

Interim Committee Would Give Governor Authority To Reorganize Department

SALEM (AP)—The legislative interim committee on government reorganization recommended today that the governor be given authority to submit plans for reorganization of the executive branch of the state government.

These plans would automatically go into effect 60 days after he submitted his plans to the Legislature, unless either house voted a resolution opposing them.

Under this proposal, the governor could, unless one house objected, abolish and consolidate boards and commissions.

The committee submitted 25 recommendations.

One calls for creation of a department of revenue. It would take over functions of the state tax commission, as well as the state treasurer's inheritance and gift tax collections. An independent tax review agency would be created.

The committee also recommended creation of a department of natural resources. State agencies dealing with resources would be grouped within this department.

Other recommendations:

Give the legislative counsel the authority to prepare legislation which would eliminate conflicts, ambiguities and obsolete matter from the laws.

Create the position of legislative fiscal officer to assist the legis-

Woman Permitted To Teach Children At Remote Home

GRANGEVILLE (AP)—Idaho County school authorities this week abandoned efforts to force a woman who lives in the remote and inaccessible Salmon river canyon to send her six children to school.

The action was prompted by Atty. Gen. Graydon Smith and county prosecutor, who told the board they did not believe the compulsory attendance law.

Smith and MacGregor told the directors of Joint Class A school district 24 they would join Wednesday in requesting dismissal of a complaint charging Mrs. George Wolfe with contributing to the delinquency of minors by causing their habitual truancy from school.

Mrs. Wolfe, wife of a railroad employee at Lewiston, Ore., last month took her seven children, six of them of school age, to a log cabin the family had purchased on an abandoned mining claim near Mackay, Ore.

The cabin is 80 miles from the nearest high school at Grangeville and 30 miles from the nearest elementary school at Elk City.

While the husband lives at Lewiston, Ore., and visits the family on weekends, Mrs. Wolfe has been teaching her children with the aid of correspondence courses.

A complaint was filed against Mrs. Wolfe in Probate court last week by MacGregor and Smith, Grangeville, school district superintendent. No summons had been served, however, pending the review by MacGregor and Smith.

Freedom of choosing where to live is not to be denied by a compulsory school board statute. Both MacGregor and Smith said Riggs acted "precipitously" in filing the suit.

Maryland Court Rules Ad Tax Unconstitutional

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP)—Maryland's highest court ruled today that Baltimore's controversial taxes on advertising are unconstitutional because they impede freedom of the press.

The Court of Appeals struck down two city ordinances. One imposed a 4 per cent sales tax on the purchaser of newspaper, radio, television and billboard advertising. The other levied a 2 per cent gross receipts tax on the proceeds of such sales.

The high court said the issue involved was "one of those fundamental principles of liberty and justice which lie at the base of all our civil and political institutions."

In affirming a Circuit Court ruling of unconstitutionality, the appellate judges ruled that the taxes were not ordinary or general, as the city claimed but were singular in kind.

The court found that 90 to 95 per cent of the tax impact was upon newspapers and radio and television stations, "businesses essential to the maintenance of the First Amendment of the federal Constitution."

Cruelty To Dog Gives Wife Divorce Decree

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Her husband made their French poodle stand on his hind legs in a corner for 15 minutes at a time as punishment, Mrs. Shirley Kaplan, seeking a divorce, testified.

She complained that George Kaplan was mentally cruel to her and physically cruel to the dog, Judge Frederick F. Houser granted the divorce Friday.

Civilians, Fired As Security Risks, Given Jobs Back

WASHINGTON (AP)—Six civilians, fired in 1954 as security risks, are getting their jobs back at the Army Signal Corps Laboratories at Ft. Monmouth, N.J.

A consent decree restoring their jobs was signed Friday by Federal District Judge David A. Pine—thus ending the government's long fight against the employees' suit for reinstatement.

The six were fired in the wake of hearings by the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) and his Senate investigating subcommittee into charges of security violations at the Monmouth laboratories.

Twenty nine other employees who also were fired as security risks have since been reinstated. Last November, Federal Judge Alexander Holtzoff dismissed a reinstatement suit filed by the six employees. But he was reversed by the U.S. Court of Appeals on grounds the Army had not complied with its own regulations.

The court said the Army did not notify the six of the findings on which their dismissal was based.

Those reinstated Friday include five scientists—Aaron H. Coleman, Harold Duane, Hyam G. Yarnum, Helvia Morris and Carl Greenberg—and one clerical employee, Bernice Levine.

The consent order didn't say whether the six will receive back pay since 1954, minus what they may have earned in other jobs. Pine said they may have to sue for back pay.

Enraged Husband Blamed For Killing Of Two Women

LA GRANDE (AP)—An autopsy supported a theory of state police that an enraged husband killed himself after fatally shooting his wife and another woman at a remote mountain cabin at Minam, 40 miles northeast of here.

William T. Nickels, 33, shot his wife, Delores, 40, and Miss Billie Johnson, 25, according to Sgt. J. D. Casciato.

The owner of the cabin, Archie Conrad, 33, escaped alive although he was wounded. A 3-year-old daughter of the Nickels also was spared.

Police found the 3 bodies after Conrad crawled 300 yards for help. The rifle was found 10 feet from the body of Nickels.

The autopsy by Dr. Joseph Beeman, a Boise pathologist and former Oregon crime laboratory head, indicated that Nickels could have put the rifle against the wall and then wandered 10 feet away before he collapsed and died of the loss of blood.

Conrad, who told police Nickels did all the shooting, was recovering in a La Grande hospital.

Census Of Riddle Schools Scheduled

The Riddle school census will start Oct. 25 with representatives of the Riddle PTA serving as census takers for the drive.

The district has been divided into small areas with a census taker assigned to each area. Children between the ages of 4 and 20 will be counted in accordance with state law. State basic school support funds are given to local districts on the basis of these biennial censuses.

Only 70 Join

Only 70 members in the Southern Douglas County school district, with a population of about 3,000, have joined the Riddle school betterment group. Last year the paid membership numbered 115, according to the PTA records.

Willard Preston, Riddle PTA president, stated "Roughly about one-half of one per cent of the adults of Riddle belong to the PTA. This figure dwindles to a trickle if you consider that 24 of the 70 paid members are either faculty members or their wives."

Stabber Of Negro Crusader Faces 'Attempt' Count

NEW YORK (AP)—The woman who stabbed the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., anti-segregation leader, has been indicted for attempted homicide.

King, 39, narrowly escaped death last Sept. 20 when stabbed in the chest with a steel letter opener as he autographed copies of his book, "Stride Toward Freedom," in a Harlem department store. He is almost completely recovered.

His assailant, Mrs. Isola Ware Curry, 42, also a Negro, has been undergoing psychiatric examination at Bellevue Hospital.

Friday a Manhattan grand jury indicted her for attempted murder in the first degree. If convicted, Mrs. Curry faces a maximum prison term of 25 years.

King, of Montgomery, Ala., gained national prominence as leader of a bus boycott conducted by Negroes in Montgomery. He said he holds no bitterness against Mrs. Curry.

Big Population Gains Seen For Northwest By Year 1970

By FRANK W. VAILLE

WASHINGTON (AP)—Census Bureau projections indicate a possible 30 per cent over-all increase in population of the three Pacific Northwest states by 1970.

The bureau's newest calculations place the 1970 total population of Oregon, Washington and Idaho at from 6,403,000 to 6,798,000 persons. This compares with an estimated population on July 1, 1955, of 4,904,000.

Growth of the Pacific Northwest area, the bureau's figures show, is expected to continue at a faster rate than for the United States generally. In 1970, the bureau expects the U.S. population to range from 195,438,000 to 208,246,000 persons, an approximate 22 per cent gain over 1955's estimated 164,303,000.

Population of the three-state area by 1960, the bureau said, could range from 5,350,000 to 5,505,000 with a further increase by 1965 to from 5,556,000 to 6,111,000 persons.

Based On Assumptions

The projections are based on various assumptions involving population migration, fertility and mortality. Utilizing past population trends in part, the projections do not take into consideration matters of local knowledge of prospective developments which may have a major impact on population growth.

Based on a check of its methods and projections with known population growth of the past, the bureau said it believed its projections, on the average, are likely to be more accurate for 1960 than for later years. Similarly, it said, projections for larger states are likely to be more accurate than those for smaller states.

Each of the calculations, however, is believed to represent a reasonable possibility in the eyes of the bureau.

In a state-by-state breakdown, the bureau projects Washington's population to a range of from 3,409,000 to 3,594,000 persons by 1970. Oregon's 1970 range was calculated at from 2,294,000 to 2,433,000 and Idaho's from 700,000 to 771,000 persons.

The bureau's July 1955 estimate credited Washington with 2,607,000 population, Oregon with 1,685,000 and Idaho with 612,000.

Messiah Rehearsal Place Shifted To Church

Rehearsal for the Messiah Choral Festival will be held at Roseburg Presbyterian Church Monday instead of Central Junior High School, where rehearsals have been held for the past several weeks. Chorus director S. Clarence Trued said a schedule conflict resulted in the switch. The rehearsal will begin at the usual time of 7:30 p.m., he said.

BANKRUPTCY FILED

Leo M. Zimmerman, Myrtle Creek, has filed a bankruptcy petition in federal District Court, listing \$5,343.27 in debts.

Railway Express Permitted To Up Rates 15 Per Cent

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission Friday authorized the Railway Express Agency to increase its rates on a substantial portion of its less-than-carload business by 15 per cent.

The order, which listed many exemptions, will permit the hikes to become effective on 15 days public notice.

The agency, owned by 68 railroads, applied in July, 1957, for a general 15 per cent rate increase on both carload and less-than-carload business with exemptions only for milk and cream, daily newspapers, and dead bodies.

The commission rejected any increase in carload rates, and turned down a proposal to increase present minimum charges per shipment, which vary by territories and type of shipment.

The agency conceded its original proposals would have lost some business, but estimated they would have increased its revenues by about \$44 million dollars annually.

The ICC ordered these items excepted from any increase: Merchandise moving from retail stores to customers; live bees; Florida chrysanthemums and gladioli; flowers from their origins moving at first class rates; fresh fruit from Florida, Texas and the other Western states; fresh fish and other seafood, cantaloupes from Pecos, Tex.; celery from Michigan; and merchandise now enjoying special rates in relation to quantity of shipment.

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Northern Negroes Becoming More Dissatisfied With Attitudes On Civil Rights

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Times said today that more and more Negroes in key Northern states are becoming dissatisfied with civil rights attitudes of both Republican and Democratic parties.

The Times said a survey indicates that more Negro voters will split tickets in the election next month and in the future.

But the newspaper said political observers believe that the Democratic party in the North, where most Negro voters live, still will get the majority of Negro ballots.

In some states, such as Michigan and Pennsylvania, the party will increase its strength," said The Times.

Mechanic Expresses View

In publishing the results of a wide survey, The Times said an unnamed Negro mechanic in Cleveland was asked how he would vote.

"I'd like to vote for the whole United States Supreme Court," he said. "When it comes to this integration and civil rights stuff, neither party is worth a damn."

"In a survey of Negro voter sentiment in six key Northern and border states and California, The Times found that an increasing number of Negroes shared the mechanic's conviction that 'Neither party is worth a damn' on civil rights on the national level—and, in some cases, on the local level," the paper added.

Others Included

Other states included in the survey are New York, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan. Illinois also has a heavy Negro vote, the paper said, but has no major offices to fill this year other than congressional seats.

"Many Negroes were quick to criticize 'the Democrats' for failing to 'whip the crackers in line in the South' on school integration," The Times said.

"They were just as quick to criticize President Eisenhower and 'the Republicans' for failing to take a strong position in favor of the Supreme Court's 1954 integration ruling and the 'moral right' of Negro children to attend integrated schools."

Roseburg Square Dance Club Schedules Classes

The Buckeroo Square Dance Club is holding square dance classes at the Buckeroo Barn every Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 to 10 p.m. with Carley Reynolds, caller. The class from the Oct. 13 session will attend the Sadie Hawkins dance Nov. 22.

NBC Changes NW Station Affiliates, Drops Two Stations

NEW YORK (AP)—A major shuffle of National Broadcasting Co. radio and television affiliates in the Pacific Northwest was announced by the network here Wednesday.

NBC said it has dropped its affiliation with a Seattle radio and television station, a Portland television station and with an Oregon City, Ore., radio station. The network said it has entered into new affiliation agreements with stations of the KING Broadcasting Co. in Portland and Seattle.

The new NBC outlets in Seattle will be KING radio and KING-TV. In Portland KGW radio and KGW-TV.

NBC is dropping KOMO radio and KOMO-TV in Seattle, KPTV-TV in Portland and KGN radio in Oregon City.

Contracts between NBC and KOMO, KPTV and KGN will not expire until next year. Until that time the King stations will be secondary affiliates, meaning that KOMO, KPTV and KGN will have first choice on NBC programs until expiration of contracts.

Dates for primary affiliation are Dec. 19, 1959, for KGW; May 1, 1959, for KPTV; June 14, 1959, for KING, and Dec. 10, 1959, for KING-TV.

KING AM and TV is currently affiliated with the American Broadcasting Co. network.

In trade circles here it was reported NBC offered an additional \$300 an hour increase in station payments to KING-TV over what had been paying KOMO-TV.

Harry Bannister, NBC vice president in charge of station relations, said the new association "assures still greater possibilities for NBC service" to the area.

Officials of the Fisher Broadcasting Co., owner of KOMO radio and television stations, declined comment on the NBC affiliation transfer.

Moon Rocket Device Used As Radio Repeater

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP)—The device hurled about a third of the way to the moon last weekend was used as a radio repeater station to relay signals between Hawaii and England.

The Air Force, disclosing this week, said: "This accomplishment validates the idea of using space vehicles of various types to improve vastly the effectiveness and reliability of methods of worldwide communications."

The 84-pound instrument package named Pioneer was hurled 79,120 miles into space from Cape Canaveral, Fla., before it fell back and presumably burned up in the earth's atmosphere.

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Peace On Earth Cannot Be Advanced By Lies and Distortion

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THE TRUTH

"I told Congressman Porter that there is a mathematical probability of about one in three billion of accidental detonation of a nuclear weapon—which means that the likelihood of such an accidental nuclear explosion is practically nonexistent." (Maj. Gen. Herbert Loper)

The direct quotation above is what General Loper really said, as published in a Defense Department bulletin on Dec. 30, 1957, the day before the distortions above were printed. The exactness of the quotation above was later verified by his aide, Col. Sanford.

Earlier this year Nikita Khrushchev, Soviet Communist Party leader, issued the same warning in an interview with James Reston of the N. Y. Times. His reference was particularly to trigger-happy pilots flying H-bomb loaded planes.

THE CONGRESSMAN FROM THIS DISTRICT joined with the Communist Daily Worker in compounding Nikita Khrushchev's propaganda--by distorting Gen. Loper's statement.

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The Defense Department had no immediate comment on the possibility of an accidental nuclear blast, which Porter said could be caused by "drunkenness, mental breakdown, misguided idealism, or treason."

It was recalled that former Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson said last Feb. 30 that chances of an accidental blast were "virtually non-existent." Wilson made the statement in announcing that atomic weapons were being deployed in this country for air defense.

But Porter said an accidental atomic explosion could set off a panic chain reaction resulting in war.

In fact, he said, "it is far more likely that nuclear war will come through an accident, here or elsewhere, than be intentional."

Porter, who favors abolition of atomic weapons, outlined his views at a news conference at which he made public a letter which he sent earlier to chairman Carl T. Dornan (D-N.C.) of the House-Senate Atomic Energy Committee.

He told Dornan among other things that President Eisenhower should issue flat orders that any use of atomic weapons should be cleared through the White House in advance except in case of "the most dire conditions of all-out atomic attack."

Porter noted that "we have thousands of nuclear weapons and hundreds of men, fallible human beings like you and me, in direct control of them."

"Aside from mechanical defects and inadvertence, the cause of such an (accidental) explosion could be drunkenness, mental breakdown, misguided idealism, or treason."

Porter said Gen. Loper, whom he called the defense department's "top man for atomic energy," agreed with him that an accidental nuclear "explosion was probable and says the department's plans are based on that premise."

As a result, he said, the defense department should immediately undertake a public relations program to "inform our citizens and the world that accidental nuclear explosions are probable despite elaborate safeguards."

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The TWU rejected the offer at a mass rally in Manhattan Center Sunday and authorized a strike. TWU leaders yesterday estimated Sunday's attendance closer to 7,000 than the 5,000 or less given in most papers. Large numbers unable to get in and turned away by police were unaware of the loud-speaker arrangement by the union outside Manhattan Center, they said.

Union leaders also note that large numbers had to stay at work during the meeting owing to the subway limit and buses.

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