

# Question Of Giving More Power To Governor Posed As Committee Slates Study

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SALEM (AP) — The trend toward giving more power to Oregon's governor has plunged the controversial attorney general, Democrat Robert Y. Thornton, into the center of a new argument.

The immediate question is whether the attorney general, who has been elected by the people since the office was created in 1891, should be appointed by the governor.

The broader question is whether the governor should head a cabinet-type government, in which he appoints all of the top officials, who now are elected.

In the past decade, there have been several moves to place more responsibility and power in the hands of the governor. Creation of the Department of Finance and Administration is one example. Another is the recent transfer of the Motor Vehicle Department to the executive department.

There is a move in the Legislature to consolidate all revenue collecting agencies and put them under the governor.

When the Legislative Interim Elections Committee meets next Tuesday, it will consider moves to make the attorney general's office appointive, or nonpartisan, or both.

Whether the committee will recommend such steps is problematical.

But it is sure to be considered by the Legislature in January.

Thornton, who is a candidate for reelection, strongly opposes such plans. He believes that if the Legislature wants a cabinet-type government, it should present it as one big package, instead of doing it office by office.

Those who favor having the governor appoint the attorney general say the latter is the governor's lawyer, and it is important to have the governor and the attorney general in agreement.

Thornton answers that the attorney general is the people's lawyer, not the governor's. He says only one per cent of his office's opinions are requested by the governor.

Thornton and the late Gov. Paul Patterson clashed many times, the chief reason being that they were of opposite parties. Patterson didn't like Thornton's legal advice, and ended up getting it from private lawyers. Patterson claimed Thornton was playing politics.

This led to two attempts in the

1955 Legislature to trim Thornton's wings.

One of these attempts would have taken away Thornton's power to appoint attorneys for state departments. It failed to pass the

## 13 Industrial Power Users Warned To Be Prepared For Loss Of Power Supply

PORTLAND (AP) — Thirteen big industrial users of electric power in the Northwest were warned Wednesday to be prepared for loss of all their interruptible power supplies by Oct. 1.

Bonneville Power Administrator William A. Pearl said Columbia River flows in the headwaters are approaching a critical low and the level at downstream dams will be below median by Oct. 1, barring "sustained and continuing rains."

The interruptible power is that sold to the electro-process industries, including aluminum plants, with the understanding it cannot

be delivered at times of low stream flow when all available power is needed to meet firm contracts. It totals about 500,000 kilowatts.

Loss of it means either the shutdown of plants or the purchase, where available, of high-cost steam power.

Pearl said that sub-normal rainfall through the summer had brought about the low stream flows. An earlier power cut-back would have been necessary, he said, had demand not remained light as warm weather continued into September.

John P. Jolliffe, BPA operations chief, said some restoration of interruptible power may be possible later in the fall if there are heavy, continuing rains. However, he said, long-range weather forecasts are not encouraging for this.

House by only three votes.

The other one would have made the office appointive. Sponsors claimed enough votes to get it through the Senate, but they didn't try.

When Gov. Elmo Smith took office last Jan. 31, he inherited Patterson's suspicion of Thornton's motives. However, Smith turned the Multnomah and Lane County investigations over to Thornton, and there has been no friction between the two men.

The Elections Committee also is considering making the office of labor commissioner nonpartisan. This office, too, is held by a Democrat, Norman O. Nilsen.

Democrats in the Legislature claim that the Republicans apparently want to make offices nonpartisan whenever Democrats are elected to them.

Nilsen is the state's first Democratic labor commissioner. Thornton is the first Democratic attorney

general since 1895. The office of state superintendent of public instruction was made nonpartisan in 1939, just after a Democrat, Rex Putnam, was appointed to the post.

Thornton, however, doesn't think much of this politics claim. Asserting he "will not impugn the motives of the Republicans," Thornton wants to fight it out on the broader issue—whether the attorney general's office belongs to the people or to the governor.

## Something Wrong With Union, Examiner Says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pete Batalias is right, a government trial examiner has ruled, about there being something wrong in his labor union.

Pete is so right the National Labor Relations Board examiner recommended putting the union—Long Island, N.Y., Local No. 138 of the International Operating Engineers—practically out of business. The recommendation is subject to NLRB approval.

Batalias was one of the outraged union members who joined labor columnist Victor Riesel on a radio broadcast complaining about labor racketeering a few hours before Riesel was blinded by an acid thrower in New York.

The report today by NLRB Trial Examiner David London, however, deals not with racketeering charges, but with who is running Local 138. London found that employers in the Nassau and Suffolk County Contractors' Assn. really run it in violation of law.

## Robber Relates Preparations

BOSTON (AP) — Joseph "Specs" O'Keefe bluntly told a Superior Court jury he robbed the Brink's headquarters of \$1,219,000 and the eight men on trial were with him.

He testified as a state witness yesterday that the robbery was in the planning stage for more than two years.

He said members of the gang broke into Brink's at least 15 times to study the physical layout of the place before the robbery was carried out on the night of Jan. 17, 1950.

O'Keefe said various methods of getting their hands on the big loot were discussed before it was decided to invade the vault room with guns.

Led through his expose by Asst. Dist. Atty. Frederick T. Doyle, O'Keefe related the plan for robbing Brink's first came up late in 1947.

Members of the gang made frequent night-time exploration, the

witness said, opening locked doors with an icepick and a piece of celluloid.

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## New Findings About Inside Of Atomic Nucleus Report

By RENNIE TAYLOR  
Associated Press Science Reporter  
SEATTLE (AP) — Some new findings about the inside of an atomic nucleus, which will take scientists another step forward in their efforts to understand the nature of matter, were reported today to the International Congress on Theoretical Physics.

The new details relate to what has been determined about the behavior of protons and neutrons, the basic particles of nuclei, while they are still within the atomic core.

Heretofore research has centered mainly on what these particles do when they come out of the nucleus. By themselves, they act as atom-smashing bullets if they are traveling at high speed and if they hit an atomic nucleus head on.

One report on their sharply different behavior while they are still inside the nucleus was made by Dr. B. R. Mottelson of the European Nuclear Research Center at Geneva, Switzerland. This center was set up with a reactor supplied by the United States after the "Stoms for peace" conference there last year.

Dr. Mottelson's report, along with another by Dr. Victor F. Weisskopf of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, throws light on what holds the nucleus together. This has been a long-standing scientific mystery.

Reason for the mystery is that protons carry a positive electrical charge, and because of this they repel each other strongly when outside the nucleus. But they do not repel each other while inside the nucleus; otherwise the nucleus would fly into many pieces. Instead, it is a tightly knit particle of matter.

Inside the atomic core, said Dr. Mottelson and Dr. Weisskopf, protons and neutrons apparently are held together by clouds of other

particles called mesons. Mesons are highly energetic particles of matter and energy which are observed outside the nucleus during atomic explosions.

The meson cloud inside a nucleus apparently is something like the dust clouds that fill space between stars in a galaxy or milky way. Protons and neutrons within the nucleus not only rotate on their own little axes like stars but also move through the nucleus in circular or elliptical paths, another phase of stellar motion. This movement produces a nuclear field, a form of energy that is neither magnetic nor electrical but something which controls the behavior of the particles.

Industries getting the curtailment notices: Aluminum Company of America, Vancouver and Wenatchee, Wash.; Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp., Spokane and Tacoma, Wash.; Reynolds Metals Co., Troutdale, Ore., and Longview, Wash.; Electrometallurgical Co., Pacific Carbide and Alloys Co., and Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company, Portland; Crown Zellerbach Corp. and Rayonier Corp., Port Angeles, Wash.; Keokuk Electro - Metals Co., Wenatchee; Pacific Northwest Alloys, Inc., Spokane; Victor Chemical Works, Butte, Mont.; Carborundum Co., Vancouver, Wash.; and Anaconda Aluminum Co., Columbia Falls, Mont.

## Greek Cypriots Protest Planned Execution Of 3

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Greek Cypriots went on an islandwide general strike Thursday to protest the imminent execution of three extremists convicted of murder or violence against the British.

An authoritative source in Athens said acting Greek Foreign Minister Constantine Tsatsos called in British Charge d'Affaires M. Lambert to warn that the executions would cause a "serious deterioration" in relations between Britain and Greece, already badly strained over the Cyprus issue.

Archbishop Dorotheos of Athens, president of the Pan-Hellenic Union of Cyprus with Greece, cabled church and political leaders throughout the world asking them to pressure the British to grant the condemned men clemency.

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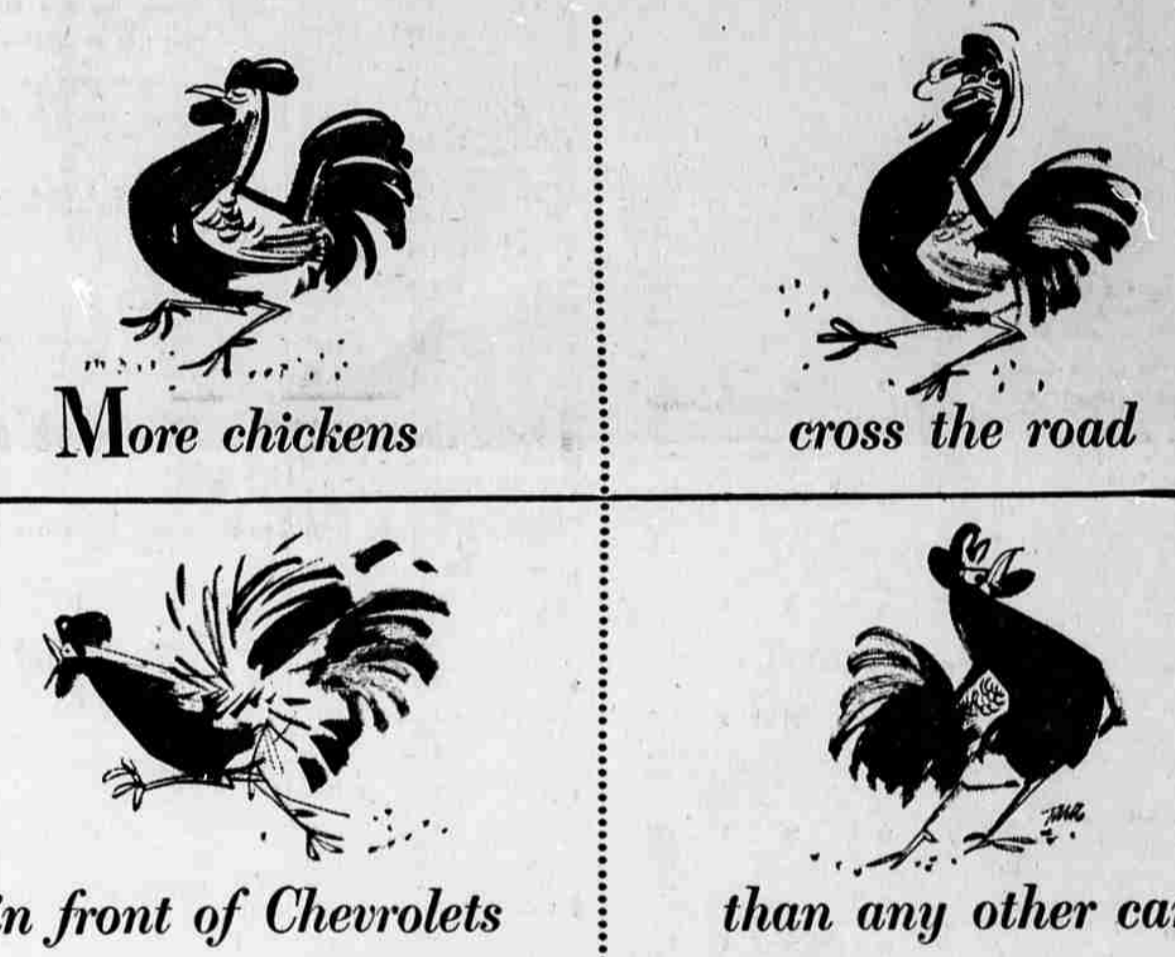
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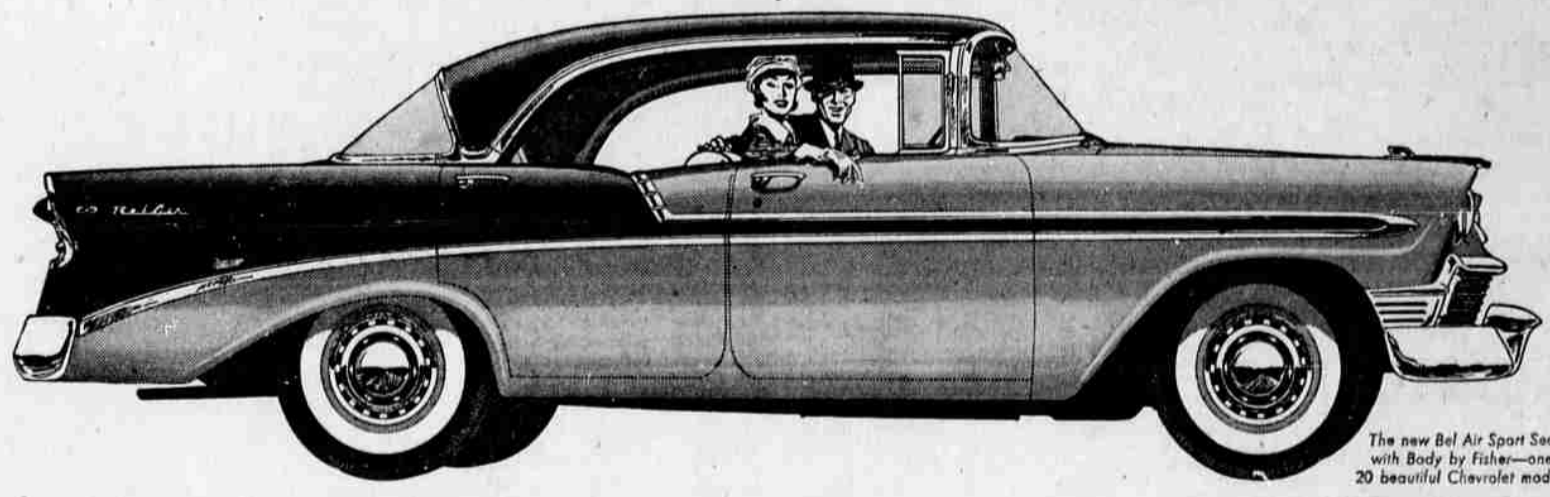
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