

Menzies Confident Election Will Increase His Backing

By GORDON TAIT

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies is confident Saturday's national election will increase his backing in Parliament.

Menzies leads the Liberal party, which has run the country since 1949 in coalition with the Country party. This coalition won elections in 1949, 1951 and 1954 over the Labor party headed by Herbert V. Evatt. Labor ruled the country from 1941 to 1949.

The coalition now has a 64-57 majority in the house and a 21-29 majority in the Senate. All house seats and half the Senate seats are at stake this year. Eighteen government senators and 12 labor senators are up for election.

There are many reasons for Menzies' confidence.

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Some Roman Catholics, including Evatt's deputy leader, Arthur F. Hawke, remain members of official Labor. But Evatt has announced many Catholic voters by stacking two bishops, charging they tried to do political injury to the Labor party.

Many electors look on the Menzies government as honest and sincere. It has not spectacularly overdone its record. It promises to preserve prosperity, that it will not make a catalogue of new promises to preserve prosperity, that it will not make a catalogue of new promises to preserve prosperity.

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AFL-CIO Nearing End Of Historic Founding Session

By NORMAN WALKER

NEW YORK (AP)—The AFL-CIO neared the end of its historic founding convention today amid a disagreement over arranging talks for a labor peace pact with business.

George Meany, AFL-CIO president, said representatives of the National Assn. of Manufacturers had talked with him and accepted a bid by Meany to discuss a live-and-let-live arrangement.

The NAM denied having agreed to any such discussions.

While Meany indicated he would try to attain the difficulty today, there remained the solid fact that this No. 1 leader of organized labor was courting the idea of working out a nonaggression deal with industry.

Charles R. Sligh Jr., the NAM's board chairman, expressed surprise at Meany's overture. Sligh did not, however, throw any cold water on the underlying suggestion that labor and management could work out an agreement narrowing their differences.

Meany again talks with the NAM looking toward a labor-management nonaggression pact, have been arranged to start soon, "on a staff level." He said he would not be in on them at the beginning.

Sligh said that while Meany has been invited to address a NAM luncheon tomorrow, "no authorized representative of the NAM has been in contact with George Meany except to invite and make arrangements for him to speak."

Metzger Lashes County Court: Charges Politics

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employee who had spent "a large sum of money on a private road. He did not mention the employee."

The two members of the court contacted today said they knew of no private road on which county funds had been spent. Judge Hill said: "To the best of my knowledge, I know of no instance where any county money has been spent illegally."

In his statement, Metzger goes on to say that he was "severely taken to task by the head of the court" for bringing the matter to the attention of the budget committee. The former commissioner said he had brought the situation to the attention of the committee because "I thought they should know that county money was being handled by an irresponsible and incapable employee and that I had been unable to make any progress at all with the court to rectify the situation."

Metzger said he told the committee, court and others he could not "conscientiously continue with an organization where the laws were disregarded by an employee of the county at the whim of one member of the court."

Metzger said he and other members of the court could not agree on a competent engineer to reorganize the road department. "As a new sayer," he said, a young man (Harry Murrell) was appointed to make the organization. He said Murrell had made several good suggestions which had been turned down.

Metzger said he had been "continually advised that this is a political job and anything involving a politician should be overlooked. I do not believe any political party would knowingly approve of the situation as it exists in Douglas County," he continued.

"My conception has been that political parties were organized with the goal of the counter at heart; not for the personal satisfaction of a few persons who happen to be elected to responsible positions."

In conclusion, Metzger said: "As this is my own song, I think it best to tell the public one phase of their county government of which I'm sure they are not familiar. Some notes might not be appreciated by a few, but I believe people generally will appreciate that I can sing better in the open than being copped up with a gag in my mouth and both wings clipped."

In answer to Metzger, Ashley and Hill issued a joint statement saying: "The farthest things from our minds had been politics." Personally, Judge Hill said, "I'm no more politician than any other ordinary citizen."

The court said it knew of no time when money was spent illegally on roads during the time the two members have been members. They said whenever any question of legality arose, it was turned over to the District attorney. They said no one had "troubled them to have any money come by the county for political purposes."

In response to the charge suggestions for reorganization had been ignored, the court said the reorganization was now going on and had been for several months.

Mercy Flights Plan OK'd For Medford

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The Department of Health, Education and Welfare Wednesday approved a contract under which Mercy Flights Inc., Medford, Ore., will operate two surplus government aircraft for the Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital.

Abies of Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.) said the plan, Air Force Lt. Colonel Eberhardt, will be outfitted with medical equipment to serve as aerial ambulances.

The hospital takes over the planes without charge under a law authorizing such donations to educational, charitable and medical institutions.

Actually, the congressman's aides said, the approval climaxed a year's effort to obtain the surplus craft for Mercy Flights—a non-profit organization which for several years has provided an aerial emergency medical and transportation service in isolated areas of seven counties in Southern Oregon and Northern California.

Under the approved contract, the planes will belong to the hospital, but they will be operated by Mercy Flights.

Veto Threat Still Seen In U. N. Member Vote

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and Cuba. The five abstainers were the United States, France, Belgium, Israel and Greece.

There was no indication that private appeals to the Chinese Nationalists had shaken their determination to use the veto to exclude Outer Mongolia.

In a speech just before the vote, Chinese Delegate T. F. Tsiang voiced vigorous opposition to all five Soviet satellites—Albania, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary and Outer Mongolia. While he did not repeat his privately made threats to use the veto, his aides said he still intended to do so.

The United States has indicated it would abstain on the five Soviet satellites when their bids come before the council.

80 New Books Presented Roseburg Public Library

Eighty books were given as gifts to the Roseburg Public Library during the month of November, according to a report made by the city librarian, Miss Muriel Mitchell, at a meeting of the board Wednesday night at the library. A total of 9,508 books were circulated during the month.

Mrs. John E. Ryan, chairman, had charge of the meeting. Miss Mitchell reported on the observance of National Book Week at the library. The Roseburg Book Store had an exhibit in the library, and articles from the Holy Land belonged to Mrs. Florence Adken Banks were on display. Students from Roseburg, Lookingglass, Green, Riverdale and Garden Valley paid visits to the library during the month to see the exhibits.

Glide Boards Review Junior High Proposal

The Glide School Board and Budget Board jointly considered plans for continuation of the district building program Tuesday night.

Architect Lyle Glenn and engineer Maurice Messers reviewed plans for the starter unit of a proposed junior high school. It would be built about 200 feet northeast of the high school building. They said the new building can be heated from the high school boiler room.

The boards decided to confine their policy of building on a cash basis whenever possible, and they approved a motion that the architect start drawings of an eight-classroom starter unit of the junior high school.

Final decision on a proposed addition to the high school shop building was delayed until January, when the complete school district budget will be prepared.

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Dynamite Said Stolen; Blast Probe Continues

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said he would tell authorities of the theft, Stanfield said.

"Someone not knowing about caps could endanger a whole neighborhood," he concluded.

And it was that danger which also alarmed Douglas Lawson, Sheriff Byrd said the officers' special interest was to round up the persons involved so they would not hurt themselves or others.

"Several young men were still being questioned today concerning the blast. An anonymous phone call to the sheriff Tuesday put officers on the trail of two youths suspected of setting off the explosion.

Chief Olson said he believed the matter would be settled in a few days.

The officers again asked that anyone missing any dynamite let them know so they could be returned to the sheriff's office.

Meanwhile, there were no further developments on the way of the "earth rumble" which shook several county areas about 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, although residents phoned the newspaper to report hearing it. W. M. Chalmers, Fairview, Winchester heard "a rather drawn out rumble." He thought of thunder and lightning, but saw only stars in the sky when he looked outside.

In Dixonville, Mrs. Harry Clemens set the time at 9:35 p.m. She heard "an awful thud," before the house shook and windows rattled. The Clemens did not hear the Saturday night explosion.

Lloyd Poe, Nelo Trailer Court, was on duty at the Roseburg GOC Post at 9:30 p.m. He said he saw a light flash to the west and then heard the rumble.

76 Additional Rooms To Be Needed, Report

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that practically every school in the district is loaded to capacity now.

While the elementary situation concerns problems of sites and finances, the real problem, he believes, "is on the secondary level."

He said that by the fall of 1958, enrollment in the two junior high schools, which house grades seven and eight, would be 134 over the 80 capacity. By the fall of 1960 the overload would be a plus 196.

If the present 6-2-4 program is maintained, Deller believes it would require additions to the present senior high plant, or construction of another four-year senior high and at the same time expansion of junior high facilities. (The present plan was adopted in 1949 by board members when lack of secondary facilities became evident.) A switch to the old 6-3-3 organizational plan would require establishment of a third junior high school.

The plant could be built, an existing elementary building could be altered, or temporary excess rooms in the high school (caused by withdrawal of the freshman class) could be used. The excess would be gone within four years by natural growth of the high school. Additionally, Deller says any of the suggestions would mean that Joseph Lane capacity be upped from 600 to 750 "or more."

The report showed that attendance at Roseburg High School has remained static during the past three years at a figure of around 1,250. School administrators anticipate the number to zoom now that the Dillard high school students no longer attend. The report notes that any freshman class gain had been offset each year by the corresponding withdrawal of Dillard pupils. High school capacity is 1,440. By fall of 1957 a 1,430 registration is predicted. The fall 1961 figure is 2,007, or 567 over capacity.

Concurrently, there will be the overloads at both middle schools.

Deller told his listeners that the report meeting was "to get thinking started to avoid being caught short in 1958-59." He then made five recommendations:

1. Have (his) report validated.
2. Name a committee within the board or a subcommittee with interested citizens to recommend possible school sites and negotiate land there.
3. Appoint a committee to study and recommend the most economical organizational plan for Roseburg schools so we can plan how to do ahead.
4. Name a committee which will work and settle on the type of program for junior high schools and recommend a program.
5. Appoint a financial committee to study the district's needs and recommend a financial program: serial levy, bond levy, budget, etc.

Deller feels that with advance planning money can be saved for the district and he wants to see "as many people in the area as possible become conversant with the problem."

Deller's complete report is contained in a 12-page brochure titled "Planning For Continued Growth In The Roseburg Schools." Copies of it were given to those attending the session.

His commentary followed a short business session by the board.

In it Alvan (Mike) McLain, Lookingglass Road, was appointed to the district's budget board for a five-year term. He replaces Cliff Collins, whose term expired. A second-busier board vacancy, caused by the recent resignation of John Todd, will be filled later. A report reviewing the suggested policy on radio broadcasts and television releases will be given later by board member Dudley Walton. The board will meet in regular session Dec. 14.

Oregon State College Not To Censure Its Speakers

COVALLIS (AP)—Oregon State College has no intention of censoring speakers on the campus even if they are dealing with controversial political matters, President A. L. Strain said Wednesday.

"We don't believe your delicate mind and the purity of your judgments need our constant protection or our six or seven hundred members in the great political campaign coming in the next year."

He made these remarks on college policy before introducing Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) at a student meeting.

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Oakland Council Requests Price On Water Lines

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The Oakland city recorder, Cal Bowles, has been instructed by the City Council to find the lowest price on the Oregon Water Corp's system.

The action was taken Tuesday night, according to Mrs. Edith Dunn, News-Review correspondent. It came after a lengthy discussion of water problems in the city.

The council also approved the second reading of the proposed "Green River ordinance" which would restrict peddling and soliciting in the city.

New garbage rates were read and it was announced that the public may dump garbage on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Rates will be 25 cents for small loads, 50 cents for pickup loads and \$1 for non-commercial truck loads.

A letter from the Douglas County Health Dept. approving the dump was read.

Recent improvements on Pine Street between Second and Fourth streets were accepted by the council. One property owner objected to paying his part of the improvement of Fourth Street near Locust.

Mel Davis asked to have the street closed on the block in front of the theater on the evening of Dec. 22 while a free show and treats are given to children by veterans' organizations.

It was reported an elbow had been put in the water main at First and Apple streets where there had been a break in the main. Two lights were ordered changed on Third Avenue.

The report of an appraiser placed value of the Lynn McNabb place at \$1,100 for right-of-way purposes.

Need For Additional Schools Talked At Meet

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matters had been made over a period of years (Walton is serving his first year on the board), and that they felt any board action should not preclude advice from interested citizens.

Additional comment brought out that the board was in agreement concerning the desire for smaller elementary schools and use of citizen help, but not before Emil Rumberg, Hawthorne Terrace, asked if it knew where it was going.

The discussion boiled down, in part, to a matter of semantics. Leroy Hiatt, 404 W. Douglas St., said he thought "we're getting the cart before the horse." He said that the recommendations of the superintendent should have more weight than anyone since he (Deller) should know the most about the problems and has been hired to solve them.

Before the discussion period closed, Deller said immediate needs of the district included, he believed, a starter unit in east Roseburg, another in Green and a wing on Huerfano. The next step would be establishment of a new junior high school. It was at this point that the board asked for a complete outline of needs by fall of 1958.

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Governor Backs Student Drive

The citizen-student campaign in the Dillard school district to get uniforms for the Douglas High School band has received the warm wishes of Gov. Paul Patterson.

In a letter dated Dec. 5 the governor added a hope that "you have a very successful campaign."

A big carnival and circus will be held Friday evening at Douglas High and profits from the event will go toward purchase of uniforms. Spokesman Bob Peters said 25 "large attractions and side shows" were planned.

He termed the carnival a show for the entire family. The cafeteria at the school will open at 5:30 p.m. and the carnival midway opens shop at 6:30 p.m. Peters said the calendar sale was continuing at a "very successful pace." They'll be ready for buyers in March. The contest to get Dillard School pupils can't be twice as many calendars as students at Lookingglass and Tenino schools ends Saturday night.

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