

Republican victories fail to offset Democratic legislative majority

A gain of two Republican seats in the Oregon House and one Republican Senate seat won't offset solid Democratic majorities when the Legislature convenes next January.

The GOP trails the Dems 35-25 in the House and finds itself on the short end of a 23-7 Democratic majority in the Senate.

But with the new additions, the Legislature will be without some of its most familiar faces.

In Portland, House Speaker Phil Lang was upset by Republican challenger Josephine Simpson. In the 1977 legislative session, Lang was stripped of power by a coalition of conservative Democrats and Republicans.

Lang's defeat may escalate the infighting for power that marked the last session.

State Sen. Blaine Whipple, D-Beaverton, was the only senator to lose office. He was defeated by Republican Tom Hartung. Only three new faces, two Democrats and Hartung, will show up in the state Senate as voters returned 13 incumbents, 11 Demo-

crats and two Republicans. Both Republicans ran unopposed.

Salem voters turned away from the Democratic Party, unseating three-term veteran Peg Dereli and freshman Rep. Bob Vian. Dereli will be replaced by Donna Zajonc and Vian by C.H. Edwards. Vian by C.H. Edwards.

North of Salem, Rep. Pat Whiting, D-Tigard, was unseated by Republican Norm Smith.

While the Legislature lost two incumbent women legislators, women gained in the House. Twelve women won election including eight Democrats and three Republicans. Nine women served last session. Another 14 women candidates, including Whiting and Dereli, failed to gain voter approval.

The Senate, however, will become a men's club. None of the four women Republican candidates won. Former senators Betty Roberts and Betty Browne are now judges and Sen. Mary Wendy Roberts, D-Portland, was elected Labor Commissioner.

Vote may cancel nuclear plant

PENDLETON (AP) — A Portland General Electric Co. official says passage of Ballot Measure 9 could cancel construction of a second nuclear plant at Pebble Springs.

The initiative prohibits power companies from charging ratepayers for construction of power plants before they begin producing electricity.

"If nothing is done," said PGE Vice President Ken Harrison Wednesday, "it's going to make it more difficult to finance construction of new projects."

"Since Pebble Springs II is

scheduled for construction substantially into the future, there is a possibility the measure could cancel plans for it."

Oregon Public Utility Commissioner Charles Davis earlier indicated he would consider revenues lost by power companies as a result of the measure when considering requests for rate increases.

Jonne Hower, information director for the commissioner, said Davis may approve rate increases, but none of the new revenue could be used to build power plants.

Portland General Electric and two other utility groups, Pacific

Power and Light Co. and Pacific Northwest Generating Co., plan to build two nuclear power plants at Pebble Springs, near Arlington, Ore. Prior to passage of Measure 9, construction costs for the \$3 billion project would be paid largely by stockholders and utility rate payers.

Harrison said the measure might make company stock less attractive to investors, forcing the company to offer higher returns, which in turn would increase the cost of nuclear plants and increase rates.

making the news

From Associated Press reports

Tehran, Iran — The Iranian military put on a show of force Wednesday and martial law authorities arrested an ex-prime minister in a campaign to discourage opposition to Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

An expected anti-government demonstration in the Tehran bazaar failed to materialize.

The arrested former prime minister, Amir Abass Hoveida, headed the Cabinet for 13 years. He is one of dozens of former officials arrested in recent days to defuse opposition claims the government tolerates corruption and abuse of authority.

WASHINGTON— The Environmental Protection Agency said Tuesday it wants to restrict severely the use of the chemical endrin on agricultural crops, saying it may cause birth defects in humans and is a clear threat to wildlife.

After reviewing endrin for more than two years, the EPA proposed that its use "be allowed to continue on wheat and apple orchards, and on cotton in some areas" but only under new restrictions.

NEW DELHI, India — Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi took a big step toward a political comeback, winning a seat in Parliament for the first time since she and her government were ousted 20 months ago.

She was offered the job of opposition leader in Parliament, which would give her the equivalent of Cabinet rank, if she accepts.

The 60-year-old opposition leader defeated Veerendra Patil of the ruling Janata Party in a hard-fought by-election in Chikmagalur, 1,100 miles south of New Delhi.

WASHINGTON — The Russians' telephone at the White House is still bugged.

Among the dozen or so telephones mounted on a wall in the White House press room for news organizations which regularly cover the president is one for Tass, the Soviet news agency.

More than a year ago, a waggish radio reporter picked a dead cockroach from a loudspeaker in the press room — it had been caught on the speaker's fabric front for weeks — and placed it in the telephone mouthpiece.

His gag was widely reported at the time, but it apparently went unnoticed by his Soviet colleagues. With White House press secretary Jody Powell looking on, a recent check by reporters determined that the "bug" was still in place.

Witness says CIA agent given directions by Soviet

HAMMOND, Ind. (AP) — A former CIA employee charged with espionage was told by a Soviet agent in Greece to furnish information on missile sites and CIA agents abroad, a government witness testified Wednesday.

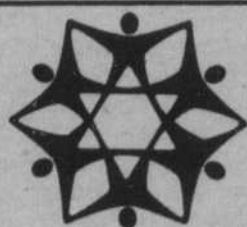
He was also told how to photograph documents and how to arrange future meetings with Soviet agents in Athens, according to the witness, Vivian Psachos, a researcher in the CIA's division.

Psachos was the second government witness in the trial of

23-year-old William Kampiles, a former CIA watch officer.

He is accused of selling to the Russians for \$3,000 a manual with plans on the KH-11, a sophisticated space satellite used to monitor troop movements and missile installations in the Soviet Union.

Kampiles, a native of Chicago, was arrested Aug. 17 in an apartment in nearby Munster and charged with six counts of espionage.



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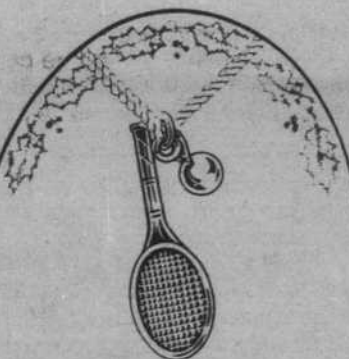
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