

Senate Votes To Outlaw Portal Suits

SALEM, Feb. 26.—(AP) The Oregon senate voted 28 to 2 Wednesday for a bill to outlaw portal-to-portal pay suits, the bill providing that all suits for back wages must be filed within a year after the work is performed.

The time limit on filing suits for back wages now is six years. The bill would not affect any suits now on file, or those which will be filed before the bill is effective. The bill now goes to the house.

Voting against the bill were Senators Irving Rand and Thomas R. Mahoney, both of Portland. They said they believe portal-to-portal suits should be outlawed, but they objected to making the bill apply to all suits for back wages.

Senator Eugene E. March, McMinnville, said the bill is necessary because congress might not do anything to outlaw the portal pay suits, and even if congress does, he added, the supreme court might make it unconstitutional.

41st Div. Headquarters Reactivated in Portland

PORTLAND, Feb. 26 (AP)—Oregon's division headquarters for the northwest's famed 41st infantry division was reactivated a third time in inspection ceremonies here Wednesday night in which the Oregon command unit for the New Washington-Oregon guard was recognized.

Lt. Col. L. H. Prather, Fort Lewis, Wash., conducted the cere-

Sugar Increase Assured for Year

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(AP) Ten pounds more of sugar per person this year than last was virtually assured Wednesday in an announcement allotting 25 pounds for the first nine months.

An OPA official said it would be a "safe guess" that the 1947 individual use allowance will be 35 pounds.

Jointly the office of temporary controls and the agriculture department affirmed that a new ration stamp good for 10 pounds will be validated April 1, and announced that another stamp good for 10 pounds will come up July 1. Household consumers already have been allowed five pounds each for the first three months.

Salem Committee Dings State Fair Practices Act

SALEM, Feb. 26.—(AP) Proponents of a fair employment practices act in Oregon received a setback today when a legislative committee recommended defeat of a bill designed to prevent racial discriminations in employment.

The bill's provisions would apply to all state agencies and subdivisions and to persons holding contracts with them. It would require the state department of education to conduct a campaign against racial and religious prejudice. Members of the state and federal affairs committee said they believed the bill not necessary.

mony which elevated Oregon's superintendent of state police, Harold G. Maison, to the rank of brigadier-general and the post of assistant division commander.

Chinese Reds Said Launching New Offensive

NANKING, Thursday, Feb. 27.—(AP) Government field dispatches said Wednesday that nearly 125,000 Chinese Communists had launched a savage new offensive in Manchuria, driving to within 15 miles of Changchun, the capital.

The government's central news agency said the Communists, with limited numbers of tanks and armored trucks, had overrun Nungan, 32 miles north of Changchun, and Kiutai, 30 miles to the northeast.

This report that the Communists were the first to strike in the long-expected resumption of the Manchurian fighting, came as claims and counter-claims of smashing victories in China proper clouded the Chinese civil war picture.

Communist headquarters at Yenan broadcast a report that Gen. Chen Yi's army annihilated two government armies for a total of 50,000 casualties. The victors, Yenan said, were the same troops the government reported it had annihilated a week ago in the capture of Lini.

(In China, developments often indicate that the word annihilate is used as a synonym for rout.)

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Palestine Political Interests Repudiated by White House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—The White House, replying to British Foreign Minister Bevin, said Wednesday that America's interest in Palestine has nothing to do with politics and that Bevin was wrong in hinting that President Truman was political-minded in urging entry of Jews into the Holy Land.

"Unfortunate and misleading," was the way a White House statement described the impression given by Bevin.

Bevin was not mentioned by name, but the statement cited "yesterday's debate in the British parliament." It was then that Bevin said President Truman "spoiled" Palestine negotiations last October by issuing a call, during the congressional campaigns, for the immediate entry of 100,000 Jews into Palestine.

The White House had been silent until Press Secretary Charles G. Ross late in the day issued the statement asserting:

"The impression that has arisen from yesterday's debate in the British parliament that America's interest in Palestine and the settlement of Jews there is motivated by partisan and local politics is most unfortunate and misleading. "America's interest in Palestine is of long and continuing standing. It is a deep and abiding interest shared by our people without regard to their political affiliation."

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