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A CHANCE FOR SERVICE

By Charles V. Stanton

The Oregon Legislature, now in special session, apparently is living up to expectations that its work will be of political nature rather than providing relief for taxpayers. The session theoretically was called by Governor Holmes to turn back to taxpayers surplus funds anticipated from income levies authorized by the last legislature.

The present Democratic party administration gained much of its support at the last election from its attack on the Republican 45 per cent surtax on incomes. A Democratic legislature then set up a new tax program which was a 52 per cent increase, as compared with the 45 per cent authorized by the previous Republican administration.

There is much evidence that, despite the various propaganda efforts to cover its action and the increase in withholding taxes to ease the burden on wage earning taxpayers, the boost in tax rate was not at all popular. Democratic leaders are hopeful that the special session will reverse the ill feeling and will retain votes when the next election rolls around.

Republicans, on the other hand, will do all they can, I anticipate, to upset the apportionment and prevent the Democrats from gaining public approval.

Governor Chair Desired

Governor Holmes has been striving desperately to build up a strong party machine for the next election. As rapidly as possible he has been getting party faithful on boards and commissions and in appointive offices, where they will be able to lend their influence in the next campaign. The time, however, is short for, instead of the four years a governor normally has to build the party machine, Holmes had only two years, and one of those is gone.

Holmes capitalized heavily on his senatorial record on behalf of schools. He had strong backing from the well organized school forces. He pledged, if elected governor, to increase the proportion of state school support money. He was disappointed that the legislature would not go along with his recommendations on the proposed boost in basic school funds. In calling the special session of the legislature, he is urging a diversion of \$5 million for one year in the form of additional state money for schools. This increase would be offset by a reduction in property taxes next year. But what about the following years? Does anyone believe that the schools, with the backing of a strong political organization, will be inclined to give up without a struggle \$10 million additional money during following bienniums? And in forthcoming years there may not be a surplus from which the money may be drawn. It must come from taxes.

But, during election year, it will be possible to point to what the governor did for the schools and simultaneously for the taxpayer. Re-election is the important thing. An additional \$10 million can then be loaded on the backs of the taxpayers and it will be too late to do anything about it.

No Constructive Plan

So far I have seen no plan advanced by or to the legislature that would qualify in my opinion as being constructive. The various schemes for distributing the surplus funds are designed chiefly for political fence building. The governor's program, it seems to me, while offering a sugar-coated pill promising some long-delayed relief, actually will result in a still bigger headache in years to come.

Both parties, it would appear, are jockeying for political position. They are playing politics with public money—campaigning with public funds.

Yet we are facing a winter in which unemployment is expected to be prevalent, in which local economies will be adversely affected. By utilizing a part of the surplus to cushion the tax load for the next biennium, while devoting a major portion to projects creating employment during the winter season, we could save millions of dollars of unemployment compensation and direct relief funds, while benefitting the whole economy of the state at a time when we need it most.

Senator Dan Dimick has suggested aid to veterans in need of homes. The idea has much merit, but would take time to get in operation. I would like to see part of the surplus used to build roads in all parts of the state to get our products of farm and forest to processing and transportation centers.

I have small hope that anything constructive will develop from the session, but the legislature has an opportunity to do a really constructive job, if it will forget politics and look at the state's economic situation.

—Bruce Biossat—

Retiring Attorney General Herbert Brownell says he is going back to private law practice. But he is a natural for the New York political scene in 1958, and undoubtedly great pressure may be put upon him.

It could be that privately he already has agreed to run for governor on the GOP ticket against Gov. Averell Harriman. We are not likely, however, to break through the wall of public denials being erected at this stage.

Though California is breathing down its neck, New York is still the most important political state in the union. This is true both in deciding a presidential election and in choosing party nominees in convention.

TO POINT OUT that contests sometimes are won without New York does not destroy the argument. No candidate likes to give away a state with 45 electoral votes and 90-odd convention delegate votes.

President Eisenhower captured New York in 1952 by nearly 840,000 votes and his 1956 margin was just under 1,000,000. The latter total was achieved even though the state government was then under Democratic control. Yet the wise political heads look for no repetition of

these performances in 1960, when Mr. Eisenhower's name will not grace the ticket.

Politicians must assume New York then will be a battleground. If it is, control of the state government will be important. Both parties know it, and the 1958 governorship affair is bound to be classed as a critical preliminary in the presidential struggle.

FURTHERMORE, IF AN Eisenhower man like Brownell should run and win, the Eisenhower Republicans would be vastly strengthened for the convention contest over 1960 nominee. Nobody who can throw 90-some delegates into the balance will be found in a dark corner.

Brownell is a veteran at engineering nominations, having been deeply involved with two for Thomas E. Dewey and one for Mr. Eisenhower. If any aspect of the governorship should appeal to him most, it probably would be the prospect that success would throw him into the thick of another nomination battle.

At this moment, speculation largely governs the situation. But there is no guesswork in the fact that Brownell's resignation gives New York Republicans the biggest piece of 1958 political timber they've seen to date.

"I Won't Change a Thing While You're Away, Jimmy"



—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK — Here in the city beautiful that nearly every day can greet a dawn with a homicide, there came a sudden death that gave the millions pause.

It was a different death... not a disappointed girl from out of town swallowing poison in a lonely room... not a bankrupt playboy plummeting from a tall tower... not a dead child found in an ashcan.

No, it was not a routine death in a city where many strange ways of death are routine.

This was a gangster death, the going away with five bullets in his body of the kind of man who dies with big money in his pocket but who when alive, while often arrested, is rarely convicted.

It is the kind of a story that is big news to city folk and to the man who rides into work here from the suburbs, a source of gossip from the bowery flop house to the Park Avenue flop house.

"It is an example of the shivvy 'law beyond the law'... the tale of a man who many people think deserves to be killed but he is killed not by the people, but by his people."

Justice But Not Law

His death may be justice but it is not law. Police officials announce 100 detectives have been assigned to search for the killers, but very few of the 4,500,000 people who live here think the 100 badge-wearers will ever bring the two killers to successful trial. Nor do they worry much.

For some reason that amazes more civilized nations, many Americans and some of the law officers they hire feel that justice is done when one underworld character exterminates another, a legal and moral attitude as indefensible as it is indigenous.

In The Day's News

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ly include in their annual tourist figures the travel within the state by their own people. Oregon feels, however, that a better picture of the contribution of tourist travel to the state's economy can be obtained by counting only those cars that remain three days or longer.

It is certainly a more realistic picture of the economy, we must add, if from the total of those coming to the state the number of residents of the state that go to other states. If, as Mr. Tugman suggests, we were to class as "tourists" people who merely travel around in their own state, we would be kidding ourselves, for the money spent by "tourists" remains within the state.

It isn't NEW money. That, of course, brings up the money that is spent by residents of the state who go to OTHER states. The money they spend while away from home is taken out of the state in which they live — and so, presumably, it is deducted from the state's total economy.

So... This question arises: Does Oregon gain or lose in the exchange involved in tourist travel?

As to that, we can only guess, for the figures do not take into consideration the number of Oregonians who travel to other states. But we can safely assume from the total of more than three and a half million tourists who have visited Oregon during 1957 that Oregon has gained in the exchange.

Oregon's population is only approximately a million and a half, so all of our people would have had to go out of the state TWICE to balance the number of outsiders who have come here this year.

So it seems quite safe to assume that in Oregon the tourist business is a profitable business.

Reader Opinions

Riverside PTA Offers Thanks For Assistance

The Riverside PTA wishes to thank the newspaper, radio and television stations for the fine publicity received for our carnival held Oct. 19. We also wish to thank the many merchants and other individuals who contributed so generously. We are happy to report that our carnival was a success. Without the help and cooperation received success would not have been possible. Again, our thanks to all.

Darlene Snider, President
Freda Rudolph, Chairman
Ways and Means Comm.

Hold On To Your Land To Survive, Indians Advised

CLAREMORE, Okla. — Delegates to the National Congress of American Indians convention were told this week Indians must hold on to "every bit of land we own if we are to survive."

The admonition came from the group's president Joseph R. L. Garry, Plummer, Idaho, who addressed the opening session of the NCAI's 14th annual meeting.

Garry declared Indians throughout the country have one problem in common: The proposed termination of relations between the various tribes and the federal government.

"Every nation or group is determined to survive," said Garry, a Coeur d'Alene.

He criticized repeatedly House Concurrent Resolution 108 adopted in 1953 as a measure to free the Indians.

Those are great words but they are misinformation," said Garry, who is a candidate for a fifth term as NCAI president.

"The real result of HCR 108," he said, "is to disband American Indian tribes." By permitting individual Indians to sell their allotments, it is slowly dissipating our land and our identity."

Garry said the NCAI's purpose now must be adoption of a Senate concurrent resolution which would reverse the policy and continue preservation through purchase of land.

He suggested a 200 million dollar appropriation by Congress would permit tribes to buy Indian lands whose owners sell because of economic necessity, personal choice or other reasons.

NLRB Orders Second Vote At Homes Plant

WASHINGTON — The National Labor Relations Board this week ordered a second election among employees of the Rex Mobile Homes firm at McMinnville, Ore.

It said a runoff was needed to determine whether employees want to be represented by the Sheet Metal Workers or by the United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers.

At an election two months ago, only one vote separated the unions and 11 of the ballots were challenged. The NLRB said that to get a clear majority choice, since some employees voted for neither, another vote should be taken.

WANTS BRIDGE TOLL FREE

PORTLAND — The Portland Central Labor Council this week said the bridge being built across the Columbia River between Oregon and Washington should be toll-free.

The bridge, the council said, should be included in the federal government's comprehensive program for highways.

Law Dean Raps Little Rock Act Of Eisenhower

WASHINGTON — A former dean of the University of Washington law school said this week President Eisenhower overstepped his powers in using federal troops in the Little Rock, Ark., school segregation dispute.

Alfred J. Schweppe of Seattle, former teacher of constitutional law, contended there are no laws of the United States authorizing the President to assist the U. S. marshal in enforcing federal court decrees.

In a copyrighted article in the current issue of the magazine U. S. News & World Report, Schweppe said "Congress intended no such law of the United States to be in existence."

The President, he said, "does not have by virtue of constitutional office alone, the power to execute federal court decrees by force of arms. Federal court decrees are not laws of the United States, but merely adjudications between particular parties and are merely the 'law' of that case. If the President has that power today, it must exist by virtue of some act of Congress."

But, Schweppe adds, Congress has made no such laws and had "left the entire enforcement of federal-court decrees to the U. S. marshal and his posse comitatus."

He contends there is "a substantial issue, heretofore undetermined, whether, under existing statutes, the President was exercising power lawfully."

Memorial Wreath Set For 3 Oregon Officials

SALEM — A memorial wreath was placed beside the state seal this week in memory of three state officials who were killed in an airplane crash 10 years ago.

They were Gov. Earl Snell, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr., and Senate President Marshall Cornett. They were killed while on a hunting trip in Lake County.

The wreath was placed by Secretary of State Mark Hatfield and State Treasurer Sig Unander.

Sen. Jackson States More Industry Diversification Necessary For Northwest

LONGVIEW — More diversification of industry in the Pacific Northwest is essential if the area is to share in the growing benefits "of a rich and bountiful land," Sen. Jackson (D-Wash.) said here Tuesday.

In an address prepared for the annual convention of the Inland

Different Texts Written For Talk On US Air Power

WASHINGTON — Lt. Gen. Stanley R. Mickelsen, chief of the Army's air defense command, wrote two texts for a speech this week—one containing sharp thrusts at air power doctrine, the other a routine presentation of the Army's function in air defense.

Mickelsen, whose job is to run the Army part of an Air Force-Army-Navy continental air defense system, came to the second annual meeting of the Assn. of United States Army to deliver the tamed-down version.

An Army spokesman said there was no comment as to the reason Mickelsen discarded his first draft. The Army and the Air Force are in lousy contest in the field of missiles-ballistic, guided and anti-aircraft.

Some advance distribution of the first version was made last week. A telegram from Mickelsen's headquarters at Colorado Springs followed, saying this version was "killed" and that a substitute would follow.

Over the weekend, the House announced it would investigate the missile and satellite programs and the effect upon them of inter-service rivalry.

In the discarded version, Mickelsen would have said that interceptor aircraft are obsolescent, and that usefulness of bombers will fade when inter-continental missiles can be delivered accurately.

Washington Gives Approval To New Interstate Route

OLYMPIA — Addition of the Ellensburg-Pendleton route to the interstate highway system was formally accepted this week by the Washington Highway Commission.

In passing a resolution agreeing with the federal Bureau of Public Roads to make the addition, the commission noted the location of the 132-mile stretch has not been finally determined. This, the commission said, must be determined jointly by the Bureau of Public Roads and the Washington and Oregon highway commissions.

The three agencies must make extensive studies to find the best and most feasible route, the commission said.

Most of the 132 miles is in Washington state. It represents more than 10 per cent of the total 10,000 miles added to the interstate system throughout the U. S.

Eligible for Funds
A highway is added to the system, it becomes eligible for federal matching funds in the ratio of 90 per cent federal to 10 per cent state.

The Ellensburg-Pendleton route will connect U. S. 10 and U. S. 30. State highway officials had expressed surprise at the federal government's addition of the stretch, because neither Washington nor Oregon had requested it.

However, the Portland Chamber of Commerce lodged a protest against the project with Glen Williams, asst. U. S. commissioner of roads Monday.

Harold Say, a chamber representative, reportedly told Williams in Washington that the proposed

highway would mean Portland would be bypassed by important shipments from the Rocky Mountain area.

He said U. S. 30 the Columbia River Highway, now provides Portland a natural advantage in receiving shipments from Salt Lake City.

Syria Signs With Russia For \$100 Million Loan

DAMASCUS, Syria — Syria and the Soviet Union this week signed an economic agreement providing for extensive development projects with Russian machinery, equipment and technical assistance. The Syrians continued to insist that no strings were attached.

Reliable sources said the Soviets would supply 100 million dollars worth of materials, equipment and assistance for the building of dams, highways, railroads and irrigation projects.

Syria will pay the Soviets back over a 12-year period at 2½ per cent interest.

Prime Minister Sabri Bakkal said Sunday that Syria will continue to follow its present policy and will not be "affected by threats or pressures because this policy expresses the will of the people."

He added: "It's high time the imperialists reconsider their policy toward Syria after their failure to swerve Syria from pursuing her sovereign policy."

In the continuing Syrian-Turkish tension, meanwhile, a Syrian announcement said that 30 Turkish soldiers crossed the frontier Friday and moved 200 yards into Syria to the village of Garteke.

The announcement said several shots were fired and the Turks withdrew when Syrian security forces appeared. One Syrian was reported kidnapped.

Cancer-Stricken Coach Thankful For Fund Raised

TACOMA — Jack Codd, cancer-stricken Bellarmine High School football coach has written a letter thanking his friends for making the Jack Codd High football game here such an outstanding success.

More than \$7,500 was raised for Codd and his family when Bellarmine played Everett here Friday night.

The letter said: "As you know, it was impossible for me to leave the hospital and come to the game, so I'm writing this note to express my thanks for all that you have done for me and my family."

"I did not have the opportunity to meet many of you before becoming sick, and yet you have done all these things for us. Your kindness and generosity overwhelms us."

"I would like personally to shake hands with each and everyone of you, and tell you how grateful I am. Accept this letter instead, if you will, I can't tell you how grateful I am, I can only thank you."

Please continue to remember me in your prayers in the days ahead. I will pray for all of you. Best of luck to Father Walsh and the team. Sincerely and gratefully yours, (Signed) Jack Codd."

Slayer Of His Brother Draws 2 Years In Prison

OREGON CITY — Clyde Duane Feyrer, 19, was sentenced this week to two years in prison for slaying his brother, Leonard.

Circuit Judge P. K. Hammond told young Feyrer he had never before given such a light sentence for a homicide and told him he needed to get better control of his emotions.

The brother was killed by gunshot following an argument. A jury last week convicted Clyde on a charge of manslaughter.

Economy Based on Lumber

Jackson said the region's economy historically has been based on lumber and recently on the aircraft industry. He said high Boeing employment has "concealed the facts" that since 1950 the Pacific Northwest has grown at a rate of 9.1 per cent while that of the nation as a whole has been 9.2 per cent.

Quoting early October unemployment statistics, Jackson said unemployment in the state of Washington is up 80 per cent over the same period last year and unemployment in the Pacific Northwest is up 104 per cent.

"And we haven't even felt the Boeing cuts yet," he added. The Senator blamed as an immediate cause for the increase in unemployment of administration's hard money and policies "which put budget considerations ahead of defense considerations."

Criticizes Government

Jackson again criticized the federal government for what he said was failure to support any new federal multi-purpose river project in the Pacific Northwest in the past five years.

He urged greater development of the area's water resources, both by the federal government and private and public utilities as the major long-range aid to diversification of industries.

Developments at Hanford, he said, point to the importance of the peaceful use of atomic power. He warned, however, that it will be years before atomic power can be produced at a cost comparable to that of water power and said that for the foreseeable future the region must develop its water resources for power, transportation and industry.

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