

# Editorial Page

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## Legislators Did Businesslike Job

The state legislature did a good job in its generally businesslike action at the special session just ended.

This newspaper predicted before the session started that the session would set a new record in length. We based our contention on the quibbling and uncertainty shown at the regular session. It was also based on statements by members of the legislature that they were considering entering bills involving other matters than solving the state's fiscal problem.

True it is that the session was the longest special one in the state's history, but only because of the terrible tragedy of the President's assassination.

Even though the session was officially listed for 22 days, nine of those days were in recess because of the assassination. Thus, the session was actually only 13 days. It would have been even shorter had not the unforeseen Boardman problem cropped up.

The legislature obviously drew the conclusion that the 3 1/2 to 1 vote against the proposed 1963-65 biennial budget meant that the voters wanted no new taxes. The lawmakers hewed to that conclusion by turning down a 4-cent cigarette tax bill.

At the same time, they gave Gov. Hatfield authority to reduce the \$404.5 million general fund budget to the revenue expected under the present tax structure. This is approximately \$361 million.

They also did their best to make cuts in the various departments of government as light as possible. They did this by approving the one-shot withholding plan which calls for advance reporting of withheld tax-

es by employers starting next April. This is designed to bring in \$12 million more this biennium. Of course, it will mean that much less for the next biennium.

Finally, it passed the Boardman bill allowing up to \$1,900,000 of profits from the Veterans Administration Farm and Home Loan program to be used to acquire part of the 100,000 acres in Eastern Oregon under state ownership.

The legislature did forfeit its \$20 a day expenses for the nine-day period of recess, but it didn't come through with one bill which may hurt its members in the coming elections. The House approved a bill cutting legislators' salaries from \$250 to \$200 a month and top state elected officials salaries 7 1/2 per cent for one year. But the Senate failed to act on it, and the matter died.

Now the legislators have a short breathing spell. They have solved some immediate problems, but the one facing it for 1965 will be compounded.

The same question still stands: Do we retain present services for a growing population at a continually rising cost, or do we cut back services to stay within income under the present tax system? Compounding the problem for either decision is the fact the state will have \$12 million less with which to work because of its one-shot withholding tax program this biennium.

If the present services are continued, some new tax source will have to be tapped. If the new source is introduced by the legislature, it is almost certain to be referred again.

For the faint hearted, 1965 will be no year to be either a state representative or senator.

## -In The Day's News-

By FRANK JENKINS

What's a liberal?  
What's a conservative?

These questions have apparently been bothering the members of the Portland Junior Chamber of Commerce — as they have most of the rest of us who read the political news. So they decided to devote their meeting the other day to a debate on the subject.

They chose as debaters William E. Moomau, chairman of the Multnomah County Republican Central Committee, representing the Conservatives, and Dr. Frank L. Roberts, assistant dean of faculty of Portland State College, representing the Liberals.

Speaking first on the flip of a coin, Moomau said American conservatives have dedicated themselves to the conservation of the great documents that lie at the root of American tradition, such as the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

These, he contended, are the foundations of the American system of government and the American free enterprise economy. Conservatives, he argued, believe in keeping these basic principles intact and they oppose changes that tend to undermine them.

Progress, Dr. Roberts said in rebuttal, is the credo of liberalism. The mood of liberalism, he contended, is optimism. It thinks of human rights rather than property rights as the ends of public policy. CHANGE is an integral part of its methods. It has kept its fighting edge through the EMOTIONAL force of the reformist impulse.

"Liberalism," he concluded, "is a POINT OF VIEW. Let us be sensitive to the human needs for liberty, justice, individual self-realization, physical security, material necessities and for the greatest opportunity for all to share the blessings of our society."

What did the Jaycees do? They took a vote, called it a DRAW, and thanked the speakers for a very interesting program. One can't help wondering if, after hearing both sides, they were any clearer in their minds as to the fundamental differences between liberalism and conservatism.

Question:  
How did it all get started?  
It's an interesting story.

Historically, the terms liberal and conservative track back to the Tory and Whig parties in England, which began to fall apart in the mid-1800's. By 1850, two NEW parties emerged — the Conservatives, led by Benjamin Disraeli, and the Liberals, led by William Gladstone.

The Liberals became stout supporters of "laissez faire" (French for "Let 'er Go, Gallagher"). They OPPOSED state intervention in the interest of the working class—which more or less lies at the root of modern liberalism.

Led by Disraeli, the Conservative party's program included extension of the VOTE to the working class (which hitherto in England had not been allowed to vote), passage of social legislation favoring the workers, and the reorganization of the Empire by extending self-government to the colonies.

All these are things that are now supported by the LIBERALS.

So—  
You see—

## The Almanac

By United Press International  
Today is Thursday, Dec. 12, the 346th day of 1963 with 19 to follow.

The moon is approaching its last phase.  
The evening stars are Jupiter, Saturn and Venus.

On this day in history:  
In 1920, Edward D. White of Louisiana became chief justice of the United States.

In 1947, John L. Lewis withdrew his United Mine Workers Union from the American Federation of Labor for the second time.

In 1953, Maj. Charles Yeager flew a research jet plane more than two-and-one-half times the speed of sound.

In 1959, the Paraguayan government announced an invasion by 1,000 rebel exiles based in Argentina had been crushed.

A thought for the day—American theologian Jonathan Edwards said: "I assert that nothing ever comes to pass without a cause."

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## Lodge Won't Enter D. C. Primary

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge flatly refuses to be drawn into a Republican presidential preference primary in the District of Columbia because he has "no intention of running."

Lodge, the 1960 Republican vice presidential candidate who now serves as U.S. envoy to South Viet Nam, made the statement in a Dec. 4 letter to D.C. Republican Chairman Carl L. Shipley.

The former Massachusetts senator's name was mentioned as a GOP presidential possibility last week when it was reported that former President

Dwight D. Eisenhower, an old friend, had written him, urging him to return to this country and vie for the nomination. Lodge said he had received no such letter but that if he did he would consider "with great respect" any request from Eisenhower. Sources close to the former chief executive denied he sent such a letter but the feeling in the capital was that it expressed his views nonetheless.

Shipley said today he wrote Lodge Nov. 18, asking him to consider allowing his name to be entered on the May 5 primary ballot here, or at least to

dispatch a letter saying he had "no objection" to such a move. Lodge wrote from Saigon, saying, "I am not a candidate and, therefore, cannot give you such a statement. In fact, were I to write the type of letter which you request, it would put me in an extremely false position. Therefore, I must object. While I am naturally complimentary that some people think I would make a good president, I have no intention of running and think the most helpful thing that I can do for the country at the present time is my work here in Viet Nam." Lodge added.

## THE LIGHTER SIDE:

### Wright Flight Rallies Doubters

By DICK WEST  
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Man-Will-Never-Fly Memorial Society has kindly invited me to attend its annual workshop meeting at Killy Hawk, N. C., next week.

I would like very much to go but unfortunately I have been unable to get an airline reservation.

Nevertheless, I will be there in spirit — 100 per cent. Also 100 proof. The MWNFMS is a highly spirited group.

Its motto is: "Birds fly; men drink." When translated into Latin, the motto can be loosely interpreted to mean: "Man does not fly. Or anyway, not on one wing."

This year's workshop will be particularly significant because it coincides with the 60th anniversary of what the MWNFMS calls "The Wright brothers' alleged first flight."

Last year, it only coincided with the 59th anniversary of the so-called flight.

As everyone knows, an anniversary that is divisible by 10 is always more significant than an odd-numbered anniversary. Except those that are divisible by 25.

As usual, the workshop will feature a series of panel discussions revolving around the old controversy of "What really happened on Kill Devil Hill?" This much is known:

On or about Dec. 17, 1903, a

couple of chaps who gave their names as Orville and Wilbur Wright climbed to the top of the hill. One climbed back down again.

Many otherwise sensible people, including a number of influential government officials, have gone on record as believing that the other one flew down.

That theory is hotly disputed by the MWNFMS, which was formed to defend the law of gravity against attacks by such radicals.

Under the rallying cry of "we said (pause) it couldn't be done," the society has sought to convince thinking men everywhere that the thought of man flying is ridiculous, which, of course, it is.

There are, however, two minor weaknesses in the society's case. They may be summarized as follows:

1. Why would the Wright brothers, or anyone else for that matter, climb to the top of Kill Devil Hill unless they intended to fly?

2. If men cannot fly, why do they keep on building airplanes?

Although MWNFMS members regard these questions as quibbling, they have resolved to meet the issue head on.

I wish them well, but I would have more confidence in the society if they had not sent my workshop invitation airmail.

## Daily Bible Reading By

Roseburg Ministerial Association

Scripture: Eph. 6:11-17

In troubled times such as the world has witnessed in the past several years, men have been all too willing to "take up the sword" and do battle with anyone who dares challenge their intentions or authority. We have seen loyalties and alliances shift and attitudes change, friends becoming enemies, enemies becoming friends for the sake of expediency, and almost a constant stream of conflict in world affairs.

Most all of these disturbances are erupting from motives that are tainted with selfish ambitions for power or wealth. Among the tragedies of such struggles are the loss of human life, the waste of resources, and not least of all, the temporary nature of any settlements. We are well acquainted with the speed with which a political or economic situation can deteriorate to chaos.

There is another struggle of which the Bible speaks. Your attention is called to Ephesians 6:11-17, which makes reference to the spiritual battles that man must wage. In this spiritual struggle, we are reminded that we are not contending against flesh and blood—against measured and visible enemies—but against spiritual hosts of wickedness. This is a fight against unseen powers which manifest themselves through dishonesty, hate, injustice, and other indignities inhuman behavior and attitudes. Man is not left helpless in this spiritual struggle, however. We are admonished to put on the whole armor of God, which is in the first instance protective or defensive. But there is also included a weapon with which to carry on appropriate positive action. Note these as we quote the 14th to 17th verses from the passage indicated above:

"Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; above all taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

There is indeed a struggle that each person must experience with the evils that would destroy his spiritual life, but God has provided through His word the guidance and power to live victoriously through persevering faith. This faith, of course, is founded in Jesus Christ whose resurrection from the dead was the declaration of victory over the destroying powers of evil. It is this Jesus whose birthday we shall soon celebrate.

Allen Ingebritsen, Pastor  
Faith Lutheran Church

## In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of The News-Review

40 YEARS AGO  
Dec. 12, 1923

The Roseburg Kiwanis Club will receive its charter tonight at a banquet at the Hotel Umpqua. The banquet starts at 7:30 and following that will be the program. Earl Kirkpatrick, Kiwanis regional director, will present the charter.

In an ad for gift suggestions for Christmas Shoppers, a local ladies apparel store advertises bloomers at \$3.95.

25 YEARS AGO  
Dec. 12, 1938

Operation of the state's new law requiring both applicants for a marriage license to obtain physical and mental examinations appears to have put a damper upon the marriage license business in Douglas County. According to County Clerk Roy Agee, no licenses have been issued since the new law became effective. Last year there were 20 marriage licenses, of which nine were issued before the middle of the month.

10 YEARS AGO  
Dec. 12, 1953

Douglas County is one of eight counties in the state being considered for a vaccination field test with the newest discovery, a preventative for polio.

This report was disclosed at a meeting of the Roseburg and county leaders of the polio fundraising campaign.

The selection of counties is being based on five points, subject to approval by the state health officer. 1. A high ratio of polio in the area during the last five years. 2. Unusual ratio of polio to young children. 3. A wide diversity of rural and urban communities and wealthy and poor populations. 4. Adequate health facilities in the county to conduct the tests. 5. A high epidemic rate during July through September.

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