

McElroy Hopeful Of Stronger Defense Measure

House Group Passes Plan By 32-0 Vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Defense McElroy said Saturday he expects efforts will be made in the House and Senate to tailor a pending defense reorganization plan more closely to administration wishes.

The House Armed Services Committee approved 32-0 Friday a defense reshuffling plan based on President Eisenhower's recommendations. The compromise, however, contains two major provisions which the administration does not like.

McElroy, talking with reporters, said he thinks some members of the Senate will "want a hell of a lot stronger bill" than that drafted by the House committee. There has been no Senate action on the Eisenhower plan.

McElroy said the first effort to modify House committee language probably will come on the House floor during debate on the measure.

Willing to Sign

Congressional sources pictured Eisenhower as willing to sign the bill even if Congress makes no changes in the present version. One of these sources, who asked not to be quoted by name, told a reporter: "Without any doubt he will not veto the bill if it is passed as it now stands."

McElroy did not touch on the possibility of a veto.

The House committee's bill would give Eisenhower substantially what he asked for in arrangements for streamlined command of unified forces. But the committee turned down several requests for administrative changes.

Rossman Finds Age No Barrier In Court Race

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Justice George Rossman found age no barrier as he won another six year term on Oregon's Supreme Court in Friday's primary election.

And Justice Gordon Sloan was way in front of his three-man race, with a clear majority over Boyd Overhulse and Samuel Boone.

Rossman, 73, was called too old for the job by his 43-year-old opponent, Jason Lee, voters, though, gave Rossman a 7 to 5 margin as they followed the endorsement of the Oregon Bar.

Overhulse, president of the Oregon Senate, ran far behind Sloan, a recent appointee of Gov. Robert D. Holmes, but ran 2 to 1 ahead of Boone, Grants Pass attorney.

The question whether the two combined would get as many votes as Sloan was decided early Saturday—they did not. That put Sloan's name alone on the November ballot the same as Rossman's for his position.

The veteran Rossman has been on Oregon's high court since 1927. His younger opponent, Lee, first entered the political field when he tried for Congress two years ago. He got the Democratic nomination for the 1st District but failed before Rep. Walter Norblad in the fall.

Portland Student Drowns In Surf At Oceanlake

OCEANLAKE, Ore. (AP) — Willis Stuart, 17, president of the Portland Union Academy student body, drowned Thursday when a large breaker swept him into the ocean here.

He and 24 other students were on an outing conducted by the school, which is operated by the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

They were playing in the surf when the breaker carried Stuart and James Dixon, a teacher, into the ocean. Dixon was rescued by students but they were unable to reach Stuart, who was to be graduated next week.

Police said that when last seen, Stuart was far out in the breakers, his hands in the air. He then disappeared.

The Coast Guard began a search for the body.

5 Negro Children Taken From Catholic School

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — Five Negro children have been withdrawn from Catholic schools here as a result of the first interracial incident since Virginia's Catholic schools were integrated nearly four years ago.

There are indications, however, they might return to classes soon. The five, brothers and sisters, were taken out of Roanoke Catholic High School and its adjoining elementary unit, St. Andrew's, yesterday after the oldest — Vernon Dudley, a 17-year-old senior — reported he was shoved into his seat by a white student.

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A TYPICAL SCENE at Stewart Park this spring is planting of shrubbery by many organizations. Above, Beta Iota chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha came through with 50 azalea plants which were planted in the grove atop the south knoll of the golf course. City Manager George Farrell wields the shovel, while golf course Director Walter Brydges, Mrs. Bill Ulmer, Mrs. Bob Curtis and Mrs. Don Kruse offer suggestions. The ladies are members of the chapter. (Paul Jenkins)

Economy Of Nation Marks Time This Week After Nine Months Running Downhill

NEW YORK (AP) — The nation's economy marked time this week after nine months of running downhill.

Signs continued to multiply that the slide that started last August might be touching bottom — and that recessionary forces were finally running out of steam.

Here and there you could see signs of improvement.

Contracts awarded in April for future construction showed a kind-sized gain over 1957 after trailing year-ago figures for the previous three months. Road building was one of the brighter spots.

At the same time, the National Assn. of Home Builders forecast a 10 per cent increase in housing starts this year.

Consumers kept spending at a fast pace that almost matched last year's record rate. Production of steel and automobiles, while still far below year-ago levels, moved up a bit.

Stock prices, on the other hand, broke sharply. On Wednesday the market was thrown for its biggest one-day loss of the year. It rallied later but was leaning toward the downside at the close.

Portland Beats City Manager Government Type

PORTLAND (AP) — Voters in Portland said "no" Friday to a proposal that they switch to a city manager type of government. The margin held close to 5,000 in Saturday's tabulation.

The voters also decided to stay out of the mass transit business. They did that decisively, rejecting the proposal by a 2 to 1 margin.

The city manager plan was behind almost from the outset of the counting and when the totals at mid-morning neared 110,000, it was 52,000 for the plan and 57,000 against it.

An effort to force the city to build its 8-million-dollar Exposition-Recreation Center at Delta Park, near the Columbia River, instead of near the downtown district, was rejected more than 7 to 5.

Voters smiled on special money measures. They OK'd issuing 3 million dollars in bonds for fire department improvement; seemed on incomplete returns to have approved a \$400,000-a-year levy for five years for urban renewal in the South Auditorium site; and voted a special school levy of \$1,650,000 for three years.

Teamster Union Monitor Resigns From Board

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nathan Cayton has resigned as chairman of the three-man board of monitors set up by a federal court to keep watch on the management of the Teamsters Union.

His letter of resignation was made public Wednesday. It was submitted to U. S. District Judge F. Dickinson Lettis, who appointed the monitors. Cayton is a retired judge of the District of Columbia municipal court of appeals.

Judge Cayton pleaded press of other business as the reason for his withdrawal.

Theft Of Several Items From Pickup Reported

Theft of several items from a pickup truck parked near Steamboat was reported to deputies late Thursday by Charles Matthews of the Roseburg Lumber Co.

Matthews listed as missing one spare tire, several saw tools and a length of steel tape. He said the theft occurred some time Wednesday. The vehicle was parked on Steelhead Creek Road when the items were stolen, said Matthews.

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Influential voices were raised this week in support of tax reduction.

At a meeting of the Bond Club of New York, Henry C. Alexander, chairman of the J. P. Morgan & Co. investment house, said a cut of at least five billion dollars in individual and corporate income taxes would be the best anti-recession move the government could make.

Here's one business that the recession hasn't hurt. Detroit, with 18 per cent of its labor force unemployed, saw a record crowd of 13,013 flock to the opening of the Hazel Park harness raceway and bet a record \$487,221. Said Donald D. MacFarlane, president of the track: "Racing is supposed to be recession-proof. Maybe it is."

Huge Counterfeiting Ring Broken By Officers

WASHINGTON (AP) — A ring that allegedly passed thousands of dollars in fake bills in 14 states has been broken up by the Secret Service.

Secret Service Chief U. E. Baughman announced yesterday that 13 persons had been arrested and that more arrests were expected. He said the investigation began last November when bogus money appeared in Indianapolis.

The announcement was made after John Wesley Riddon, 41, and William Earl Smith, 30, were arrested at the Nashville, Tenn., airport.

Western Democrat Leaders Strive For Party Accord

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Western Democratic leaders, carving out potential planks for their party's 1960 platform, tried Saturday to reach accord on controversial subjects of high regional interest.

The agenda for the final day of the two-day conference included discussions on tax policies, natural resources and hydroelectric power.

The session has drawn 14 Democratic National Committee members and 11 members of state Democratic organizations. They represent eight of the Western states.

Paul Ziffren, California national committeeman, told the group Friday that railroads, financed by Eastern capital, developed the West as a colony.

"The West," he said, "has earned the right to industrial, economic and cultural equality."

"Only the Democratic Party," he added, "is sufficiently dynamic and progressive to furnish the leadership needed to gain this objective."

Ziffren and other speakers complained that freight rates have long been discriminatory to the West. Also discussed was the possibility of forming business development credit corporations for the West.

State Sen. Richard Richards of Los Angeles suggested the establishment of new planning agencies at the state level, coordinated in the Western area and assisted by federal representatives.

He said this program should be aimed at bringing tax assistance to small businesses, encouragement of existing commerce in the area and the attraction of new industry to bring additional employment.

Life Prison Sentence Meted Convicted Killer

PORTLAND (AP) — Lee Allen Parker, 31, Portland, was sentenced to life in the Oregon penitentiary Thursday on his conviction for second degree murder.

He was found guilty last month in the death of Robert Holloway, 44, Portland, a fellow cement worker whose body was found late in 1957 in a lime-coated well near Vernonia, northwest of here.

After Circuit Judge Frank Longren pronounced sentence, Parker read a long statement in which he maintained his innocence. Then he gave his mother a kiss and was taken from the courtroom.

America Winds Up Armed Forces Day Observance

WASHINGTON (AP) — America winds up its ninth annual armed forces celebration this weekend with a display of U. S. military might, parades and speeches.

Although by law Armed Forces Day falls on the third Saturday in May, this year's observance began last weekend with a big aerial and military show at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

More than 100 U. S. warships at 32 ports prepared to welcome the public for inspection tours of the latest equipment for sea warfare.

At inland cities and big military bases, the emphasis was on displays of rockets, missiles, aircraft and a wide variety of defense instruments.

Speechmaking also marked the nation's annual tribute to its fighting services. Defense Department officials and military leaders planned speeches at scores of cities—all tied to the official theme, "Power for Peace." At U. S. military centers abroad, the official theme and slogan is "partners for Peace."

Celebration of the unified military day is taking a variety of forms in different places. In New York City, it is a Fifth Avenue parade with Secretary of the Navy Thomas S. Gates in the reviewing stand.

In Portsmouth, Va., the celebration takes the form of a torch light parade, and in Memphis, Tenn., the armed forces join in the Cotton Carnival.

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REYNOLDS CUT BACK

PORTLAND (AP) — The Reynolds Metals Co. Friday announced 25 per cent cutbacks in production at its Troutdale, Ore., and Longview, Wash., plants.

The cutbacks will affect 125 employees at the Troutdale operation and 96 at Longview, the company said.

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ICC Votes Not To Intervene In SP Freight Rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interstate Commerce Commission's suspension board voted Friday not to interfere with proposals by Far Western railroads to reduce sharply their rates on large quantity lumber shipments moving from Oregon, California and Arizona.

The proposed reductions, initiated by the Southern Pacific and joined in by other carriers in the same area, are designed to match trucking rates. They are scheduled to become effective next Wednesday, May 21.

The changes were protested by some motor carriers which contended the revisions would be in some instances make the railroad trucking rates lower than the trucking charges.

Northern California lumbermen also objected to the changes which they said would greatly narrow the present spread between shipments from their area and from Southern Oregon.

The action of the suspension board, a staff group authorized to act for ICC, is subject to appeal to the commission.

As an example of the proposed changes, the present rate on a 24,000-pound lumber shipment from Portland to Oakland, Calif., is 64 cents per 100 pounds. The railroad plans to cut this to 54 cents.

The present \$1.03 rate on a 24,000-pound shipment from Portland to Los Angeles would not be changed, but the carriers would offer between these points a rate of 81 cents on 51,000 pounds, 69 cents on 60,000 pounds and 64 cents on 70,000 pounds.

The railroad plans no change in the present 76-cent and 67-cent rates on 24,000 and 40,000 pound shipments from Redding, Calif., to Los Angeles, but would offer between these points a rate of 55 cents on 60,000 pounds and 50 cents on 70,000 pounds.

TO EVALUATE ALERT

SALEM (AP) — Local and county civil defense directors will meet here Monday to evaluate Operation Alert, the civil defense exercise that was held May 6-7.

Col. Arthur M. Sheels, state CD director, said much was learned in the paper test which included a simulated bombing of Portland and Klamath Falls.



READY—Gen. Charles De Gaulle arrives at his office in Paris prior to announcing that he is ready to take over the leadership of France. Urged to head up a new "strong man" government in Paris by a military-civilian junta in Algeria, de Gaulle's announcement came at a time of worsening crisis that has brought France to the verge of civil war.

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