

Special Session Agenda Outlined in Meier's Message

STICK TO MAIN ISSUE, PLEADS

Relief Provision, Control Of Liquor Sale Chief Points Stressed

Governor Julius L. Meier set the stage for the legislative play for the next 20 days late yesterday morning when he addressed a joint session of the senate and house as the keynote of the opening day's work at the legislature.

The governor's address, which took 25 minutes, was a plea that legislative activities be held to pressing problems of the state with matters of less than crucial importance being deferred until the 1935 session.

Five salient proposals were succinctly outlined by the chief executive:

1. He declared himself heartily in favor of the so-called Knox plan for liquor control.

2. He urged the blocking off of all liquor revenues for state relief purposes until June 30, 1935.

3. The governor advocated a gross earnings tax on public utilities, the monies going to relief distressed elementary schools in the state.

4. He proposed separate state authority which would be empowered to refinance needy governmental units through a loan against their delinquent taxes.

5. Bus and truck legislation, he declared, must be adjusted if inequalities exist but the "principle that buses and trucks should pay a fair return for the use of our highways should be retained."

State officials, the state supreme court and both houses along with a crowded gallery heard the executive deliver his address. The governor read from manuscript, interrupting his written statement only once to read a telegram from Harry L. Hopkins, federal relief administrator, in which the latter demanded state relief funds be secured also.

Job seekers abounded with about as much luck in being placed as a Hooverite has as a new deal postmaster. The press gallery was slightly changed; Robert C. Notson has charge of the Oregonian bureau in lieu of John Kelly who is covering the Washington front. Bostonian Dennis Landry of the United Press is now in the Portland U. P. bureau and in his place sits Virgil Pinkley. The latter has newspapered abroad as well as in Washington, D. C., southern California and other points. He can pick out a legislator without introduction.

The railbirds are the peripatetic group daily to be seen around the brass guard on the second floor under the dome. Loquacious, apparently tireless, knowing a flock of people, these onlookers some of whom have business at the session, others who come to the capitol to avoid business, are to be found at every session. The special assembly is not an exception.

The outposts of the utility lobby arrived early Monday and numerically have the situation well in hand. The bigger shots in the utility clique move behind the scenes. The front men are women - circulators among the people who count and report the news as it develops.

First day observations: Hatless Ray Conway of the State Motor association whose hair is always neatly clipped and points unreservedly to heaven. Mrs. Walter Fisher shaking hands with her left hand because of an injured right member. Smiling Andrew C. Burk (not Brown) who handles the sheriff's office in Marion county and is among the men who count; being an original and continuous democrat. Ruddy - Cheeked Dean Walker from Independence, healthy, prosperous, legislatively experienced, who thinks the higher board of education is still a feasible means of handling the state educational system in Oregon. Rufus C. Holman stalking with beaming face to hear the governor's message. The press gallery suggests he be allowed 15 minutes for rebuttal. The senate tri-lets, Burk, Brown and Zimmerman, with their customary quota of spite bills. Rodney Keating, resigned house calendar clerk, now in the more profitable third house. Mrs. Allan Bynon looking in at the session, a daughter of Colonel Hoyer and well known in Salem. Senator Corbett without his good-looking niece for secretary. The latter having recently announced her engagement to an Englishman whom she met at a conference this summer in Canada.

Governor Meier was greatly saddened by the shocking death of Investigator Alkin, murdered Monday morning in his apartment. The governor had urged and supported the latter's probe into Port of Portland affairs. The governor welcomed the interlude between the time the news arrived followed by his conference with Charles Frazz police superintendent, and the hour when he delivered his address. Always a bit nervous before a public appearance, of which the chief executive makes few, the morning news made the speech a particularly trying one. He devoted very little from the printed copy, interposing, however, the strange telegram from Harry Hopkins, federal relief administrator, which urged Oregon to do its part in providing relief

Socialist Mayor Takes Office



The first Socialist Mayor ever elected in the State of Connecticut, the Hon. Jasper McLevy (left) is shown as he was sworn into office as Mayor of Bridgeport by his predecessor, the Hon. Edward T. Buckingham. Mayor McLevy, Bridgeport's perennial Socialist candidate, promised a progressive administration for his city.



FAMILIAR faces galore were back at the dome Monday as the special session convened. Job seekers abounded with about as much luck in being placed as a Hooverite has as a new deal postmaster.

The session is limited by law to 20 days which includes each day and holiday from the opening date. There is nothing, however, to prevent a session from stopping the clocks at the close of the assembly period and continuing indefinitely on the theory that a legislature is all powerful: Able even to make time cease. Dr. Best of Pendleton, provides advertisement for his home city by wearing a buckeroo hat. Don Ryan, Oregon City member and a former Salem lad, was at his desk Monday, unperturbed by a pending sentence for alleged misuse of trust funds while he served as clerk of Clackamas county. The good-looking red-headed secretary for "Shy" Huntington is his wife so that's all settled. Mr. Huntington's all serves as both a member of the legislative and secretary of the state board of pharmacy. Jones recently resigned from the latter office.

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SENATE SPEEDS PRELIMINARIES

Dunn Bill to Give Governor Power to Fill Vacancy Opposed by Upton

Organization of the senate was perfected Monday within less than 20 minutes with the retention of all officers of the 1933 legislative session, introduction and adoption of statutory resolutions, and filling of vacancies in the offices of reading and mailing clerks.

Mark Woodruff, Portland newspaper man, was elected reading clerk while William F. King of Crook county, was selected to serve as mailing clerk. Woodruff succeeds Willard P. Hardesty, who died recently in Portland.

The first flareup of the session occurred when Senator Dunn of Jackson county asked that his bill providing for the filling of vacancies in both the senate and house by the governor, be placed on final passage. Dunn declared that the county court of Jackson county did not desire to assume the responsibility of filling the legislative vacancies in that county, and had urged that the appointive power be placed in the governor.

The three vacancies resulted from the retirement of Senator Allen of Washington county and representatives Earl B. Day and E. C. Kelly of Jackson county. Allen recently accepted the office of acting postmaster at Forest Grove, while Day was appointed county judge of Jackson county. Kelly left recently for Washington where he is employed in the reconstruction finance corporation.

Senator Upton declared that he was opposed to giving the governor authority to fill vacancies either in the senate or house. Upton urged that the bill be referred to a committee where it would have proper consideration.

Immediate consideration of the bill was protested by Senators Zimmerman and Burk. "If we enact this bill in its present form it will not be long until the voters will demand its repeal," Zimmerman said. Senator Woodward averred that while he was not opposed to the bill he thought it should be referred to a committee. It finally was agreed to refer the bill to the judiciary committee with instructions to insert amendments giving the governor power to fill the existing legislative vacancies but that all subsequent vacancies shall be filled by the county courts. The vote was 18 to 13.

Senator Jones of Clackamas county, whose qualifications to serve during the special session had been questioned, was seated under a resolution offered by Senator Strayer. Attorney General Van Winkle previously had held that Jones was not entitled to serve as both a member of the legislative and secretary of the state board of pharmacy. Jones recently resigned from the latter office.

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Summary of Bills Introduced First Day of Special Legislative Session

SENATE BILLS:

- No. 1: By Dunn. Provides that vacancies in both houses may be filled by appointment of governor for special session; hereafter vacancies to be filled by county court in county where vacancy occurs.
- No. 2: By Zimmerman, Brown, Spaulding. Repeals entirely chapter 489 1933 laws relating to operation of motor vehicles by carriers. Existing act termed injurious to public welfare.
- No. 3: By Burke. Provides biennial budget be prepared by state board of control with its secretary acting as budget director without extra salary. Present budget act repealed.
- No. 4: By Burke, Brown, Zimmerman. Repeals chapter 486, 1933 laws relating to initiative and referendum petitions.
- No. 5: By Burke. Centralizes duties of executive heads of state institutions and restricts secretary of board of control to maximum salary of \$3000 a year.
- No. 6: By Burke, Brown, Zimmerman. Abolishes state tax commission and substitutes therefore a state board of control, commissioner's salary to be \$3000 a year.
- No. 7: By Upton. Provides that when a statute is repealed and pre-existent statutes are repealed by implication, when the former statute is repealed former statutes shall not be revived, unless expressly provided.
- No. 8: By Spaulding. Waiving all interest on all delinquent taxes paid between June 1, 1933, and May 1, 1934.
- No. 9: By Spaulding. Providing that tax collectors must receive and receipt any sum paid at any time on taxes.
- No. 10: By Dunne. Imposing a 25 per cent tax on all interest paid by state or its subdivisions on any outstanding obligation, the sum to be deducted from money set aside to meet interest. Returns from this tax to go into fund to re-employ unemployed.
- No. 11: By Dunne, Upton. Providing for a state commissioner who shall afford cash relief to all governmental subdivisions by advancing up to 50 per cent cash on an assignment of valid delinquent tax claims of the subdivision. Commissioner empowered to issue general obligation bonds up to full amount of assigned tax claims. Back taxes thus assigned to bear five per cent interest; moratorium for three years on paying these taxes, then seven years to pay 50 per cent of principal and 10 years to pay balance.

HOUSE BILLS:

- No. 1: By Beckman. To provide for the regulation of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages. The plan embodies the recommendations of the Knox report and retains for the state a monopoly in the sale of liquor of 14 per cent or more alcoholic content.
- No. 2: By Johnson. Provides for filling of legislative vacancies by appointment of the county courts.
- No. 3: By ways and means committee. Appropriates \$20,000 for expenses of special session.
- No. 4: By Winslow. Waives state taxes for three years to Tillamook county because of losses by fire there last summer.

Drastic State Economies, Elimination of Married Women Employes Favored

Elimination of married women from the state payrolls, substitution of married men, discontinuance of two district courts and three circuit courts in Multnomah county, and material reductions in the amounts of money allowed for the operation of various state departments, will be recommended to the special legislative session by Senator Woodward.

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GORDON DISCUSSES SESSION PROBLEMS

Although relief work will probably be the most important business before the special session of the legislature now meeting here, there is great danger that the sessions will furnish too much relief rather than enough, Representative Herbert Gordon of Portland told the chamber of commerce luncheon session Monday noon. Gordon spoke in place of Clarence W. Noble, who is confined to his bed with a severe cold.

Gordon declared for a community handling of relief, saying he feels there is too much pampering of the individual through present relief methods. He avowed that there is danger in going too far in government care of relief, which is bound to cause more government and in turn more taxes and less inclination on part of the individual to invest his money.

Gordon said he hoped to see liquor revenues handled in a way that will not encourage bootleggers; he declared he had no definite ideas on the truck subject, though he believes the question is of great importance. School matters will also need supreme attention at the hands of the group, he said, indicating he favors whittling costs down through elimination of bus transportation and other innovations of recent years.

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Representative Beckman and other legislators at between \$2,500,000 and \$3,000,000.

Another bill discussed by the committee provides for the erection of several state buildings out of federal reconstruction funds. The cost of these buildings was estimated at \$1,500,000, which would be repaid on a rental basis extending over a period of several years.

A third bill would authorize a special election in the city of Portland, for the purpose of authorizing bonds or special taxes for the construction of school buildings. It was estimated that \$1,500,000 would be necessary to complete this program.

To Argue Motions—Arguments in several equity cases are to be heard in circuit court this morning by Judge L. G. Lewelling.

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