

# COUNCIL ORDERS AIRPORT BOND ISSUE

## Go Slow In Enacting Bills Aimed At Reds, Warning To Congress From Justice Dept.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—The justice department today urged Congress to go slow in enacting anti-Communist bills until constitutional questions have been settled.

Peyton Ford, assistant to the attorney general, told the House Un-American Activities committee that important constitutional questions are involved in the approval of the 11 Communist party leaders convicted in New York some time ago.

"The decision in that case will be a most important one and action which may prove to be premature in the light of its outcome should be carefully weighed," Ford said in a letter to the committee.

Ford's letter was read as the committee opened hearing on anti-Communist bills sponsored by two of its members.

One, sponsored by Rep. Nixon (R-Calif.), provides among other things a 10-year prison term and \$10,000 fine to conspire to set up a Communist dictatorship in this country. The other, by Chairman Wood (D-Ga.), would make it unlawful for federal employees and for persons employed under national defense contracts to be members of the Communist party or any other organization branded as subversive.

The Nixon bill, similar to one now pending in the Senate, would require Communist and Communist-front organizations to register with the Department of Justice and to furnish a list of members. It also would require that all mail and radio broadcasts of such organizations be labeled as Red propaganda.

## Jury Orders Death For Young Killer

COLFAX, Wash., March 21.—(AP)—A superior court jury convicted Wayne Odell of first degree murder today and ordered the death penalty for the 21-year-old laborer. The jury found Odell guilty of killing Harold Rogers, 47, at his farm home near Winona in Eastern Washington.

The defendant accepted the verdict calmly. His mother wept hysterically. Rogers was shot to death in a struggle in the early morning hours of Dec. 24, 1949, after he rushed from his bedroom to answer his 20-year-old daughter's frightened screams in another bedroom.

The verdict rejected the defense argument that Odell, former sweetheart of Rogers' daughter, had been insane at the time of the shooting. Odell pleaded innocent to the charge by reason of insanity.

Defense attorneys contended Odell had become insane after the attractive girl attended a dance with another man and told Odell she didn't want to see him again.

Cora Jean is a student at Washington State college.

## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
The scene is sunny Florida. The speaker is Brigadier General Wallace Graham, President Truman's personal physician. The stage setting is provided by several dozen correspondents, pads open and pencils poised.

GRAHAM: I'm bothered about the President and his weight. It's only 175, but it ought to be a lot less.

CORRESPONDENTS: You mean the President is developing a pod? GRAHAM: Well, he used to brag that he could get into his World War I uniform. I dare him to now.

(Business of correspondents writing frantically in the notebooks).

GRAHAM: President Truman is the healthiest Harry Truman the country ever had, but that isn't enough. He has more burdens and needs more strength. It's these cooks. They fry everything in butter. More corn.

## NO 'SOCIALISM' WANTED Truman Program Being Ignored By Lawmakers, Cong. Ellsworth States

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore) says "it is becoming more and more apparent that nothing worth will be done" at this session of Congress.

"In a way that is a good thing," Ellsworth told a reporter. "The administration's demands for socialist legislation are being flatly ignored."

"On the other hand Congress most certainly should act on several fairly important matters this year."

"It should make substantial progress toward adopting recommendations made by the Hoover commission. It should get rid of most of the war excess taxes."

"The administration should quit playing politics with the Taft-Hartley law and cease blocking the passage of several improving amendments."

"The Oregonian said several other 'important and desirable' legislative suggestions are pending but there 'does not seem much likelihood now that the strike-torn ma-

### The Weather

Increasing cloudiness today with rain, becoming showery at night and Wednesday.  
Sunset today 6:26 p. m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 6:13 a. m.

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# Appropriation Bill Cuts Sum Asked By President

## House Group Sets \$200 Per Capita Outlay

## National Defense Items Represent Over Half Of Deficit Spending Program

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—A \$29,045,030,164 deficit-reducing government spending bill—representing a \$200 outlay for every man, woman and child in the nation—was approved today by the House Appropriations committee.

## Defense Fund Reduced By House Group

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—The House appropriations committee today approved \$13,911,127,300 for national defense in the year beginning July 1—and said even this might be too little to prepare the country for an emergency.

## Vote on Party Lines

Rep. Taber (R-N.Y.) said all committee Republicans present voted approving the bill on the ground it was "too big." He said all Democrats voted for it. There are 27 Democrats and 18 Republicans on the committee.

## Utility At Springfield Asks Rates' Reduction

SALEM, March 21.—(AP)—Mountain State Power company filed application today to reduce its rates in the city of Springfield.

## Charred Plane Wreckage Found; 2 Occupants Dead

HARLINGEN, Tex., March 21.—(AP)—The charred wreckage of a plane missing since a Sunday was found at the mouth of a dry arroyo near here yesterday—both occupants dead.

## REA Approves Bid On W. Douglas Utility Line

Harold Backen, manager of the Douglas Electric Cooperative, announced that the Rural Electrification authority has approved the low bid of Menzel & Kimball of Redding, Calif., for construction of 93 miles of rural lines in Western Douglas county.

## Daylight Saving Voted By Council At Corvallis

CORVALLIS, March 21.—(AP)—Corvallis last night joined the ranks of the daylight saving brigade when the city council voted 6-3 to put the city on fast time this summer.

## Six Colorado Prisoners Slung Guard And Escape

BUENA VISTA, Colo., March 21.—(AP)—Six prisoners attacked a guard and escaped from the Colorado state reformatory last night, Warden James Thomas said.

## DRUNK JAILED

Charles Becker, 43, of Roseburg, was committed today to the city jail for 15 days in lieu of a \$30 fine imposed by Municipal Judge Irv B. Riddle following Becker's plea of guilty to a drunk in car.

## Hitchhiker's Ride Like Death Tour

MARLIN, Tex., March 21.—(AP)—Earl Hancock Jr., 21, of Marlin recently hitchhiked to Huntsville, 125 miles away, where he is a student at Sam Houston State college.

## Bonneville's Plans To Boost Service Told

An overflow crowd jammed Hotel Bonneville's Civic room Monday noon to hear Dr. Paul J. Raver, Bonneville Power administrator, say: "It is not the purpose of federal power programs to discourage private firms in the power business."

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NEW YORK, March 21.—(AP)—The Daily Worker, Communist newspaper, has appealed to its readers for contributions to "guarantee its continued publication."

## Florida High Court OKs Anti-Bookie Law

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 21.—(AP)—The Florida supreme court today upheld the state's so-called anti-bookie law.

## Four Die In Crash Of Plane On Test Flight

CARDIFF, Wales, March 21.—(AP)—A cargo plane on a test flight crashed today near Llandow, South Wales, killing the pilot and three passengers.

## Youth Arrested With Loot From Durant Home

HOLLYWOOD, March 21.—(AP)—Two detectives, acting on a tip, early today arrested a "scared" Boston youth and recovered \$314,000 in bonds, stocks and jewelry stolen from the home of philosopher Will Durant.

## Sutherland Play Set

The Sutherland high school junior class play, "Almost Summer," will be presented at the Sutherland gymnasium Friday, March 24, at 7:30 p. m. It was announced today by Barbara Brauninger, Sutherland student.

## Private Utilities Won't Be Discouraged, Dr. Raver Says In Forum Address

Dr. Paul J. Raver, Bonneville Power administrator, said today in a speech to a Chamber of Commerce noon forum luncheon — Dr. Raver came out in strong support for the government's entry into the field of power.

## Garbage Dumping Draws Fine Of \$50

Justice of the Peace A. J. Geddes reported today the arrest and subsequent fining of Mrs. Ann Rose, 2033 Hollis St., who pleaded guilty Monday to violating the county's rule against dumping garbage along a county road.

## City Receives Payment On Different Services

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Forty-year pin for continuous membership in the International Typographical union was presented to Harlan B. Carter, above, during the Oregon Typographical conference held here last week. Carter began his printing experience in Topeka, Kan., worked on The Oregonian in 1905 and for other newspapers and printing shops in the Northwest. He also worked 12 years for the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. He came to Roseburg in 1915. Above photo was taken at the Roseburg Printing company, where Carter is a co-partner. (Staff photo)

## Mrs. America Of 1949 Files Suit For Divorce

SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 21.—(AP)—Mrs. America of 1949 wants a divorce.

## \$65 Monthly At Age 65 Oregon Ballot Plan

PORTLAND, March 21.—(AP)—An initiative measure calling for \$65 monthly at age 65 was planned today by the Progressive party for the Oregon ballot in November.

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## Election Set For June 6 On \$200,000 Sum

## Annual Physical Exams Of Food Handlers Called For In New Ordinance

WHAT THE COUNCIL DID: Called for ordinance setting airport improvement bond election June 6.

Passed food handler's ordinance through second reading. Deferred daylight saving time action.

Deferred action on Umpqua Ave. E. extension. City manager reported resurvey of West Roseburg sewers favorable to all property.

Called for special meeting with Hawthorne tract owners. Appointed budget committee members and set budget meeting Thursday.

Deferred action on Gile Street improvements.

Formal action in placing a \$200,000 airport improvement bond issue on the ballot at a special election June 6 awaits the presentation of an ordinance by the city attorney, probably at the next city council meeting.

The council last night reaffirmed previous action calling for the bond issue election, but by motion approved the city airport and Chamber of Commerce airport committee's recommendation that the election be held at a date other than to coincide with the primary election.

An ordinance requiring all food handlers within the city to have physical examinations annually, or at such other times as may be ordered by the health department, was passed to its first and second reading.

The examination will be handled by the county health officer, and fee for handling records by the health department.

## Assault-Robbery Guilt Admitted; 5 Years Meted

A penitentiary sentence of five years was meted by Judge Carl E. Wimberly in circuit court here Monday to Jack Carlton Keeling, 32 of Yoncalla, who pleaded guilty to assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon.

The information filed by District Attorney R. G. Davis, the prisoner was accused, while allegedly acting with Elmer Adrian Davis, of assaulting Ernest Hill and Tom Harkness with a pistol and robbing them of \$31. Date of the crime was given as Feb. 28 last.

Davis, Keeling's alleged accomplice, has refused to acknowledge any complicity in the crime, and is now awaiting review of his case by the grand jury. The pair was arrested at Yoncalla by state police within four hours after they allegedly had held up the Rice Valley cafe, according to a state police report.

Three other accused men faced Judge Wimberly Monday, all on had check charges and all pleaded guilty. James O. Casteel, 26, Sutherlin, and Dale Wilson, 30, Roseburg, both received three-year terms but were placed on probation contingent on making restitution. Casteel was charged with using a special federal aid because of check aggregating a total of \$90. Involked had check in Wilson's case was \$13.50. Obtaining money under false pretenses was the former charge against each man.

Third had check culprit was Meril Dale Roe, 23, Oklahoma City, who allegedly cashed a worthless check for \$43 at Nielsen's Market here. Pre-sentence investigation was ordered, based on FBI records.

## Land-Grant Colleges Win House Vote On Fees

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—The House has voted that land-grant colleges will not have to scale down GI tuition fees because of the special federal aid the schools get from the government.

By a roll call vote of 245 to 101, it passed and sent to the Senate yesterday a bill to nullify a veterans' administration order that in adjusting deduct land-grant aid in college rates for GI students.

Members who opposed the measure said it amounts to the government making double payments for the schooling of veterans.

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Church, a lawyer whose home was Evanston, Ill., was elected to the House seven times to represent the 13th Illinois district. He was chosen for three terms in a row beginning in 1934. In 1940 he broke his string to try unsuccessfully for the senatorial nomination.

In 1942 he was elected again and has served in the last four congresses.

## Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

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