

World News In Brief

Property Tax Sees Relief

SALEM (AP) — A bill to reduce property taxes 10 per cent by putting a 20 per cent surcharge on each individual's state income tax was introduced in the Oregon legislature Thursday.

Eymann says the property taxes now "are carrying an unfair burden in the operation of local government and the schools, and this bill takes a step toward a remedy."

He said the bill would provide "substantial relief, particularly for home owners and older people on low fixed income."

The money raised by the 20 per cent would be given by the state to the counties, depending on the property valuation in each county. It was signed by ten other Democrats.

Republican Gov. Mark Hatfield, who agrees with Eymann on many tax proposals, has said he is against this idea. He says he opposes the principle of turning over state tax revenues to local governments.

Bruce Recalled

WASHINGTON (UPI)—America recalled its Ambassador in London, David Bruce, to Washington, presumably to discuss Britain's futile bid to enter the market. Bruce conferred with top British officials today to sound out their views on the next step.

In France itself, the man known as the Father of the Common Market, Jean Monnet, accused De Gaulle, although not by name, of imperiling the future of European unity.

And the President of the Common Market, Walter Hallstein, says his commission will oppose any effort by five other market members and Britain to gang up on France.

U.S. officials say that supporters of French President De Gaulle were told at least three weeks ago that England's effort to enter the market must be blocked. It was said they were told the British bid must be thwarted because France was in danger of being "enveloped" by NATO and the U.S. The statement was contained, according to a Washington report Thursday, in a confidential document circulated by the Gaullist organization to friendly newspapers and local leaders in France just before De Gaulle's news conference January 14th.

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At Nearby Cottage Grove

\$450,000 Fire Strikes

COTTAGE GROVE — It was a cool, uneventful, winter evening in nearby Cottage Grove at 10:45 p.m. Wednesday. Ten minutes later a \$450,000 fire was racing through the community's business district.

Destroyed in the blaze was a half-block section of businesses, including the J. C. Penney Co. store, Arcade Theater, and Carl's Paint store.

FIRE CHIEF Tracy Arnold reported that the fire was believed to have started near an oil furnace at the J. C. Penney Co. store and spread to the adjacent establishments.

The fire was first noticed about 10:55 p.m. when Glen Eastburn, projectionist at the Arcade Theater, saw smoke floating across the theater's screen during a film showing. Patrons were ordered out of the theater while Eastburn investigated and another employee telephoned firemen.

COTTAGE GROVE firemen arrived in minutes but the fire had already spread to the department store storage room and attic. The fire then entered the theater attic.

Firemen battled the blaze for nearly two hours before bringing the inferno under control. Both the department store and theater were a total loss while the paint store was extensively damaged. Some merchandise and equipment was salvaged from the paint store.

ARNOLD reported that the fire was the worst in the history of the downtown district and the worst fire in the area in 12 years. In 1950, a lumber mill burnt with a loss of \$500,000 according to the fire chief.

Thirty Cottage Grove firemen fought the blaze. Additional help and equipment was obtained from Eugene and Creswell.

Canadian Commons End U.S. Debate

OTTAWA (UPI)— The Canadian House of Commons ended its debate on U.S.-Canadian nuclear policy Thursday night without taking any decisive action toward a threatened no-confidence vote against Prime Minister Diefenbaker's government.

The House is scheduled to reconvene Monday and a showdown vote is expected on the issue then. Observers say this vote could topple Diefenbaker's government.

U.S.S.R. Proposes Talk

WASHINGTON (UPI)— Russia has proposed that nuclear test ban talks be returned to the Geneva disarmament conference which reconvenes February 12th. This was made known Thursday night when the State Department revealed that test ban talks among the U.S., Britain, and Russia were terminated at Soviet request.

Greene To Enroll

JACKSON (UPI)—Another Negro reportedly will try to enroll in the University of Mississippi this morning. Sources close to Negro Dewey Greene, junior, in Jackson, Mississippi, say the 22-year-old Navy Veteran will attempt to enroll at 10 a.m. (EST).

Bomb Explodes

CORVALLIS (AP)— A home-made bomb exploded Thursday inside a guardhouse at the entrance to the campus of Oregon State University, destroying the wood structure and causing a \$1,200 loss.

The state arson squad was called to investigate the blast, which was believed the result of a "Molotov Cocktail"—gasoline in a bottle with a lighted wick.

The guardhouse was unoccupied at the time of the bombing.

Two such guardhouses, about 8 by 8 feet, are on the campus. Both have been subject to vandalism in recent years.

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COTTAGE GROVE—Cottage Grove Fire Chief Tracy Arnold was a busy man late Wednesday night and early Thursday morning. A \$450,000 fire destroyed three stores in the community's business district. Arnold said it was the worst fire in the history of the downtown Cottage Grove district. Firemen from Eugene and Creswell were called in to aid the C-G volunteers. (Emerald photo)

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