to rework the bus schedule which might work out better for both the customers and company.

Abein said he had a meeting scheduled for Tuesday night with residents of the Calkins Road area and a second meeting later in the week with residents of Winchester Street to consider possible extension of the bus routes in those areas. Extensions outside the city would have to come before the Public Utilities Commissioner.

Annexation Sought
Petition bearing the names of all but one affected resident requesting the annexation of Westmoreland was submitted, but action was deferred until the next council meeting. Belief was expressed that the name of the one remaining property owner, now out of town, would be obtained as soon as he can be contacted.

Also there have been reports that the area to the north of Westmoreland and extending almost to Umpqua Avenue may also wish to come into the city. The Council decided to defer action on Westmoreland until this could be looked into further.

A petition for widening of a short portion of North Jackson Street on either side of the railroad by removing the center strip of grass between 1st Ave. N. and E. 2nd Ave. S. was referred to the Planning commission, which meets Feb. 28.

City Engineer J. H. Moyer, who was present at the meeting, said that the city has no other funds avail-

able until the assessments are paid by affected property holders, the warrants believed cashable at the local banks, were issued. This practice is customary in other cities, acting City Attorney R. L. Whipple explained.

An amendment to the city ordinance licensing vending machines was read for the first and second times. The change would eliminate food and soft drink machines from the classification.

Relative to requested changes in the city's peddler's license, Attorney Whipple asked for a meeting with the committee which worked out the original ordinance and the city manager to prepare the necessary alterations. Letters from the Roseburg Ministerial Association and the North Pacific Religious Liberty Association were read requesting that the peddling and sale of religious literature be exempt from licensing.

At the suggestion of Councilman Percy Croft, the city attorney was instructed to draft an ordinance requiring property owners who connect with a sewer line for which sewer assessments have not previously been paid, to pay the same sewer assessment as other benefited property. This would take care of long lots split in two, where the new portion would require hooking into a separate sewer. Certain property in the Kinney Addition was exempted for paying assessments as the lots were being served by another sewer line, but if these lots are split, the assessment would apply.

The Planning Commission's request that the city investigate the acquisition of property for the widening of East Douglas Street was referred to the city manager.

Al Freeman of the State Accident Commission was present and stated recent letters submitted to the Council calling attention to unsafe conditions of the City Hall were from his office and not instigated by any city employee. He said his recommendations for improvement were concurred in by the State Fire Marshal.

Henry Carstens was elected president of the Council. Mayor Albert G. Flegel's appointment of Fred Lockwood to the Planning Commission and reappointment of the entire boxing commission, were approved. The boxing commission turned over \$2500, of which 60 percent or \$1500 goes to four veterans organizations, including American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Spanish American War Veterans and Disabled Veterans. The remainder was turned over to the swimming pool fund.

Members of the Boxing Commission include Ivan Pickens, "Si" Dillard, Dick Gilman, Dr. B. R. Shoemaker and H. E. McClintock. The council voted acceptance of Contractors H. J. Desbiers' and John I. Schafer's completion of the East Second Avenue So. sidewalk.

Loss in Oregon's Organic Law, F. H. Young Declares

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lic policy," that the Ways and Means Committee at the Legislature should meet a month in advance of the regular session to discuss and recommend a spending program to be presented when the Legislature convenes.

What to do with the Democrats is another problem at the Legislature, Young declared. The question has been raised, "Can we afford some of the Democrats down there?"

Young said Democratic legislators had introduced bills calling for establishment of a junior college at Portland, which would lower the educational standards at the University of Oregon and Oregon State College if passed; a soldiers' bonus, a \$50-a-month pension and reappointment of legislative districts to increase Multnomah County's delegation.

He said some of these bills have political implications. One, introduced by Democrats, would eliminate the secretary of state's name from checks paid to the state. So far there have been no "funny" bills introduced, Young said, for the reason that the Democrats are "too busy trying to reform the State of Oregon, and the Republicans are too busy watching the Democrats."

Liquor Profits For Pensions Receive OK

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ample of "the cancerous growth of bureaucracy."

Salary Boosts Declined
Governor McKay, Secretary of State Newby and State Treasurer Pearson said they didn't want any pay increases. The State Civil Service Commission recommended that McKay's salary be increased from \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year, and that Newby and Pearson get pay raises from \$7,500 to \$9,000.

The Senate Banking Committee recommended passage of a bill to let banks close on Saturdays, and approved another bill to make banks stay open on Columbus day.

The House Taxation Committee defeated a bill to give property tax exemptions to public docks which are leased to private concerns. The bill was requested by the ports of Portland, Astoria and The Dalles.

The Senate Elections Committee heard two college professors endorse the bill by Senator Newberger to reappoint the state's legislative districts on a population basis.

The professors, Dr. Maure I. Goldschmidt of Reed College, and Dr. Waldo Schumacher of the University of Oregon, said it's more democratic to have representation based on population.

Marshall Plan Needs Military Prop — Acheson

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Secretary of State Acheson, appealing for continuation of the Marshall Plan, told Congress today that American recovery dollars have helped to block any advance of "totalitarianism" on the continent of Europe.

Because of the multi-million dollar project now approaching the end of its first year, Acheson said, "the free community of Europe has not only held its own, but it has, during this period, made great strides forward."

Acheson followed Economic Cooperation Administrator Paul G. Hoffman as a witness before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee, meeting jointly.

Indirectly Acheson advised the congressional group of the administration's feeling that military security measures will have to be taken to back up economic recovery.

Hoffman offered Congress a European recovery "bargain" today — with a \$5,580,000,000 price tag.

"If that program brings us peace and stability," he said, "I fervently believe it can, it will turn out to be the greatest bargain the American people ever had."

Cardinal Mindszenty Gets Life Prison Term

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court for permission to beg clemency of President Szakastis, a pro-Communist. The court considers whether the defendant is "worthy" before granting such permission.

Cardinal Mindszenty is the first prince of the Catholic Church to face the penal measures of a government while actually a member of the Sacred College of Cardinals. He stood quietly, hands folded, face expressionless as Judge Olthys pronounced the court's findings.

United States Assailed
The court took into consideration that the cardinal had confessed regretfully, Judge Olthys said, and that he had lived far from worldly affairs. The judge asserted the United States, through Minister Selden Chapin, had misled the cardinal — "made him hope that the United States of America would start a war, and that this war would help him attain his aims."

One of these aims, the court held, was to restore in Hungary the Hapsburg rule which dominated this area in the heyday of kings.

"U. S. Minister Chapin had a great role in building up the activities of Mindszenty," the judge said, attacking the United States as a supporter of reactionary forces.

All but one of the co-defendants appealed. He was Father Zolt.

After the court session Chapin told correspondents "the statements about him were 'nonsense and pure fantasy.'"

"It is what could be expected," he said.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—House Republicans today unanimously adopted a declaration of "indignation and condemnation" of the trial of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty.

The action was taken at a meeting of all the GOP House members, and on the suggestion of Rep. Hale (R-Me.).

No formal resolution had been prepared, but the Republicans directed GOP Leader Martin (Mass.) to name a committee of three to draft one expressing the party's "indignation and condemnation."

LONDON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The Soviet news agency Tass disposed of the conviction of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty in Hungary with an 83-word news item.

The agency's dispatch from Budapest merely listed the sentences of the cardinal and his co-defendants but did not mention the charges.

But the majority of the committee said they couldn't see why, just as much about government. They said rural residents know as city residents.

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of the United Stockmen's Association, said "the situation is desperate. Right now we're in the worst condition we've been in since the emergency set in."

In Washington, President Truman told the Interior Department to put into the fight any money and equipment available. The Department already has spent about \$1,000,000 in relief work, opening up some 20,000 miles of snow-clogged roads.

Reports of livestock losses were incomplete. Surveys showed that 4,180 of 349,000 head of cattle died in the Broken Bow, Neb., area. In Campbell County, Wyo., a check indicated 7,500 of 75,000 cattle lost and 13,000 out of 90,000 sheep dead.

The newly drifted snow blocked scores of highways and roads over the Rocky Mountain states, and in Northern California. Transcontinental train and highway traffic moved over the snow-clogged High Sierra between California and Nevada but a new fall of snow—moderate to heavy—was forecast.

The Southern Pacific Railroad resumed normal service from San Francisco today after canceling all eastbound trains yesterday.

Two Youths Draw Life For Murder and Robbery

STEVENSON, Wash., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Harold Raymond Coe, 17, of Camas and Donald D. Lillard, 20, San Diego, were sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for killing and robbing William O. Fischer, 53-year-old Portland union business agent.

The youths killed Fischer July 24 and threw his body in the bushes along the Evergreen highway.

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