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OREGON'S DELEGATION

By Robert W. Chandler
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The State of Oregon is represented in the Congress of the United States by six persons, two members of the Senate and four members of the House of Representatives.

Just for the fun of it, in Washington last week, we asked five persons for their appraisals of the six. The persons we asked were:

A wire service reporter assigned to the Congressional beat.

A metropolitan newspaper reporter who covers Congress.

A Washington reporter for a group of small daily newspapers in the Midwest.

A publisher who spends much of his time in Washington on consulting work for the government; and

A man who is the head of the information service for one of the big Federal agencies.

Their composite views of the Oregon delegation are presented here, without comment from the writer.

Senator Wayne Morse: One of the most intelligent members of the Senate, although rather unpredictable. Widely recognized among his colleagues as the Senate's

ABOUT THE AUTHOR—Robert W. Chandler is editor and publisher of the Bend Bulletin. He recently went to Washington as a representative of Bend business and industrial interests to protest sale of timber in Deschutes County to the L. & M. Lumber Co. of Sutherlin, which has made application for a large sale near Crescent Lake. While in Washington, Chandler wrote several editorials pertaining to impressions gained at the national capital. We found his report on the Oregon congressional delegation so interesting that we reprint it in full today as our Guest Editorial—CVS.

best-informed man on labor matters and one of that body's top law experts. Not too effective in the field of the small special legislation designed to aid constituents because he is such a lone operator. Probably the Senate's top member in debate, particularly good in give-and-take exchanges on the floor, where he can almost make some members run for cover when he starts in against them.

Senator Richard L. Neuberger: In his short career already is characterized by these newsmen as the Senate's leading publicity seeker. Frequently ready with a short speech during the morning hour, and often has a press release waiting on some matter or another. Intense about everything he does, and can't seem to relax even away from the office or Senate floor. Works hard at everything he does. Impression is that he lacks political polish (made a big issue out of squirrels on White House lawn, when a Barkley-type wisecrack would have been perhaps more effective, and keeps promoting his family bonus plan when current economic situation neither warrants it nor leads to much interest in it).

Congressman Harris Ellsworth: Probably Oregon's most powerful representative in Congress. Member of the House Rules Committee, which passes on all legislation, and as a result has a great deal to do with whether or not bills get out on the floor for consideration. Quiet, hard worker. Respected by members of the House from among both parties. Makes few speeches. When he does say something a lot of members listen. Good student of legislation.

Congressman Walter Norblad: An enigma as far as group judgment is concerned. Some of those questioned ranked him at the bottom of the Oregon delegation, others thought he was entitled to a better position. One characterized him by saying "he could work a lot harder than he does," others felt he was perhaps buried in a mass of routine, both legislatively and administratively.

Congressman Sam Coon: Not the flashy type, but effective in work for his district because he works harder at it than many members do. Seldom makes a speech, prefers to work by talking to members at lunch, in the halls or their offices or during quiet times on the floor. Good at this personal-contact type of persuasion.

Congresswoman Edith Green: Has not been active in too many fields other than Hells Canyon legislation. Well informed on her side in that issue. Energetic and could well become a real asset to her district.

The Oregon group is a relatively small one, but on the whole is a little better than the average, was the consensus of opinion.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK — America's widest bosom doesn't belong to either Jane Russell or Marilyn Monroe.

Leonard Warren, acknowledged by a number of critics to be the world's present best dramatic baritone, says he is six feet tall, weighs 200 pounds — and has a 32-inch chest. Well, ladies, may we go on from there?

In the fine art of operatic singing top dramatic sopranos, baritones, and the gent who can dig a deep bass share a small but endlessly competitive world.

The voice, the voice, it is everything. It is a power in itself, a power above the temptations of self-indulgence, even above the wilful wish for money.

At least so says Warren, who says gimmicks are helpful, but he has no gimmicks as a singer. "No one gives a voice but God," he said. "All that can be done then is to assist it."

"You must have the humility and intelligence to use it. After all, why didn't my sister or brother have this same gift? There had never been another singer in the family."

If this talking about his talent seems midley egotistical, on Warren's part it is justified. Confidence in himself as well as his vocal cords is a key part of his makeup, as it is with all great singers.

They must feel a power over the audience to control it.

Warren, a Bronx-born boy with

out Italian blood who has been accepted and saluted by the tough audiences of La Scala in Milan as the top man in his field, is also comforted by the recognition he has achieved as the leading baritone of the New York Metropolitan Opera.

"This is where I was born—this is where I live," he said. "Even to step upon the boards of the Metropolitan Opera, it is a tradition, a feeling."

Warren ducked out of his dad's wholesale fur trade, worked in a filling station, then sang in the Radio City Music Hall for three years before winning a Metropolitan audition over 70 contestants. He has a repertoire of 26 operatic roles.

The title role of "Rigoletto" is pretty much his by popular demand. He has sung it more than 100 times—on at least three continents.

How does a major operatic star live? Seriously.

"I have to live very simply," said Warren. "I do nothing to excess. Not in food or liquor. I don't smoke. Some do. I don't."

"An artist cannot afford excess. I don't take physical exercise, although I do like to walk. I go to bed early."

"No, I don't practice singing. . . but about once a week I go to my old singing teacher for an hour whenever I can. It is a kind of psychological checkup."

"Money? The greatest enemies of an operatic singer are the common cold and the income tax. I

That's the Danger!



502 New State Laws Go Into Effect Wednesday After Legal Waiting Period

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM — Oregon citizens have 502 new laws to obey, Wednesday being the day that most of the bills passed by the 1955 Legislature went into effect.

While the Legislature passed 772 bills, 265 became law when they were passed. Those were the emergency acts. A few others either are referred to the people or will become effective next year.

New laws going into effect Wednesday include such important measures as those increasing state income taxes 60 per cent, creating a state water resources board and regulating use of ground water, starting state meat inspection, making Portland State College a degree-granting institution, regulating billboards along highways, banning wire tapping except by

court order, and giving women equal pay with men on the same work.

The 3-cent cigarette tax would have gone into effect Wednesday, except for the referendum attack filed against it. This bill will be held in abeyance until the people vote on it at the general election next year.

Part of the unemployment compensation bill became law Wednesday, this part being the disqualification of thousands of workers from getting benefits. The sections increasing maximum benefits from \$25 to \$35 weekly will go into effect Jan. 1.

Three laws governing operation of the penitentiary are among the new ones. They allow transfer of convicts to county jails, other state penitentiaries, or federal prisons; provide maximum 20-year sentences for taking hostages, and let convicts visit besides of seriously ill relatives and funerals of those who have died.

Other important new laws which became effective Wednesday: Providing an easy method of obtaining election recounts; compelling persons to care for indigent relatives.

Authorizing appointment of five assistant attorneys general to prosecute welfare frauds.

Setting up a judicial council, consisting of all judges, to recommend ways to speed up justice.

Allowing voters to create grass-roots control districts.

Life sentences for sex offenders against children.

Ordering dope addicts to be treated in state hospitals.

Setting up a marketing division in the Department of Agriculture.

Making grade B milk conform with grade A bacteria standards.

Granting Supreme Court reviews of all death sentences.

Providing for education of mentally retarded children.

Increasing industrial accident benefits 16 per cent.

Limiting damages in inadvertent libel cases to the actual damages, providing that a retraction has been published.

Let school boards decide their own physical education programs.

Allowing certain state automobiles, such as those of the parole board and investigating agencies, be unmarked.

Permit voluntary blood tests for drunk drivers.

Authorizing port districts to issue revenue bonds.

Let two or more counties have regional libraries.

Allow the Board of Control to abolish the flax industry at the penitentiary.

In The Day's News

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our government will do its best to insure speedy reunions between the men and their families. . . He extends thanks to all those who contributed to the release of the fliers — especially the UNITED NATIONS and its secretary-general, Dag Hammarskjöld, who made a trip to red China early this year to try to arrange their release.

Note, please, that Ike doesn't offer DIRECT THANKS to the red Chinese—who, in releasing the men said that they had behaved "fairly well" while in prison and were therefore being set free before the expiration of their terms.

They DON'T withdraw their spying charges.

Secretary Dulles says their release is a victory for President Eisenhower's policy of patience and forbearance.

Democratic Senator George of Georgia (speaking officially for his party because of the serious illness of Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas, the senate majority leader) says the communist decision to release the fliers proves that Geneva is worth while even if it does nothing but bring home those U.S. citizens who have been imprisoned.

House Republican Leader Martin warns against drawing any unwelcome conclusions. Red China, he says, realizing it is facing a bad future, is trying again to win victory through diplomacy.

What are we common, everyday, average Americans, who hold no public office, who make policy for our nation only by our votes and our comments, to think about it all?

I'd say our attitude should be that of old Oliver Cromwell, back in England's great civil war in the 17th century. He was about to lead his famous cavalry troop, the Ironsides, over a river in a move to strike his enemy unexpectedly so as to better his own defensive position.

He said to them, as quoted by Colonel Valentine Blacker in a famous poem:

"Put your trust in God, my boys, and KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY."

Let's hope, as we never hoped before, that another world war may be avoided.

But let's never forget that the surest way to avoid a war of aggression is to keep ourselves so strong that no aggressor will dare to tackle us.

What were the "warnings" the defenders offered? Most likely a few preliminary anti-aircraft bursts wide of the mark. To be effective as warnings, they would have had to be followed by a quiet interval giving the plane time to head back across the border. No evidence yet known suggests the doomed craft was given such a respite from attack.

The truth seems to be that Communist gunners shoot first and think afterwards. If at all they do not appear to care what kind of plane comes within their range.

Despite many protestations to the contrary in recent times the Communists evidently are determined to delay indefinitely their entry into the human society.

Northwest Republican Vote On Natural Gas Bill Gave Enough Margin For Victory

By A. ROBERT SMITH

WASHINGTON — The votes of six Republican congressmen from the Pacific Northwest in favor of the hotly disputed natural gas bill were enough to give the bill its 209-203 victory margin in the House last week.

Oregon's four-man delegation was evenly divided, with Reps. Harris Ellsworth and Sam Coon supporting the bill and Reps. Walter Norblad and Edith Green voting against it. Washington state's delegation was split 4-3 in favor of the bill.

The current construction of a natural gas pipeline from the southwest to the Pacific Northwest gave the House vote added significance, since its effect is likely to be felt in the region the next few years. But exactly what that effect may be is debatable, in the minds of the region's congressmen.

The bill would wipe out a Supreme Court ruling which held that natural gas producers' rates should be regulated by the Federal Power Commission. With the nod of approval from the Eisenhower administration, southern lawmakers went to work to change the natural gas act to exempt gas producers from federal rate regulation.

What will be the effect on the Pacific Northwest if the bill is passed by the Senate and later signed into law by the president? "It will increase the price of gas to the consumer," declared Congressman Norblad, who opposed the bill. "They are entitled (meaning the gas producers) to a fair profit, but this may open it wide open. I think they ought to be regulated. They are a public utility just like the light company or the water works."

Congressman Harris Ellsworth, who supported the bill, said he did so "as a matter of principle" because he is generally opposed to government regulation of private development, especially in the field of mineral resources.

"I suppose the smart political thing would have been to vote 'No,'" said Ellsworth, explaining that consumers might be persuaded by its opponents that the bill will increase gas rates. He claimed, however, that "this argument that it will raise rates just doesn't stand up."

Ellsworth contended that inasmuch as the FPC has never regulated gas producers, enactment of the bill affecting future gas production won't serve to jack up consumer rates. The GOP solon said he went all through the arguments on this issue as a member of the Interstate Commerce Committee of the House from 1948 through 1950. Bills passed by Congress during that period were vetoed by President Truman.

Rep. Coon said the effect of the bill for the region would be "to provide more gas" by giving producers greater incentive to drill new wells in search of untapped

Northwest Congressman 6-5 Against Housing Bill

WASHINGTON — Pacific Northwest congressmen who were recorded Tuesday on House enactment of a housing bill were lined up six to five against it.

The roll call showed: Against — Coon and Ellsworth of Oregon; Horan, Mack and Westland of Washington; Budge of Idaho (all Republicans).

For — Magnuson of Washington, Post of Idaho and Green of Oregon, Democrats; Holmes and Tolson of Washington, Republicans.

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Coon argued that the producer gets only five to eight per cent of the final cost of gas to the householder, so that any increase in the amount obtained by the producer would make little difference in the final rate.

"I can't see any danger of it having much effect on the consumer's bill," Coon declared, "and if it provides more gas I think it would be cheaper."

THRONE PRETENDER DIES

STARNBERG, Germany — Crown Prince Rupprecht, pretender to the Bavarian throne, died Tuesday at Leutstetten castle, the family seat. He was 86.

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