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## LEGISLATIVE TRENDS

By Charles V. Stanton

The Oregon legislature obviously is getting decks cleared for action and will start firing legislation broadsides soon.

Some criticism has been voiced because this legislature has passed so few bills during the almost three months it has been in session. Previously, it is stated, many times more measures had either been passed or rejected.

The current session started with an exceptionally large number of new members. Much time had to be spent in acquainting the new legislators with procedure and precedent. Because of the lack of experience, the number of screwball bills has been unusually large and have taken time.

The session to date has been given over to committee work. Committees have been laboring long hours. The fact that so few bills have been reported out does not mean that committees have not been functioning. Many decisions have been made but have not yet been announced. Some bills are being held for trading stock, a common practice. From here on out we can expect the session to move rapidly.

### Prospects Changing

One surprising trend apparent in the legislature is the conservative shift which came quickly after the session started.

Campaign promises pointed to great liberality, particularly in fields of education, labor, welfare and natural resources. But it did not take long until legislators were showing a more conservative approach to these various issues than had been anticipated.

Some legislators who campaigned vigorously against sales taxes are reported to have indicated privately that they would like to see a sales tax proposal adopted. There was some pressure upon advocates of more money for basic school support to initiate a sales tax.

It currently is indicated that schools will not get the increase in basic funds that proponents had sought. Some relief will be forthcoming, but it will be considerably less than was promised during the pre-election campaign.

Organized labor is entitled to some rewards for delivering the state administration into the hands of the Democratic Party. But even in that field legislators are showing more stubbornness than had been anticipated.

Liberalization of welfare funds also seems to be running afoul legislative resistance.

### Governor Rebuffed

Even Governor Holmes has felt the weight of the conservative hand. He has proposed substituting appointed administrators for various agencies, commissions and boards. The legislature so far hasn't acted upon some of his recommended changes, but the grapevine carries word that not all of his requests will be granted.

The sudden change away from anticipated trends probably came about through contact with the people back home.

This legislature, it is reported, has received more mail from constituents than ever before in history. While some of it is the usual type of organized pressure effort, a much greater percentage than usual is of the handwritten, personal expression form to which legislators give great attention.

This mail, according to reports, has been vigorously in opposition to tax increases. It has opposed the one-man-rule program proposed by the governor. Legislators have had a wealth of advice. They indicate that they have heeded it.

Some Republican observers are shouting that Democrats elected to office have failed in their campaign promises; that, having been elected, they now reverse themselves. This reversal, say the Republican mouthpieces, will put the Republican Party back in power at the next election.

I wouldn't be too sure. It's my theory that people pay little attention to campaign promises. Such promises have been so freely made and so freely violated in the past that no one expects them to be observed.

If the legislature comes out with a lower budget than had been expected, if it shows good judgment in these last few weeks in the type of legislation approved, it it throws the screwball legislation into the discard as already has been done with some measures, the public probably will applaud.

No Republican legislature ever pleased everyone. There is no reason to expect unanimous approval of a session controlled by the Democrats. All that is needed is majority approval.

## Lenten Devotions

Message By

Roseburg Ministerial Assn.

TODAY'S TEXT

Luke 22:44-71

At this season, our mind's eye is turned to the false trial of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are permitted to witness how God can take even the evil of men and use it for His glory. "God is on the throne."

In the following verses, we can gaze upon the false trial of the so-called religious leaders of the Jew. "They say art thou the Christ." This question you and I know in our hearts can only be answered one way. This Christ by the word of his own testimony, by the works that He did in God's name, had proved to the world that He was what He claimed to be the very Son of God.

In the end of this passage the men of this body say that He blasphemed. You and I know that it was this governing body that blasphemed. I wonder how many of us that are making plans to celebrate this season will be giving glory to the Christ, and God the

father. And he saying from the heart that truly "He is the Son of God."

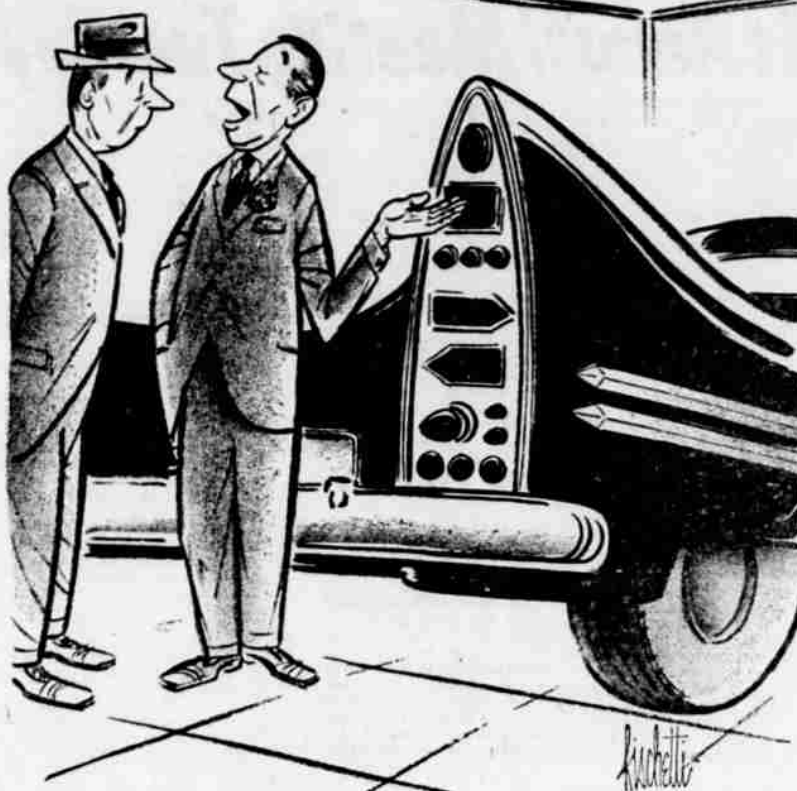
America — I mean every person in this country — needs Christ. I do not mean that Christ needs America. He is not dependent on us. We are dependent on Him. But I do know that life would like to see every soul in this country turn to Him. However, the center of the matter is this: We as a country, you as individuals need Christ.

May the Lord bless and guide you in your life.  
Rev. Glenn A. Goddard  
American Sunday School Union

### HEALTH FAILING

NICE, France — The Aga Khan, spiritual ruler of the Islamic Moslems, today was reported in failing health at his villa on the Riviera. Friends said the Aga, who will be 80 in November, is suffering from a chronic bronchial condition and has not responded well to treatment.

## "This Lights Up When You Make the Last Payment"



### Peter Edson

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — A little-known meeting between President Eisenhower and Israel's Premier David Ben-Gurion is being recalled here to explain one phase of the new crises in the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Aqaba.

As a leader of the Zionists wanting to establish a Jewish homeland in Palestine at the end of World War II, Ben-Gurion came to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Paris headquarters.

Ben-Gurion's purpose was to apologize for the behavior of some of the Jewish displaced persons who were making fortunes on the black market. With all business channels disorganized and everything in short supply, prices were skyrocketing.

This was one of the worst headaches of American and Allied occupation authorities. Some of the black market ringleaders—former merchants just released from concentration camps after having all of their property confiscated—were exploiting mercilessly many of the other D. P.'s wandering about Europe.

A SECOND PURPOSE of Ben-Gurion's visit to General Eisenhower was to persuade him that the solution to this problem was to let all the homeless Jews emigrate to Palestine and rehabilitate them in a new homeland.

Before Ben-Gurion had gone far in his presentation and apology, Eisenhower cut him short.

"I get your point," the general told him in effect, "but you labor it unnecessarily. If I were a displaced person and had gone through the sufferings they have experienced, I would probably do what they are doing."

This quick appreciation of the problems of these broken people had a profound effect on Ben-Gurion. To him, General Eisenhower became a knight in shining armor, defender of the weak.

Ben-Gurion has reportedly told

this story to his associates many times. And it is being repeated now as to why Ben-Gurion was influenced to order the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Aqaba region, when he was urged to do so in a letter from President Eisenhower.

THIS BACKGROUND MAY have an important bearing on the Israeli frontier situation today. Ben-Gurion ordered Israeli forces withdrawn on the now-famous "assumption" that Egypt would accept the United Nations—arranged end to the "100 Days' War."

But if now Egypt moves forces into the Gaza Strip and restarts raids across the armistice lines into Israel—

And if Egypt interferes with Israeli—bound shipping up the Gulf of Aqaba—

And still further, if Egypt bars Israeli shipping through the Suez Canal—

Then—as Israel's Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir told the United Nations March 1—Israel will feel free to act in her own self-defense. This is a right guaranteed every country under Article 51 of the United Nations charter.

U.S. AMBASSADOR to the United Nations, Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., immediately endorsed the Meir statement as "not unreasonable." Secretary of State John Foster Dulles later declared that Mrs. Meir's statement was "primarily in terms of expectations, and not necessarily as assumptions."

But implicit in Israel's course as it now charted is the "expectation" by Ben-Gurion that President Eisenhower will again show his humanitarianism and understanding of Israel's problems, just as he did in Paris almost 17 years ago.

### Hal Boyle

NEW YORK — Do you know why you smoke?

The chances are you really don't know. That's one of the odd aspects of the current controversy over smoking.

Of the scores of reasons these are the ones given most often: conformity "I smoke because most of the people I know do"; habit "I just got started and I don't really want to quit"; release from nervous tension.

Women often take up smoking because they feel it makes them look sophisticated. Men often say they smoke because it gives them something to do with their hands.

The possibility of a connection between smoking and lung cancer, raised by recent statistical studies, is merely the latest issue in an argument over the medical effects of tobacco that has been raging for centuries. And the final word still is to be said.

When tobacco was first brought to Europe in the 16th century, it was hailed as a miracle herb. The strange new world plant, cousin to the tomato, potato and eggplant was used in the treatment of disease.

Only when the custom of smoking the weed became prevalent did the outcry against it arise.

In the 18th century French doctors thought smoking caused gray hair. English doctors held it hastened aging. Irish doctors believed it caused kidney stones.

In various countries it also has been denounced as a cause of deafness, shallow complexion, baldness, sterility, stunted growth and even tooth decay.

Many persons today, worried over the statistical evidence gathered against cigarettes, are less concerned with giving up the habit than they are in reducing the amount they smoke.

The antidote for overindulgence in smoking is almost as old as the use of tobacco itself. Indians cured themselves of tobacco sickness by chewing the leaves of the lobelia plant sometimes called "Indian tobacco," which is simi-

## Student Driver Training Passes Oregon House

SALEM — Legislation to provide student driver training in high schools weathered an attack on its legality Tuesday before it passed the house by a vote of 43 to 10. It earmarked all proceeds from operation of motor vehicles for roads and parks.

Rep. Clarence Barton (D), Coquille, chairman of the Tax Committee, supported Annals' argument. Barton contended it would "open the door to raids" on the highway fund by "merely writing in an exercise of police powers."

His move to refer the bill to the Ways and Means Committee to find another means of financing the program failed, 33-22. Rep. Howard Norman (D), Portland, who led the unsuccessful fight for similar legislation in 1955, said national studies showed that trained student drivers had considerably fewer traffic accidents than untrained drivers.

Initially, Howard said, about 18,000 students in public, private and parochial high schools would be eligible for the training. By 1964, an estimated 28,000 could participate, he added.

## Fishermen Plan Protest Meeting

EUGENE — More than 160 irate salmon anglers from 18 Western Oregon communities named a committee here Monday night to seek a last-hour stay of execution from the Oregon Fish Commission.

The death blow for this group is due Friday, when the Fish Commission plans to file an amendment to one of its regulations with the secretary of state.

The amendment to the commission's General Order No. 1 would prohibit in Oregon coastal waters the use of sports tackle, including rod and line, and also prohibit the possession of such tackle aboard any boat while operating under commercial license or while enroute to or from fishing grounds.

While the amendment is aimed at salmon sports anglers who evade the state's two-fish landing law by buying a commercial license without paying poundage fees, it also hits the small man in commercial ranks who has his own boat and fishes with sports tackle but pays poundage fees before selling his fish to canneries.

### PORTER TO BE EMCEE

MEDFORD — Rep. Porter (D-Ore.), a first-term congressman from Eugene, will be master of ceremonies at the seventh annual Roosevelt Memorial Dinner here April 27.

The main speaker will be Michigan Gov. G. Mennen Williams, a Democrat.

## Miners Protest Bill To Replace Top Soil

SALEM — Mining interests told the House Forestry and Mining Committee Monday night that they don't think a bill to require replacement of topsoil after dredge mining will work.

But sportsmen, conservationists and state Grange supported it.

The mining men also suggested amendments to provide for more local control of the problem, instead of having the Land Board do it.

E. T. Pierce, land board secretary, said the board would have to have more money if it had to enforce the proposed law.

Dr. Alfred J. Kreft, of the Isaac Walton League said that much land was destroyed by dredging in Baker County, the John Day Valley, southern Douglas County and other areas in the 1920's and 1930's.

He said a California state law requires that land be restored to its original condition.

## LIQUOR PRICE HIKED

PORTLAND — The Oregon Liquor Control Commission Monday hiked the prices on 18 brands of liquor it sells in state stores. The increases range from 10 to 45 cents a fifth.

## No Nagging Backache Means a Good Night's Sleep

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