

OREGON INCOME TAX CHANGE PROPOSED

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JUST A KID—Pfc. James D. Byrd, 14, of Youngstown, O., who enlisted in the army last June, is now a frostbite patient at Percy Jones army hospital at Battle Creek, Mich. He holds birth certificate which proves his youth. Byrd was with the 3rd infantry division, 8th army, in North Korea. (AP Wirephoto)

Corporation, Utility Levy Asked In Bills

State Tax Board Offers Plan At Salem, Also One For Cigaret Revenues

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM — (AP) — The Oregon legislature was asked today to raise \$2,000,000 more a year by levying the income tax on utilities, and on corporations which get 92 percent of their income from rentals.

The bills, by the legislative interim tax committee, would remove all exemptions under the corporation income tax law, except for insurance companies. The insurance companies would continue to be exempt because they pay a tax on premiums.

The bills would make charitable, scientific, religious and educational institutions pay the tax if they operate any business for profit.

The utilities, now exempt, would pay \$1,500,000 a year. The corporations which are now exempt if they get 95 percent or more of their income from rentals would have to pay \$500,000 a year.

The corporation tax rate now is 8 percent of net income, but personal property taxes can be deducted. Today's bills would change the rate to 6 percent, and eliminate the personal property tax deduction.

This change in rates wouldn't make any difference as to amount of money collected, the tax commission said. It would just make the tax more fair. The effective rate now, after deducting personal property taxes, is about 6 percent, anyhow.

The corporation income tax now brings in about \$18,000,000 a year. The extra \$2,000,000 a year would be a little help toward balancing the budget for the next two years.

Sales Tax Also Asked
The bills introduced today give the house tax committee their second tax bill. The first one introduced as the 2 percent sales tax measure.

Today's bills would hit such church groups as operate book publishing houses for profit. It also would tax college bookstores, and cemeteries run for profit.

Some churches even run lumber mills, which now are exempt. The measures also would check the tax commission a closer look on Sen. Frederick S. Lamport, Salem, and six other legislators, to stop price-cutting.

The tax commission would license retailers for \$5 a year, and cigarette vending machines would be licensed for \$5, also. Wholesale and distributors would pay \$250 a year.

A similar bill was defeated in the 1949 legislature. Any dealer who violated the law would lose his license.

Sen. Robert D. Holmes, Gearhart Democrat, introduced a bill for a paid three-man liquor commission. The present liquor commission has three members, but doesn't get paid.

The chairman would get \$8,000 a year, and the other two members \$7,500 each. The office of liquor administrator, now held by William Hammond, would be abolished.

Donations Requested For Burned-Out Family
Donations of clothing, bedding and household utensils are being asked by the local Red Cross chapter to aid a family near Glendale that was burned out Sunday morning.

The mother is hospitalized with burns. Neighbors are temporarily caring for the children, the father reports. The family consists of a three-month old baby girl, two boys, four and six, and two girls, twelve and thirteen years old. The mother wears size 18 dresses. The Red Cross is asking that those who have donations bring them to the armory.

Avalanches In Alps Claim 141 Lives

Snow Slides Gulp Villages In 3 Countries

Scores Of Persons Hurt Or Still Missing, Resorts, Railway Service Crippled

GENEVA, Switzerland — (AP) — The death toll stood at 141 with many still missing today as rescue workers in three Alpine countries continued to dig through snow and debris left by disastrous week-end avalanches.

Austria had at least 66 dead, Switzerland 60 and Italy 15 as a result of great slides crashing down Alpine slopes for the past three days. Whole villages were buried, houses broken like kindling wood and families entombed by the thundering snow.

In Austria, where an untold number of persons still are missing, Interior Minister Helmer said the government is considering appropriate aid measures for the victims.

The semi-official Swiss News agency said that the disaster struck at least 15 localities in Switzerland. Besides the 60 dead, it said, 20 others were missing and another 20 were reported seriously injured.

In Italy, in addition to the dead, at least 50 persons were injured, many of them caught beneath roofs crumpled by the weight of the snow.

The snow still was falling on the Italian side of the Alps, causing fears there would be more avalanches.

On the Swiss side the number of avalanches appeared to be decreasing but officials warned that there still was danger.

Tourists Marooned
Thousands of British and American sports lovers were temporarily isolated at swank ski resorts. Among the marooned were 500 British and 70 Americans at Davos, Switzerland.

None of the resorts was believed to be in any danger, however. They were said to have ample food stocks.

The unusual number of slides resulted from heavy snows last week. Avalanches are not uncommon in the Alps, but the weekend number was believed a record.

Hardest hit of the three countries was Switzerland, where the slides brought tragedy to dozens of quiet valleys.

The mountain railway connecting Davos, St. Mortiz, Arosa and other resorts with the outside world still is badly crippled. Officials hoped to open the line from Arosa today, but said that it would take.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of the stearns mortuary of Oakland.

Ban On Longshoremen Picketing Continued
PORTLAND — (AP) — The ban on longshoremen picketing continued in southwestern Oregon today. The prospect was for no labor trouble there for some time.

Federal Judge Gus Solomon renewed the temporary restraining order against picketing, and gave attorneys 19 days to submit arguments on whether he should continue the ban until the NLRB finally determines jurisdiction in the dispute.

The dispute was over the lumber schooner C-Trader at Reedsport. Longshoremen began picketing in protest over use of AFL sailors in loading lumber aboard the ship. Picketing spread to other ports, and lumber shipping dropped. The restraining order opened the ports to shipping again.

Portland Couple Hurt In Auto Crash Near Drain
Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Brice of Portland received minor chest injuries in an automobile accident north of Drain Sunday afternoon, state police report.

The couple was traveling north on highway 99 in a vehicle operated by Thomas Maxwell Dodds, Portland, when they were involved in a head-on collision with a car operated by Ralph Norwood Corbett, McMinnville, state police said. They were taken to Eugene by ambulance for treatment.

Proposed Access Roads In Forests Get Budget's Nod

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The government is planning a big stepup in building of access roads into western national forests to help boost lumber production for defense needs.

President Truman's budget proposes \$17,500,000 for national forest road and trail building in the fiscal year starting next July 1. That's about 70 percent above the \$10,592,000 appropriation for the present year.

Chief Forester Lyle Watts estimated a long-range program of access road building to open hard-to-reach forest areas would increase the national forest timber cuts from 3,800,000,000 board feet annually to about 6,000,000,000.

Douglas Power Projects Listed

Three power projects in Douglas county are requested in President Truman's proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1951, District Manager W. E. Trommerhausen of the Bonneville Power administration reports.

The district manager said the proposed budget included a total of \$14,938,500 for projects in the Southwestern Oregon district. An appropriation of \$75,000,000 was requested for the Pacific Northwest Columbia river power system, including \$69,500,000 for construction and liquidation of contracts, and \$8,500,000 for operation and maintenance.

The three Douglas county power projects are: Roseburg-Coos 230-kv. line, \$100,000; Reedsport-Coos 115-kv. line, \$80,000; Coos substitution additions, \$218,000, and Reedsport substations additions, \$30,000.

Zone Issue Will Be Talked Tonight

A public hearing will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the city council chambers on the proposal to change to a business zone the property on either side of Oak Street from Parrott street to the Oak Street bridge.

The area to the north at present is industrial, while that lying to the south is residential. The new zoning classification would extend on either side of the street to the property line.

This hearing will be conducted by the city planning commission, which will base its recommendations to the city council upon facts obtained at the hearing. If the change is favored, the council would have to hold another hearing before it could take final action.

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PORTLAND — (AP) — Plans for a \$1,500,000 lime reduction plant were announced here. The United States Lime Products corporation, Los Angeles, said it would build the plant in north Portland, producing high-quality lime from Alaska ore.

March Of Dimes Auction Slated For January 30

"Wanna buy a duck?" That expression, made famous by Joe Penner, will be repeated with hundreds of variations the night of Tuesday, Jan. 30. That is the date fixed for the annual March of Dimes auction, to be held at the Roseburg armory. Sponsored by the Kiwanis club, the auction will start at 7 o'clock.

The armory is expected to be half full of household furniture, livestock, implements, appliances, clothing and articles of all sorts donated for the event, reports A. G. Henniger, March of Dimes general chairman.

Persons having donations of goods for the auction are requested to telephone the March of Dimes headquarters, phone 2070, and pickup will be arranged.

Bob Bashford is general chairman of the event. Auctioneers furnished by Andy Hemenius, owner of the Roseburg Auction market, will be Walter Mask, Harry Smith, Ole Cooper and Blackie Smith.

Lou Franco and his musicians are donating their services to supply music from 8 to 10 o'clock. Bill Grey is chairman of publicity, Harold Glover and Byron Woodruff are soliciting donations, Vern Hasbrook, manager of Consolidated Freightways, is pickup chairman. Donations will be picked up Monday and Tuesday.

Gen. Bradley Gives Defense Assurances

Program, If Carried Out, Ample To Ban Disaster To U.S., Congress Told

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Gen. Omar Bradley told Congress today the military forces the United States is planning "are sufficient in my opinion to avert disaster for our country."

Testifying before the senate preparedness subcommittee, the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff said bombing of American cities might be possible but "there is little real danger now of the continental United States being invaded and overrun so far as we can see."

Bradley said U. S. air defenses, "combined with the efforts of the Canadians," could avert "a complete disaster" but "if a determined enemy is willing to expend the effort, some bombers will get through."

Bradley was before the committee to endorse the Defense department's proposals for drafting of 18-year-olds and extending the period of draft service from 21 to 27 months.

He gave the committee in addition a briefing on how the services plan to meet any attack.

"The initial retaliation against an enemy by strategic bombing will be provided if the air power and the necessary army and navy support to seize and hold the bases from which to operate are in our hands the moment an emergency arises," he said.

Senator Hunt (D-Wyo) said he felt Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's views on the need for this step should be secured before Congress votes on the issue.

Hunt, who says he is convinced that 18-year-olds must be drafted — and for 27 months' service instead of the present 21 — is a member of the senate armed services subcommittee holding hearings on military manpower legislation.

Hunt said he will ask that the subcommittee solicit Eisenhower's views, after the general returns from Europe. Eisenhower, on leave of absence as president of Columbia university, is studying his new duties as commander of a projected international army to defend western Europe.

SMELT TASTE EXPLAINED

ASTORIA — (AP) — The Columbia river smelt should taste better from now on.

They tasted like stove oil the past few days, customers complained to fish market operators here. Fishermen had an explanation.

It was because the tanker Olem cracked open while entering the Columbia river Jan. 11, and leaked oil all the way from here to Portland, they said. Fishermen expressed belief the oil now has been carried away by the current.

Meanwhile they reported light smelt catches.



FAVORS A-BOMB — Maj. Gen. Emmett (Rosie) O'Donnell, back from Korea to head the 15th air force, at March Air Base, Calif., urged that "we use the most effective weapon against Red China — the A-bomb." (AP Wirephoto)

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MILE OF DOLLARS—Prominent Roseburg citizens started the ball rolling Saturday on a part of the March of Dimes campaign—the Mile of Dollars. The one-day drive netted \$666.25, only about 333 feet in length but a new record in the local history of the affair. Pictured from left to right are Chief of Police Calvin Baird, Mayor Al Flegel, News-Review Editor Charles Stanton, Sid Moon, City Manager Matt Slankard and Gus Carlson, newly elected president of the Junior chamber of commerce, which sponsored the event. Young, unidentified spectators are somewhat awed by the proceedings. (Photo by Paul Jenkins)

Yoncalla Couple Dead Prior To Car's Plunge Into Creek, Coroner Says From Inquiry

Leo Henry Morin and his wife, Cora Belle, of Yoncalla were killed before their automobile landed in the canyon creek, County Coroner Harry C. Stearns said today.

The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Morin were found Friday evening in their car submerged in the creek. The coroner said that evidence found on the bodies indicated the couple was killed by impact before the car hit the water. Stearns said the accident happened sometime Tuesday evening while the couple was enroute to Elkton to visit Mrs. Morin's sister.

Funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. Morin will be held in the Yoncalla Methodist church Tuesday at 2 p.m. with Rev. James C. Smith officiating.

Leo Henry Morin was born in Yoncalla Feb. 30, 1922, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Morin. He has lived in the Yoncalla vicinity most of his life, with the exception of four years while in the navy in World War II. At the time of his death, Morin was employed as a logger.

He was married at Reno, Nev., June 20, 1950, to Cora Belle Collins of Yoncalla. He is survived by his parents, a brother, Douglas Morin of Yoncalla and a sister, Mrs. June Belle of Susanville, Calif.

Mrs. Cora Belle Morin was born in Winthrop, Ark., July 28, 1923, and had been a resident of Yoncalla the last 15 years. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marquis L. Collins, a brother, Marvin Collins, all of Yoncalla; three sisters, Mrs. Nora M. Allen, Elkton; Mrs. Millie Ester Allen, Yoncalla, and Mrs. Geona L. Getz, Tacoma, Wash.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of the stearns mortuary of Oakland.

W. Berlin Youth Backs Germany's "Patrick Henry"

BERLIN — (AP) — West Berlin youth organizations prepared a mass demonstration tonight honoring 18-year-old Hermann Joseph Flade, who defied a Communist death sentence with Patrick Henry sentiments.

"I love my freedom more than my life," young Flade told a Communist court in Russian-controlled Dresden, echoing the impassioned sentiments of America's revolutionary war hero.

Throughout West Germany, anti-Communists have rallied to the youth's example. The American-licensed radio is duping his story into the ears of Russian-zone listeners.

Flade, a Catholic from Bavaria, was tried as an "enemy of the state" for distributing leaflets last fall urging votes against the Communist-controlled "National Front" ticket, the only slate permitted in the East zone election. Communist faithful packed the courtroom and a public address system carried his words outside the building.

Before chagrined prosecutors could silence their loudspeakers, Flade defied the court and said he opposed the Communist system. The court imposed the death sentence.

His story, kept quiet by the Communists, was brought to West Berlin by friends. The furor that followed may have given him at least a temporary new lease on life. He was sentenced to the block 10 days ago, but East zone authorities said the execution had been delayed. Such a lengthy delay between sentence and execution in East Germany has been unknown previously. Execution usually follows sentence in a day or two.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
It looks like we're going to stanch and fight at the lower end of Korea.
General Collins, our army chief of staff, and General Vandenberg, our air force chief of staff, have been making a close-up inspection of conditions at the front. Back in Washington, General Collins says: "Our army (in Korea) has plenty of fight left in it... if the enemy attacks in ANY strength, they will be very severely punished."
General Vandenberg apparently agrees with this size-up of the situation.
General MacArthur, whose star at the moment is pretty much in eclipse, has also just finished an inspection. At 8th Army headquarters this morning he issued this statement to the correspondents: "No one is going to drive us into the sea. This command intends to."
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The Weather

Showers today, clearing and colder tonight. Rain late Tuesday.
Highest temp. for any Jan. 71
Lowest temp. for any Jan. 4
Highest temp. yesterday 51
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 41
Precip. last 24 hours .35
Precip. from Jan. 1 5.44
Precip. from Sept. 1 29.45
Excess from Jan. 1 1.87
Sunset today, 5:12 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:38 a.m.

Patient Dies In Plunge From Hospital Window

POTTLAND — (AP) — A 62-year-old man died in a plunge from a second story window of St. Vincent's hospital here Sunday.

A passerby found on the sidewalk the body of William K. Douglas, Portland, treasurer of the West Coast Trans-Oceanic Steamship lines. He had been despondent since his admittance to the hospital two weeks ago, hospital authorities reported.