



DIPLOMATS SHAKE HANDS—WASHINGTON—Fernando Fournier, left, undersecretary of foreign affairs of Costa Rica, and Ambassador Guillermo Sevilla Sacosa of Nicaragua shake hands at another emergency session of the Organization of American States council. Fournier has charged Nicaragua with fomenting a revolt in Costa Rica. (AP Wirephoto).

Wilson Orders Reinstatement Of Annie Moss

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Defense Wilson Wednesday ordered the Army to reinstate Mrs. Annie Lee Moss, suspended employee whose case figured in controversy between the Army and Senator McCarthy (R-Wis).

The 48-year-old Negro woman twice was suspended by the Army as a possible security risk, the second time last Aug. 4.

She had been doing clerical work.

Wilson's order was in a letter to Army Secretary Stevens in which he directed Mrs. Moss' restoration to duty and said that she would be reassigned to a non-sensitive position "without access to classified information" in the finance and accounts office of the Army's chief of finance.

Wilson said in his letter if Mrs. Moss accepts her new assignment "the case should be closed."

Wilson said his study of the record "does not support a conclusion that she is actually subversive or disloyal to the United States."

Wilson added the record did show "clear indication of certain derogatory information occurring prior to 1946."

Mrs. Moss came to national attention in February of last year when McCarthy, charging the Army with "coddling" Communists, said she had been identified as a Communist by a witness before his investigations subcommittee and was even then handling "top secret" messages in the Pentagon code room.

A witness before McCarthy had testified she knew an Annie Lee Moss as a Communist in the 1940's, but this witness was unable to say whether the Army employee was the same woman.

Mrs. Moss denied she was a Communist and contended it was a case of mixed identities.

The Army said Mrs. Moss never had access to the code room but did transmit messages in code as an automatic telegraph operator.

Gov. Patterson Not Afraid Of Opposition To Tax Plan; Sen. Geddes Is 'Big Wheel'

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP) — Gov. Paul Patterson doesn't feel too bad about the cool reception that Republican legislators are giving his tax program.

His attitude is that if the Legislature can come up with a better answer to the state's critical financial position, it can go right ahead.

The governor wants a state property tax, and wants to boost state income taxes by taking away the deduction for federal income taxes.

"I reached that conclusion after long and careful study," the governor said. "I'm not trying to shove anything down the Legislature's throat. If it can find a better way to maintain needed state services, that would be fine."

"There still is another answer, though. That would be to increase income taxes right down the line by providing higher rates."

Naturally, people who own lots of property and who have large incomes don't like the governor's program. It would hit them hard. There are numerous people in this economic class in the Legislature, and they would rather have a sales tax.

"People who own little or no property, and who have small incomes, like the governor's plan. It would not hurt them much."

All of which proves the old saying: The best tax is the one that soaks the other guy.

Four years ago, then-Gov. Douglas McKay suggested removal of the federal tax deduction. This idea didn't get anywhere. But when the plan came, this wasn't needed, because the Legislature found enough surplus income tax funds to finance the budget.

Up to now, a sales tax bill could be passed easily through the Legislature. This time, it's a toss-up, because of opposition from the governor and the Democrats.

Of the 25 Democrats in the House, 22 probably would vote against a sales tax. If only eight Republicans supported the governor, a sales tax would be blocked.

The Legislature doesn't have floor leaders for each party, as Congress and most legislatures do. But there are a few lawmakers who serve the same purpose, and it's already possible to tell who the Legislature's leaders are.

The Republican leader in the House is Rep. Loran L. Stewart, Cottage Grove lumberman. Speaker Ed Geary has made Stewart his chief lieutenant, as well as chairman of the Tax Committee.

The Democratic leaders in the House are Reps. Maurine Neuberger and Alfred H. Corbett, both of Portland.

In the Senate, the biggest Republican wheels are Sens. Paul Geddes, Roseburg; Howard C. Belton, Canby; and Warren Gill, Lebanon. Ranking close behind them are Sens. Gene Brown, Grants Pass, and John Merrifield, Portland.

The man who appears to run the Democratic strategy in the upper House is Sen. Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie. He's Democratic national committee man.

A lobbyist is suggesting that the Oregon Legislature could save a lot of time by having electronic voting systems.

In the House, it takes about three minutes to call the roll of 60 names. Late in the session, when there are 30 or 40 rollcalls, it would save at least two hours a day.



LIBERACE? FOO FOO!—All I need is a candelabra muser Foo-Foo, a rare Chinese crested. The almost completely hairless Foo-Foo is tuning up for the 45th annual Golden Gate Kennel Club dog show (Jan. 22-23) in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium.

Most Postwar Adjustment On Farms Completed, Says Agriculture Sec. Benson

By OVID A. MARTIN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Agriculture Benson told Congress Wednesday the postwar decline in farm income has just about stopped and farmers may look forward to "economic stability and continued growth."

"The small changes in farm income and farm prices between 1953 and 1954 suggest," he said, "that most of the postwar adjustment has been completed, and that we are in a period of comparative stability."

Benson made his forecast in testimony before the Senate Agriculture Committee. He had been invited to appear before the committee to discuss the farm situation and outlook.

He said the general economic situation is good and agriculture will share in the "growth and prosperity ahead of us, to the extent it continues to apply science and technology to its production and merchandising."

Benson told the committee that the administration's farm programs—embracing flexible price supports, crop control measures, and programs for disposal of surpluses—is operating satisfactorily.

Some Democratic farm leaders in Congress have indicated that

they will seek this year to repeal portions of the administration's program, particularly flexible price supports, and restore the war born high rigid floors which were dropped last year.

Benson said net income of farmers last year was approximately 12 1/2 billion dollars. He said the net income this year should approach that of last year with prices averaging close to the levels prevailing at the present time.

The GOP farm chief went into the farm situation by major commodities and products.

He said, for example, that the cattle industry—which was greatly depressed in 1953—saw some price recovery and restoration of stability last year. He said that farmers have been making adjustments in production which promise greater stability.

He said there is improvement in the dairy situation—which has been one of the most troublesome because of over production and accumulation of vast surpluses in the government's hands. He said milk consumption is on the upswing while production gives every indication of having leveled off. He added that government buying of surplus butter, cheese and dried milk has declined in recent months.

Lumber, Forest Products In '54 Set New Record

SEATTLE (AP) — Lumber and forest products carloadings in the Pacific Northwest set a new record in 1954.

The Pacific Northwest Advisory Board reported Wednesday the carloadings totaled 451,624 compared with 446,594 in 1953, the previous high year. The report covers Washington, Oregon and North Idaho.

The high mark was attained in the face of a strike that paralyzed the industry for many weeks last summer.

Carloadings of logs, which also were affected by the strike, dropped to the lowest mark in years—179,663 compared with 210,726 in 1953.

Other highlights of the Advisory Board report showed record carloadings for grains and a record low for coal.

The grain carloadings, however, instead of representing a heavy movement in market channels was influenced by heavy movement for storage in ships. The carloadings of grains and its products totaled 92,980 for the year, compared with 79,861 in 1953.

Japan Minister Would Restore Russian Relations

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu said Wednesday Japan desires "to restore normal relations with the Soviet Union as it... existed prior to the war."

He denied that Russia has made any direct or indirect approaches beyond public statements of the Moscow government.

This was the clearest, strongest statement from Japan's new government on making peace and restoring relations with the Soviet Union. Shigemitsu insisted any new moves must come from the Russians.

As for recognizing Communist China, Shigemitsu said "the situation is so complicated and we must shape our policy in accordance with the developments of the global situation. For the present, we shall encourage trade with her within the limits of our international commitments."

The veteran diplomat, who signed Japan's surrender, spoke at a formal press conference.

He said Japan was going ahead in its delicate maneuvers with the Communist powers in full and continuous consultation with the United States and Japan's other allies.

Asked if his government was under any pressure from the United States on the Communist issue, Shigemitsu said "we are under pressure from nowhere. Of course there is discussion and a free exchange of views. We make the decisions ourselves. We are an independent country."

Barbara Hartle Says Communist Originated CRC

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former Washington State Communist Party leader said Wednesday that during her membership in the party it had the role of "originating and guiding the Civil Rights Congress."

The testimony was given by Mrs. Barbara Hartle before the Subversive Activities Control Board at a hearing on a proposal that the Civil Rights Congress be required to register as a Communist front organization.

Mrs. Hartle's description of the party's role in the Civil Rights Congress drew objections from Ralph Powe, attorney for the congress but David J. Coddaira, presiding board member said the answer "may stand for what it's worth."

The government witness, now serving a sentence resulting from her conviction in 1953 in Seattle of conspiring to teach and advocate the forcible overthrow of the United States government, said she had never belonged to the Civil Rights Congress.

She said she knew, however that congress chapters had been organized in Bellingham, Anacortes, Everett, Aberdeen, Tacoma and Olympia.

Frantic Barking Of Dog Leads To Two Dead Men

OROVILLE, Calif. (AP) — The frantic barking of a small black dog far down in the cavernous canyon of the Feather River Tuesday led to the discovery of two dead men and the wreck of their car off alternate U.S. Highway 40.

On one body was a Navy discharge for Amos Geist of Keddle, Plumas County. There was no clue to the identity of the other man, Sheriff's Sgt. Tom Evans said.

Deputy Coroner Roy Parker estimated the bodies had lain there since Sunday.

The letter to Grover Whitten threatened him for opposing Bohannon's efforts while in prison to seek a parole.

Whitten is the brother of a McCurran County deputy for whose slaying 20 years ago Bohannon was serving a life term.

they were found, 300 feet down the steep wall of the canyon 20 miles east of here, for approximately a week. Nearby was a 1941 sedan registered in Geist's name.

BARGE FREED FROM SAND

SEASIDE (AP) —The tug Salvage Chief freed a 130-foot steel barge from the sands here early Wednesday. The barge, en route from Coos Bay to the Columbia River when it broke its tow Sunday, went ashore in a heavy windstorm.

RECUPERATING

Mrs. E. T. Schosso of Tenmile, has been spending most of the week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ben Hammond, in Winston assisting her with her work. Mrs. Hammond is recovering from a major operation and is reported to be doing nicely.

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