

New Vets' Pension Bill Passes House

Vets Of Both World Wars Are Included

Provision On Partial Job Ability Knocked Out; Admitted Reds Barred

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—The House passed and sent to the Senate today a World War I and II veterans' pension bill after knocking out an "unable-to-work" provision.

Passage came quickly after a spirited fight over the unemployability proposal recommended by the Veterans' Committee. The provision went out of the bill by a standing vote of 172 to 57.

No other changes were proposed to the bill, estimated to cost in its present form, \$25,000,000 in addition to what now is being paid in pensions under Veterans' Administration regulations.

The one-sidedness of the fight over the unemployability clause led to abandonment of a planned battle to eliminate World War I veterans from the bill's provisions.

There was less than two hours of debate on the bill, which actually writes into permanent law regulations under which pensions now are being paid to many veterans.

A much more costly bill was defeated by the House in March. Chairman Rankin (D-Miss.) of the veterans committee had opposed the unemployability provision as unfair and discriminatory.

The effect of the provision was to say that a veteran who can work half a normal day or earn half a normal day's pay is not eligible for a pension.

Huge Cost Cited
The committee originally voted no such standard but reversed itself when the Budget Bureau said the extra cost of the measure, without the unemployability provision, would be \$57,000,000 in the next 50 years.

Without that provision, the bill's cost has been estimated at almost \$9,000,000 during the next 50 years.

A group of young World War II veterans who helped defeat the first bill said they would fight to kill Rankin's amendment. If they lost, they said, they would try to defeat the whole bill.

The pensions in most cases would be \$72 a month at age 65. The bill incorporates into proposed law existing benefits now being paid under Veterans Administration regulations. Its sponsors

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Technicality Frees Forger At Oregon Prison

SALEM, June 1.—(AP)—A check forger who served sentences in penitentiaries of five states won his release from the Oregon State Prison today on a legal technicality.

The state supreme court ordered Denver R. Fitzgerald, 40, discharged from the penitentiary on Fitzgerald's petition for rehearing.

He entered the prison last November 20 to serve eight years for forging a \$165 check at Bend. The supreme court ordered a new trial, but the Deschutes County district attorney advised the supreme court he had no evidence against Fitzgerald.

The court, in today's opinion by Chief Justice Hall S. Lusk, said Fitzgerald should be released because the lower court failed to find that Fitzgerald had no right to use the name he put on the \$165 check.

Besides the prison record, he was arrested numerous times for vagrancy, burglary, robbery, and drunk and disorderly conduct. He served small jail sentences for most of these charges.

Man, Wife Pay \$50 Fines On Charge Of Assault

George William Gordon, 24, and his wife, Ruth, were released from the Douglas County Jail Saturday, upon payment of \$50 fines imposed in the court of Justice of Peace A. J. Geddes. The original charge of assault with a dangerous weapon was changed to simple assault, to which both pleaded guilty. The two were arrested following an altercation in The Vets Club May 22 on complaints filed by the manager of the Club and the bartender.

Motor Vehicle Larceny Charged To Prisoner

Le Verne Roy Kerns, North Bend, has been committed to the Douglas County Jail on a charge of larceny of a motor vehicle, reported Sheriff O. T. "Bud" Carter. Kerns, arrested at Coos Bay, was arraigned in the Justice Court of Coos County Tuesday. His bail was set at \$3,500.

Raymond Frederick Arthur, charged with larceny on a vehicle, has been released from the county jail upon his posting of \$200 bail, Carter said.

Levy Fact Rant

Inquiries keep coming to the News-Review as to whether Roseburg is on daylight saving time. The answer (in Russian) is "nyet." Could be appropriately pronounced "not yet."

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Mock Sky Duel Plan Killed By Staff Chiefs

Fight Would Bare Secrets, Reason Given

Controversy Over Rival Types Of Craft Leads To Hints Against Top Brass

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—The mock duel in the sky between the Air Force's mighty B-36 and the Navy's best Banshee jet fighters, suggested by Congress, has been turned down by the joint chiefs of staff for security reasons.

The recommendation to call off the public feud air battle was first made known in a copyrighted story in the Washington Times-Herald shortly after the House Armed Services Committee yesterday ordered a full investigation of why the B-36 came to be the heavyweight darling of the Air Force.

The possibility remained that such a bang-you're-dead test might be conducted later in deep-sea secrecy.

But the joint command, in a letter forwarded to Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the Committee by Secretary of Defense Johnson, said such a battle between the two best planes of the two rival services would divulge vital information.

The letter also said such an event would serve no useful purpose.

The showdown sky fight was first approved May 18 by the armed services group to help settle conflicting claims by the Navy and the Air Force.

Strong Hints Voiced
Rep. Van Zandt (R-Pa.) brought the B-36 controversy to the House floor in a speech last week. He said he had heard "ugly, disturbing reports" concerning the connections of Johnson, whom he referred to as "my old friend," Secretary of Air Sympington, and Odium, head of the Atlas Corp., Odium controls the Consolidated Vultee Corp., maker of the B-36.

Van Zandt said he had heard Sympington plans to resign before long to head a big aircraft combine controlled by Odium.

Johnson, Van Zandt added, was an official of Consolidated Vultee until he left before he became secretary of defense in March. And, he said, Odium was active last fall in helping Johnson raise funds for the Democratic party campaign.

Sympington promptly welcomed (Continued on Page Two)

Shoplifter Uses Bloomers; Costly

MALDEN, Mass., June 1.—(AP)—Mrs. Maria Ferrigno, 62, of North Andover, who police said had an assortment of steaks, chops and other cuts in pockets of her canvas bloomers, was fined \$250 today for shoplifting.

She pleaded innocent, but was convicted after Wakefield Police Chief John G. Gates donned the bloomers for a courtroom demonstration of how the garment was employed.

Mrs. Ferrigno was arrested in a market after she was detected, police testified, snatching about \$5.50 in meats, which mysteriously vanished beneath her outer garments. The mystery was solved at police headquarters.

Restoration Of Berlin Control Issue At Meet

PARIS, June 1.—(AP)—The foreign ministers council today took up the question of restoring four-power control of Berlin and clashed at once on the veto issue.

American sources said the three western ministers urged that the rule of unanimity be abolished in a revised Kommandatura.

Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky strongly objected, saying that unanimous decisions were "the only way to govern."

The Kommandatura a four-power body, governed Berlin in the immediate postwar period before the cold war division of the city. It broke up last year following continued East-West deadlocks.

Wage Dispute Of AFL Woodworkers Unsettled

PORTLAND, June 1.—(AP)—Another meeting between operators of 40 Oregon woodworking plants and AFL workers is being considered in a move to end a 38-day old wage dispute.

Leo Kotin, federal mediation commissioner, disclosed the two groups have had one meeting. He said he is attempting to arrange another conference this week.

The union asked a 17% cost-of-living wage boost on top of the present scale of \$1.77 1/2. Picketing of a Portland plant resulted in closing of upstate operations. The union has claimed it was locked out of the upstate mills.

Carpenters' Strike In U. S. Capital Ties Jobs

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—A strike of 5,000 AFL carpenters today threatened a slump of virtually all commercial construction in the nation's capital.

By week's end the absence of carpenters will force the layoff of about 15,000 other AFL building mechanics and laborers, according to industry leaders. Work on projects costing an estimated \$75,000,000 would halt.

The strike resulted from a contract dispute between the Carpenters' District Council and the Master Builders' Association.

Hangs Himself After Finding His Wife Dead

OREGON CITY, Ore., June 1.—(AP)—Ezra S. Yoder, 74, hanged himself in his Needy district barn yesterday after finding his wife dead in their bed earlier in the day.

Deputy Sheriff Joseph Shobe said a relative found Mrs. Yoder's body and a note left by the husband. Both had been in ill health, the officer said.

Subdivisions Get Planners' Tentative OK

Future Applications Must Be Filed Week In Advance, Board Rules

Hereafter all subdivision plans submitted to the City Planning Commission for approval must be filed at the City Hall at least one week in advance. This was decided last night, after a number of plans were brought to the meeting at a late hour, thus prolonging the session.

Some 11 plans received tentative approval. There was considerable discussion over the Agee tract on the Melrose Road. Ernest Nazrod, representing property owners, was told that if the tract is platted, a 50-foot street would be acceptable instead of the usual 60 foot width. Some houses have already been built close to the property lines, making a wider street impossible. Lots had been sold on a metes-and-bounds basis.

Petition was received asking for the vacation of an alley in Block 69, Subdivision A, of Finney's Addition. The petition was given to a committee for study and report at the next meeting.

The following tentative approvals were given:

Campbell's Subdivision of Fruitvale Addition; Gerald Rust property; J. G. Leonard's Fruit Lands; G. C. Blake, Dixon's Addition to Fruitvale; Berdine Subdivision leaving out tract owned by Mr. Fryer; James Cook, portion of Lot 9, Fruitvale, subject to 13 1/2 feet along east line, Lot 13.

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Detroit Combed For Gun Wielder

DETROIT, June 1.—(AP)—Police slogged through the hoodlum haunts of Detroit today in an unprecedented hunt for clues to the Victor Reuther shooting.

Less than a day after a series of orders went out throwing a 4,000-man law enforcement force into action, a total of 247 headquarters of the underworld had been picked up for questioning.

One theory in the investigation is that gambling interests conspired against the lives of both Victor Reuther and his brother, Walter.

A gunman shot Victor through a window of his home the night of May 24. Walter was shot similarly the night of April 20 last year.

Walter, president of the CIO United Auto Workers, and Victor, the union's educational director, both have energetically opposed gambling in auto plants.

Vancouver-East Portland Area Slightly Jarred

PORTLAND, June 1.—(AP)—An area of Vancouver, Wash., and East Portland shook slightly last night—enough to dump a few householders' dishes onto the floor.

The populace, mindful of April's earthquake, thought it was another tremor. The University of Washington seismograph, however, registered nothing.

Police, flooded with "what happened?" calls, canvassed the area for an explosion, but there hadn't been any.

About 100 residents of East Vancouver telephoned police about it. So did several East Portlanders. Some said floor lamps were knocked over, a few dishes clattered and fell.



Police Still Without Clues To Fugitive Oregon Convicts

SALEM, Ore., June 1.—(AP)—The trail of two Oregon convicts who escaped the state penitentiary on Memorial Day was dim today.

Police continued to run down possible leads and tips in their hunt for John O. Pinson, 31, lifer who killed a state policeman, and William P. Benson, 43. Neither has been sighted since they went over the prison wall.

Portland city police intensified patrols last night after a report that two men were seen wearing clothes similar to those stolen from a Salem haberdasher's store.

When the two convicts fled in a hail of bullets before dawn Monday, they were barefoot and clad only in shirts and overalls. Missing from the store here yesterday were two reddish tan, brass-bound satchels; brown leather, plaid-lined, jackets; colored gabardine sport shirts and plain toed, crepe-soled shoes.

State police, while checking trains and cars, have not given up the theory the two men may be hidden close to the penitentiary.

Stubborn Oil Fire Near Omaha Still Battled

OMAHA, June 1.—(AP)—A spectacular fire which already had destroyed more than a half million gallons of oil continued to flare up intermittently today.

Firemen, more than 17 hours after the fire's outbreak, continued trying to keep the flames from spreading to a mammoth crude oil tank holding approximately 500,000 gallons.

Approximately a dozen smaller tanks at the Searle Petroleum Company storage yards already had gone up in bursts of flame and smoke.

The fire started yesterday afternoon when a blast of undetermined origin rocked the company's distributing and refining plant, sending a huge tank rocketing 50 feet in the air.

Three Drunken Drivers Feel Hand Of Law

Merle David Schutte, 22, Coos Bay, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail and fined \$150 on a charge of drunken driving, when he appeared in Justice Court Tuesday. Justice of Peace A. J. Geddes reported. Schutte was arrested by state police.

Ray Clarence Sherley, 42, River-ton, was fined \$150 in the court of Justice of Peace Clarence Leonard at Drain, and Robert Douglas Foster, 21, has been fined \$250 and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail on a similar charge by Justice of Peace Fred M. Wright at Reedsport.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
JUST to keep the situation clear in our minds, let's review the "off ag'in, on ag'in, Finnegan" blockade of Berlin:

1. The Russians, controlling all the area surrounding it, declared a land blockade of the city about a year ago.

2. We countered with an air freight delivery system that amazed the world (including Russia) by its effectiveness.

3. The Russians, finding they were biting off their noses to spite their faces, called off the land blockade.

THEN—

1. The Russians called a typical Communist one-state-take-it-or-leave-it election in their zone of Germany, expecting to win hands down, as they had won all similar elections elsewhere.

2. A full third of the stubborn Germans refused to play, and risked concentration camps in (Continued on Page Four)

CAN'T TAKE PENSIONER'S HOME

SALEM, June 1.—(AP)—Attorney General George Neuner ruled today that the state can't take over the home of an aged pensioner when he dies if there are certain close survivors living in the home.

Neuner gave the opinion for State Rep. Joseph E. Harvey, Portland, who asked Neuner to interpret the provisions of the old age pension law passed by the 1949 Legislature.

Teacher Strikes For Refund, Says She Has Cancer

ATLANTA, June 1.—(AP)—A chubby, bright-eyed doctor of philosophy sat stubbornly in the offices of the Georgia teacher retirement system today and promised: "I'm going to stay here till I get my money."

The 54-year-old woman, Dr. Willie Melmoth Bomar, a home economics teacher of Glenwood, Ga., began her sitdown strike Monday morning. She is trying to collect \$65.78 deducted from her salary for the state's teacher retirement fund.

Dr. Bomar, who won her doctorate at Columbia University, wants the money to pay for treatment of a cancer.

"They took it out of my puny little salary without consulting me," said the determined teacher. "Now they want me to wait till I'm dead with old age to collect it."

"Well, I've got cancer, I need the money for treatment—and cancer won't wait!"

She spent her second night in the dark, deserted offices last night, using a couch in the women's room for a bed. She said she has lived on sandwiches since her strike started.

Dr. Bomar flashed a train ticket to Rochester, Minn., and said she was ready to make her fifth trip to the Mayo Clinic for a cancer checkup, and possibly for treatment.

"I want to pay," she continued, "instead of saying 'I'm too poor—you see I've been teaching schools in Georgia.'"

Eisler Plans Try To Get Back His \$23,500 Bail

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, June 1.—(AP)—Gerhart Eisler said today he is going to try to get back his \$23,500 bail from the United States.

The German Communist said if he collects he will use the money to pay back a group in the United States who put up the bail he caused to be forfeited when he stole out of the United States on the Polish liner Batory.

"I have instructed my British solicitors to see what grounds they can sue for," he said. "It may be several weeks before we can determine if we have a basis for action on account of the warrant for my arrest issued by the American Consul in England."

SECURITY PAYMENTS UP

PORTLAND, June 1.—(AP)—Social security payments in 14 Oregon and Washington counties have jumped 16 per cent in the 10 months ending April 30.

Manager J. F. Richardson of the Portland area district said 23,400 persons listed April 30 were receiving \$481,000 each month.

Glendale Voting Today On School Bond Issue

Passage of a bond issue of \$65,000 is being asked by the Glendale School District No. 77 board, in a special election dated today.

Of this amount, \$40,000 would be used to erect a four-room addition to the new school building constructed last summer, and for re-wiring and modernizing the old Glendale school building.

A teacherage to furnish housing for 12 persons in six connected two-person apartments would be erected for \$25,000.

The bonds would be retired in 10 years and cost of the teacherage would be self-liquidating.

SALMON FIGHTING CLOSED

Fishing for salmon in the Umpqua River and its tributaries closed Tuesday until next September, it was reported today by Ross Newcomb, biologist in charge of the Umpqua River Study for the State Game Commission.

CRASH KILLS MOTORIST

DALLAS, May 31.—(AP)—An automobile sped down a hill and sliced into the steel flange of a truck near here today. It killed the auto driver, William D. Brooks, 26, Dallas; left the truck undamaged.



COMPLETE COURSE—The electricians' class, conducted by Sam Reed, member of the Electrician's Sub-Council, last Friday night at Roseburg High School took final examinations at the close of the class session. Pictured here are: Back row, left to right, Tate L. Keith, Francis Lansing, Instructor Reed, Trades and Industrial Coordinator Frank France, J. T. Pinard, chairman of the Electrician's Sub-Council of the Roseburg Apprenticeship Council; M. M. Ramig, supervisor of related training; Clark R. Taylor, Eugene Y. Cherry, Charles W. Swift and David Lee Daniels. Seated at the table on the left are Arthur E. Tyrer in front, Richard Dale Buswell and Arthur E. Hammond. On right, Willard M. Timm and Tommy Kimbrell. (Picture by Paul Jenkins.)