

Senate Approves Measure Outlawing Death Penalty

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SALEM — The Oregon Senate voted unanimously Tuesday to remove the death penalty from the state Constitution.

The action means that the people will vote in November, 1958, on the amendment.

However, the resolution must go back to the House for consideration of a Senate change.

The House has voted to keep the death penalty only for life termers who commit murder while in prison. The Senate removed this provision, voting instead to eliminate the death penalty entirely from the Constitution.

The House is expected to concur in the Senate change. A companion bill which would go into effect if the people favor the resolution, provides that any person convicted of first degree murder would have to serve 15 years before he could be paroled. Such a parole could be granted only by unanimous action of the Parole Board.

Elimination of the death penalty from the Constitution still would permit the Legislature to pass a law prescribing the death penalty.

Oregon has had the death penalty since it became a state in 1859, except between 1914 and 1920. There have been 57 executions in the state.

Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D), Milwaukie, argued that the death penalty doesn't prevent murder, and that "it is contrary to the religious principles of most Americans."

He said that the national average homicide rate per year is 8.1 per 100,000 population, while it is only 2.3 in states which don't have the death penalty.

He told of cases in which innocent persons have been threatened with execution, adding that "because it is hard to get most juries to inflict the death penalty, many first degree murders go unpunished."

"Redemption and restoration to useful life is our motive, rather than mere punishment," he concluded.

Over in the House, the Republicans failed again in their effort to take away from the Tax Committee the Senate-passed bill to remove the state from the property tax field. The vote was 35-27.

The Senate passed and sent to the governor a bill to create the position of forest protection and conservation director. He would supervise research for protection, rehabilitation and management of forest lands.

The Senate also completed legislative action on a bill to permit application for election recounts to be filed up to 10 days after the official canvass of results. Such applications now must be filed within seven days after an election.

First Oil Arrives Through Pipeline, But Trouble Seen

JERUSALEM — The first oil arrived Wednesday at Beersheba through Israel's new pipeline, but Israeli officials fear Arab pressure may cut off future supplies from Iran.

Government officials who previously spoke readily are refusing public statements on Iranian oil shipments expected via the Gulf of Aqaba and Eilat, the pipeline's southern terminus. They fear widespread publicity will step up Arab pressure on Iran to stop the oil shipments.

The Persian Gulf oil flowed into Beersheba after being pumped 144 miles across the Negev Desert through Israel's new 8-inch pipeline.

The oil, 16,500 tons, had arrived at Eilat April 6 aboard the American tanker Kern Hills. At Beersheba it was pumped into new storage tanks to await transport by rail and road to refineries at Haifa.

No information was available about future arrivals of tankers at Eilat. The arrival of the Kern Hills was hailed as an historic day for Israel, and the American tanker was regarded in official quarters as the forerunner of others to come at the rate of two or three a month.

Since then, four Arab states have protested to the United States regarding navigation of American ships through the Tiran Strait, claimed by Egypt, and Saudi Arabia as their territorial water.

Egypt Comes Out In Open In Jordanian Crisis

JERUSALEM — An Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman said Tuesday Egypt has "come out in the open" in trying to overthrow the Jordan government.

Spokesman Moshe Leshem said the Egyptians are now working openly against King Hussein inside Jordan as well as through a Cairo radio and press campaign. A major objective of the Egyptian drive, Leshem said, is to make Jordan dependent upon other Arab states.

He said if Hussein remains in power, Jordan would be financed by the United States and added that "this is something (Egypt's president) Nasser is not interested in having."

"If Jordan stays as it is, Israel will do nothing," Leshem added. "If not, I would not make any predictions."



EVANGELISTS—The Rev. and Mrs. Dan Swartz of Albany will conduct preaching and special music for evangelistic meetings at the Glendale Free Methodist Church, starting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The meetings will continue to May 7.

McLean Renamed President Of AP

NEW YORK — Robert McLean, president of The Philadelphia Bulletin, was elected Tuesday to his 20th term as president of The Associated Press, world-wide news co-operative. McLean was first elected president in 1938.

Benjamin M. McKelway of The Washington Sunday Star was elected first vice president at the organizational meeting of the AP Board of Directors. Paul Miller of The Rochester, N.Y. Democrat and Chronicle was elected second vice president.

Lloyd Stratton and Robert Booth were re-elected secretary and treasurer, respectively. Members of the AP re-elected four directors and named three new directors Monday at the AP annual meeting.

Fish Commission Turns Down Special Season

PORTLAND — The Oregon Fish Commission and the Washington Department of Fisheries Tuesday turned down the request of commercial fishermen for an extended commercial spring chinook salmon season in the Columbia River.

The two agencies reaffirmed dates of the earlier announced season from April 30 through May 27.

Scores of commercial fishermen appeared at the meeting to protest the Oregon commission's new ruling prohibiting the use of sports tackle by boats operating in coastal streams under commercial license. The board took no action on the protests.

Assistant Police Chief Overpowers Armed Boy

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Assistant Police Chief Gene Smith slipped into the rear of a house Monday night and overpowered an armed 16-year-old youth who had held a score of police at bay for three hours while firing wildly into a residential street here.

The boy's 38-year-old aunt said he had been discharged more than a month ago from the state hospital for nervous diseases.

He was identified as Frankie Joe Newton.

The siege of the house in West Little Rock was witnessed by hundreds of persons from safe vantage points. No one was injured.

Police surrounding the house were considering the use of tear gas as Smith, who was off duty, crawled through a window, removed his shoes and grabbed the youth from behind while the boy talked with a minister.

Accidents Laid To Undershooting Landing Strips

WASHINGTON — The Civil Aeronautics Board said Tuesday that 304 persons have been killed, and 1,540 aircraft occupants exposed to injury, in 73 "undershoot" airplane accidents in the past 10 years.

An undershoot accident is one in which a plane lands short of the runway, or collides with objects or the ground during a landing approach.

The board said its study of the 10-year period—1946 through 1955—disclosed no general pattern, although 45 per cent of them occurred either while the airliners were flying on instruments or under weather conditions normally requiring instrument approach techniques.

"This points to the need for emphasis on crew training in this critical operational phase, as well as for constant attention to improving methods and facilities utilized for this purpose," the CAB said.

The deaths in the 75 accidents included 80 crew members, 216 passengers, and eight persons killed on the ground.

In 20 of the accidents the pilot or copilot touched down short of the runway. A descent below minimum safe altitude on instrument approach was blamed for 16 of the accidents. Four pilots descended to a dangerously low altitude in attempts to regain visual contact with the ground.

Finnish Leader, Hated By Soviet, Heads Socialists

HELSINKI, Finland — Vaino Tanner, probably the Finnish leader most hated by Soviet chiefs, was elected chairman of the Finnish Socialist Party Wednesday.

Socialists are Finland's second largest political party and govern the nation in a coalition with the Agrarians.

The comeback of the 76-year-old veteran statesman to a top spot in Finnish politics is a sensation of first magnitude in this country, which is tied to the Soviet Union in a pact of friendship and mutual assistance.

All post-war governments have followed a policy of careful neutrality based on that treaty since World War II. As a result of the war, Finland had to cede important territory to Russia.

Tanner was foreign minister during Finland's "winter war" with Russia in 1939-40.

Former Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov once called Tanner the "evil genius" of the negotiations in Moscow which broke down before Russia attacked Finland in 1939.

Reds Not Aping Russia Targets Of Voiced Threat

LONDON — V.M. Molotov said Monday any Communist country which adopts a policy independent of Russia endangers its own existence.

It was part of the current Kremlin campaign against "national communism" such as practiced by President Tito's Yugoslavia and which threatened to become dominant in Poland. Said Molotov, minister of state control and first deputy premier, in a Pravda article broadcast by Moscow Radio:

"The ties of the Soviet Union with the other countries of the Socialist camp are unbreakable. It is in their own mutual interest. The successes of our country help their progress and the advance of a small or a big Socialist country strengthens the whole Socialist camp."

"A Socialist country cannot remain aloof from this fraternal commonwealth of the Socialist countries."

LONDON — One of its members told the British Communist Party Monday it was "living in a smug little world of our own invention."

Christopher Hill, an Oxford lecturer in English history, leveled the criticism in a speech at the party's National Congress. It was the second day of straight talking from rank-and-file members.

"There is an authoritarian tendency in the party," Hill said, "a tendency to distrust the rank and file and keep down discussion in the party."

"We have been living in a world of illusions. That is why the 29th congress of the Soviet Communist Party at which Nikita Khrushchev started his de-Stalinization campaign) and the Hungarian events came as such a shock to so many party members. We have been living in a smug little world of our own invention."

Hill's speech was greeted by choruses of boos and cheers, indicating the split state of the party.

NEWSPAPER CLOSED

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Military police Tuesday night closed Indonesia Raya, one of the nation's most popular newspapers. It was the third Jakarta daily shut down by the government in the past few days. No reasons have been given.



DELEGATES—Mrs. N. D. Johnson, left, and Mrs. Harold Hoyt are two of the three delegates to represent the local American Assn. of University Women at the combined 32nd Oregon State Division annual convention and first North Pacific Regional Conference. It will be held in Baker Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The state convention is slated Thursday only. A third delegate to the convention will be Mrs. Hal Schiltz of Myrtle Creek.

Cigarette Tax Meets Opposition In California

SACRAMENTO — Senate opposition rose up today against a proposed "package deal" to finance a reduced, 20-million-dollar apportionment program for California public schools.

Key senators quickly objected to a plan by Assemblyman Glenn E. Coolidge (R-Felton) to raise the school money through a two-cent cigarette tax and a two per cent increase in state horse racing taxes.

Coolidge offered his proposal as a compromise after widespread indications that the California Teachers Assn. faced defeat for a three-cent cigarette tax and higher beer levies to provide an additional 70 million dollars in state school support.

"It's the only answer I see," Coolidge said.

But Sen. Arthur H. Breed, Jr. (R-Oakland), chairman of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, told newsmen, "as of now, the sentiment of the Senate would be against any tax increase."

The CTA gave notice, too, it would resist Coolidge's move to reduce the amount it seeks by 20 million dollars. A spokesman said, "the need is for 70 million dollars and you can't compromise with need."

Hospital News

Mercy Hospital
Surgery: Roy Hayden, Roseburg.
Medical: Lloyd Green, Sutherlin; Gordon Durand, Darrell Paris, Roseburg.

Discharged
Lawrence Stoner, Sutherlin; Bruce Barclay, Umpqua; Mrs. John Ross, Winston; Ray Compton, Oscar Gauthier, Joan Stoffel, Roseburg.

Douglas Community Hospital
Surgery: Mrs. Bobby Kellum, Myrtle Point; John Wilbrite, Roseburg.

Medical: Mrs. Phineas Kinnaman, Myrtle Creek; Neva Brown, Mrs. Harvey Shelley, Roseburg.

Discharged
Mrs. Michael Schauer and baby, Randy Lee, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. John Noble and baby, Lisa Ann; William Forbes, Oakland; Mrs. Edward Chason and baby, Daniel James; Glide; Charles Haynes, Sutherlin; James Lowrance, Riddle; Elbert Godfrey, Wilbur; Mrs. Donald McLean and baby, William Henry; Mrs. Lloyd Gee and baby, Melissa; Mrs. Roy Ferrill, Mrs. George Keller, Mrs. Raymond Dunning, Roseburg.

Rogue River Fishing Catch Rule Clarified

PORTLAND — The bag limit of 10 fish, 20 inches and over, that may be taken on the Rogue River until July 15 applies only to salmon, the Oregon Game Commission said Tuesday.

The commission said the regulation is to protect the run of spring chinook. Fishermen who already have taken steelhead on their punchcards will be allowed to catch 10 salmon by July 15, the commission said in issuing a clarifying report.

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Man Believed Suffering From Botulism, Report

PORTLAND — A physician here Tuesday said "it has been a strong consideration" that Luren Maley, a 44-year-old Condon, Ore., rancher is suffering from botulism.

"We have findings that would be compatible," the doctor said, "but there is no definite evidence for making the diagnosis." Botulism is caused by a poison secreted by bacteria in improperly canned food.

The doctor said Maley became ill last Thursday, was taken to a Heppner hospital and then rushed here. He described Maley's condition as "good," but said the rancher has a partial paralysis of the face.

"The paralysis he has sometimes is seen in certain types of virus infections," the doctor said, and added: "It definitely is not polio."

EIGHT SENTENCED

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Eight Greek Cypriots were sentenced to life imprisonment Wednesday for possessing arms, ammunition and grenades. Two others who admitted harboring the group in a Troodos Mountain village were given 10 years in prison.



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