

Board Of Higher Education Administrative Offices, Now In Eugene, To Be Transferred

PORTLAND, June 15.—(AP)—The State Board of Higher Education voted, 6 to 3, Tuesday to move the board's administrative offices from Eugene.

Salem was mentioned as the possible new site, but time and place of the move will be decided after study by a committee consisting of R. E. Kleinsorge, Silverton; Left Finseth, Dallas, and George F. Chambers, Salem.

The action was taken at the annual budget meeting of the board which approved allocations of just over \$15,000,000 in annual operating funds to 14 institutions, divisions and services of the system.

Thirty per cent of the funds for the fiscal year starting July 1 comes from other than state tax sources, announced R. E. Cabell, Portland, chairman of the Finance committee.

The proposal to move the board's office, which includes the office of Chancellor Paul C. Packard, evoked spirited debate with three members objecting to expressing intent before a committee reports. Mrs. Cheryl S. MacNaughton, Phil Metschan and

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Senator Cain Diverge Action Is Dismissed

TACOMA, June 15.—(AP)—The divorce action of U. S. Senator and Mrs. Harry P. Cain has been dismissed, it was revealed here Tuesday.

The action was taken yesterday afternoon by Superior Judge Hugh J. Rosellini on action of Mrs. Cain's attorneys.

Also signing the order of dismissal was Charles D. Hunter, representing Cain.

Housing Bill, Sent To Floor, Strikes Drive For Economy

WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP)—The House Rules Committee Tuesday sent the administration's housing legislation to the floor. The action clears the way for a House vote on it next week.

The committee acted when confronted with a threat that it would be by-passed under the new "anti-bottlenecking" procedures.

The rules group kept similar legislation bottled up in the last Congress.

Estimates of the cost of the legislation runs from \$9,000,000,000 to \$19,000,000,000 over a 40-year period.

As the Committee voted to clear the bill, Rep. Cox (D.-Ga.), a member, issued a statement saying "we are doing that which Russia so much desires. We are bankrupting our country."

The housing program, one of Mr. Truman's major campaign promises, was passed by the Senate April 21 by a 57 to 13 vote. In the House it has collided with an economy drive. Some members are attacking it as "Socialism." The outcome of the prospective House vote is in doubt.

The bill calls for a vast program of slums clearance, low rent housing and farm housing aids.

Quadrupling Of Final Cost Of Hanford Atomic Plant Is Latest Investigation Target

WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP) Senator Hickenlooper (R.-Iowa) is setting out next to attack the atomic energy commission's spending of the taxpayer's dollar.

The Iowa senator, pressing his charges of "incredible mismanagement" against Commission Chairman David E. Lilienthal, picked for his first target at today's hearing a secret atomic installation at the Hanford, Wash., plutonium plant.

The cost of the Hanford project already has stirred up considerable congressional interest. Described as the "capstone" to the whole Hanford operation, the facility originally was expected to cost \$6,255,000. The commission now estimates it will cost \$24,950,000.

Senator McMahon (D.-Conn.), chairman of the House-Senate Atomic Committee, told reporters yesterday that he had started an investigation into the project as soon as he had heard early this year about the greatly increased cost.

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Independent Offices, to which the AEC must turn for money, also has had it under discussion.

Hickenlooper was told to go ahead on his new line of inquiry at a closed-door meeting of the joint committee yesterday.

And, after consulting with the five atomic commissioners, the committee decided that the matter could be discussed in public without "damage to security."

Cost Increase Defended
Details of the facility, for which the General Electric Co. is contractor, still are shrouded in secrecy.

Carleton Shugg, the commission's deputy general manager, told the appropriations group last week that the product is one for which you need a better word than "deadly poison." It was he who called it the "capstone" of the whole costly Hanford operation.

Shugg and other commission officials have defended the increased cost. They say that (1) many improvements have been made in the original project—for which there was no previous blueprint—and (2) there have

been difficulties which were not anticipated.

Another aspect of Hickenlooper's case against the commission—its loyalty review program—will be aired behind closed doors at some later date.

None of the committee members, McMahon said, favors a full open hearing on Hickenlooper's contention that key AEC employees have been given access to secret material despite "derogatory" information in their loyalty files.

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Finseth said the matter had not been discussed in previous meetings. They voted no.

President Edgar W. Smith and others said it had been discussed many times informally, Chambers adding that the move is strongly favored by many members of the Legislature, and was discussed frequently during the recent session.

Lobby comment afterwards indicated that Salem may be favored as a central and "neutral" location, and that it may take close to a year to obtain suitable quarters and complete the transfer. Dr. C. D. Byrne, secretary of the board, said about 10 persons are involved in the offices of the chancellor, the board secretary and budget department. The centralized business office has been at Corvallis since the system was organized and is apparently not involved in the projected shift.

Main board offices were established at Eugene in January, 1933, when the first chancellor, Dr. W. J. Kerr, suggested that location, temporarily at least.

Salaries, Wages Upped
Budgeted funds for the five instructional units total \$8,488,873. The total budget exceeds that of last year by about \$2,600,000 of which more than a million dollars goes to salary and wage increases. Increased costs of materials and expanded services account for the rest, the finance committee reported.

An additional \$1,221,298.90 in the budget was earmarked for special reserves and purposes such as state retirement assessments, equipment, dormitory utilities, land purchases and other items.

The budget provides for continuation on a part-time basis of some staff members purchasing normal retirement age, in accordance with recent legislative action. Each case is to be reviewed

each year, it was announced.

Other actions of committees were approved by the full board today. These included allocation of \$6,000,000 in building funds, approval of sites for a new science building at U. of O. and a small building for a cyclotron at OSC.

Recommendation of the Finance committee to purchase power for Oregon College of Education from the city of Monmouth was protested by a representative of the Pacific Power and Light Company. The purchase plan was passed subject to outcome of a hearing to be given by the company.

Following is the breakdown of the budget by institutions and services:

University of Oregon (at Eugene), \$2,800,237.41; U. of O. Dental School (Portland), \$493,134.00; U. of O. Medical School (Portland), \$892,796.52; Medical School teaching hospitals and clinics, \$619,707.00; Oregon State College (at Corvallis), \$4,120,568.98; Federal Cooperative extension, \$1,471,560.48; O. S. C. Agricultural experiment stations, \$1,537,405.12; Oregon College of Education (Monmouth), \$387,083.00; S. O. College of Education (Ashland), \$287,475.74; U. of O. College of Education (La Grande), \$271,328.05; General extension division (Portland), \$792,000.00; Centralized activities, \$239,223.26.

Division of the new building fund is as follows:
Science classroom-laboratory building, U. of O., \$1,200,000; animal science-dairy manufacturing building and food industries building, O. S. C., \$2,100,000; library-classroom building, S. O. C., \$300,000; library-museum building, E. O. C., \$200,000; library, C. O. E., \$100,000; library at Medical School, Portland, \$1,500,000.

Child Brutally Beaten By Father

YAKIMA, Wash., June 15.—(AP)—Little 44-year-old Joyce Minon perked up Tuesday, apparently recovering from the beating her father has admitted he gave her the last Saturday "because she wouldn't eat."

The father, Walter E. Minon, 41, is being held on an open charge until it is known whether the child will live.

Sheriff's deputies, summoned to the Minon home by a sister-in-law who lives next door, said the youngster lay unconscious on a davenport for more than 24 hours.

When they took Joyce to a hospital Sunday, both eyes were swollen shut and her skull was "almost pulpy." An x-ray examination failed to show any fracture, but her doctor said later "there are clinical evidences enough."

Prosecutor Ronald R. Hull said

Minon admitted he clubbed the child to "correct her" after she refused to eat and wouldn't talk to him when he tried to "reason with her." The father said he used a two-foot heavy stick.

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