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INTERIM STUDIES

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Interim legislative studies covering 11 specific subjects will be made during the ensuing two years. Major investigations will embrace highway development, taxes, revision of legislative procedure, feasibility of a department of natural resources, public welfare, schools, and streamlining state government. Other committees will study proposed consolidation of City of Portland and Multnomah County governments, feasibility of establishing a junior college, animal cruelty, feasibility of a state botanical garden.

Interim committee studies in past years have had records both good and bad.

Particularly outstanding in the interim preceding the last legislative session was the work of the committee on highways, which conducted a most exhaustive study, including expert engineering, and developed recommendations for long-term highway system improvement.

Recognizing the excellent results from this study, the legislature has authorized continuation of the committee during the coming two years with substantial appropriation for financing.

Another committee which made an exceptionally fine start, and then permitted conflicts between personalities to wreck much of its effectiveness, was the interim group which studied fish and game management and policies. This committee, after conducting hearings throughout the state, and obtaining recommendations from Dr. Ira Gabrielson, internationally famed conservation expert, began to squabble over recommendations, experienced personality conflicts and, as a result, brought in majority and minority opinions destroying the effectiveness of what started out as a very promising program.

It is our opinion that well-organized and efficient interim work could greatly simplify legislative sessions.

The committees studying reorganization of state government and revision of legislative procedure should, we believe, take into consideration the opportunity for shortening regular sessions of the legislature by doing much preliminary work through interim activities.

Heretofore it has been the practice of interim committees to bring in reports but to leave preparation of actual bills, executing recommendations contained in those reports, until after the legislature is in session.

We believe these committees after reaching conclusions, based on their studies, should have bills prepared by the Attorney General to carry out recommendations and policies agreed upon. The legislature, of course, would not be expected to pass the bills without careful study, public hearings and committee action. But, by having the bills prepared in advance, the legislature would have plenty of work at the start of the session instead of having to wait until late in the period before major legislation began to appear, as is now the usual condition.

The recent session furnishes a good example. Although exhaustive studies were made by the two interim committees previously mentioned, the bills to put their recommendations in effect did not get before the legislature until the session was half over.

One requisite to more extensive use of the interim committee plan, however, is that legislators be placed on salary rather than per diem compensation. Given a fixed amount for their services, they could be engaged in studies and investigations at intervals throughout their entire terms, with the only additional cost covering actual expenses incurred in travel, meals and hotel accommodations while employed in committee work.

If the committees then prepared reports on their studies, and introduced with reports proposed implementing legislation, sessions could proceed with little loss of time while waiting for major bills.

Subjects proposed for interim study are very important to the state as a whole, particularly those on reorganization of government and revision of legislative procedure, taxes, schools and welfare. It is to be hoped that each committee accepts its assignment seriously.

Shanghai Fears Ruthless 'Defenders' More Than Red Forces At Outskirts

By TOM LAMBERT

HONGKONG, May 16.—(AP)—Shanghai today is a city ruled by guns.

Its nearly 6,000,000 residents are more fearful of their trigger-happy Nationalist defenders than of the Chinese Communists prodding at its outskirts.

Harsh and bloody measures taken by the Shanghai garrison are converting from contempt to anger the feeling residents have for the men assigned to defend that greatest Asiatic city.

Military edict, enforced by arms, is now the law for Shanghai. Legal looting by soldiers—who never were distinguished for their respect for other people's property—now goes under the alias of "requisitioning."

Through a tightening censorship the garrison decides what Shanghai and the world will know about the war and about conditions in that city.

The garrison is following unswervingly the military patterns of Peking, Tientsin, Suchow and Nanking, all of which have fallen to the Reds.

With "volunteer" laborers, the army is gouging out trenches, erecting pillboxes, uprooting vil-

lages and burning down houses on the outskirts of the city.

The military and those political figures who are allowed to speak all prattle solemnly about a "last ditch" stand and boast that Shanghai's defenses are like Stalingrad.

Yet probably no more than a handful of Shanghai residents believe the garrison will even try to defend the city. They expect that as the Reds appear, as many of Shanghai's remaining defenders as possible will scramble to follow those who already have departed.

Shanghai may be in for a hard time when the Reds do come—and no one doubts that they are coming—but Shanghai will not soon forget its last days under the nationalists.

Bass, Roy W. Barnhart, James R. Daugherty, Elwyn E. Jones, George W. Leeper, Wally Over-

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Scoops from the MENDING BASKET
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What under the sun would you guess that advertiser is offering? I just read it in a twice-a-week newspaper, the only one of its kind in the world, that goes to "over 34,350 subscribers," all of whom without a doubt know just what the advertiser means.

"Western Stamp Collector" is published right here in Oregon—Albany, to be specific. I hope we can stop in next time we go through there on 99. (By the way, "99" has an attractive folder, too, but I can't see any address on it other than the local Chamber of Commerce. I'm glad so many of you wrote in for the "101" folder! It does make the way so much more interesting, doesn't it!)

Well, Ye Editor, William Wylie, certainly sticks to the point, even if this columnist doesn't. I could not find a word in the copies he sent me by request that didn't relate strictly to stamps. Every real philatelist must have a close touch on world events through their stamp work!

Someone writes in that the

"radiant sun" is no longer on Chinese stamps—is that significant? Thinking back from two months later, I can well believe it was, can't you?

There is a most interesting article about Finland's fight to keep her own stamps! She did not wish to have her postal issues submerged into the Russian even if her monetary system was. So, intensely nationalistic, the Finns protested by issuance, by private enterprise, of what was called a "mourning stamp." In August, 1900, says the writer in Western Stamp Collector, "these labels were affixed to most letters mailed abroad or to Russia. (Imagine! to Russia, too!) "On a background of intense black the coat of arms of Finland is shown in red and yellow . . . the label is usually affixed to the face of the envelope with the stamps paying postage stuck on the back."

I remember two small stamp-collectors who would have said happily, "That's telling 'em!" I know nothing of philately. But oh, I do remember how much good comes to children from even a short-time craze for "collecting stamps!"

Roseburg Choral Society Holds Final Dress Rehearsal For Tuesday Night's Program

Final dress rehearsal will be held tonight by the Roseburg Choral Society in preparation for its first concert Tuesday at 8:15 p.m. in the Junior High School Auditorium. The 50 singing members will wear white robes for the program.

Under the direction of C. A. Ricketts, the Choral Society was organized last fall and has been holding weekly rehearsals. Featured soloists include Hershel Scott and Dorcas Johnson, vocalists, and Mrs. W. Sherman Plympton, pianist.

Officers include Eugene A. Springer, president; Elsie Martin, vice-president; Verna M. Scott, treasurer, and Amy M. Robinson, secretary.

The roster of singing members includes: Sopranos, Leslie Ellen Brown, Frances Brown, Dorothy Dimick, Betty S. Edwards, Roberta B. Erickson, Lois Fitzgibbons, Cecile Gardner, Betty Jean Grady, Henrietta S. Greenlee, Helen Hanford, Inez Hitchman, Dorcas Johnson, Barbara Lamb, Jackie Lamb, Joan Lashua, Emma McClellan, Elsie Martin, Ethel Nielsen, Lois Pinkerton, Edith Radabaugh, Amy M. Robinson, Rachel Root, Zella Sanders, Verna Taylor, Bonnie Tyrer, Charlotte Wallin and Faye White.

Aitox, Cynthia C. Balmer, Ruth Bencke, Fern Bruland, Freda Daugherty, Ruth M. Gibbons, Vera Geo, Yvonne Hatt, Jean Jones, Thora Leiken, Lillian Marsters, Dorothy A. Moore, Maud Patison, Martha Jane Plympton, Katherine M. Robertson, Vena Scott and Corinne Graves Woodard.

Tenors, Ray Benson, W. Thomas Coates, Harold Cox, Wendell A. Johnson, Willis F. Erickson, Norman D. Root and Earl C. Steward.

Bass, Roy W. Barnhart, James R. Daugherty, Elwyn E. Jones, George W. Leeper, Wally Over-

ton, Edward B. Row, Hershel D. Scott, Eugene A. Springer and Franklin Vioot.

PROGRAM

I	O Lovely Heart	Robertson
I	Dark Water	James
I	I Thought That Love Had Been a Boy	Byrd
II	One Little Hour	Dichmont
II	Life	Curran
III	Mr. Scott	Curran
IV	Hear My Prayer, O Lord	Schalin
IV	All in the April Evening	Robertson
V	Intermission	
V	Partita in B-Flat	Bach
V	Prelude	Bach
V	Sarabande	Grieg
V	Deux Arabesques	Debussy
V	Mrs. Plympton	
V	Now Let Heaven and Earth Adore Thee	Bach
V	We Thank Thee, Lord	Horiatinsky-Tkach
VI	On Wings of Song	Mendelssohn
VI	Kashmiri Love Song	Woodforde-Finden
VI	My Hero	Strauss
VI	Mrs. Johnson	
VII	Jubilee	Smith
VII	Good News	Smith
VII	They Led a Little Lamb	Murray
VII	The Glory Train	Cain

Three Loggers Drown As Boat Upsets in Rapids

LEWISTON, Idaho, May 16.—(AP)—Three members of a log-drive crew apparently drowned late yesterday when their 16-foot rowboat capsized in the Clearwater River rapids at Lenox, Idaho, 23 miles east of Lewiston.

Believed dead are Leonard Chase, 28, Orofino; Walter Anderson, 42, Pierce; and Ray Fitting, 32, Stites.

Four others in the boat grabbed an overhanging tree and clung there for two hours before other crewmen were able to rescue them. Tom Kiskella and Ben Larson were two of the men who were saved. Names of the others were unavailable.

Redwood Forest Land Purchase By Federal Government Recommended

WASHINGTON, May 16.—(AP) The Public Affairs Institute proposed Thursday that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation finance the purchase of up to 2,100,000 acres of redwood forest land in Northern California.

The Institute, a private research organization, recommended that Congress and the California Legislature pass concurrent legislation to set up a "National Redwood Forest, extending 250 miles from the Oregon border to the San Francisco area." It said the redwoods are threatened with destruction.

California, the Institute proposed, would pay the Redwood Corporation \$25,000,000 for 124,000 acres of "the very best old redwood areas" to be used as parks.

"This would give California a redwood park system many times larger than the present one and would preserve forever the finest stands of Sequoias," the Institute said.

It proposed that the U. S. Forest Service operate the forest section of the lands on a sustained yield basis, and that the four California counties involved—Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino and Sonoma—receive a total of \$1,000,000 a year "in lieu of taxes normally collected from the forest operations—a sum substantially more than the average of tax receipts from these sources will be if the forest remains in private hands."

The Institute's plan was presented by Dr. Dewey Anderson, Los Altos, Calif., executive director, at a conservation conference here.

Anderson estimated it would cost \$125,000,000 to buy the desired lands.

New Year Custom
Among early Christians, fasting and meditation were the order of New Year's Day.

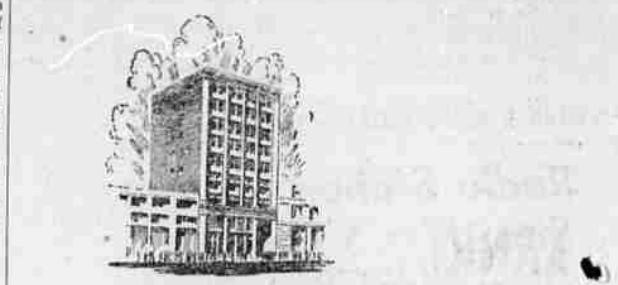
For a quick dessert, apples may be cooked in a pressure saucepan and a cinnamon and sugar glaze added after.

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Communists always seem to be well provided with.

WASHINGTON dispatch sums up the latest details of the affair and adds:

"Except for the principle of the thing, the Government could save quite a lot of money by just ignoring Eisler's flight." "That is certainly true. We're well rid of him, and if he'll just stay away we'll be happy."

STILL, you can't just ignore the principle of the thing. If we let the idea get around that troublesome offenders against our laws can get rid of trouble by skipping out when the going gets bad, we'll have more offenders.

We used to shoo bums and minor criminals from one city to another to escape the cost of punishing them, and it never seemed to do much good. It would be likely to work the same way with Communists.

PORTLAND, whose financial troubles are more pressing than those of the smaller towns merely, because Portland is bigger and needs more money, has been considering a scheme to finance itself by quadrupling water rates. (Portland owns its water system, and it is argued that nearly everybody uses water, and so by increasing water rates everybody would be tapped for the additional money needed to run the town).

Commissioner Bean objects — on principle.

He says the city charter didn't contemplate use of water sales to raise revenue to run the city and adds that only a vote of the people could authorize such a sharp increase in water rates.

"Besides," he says: "The unfair and inequitable distribution of the tax burden would more than offset its value as a revenue raiser."

THAT is to say, people would resent the system, and so would start looking around for ways to beat it. Somebody, for example, might dig a well in his back yard and thus escape his share of the water rates tax burden.

Let's pursue that thought a little farther: The water in the well might become polluted, and the users of it might get typhoid. It isn't impossible that the neighbors might try to escape their share of the water tax by making arrangements to use the well. In that case, typhoid might spread.

Water from wells, or creeks, or what have you might be so wide-

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