

BOARD ADVISES RELIEF CHIEFS, DOESN'T CHIDE

No Graft; Some Complaints are Valid, Commission Informs Governor

Social Service Duplication Criticized; House Rent Problem Raised

A thorough analysis of the administration of relief in Oregon was released yesterday when Governor Martin's special investigating committee filed its report with the executive offices here.

"The committee has been unable to find any foundation in fact for rumors of graft and corruption or that large sums of money constituting a portion of the relief funds of this state had been misappropriated," the investigators reported.

"The committee is convinced that the giving of relief throughout the state has, on the whole, been reasonable," the report concludes. "It is apparent that there are some administrative defects and that certain of the criticisms are justified. The necessary corrections and remedies should be promptly applied to the end that the true purpose of the relief act may be attained."

While giving general commendation to the administration of relief in Oregon, the committee did not hesitate to validate many of the criticisms made against the administration of relief and to suggest extensive changes in administrative procedure.

Separation of Social Service Groups Advised

Senator E. A. McCornack of Lane county served as chairman of the special committee, being assisted by Verne Disenberg and Grace Phelps of Portland. Appointment of the committee followed a campaign promise by Governor Martin to probe the administration of relief in Oregon and a legislative demand, made by Representative Warren Erwin of Multnomah county, for investigation of repeated complaints made by recipients of relief.

Summarized findings of the commission were:

In Multnomah county in particular there has been failure to keep social service departments of the relief administration separate from other social service agencies. Lack of centralized control and want of uniformity in relief have resulted.

Lack of uniformity has existed among various groups in the amounts and standards of relief afforded.

Complaints against case workers in a number of instances have been justified, due primarily to the inexperience of the workers and the fact they were overburdened with work.

The practice of the relief administration in reference to payment of house rent has been a justified source of criticism.

Adequate facilities for determining the eligibility of applicants for relief have not been provided.

Ten Recommendations Made by Committee

Ten specific recommendations for improvement in the administration of relief were made by the investigating committee. These recommendations follow:

That executives in charge of relief administration maintain a more adequate check upon the quality of work done by supervisors and case workers.

That in Multnomah county, either more adequate provision for contact between relief recipients and their case workers be established, or some central department be created, or other provision made, whereby the emergency needs of those in distress be promptly met at all reasonable times.

That the policies and practices of the relief administration be carefully reviewed with a view to eliminating from the system any practice or course of procedure which may be found unnecessary.

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FILIBUSTER BEGUN AGAINST WARSHIPS

Nye Orates to Empty Seats in Senate; Shipbuilding Graft is Charged

WASHINGTON, May 20.—(AP)—Primed with data on alleged "fat profits" likely to go to shipbuilders, munitions investigators opened a filibuster in the senate today to compel amendment of the \$460,000,000 naval appropriation bill to knock out the provision for 24 new warships.

A motion to recommit the bill to put in the amendments was shown under 64 to 14. Chairman Nye (R-ND) of the munitions committee then proceeded to back up his threat of a filibuster by continuing an attack on the bill that he had started in the middle of the afternoon.

One of Nye's proposed amendments apparently was aimed directly at fleet maneuvers in the Pacific and its resultant Japanese reaction. He would require "state department approval of the scene of naval maneuvers."

The North Dakotan began his filibuster by branding the war preparedness program a "rocket" supported by shipbuilders and munitions makers and then proposed a five point series of amendments to the bill by which he said the government could block excess profits to shipbuilders.

The senators left Nye largely to himself late in the day. Only four members were on the floor as the filibuster went on.

JOHNSON JOINS IN DEFENSE OF EAGLE

WASHINGTON, May 20.—(AP)—Charging "monopolists" were seeking NRA's death, Hugh S. Johnson figuratively battled shoulder-to-shoulder tonight with Donald R. Richberg, an erstwhile antagonist, to prolong the life of the recovery machine he helped build.

"If NRA goes down, a large part of the new deal goes down with it," was Johnson's warning in a radio address.

Richberg took the fight to the house ways and means committee. Shortly after he had asserted that NRA's end would take jobs from 2,000,000 workers, committee democrats disclosed a tentatively approved measure for extending the recovery law in just about the way Richberg demanded.

The bill given out by ways and means committee democrats was declared to have been only "tentatively" approved as a basis of hearings. But its phrasing disclosed strong committee sentiment for a two-year extension against the senator's 9 1/2 months, for price-fixing in some cases, for control over small businesses which affect interstate commerce and for presidential imposition of codes.

Furniture Union May Reconsider Offer on Wages

PORTLAND, Ore., May 20.—(AP)—The executive committee of the Portland local of the furniture workers' union will reconsider the counter wage increase proposal made by Portland employers and rejected by union workers, it was announced tonight.

Fritz Igel, business agent for the local, said a move might be made to re-submit the proposal, rejected before by a 6 to 1 vote. The Doernbecher and B. P. John furniture companies offered the wage increases asked, but deferred effectiveness of the new schedule.

Petition Seeks Change of Zone

Petition for change of zone from class one residential to class three business of property at the southeast corner of Cottage and D streets has been filed with the city recorder by D. O. Lear and others. It is proposed to erect a service station there.

Relief Work Wage is Set by Roosevelt at \$19 to \$94 Per Month

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Traffic Code Vote Delayed One Week

Van Patten-Williams Feud Continues; Refunding Bonds are Voted

Alderman Cuyler Van Patten's proposed city traffic code was lifted from the lap of the ordinance committee for final passage but the vote on it postponed until next Monday night's adjourned session because the nine council members remaining as the hour neared 11 p. m. were loath to sit through the reading of the 43-page measure. The author's motion to take the bill away from the committee occasioned a flare-up of the enmity which developed between himself and Alderman Fred A. Williams, or'd in a recent hearing on the matter.

A proposal to discontinue printing voters' pamphlets on city election measures was quickly dumped down the indefinite postponement chute with Alderman David O'Hara pointing out that the voters had no other way than through the pamphlet to know what they were balloting.

Another series of bonds to refund improvement bonds at lower interest rates was voted last night, this time for \$183,000 worth to be issued July 1. Bonds dated July 15, for the same purpose, will be acted on at the next regular meeting in the sum of \$29,000.

Huge Blast Opens Orford Resources

PORT ORFORD, Ore., May 20.—(AP)—A blast of 11,000 pounds of dynamite and powder today loosened 70,000 tons of rock from the face of Graveyard point and promised to uncock what has been described as one of the richest fields of untapped resources in the nation.

The rock jolted loose will be used in building a 500-foot breakwater, 100 feet wide, upon which will be built an open dock.

Gilbert E. Gable, president of the five associated corporations which have been formed to develop the resources of this region, gave the signal for the blast from a promontory at the edge of town.

The development of the harbor as a terminal for a railroad from Grants Pass in the Rogue River valley to the Oregon coast is a part of the ambitious developmental plan projected for southwestern Oregon.

Rich resources of timber, coal, iron ore, copper, limestone suitable for cement manufacture, chromite and magnetite, and even salmon, halibut, cod, crabs and sardines are resources to be utilized.

Hot Time in Old Town for IOOF; Mercury Hits 82

Policemen shed coats, uniformed lodgemen shed theirs and cold drink stands did a big business yesterday as summer weather arrived with a rush in Salem. The mercury followed up its Sunday mark of 75 degrees with an 82 yesterday for the warmest day this year.

Cooling breezes blew last night as the weather bureau predicted fair but cooler weather for today, with higher humidity.

TWO SAWMILLS SHUT DOWN AS ONE REOPENED

McCormick Workers Go Out at Portland; Those on Sound Accept Plan

PORTLAND, May 20.—(AP)—Owners closed one mill, sawkers closed another, and a third reopened under police protection today in Oregon, as organized union labor marched into the third week of its economic battle with operators of the lumber industry in the Pacific northwest.

The total of idle men and women as a result of the strike in the fir country was estimated at 40,000. Tremendous payrolls have been lost.

The strike, called May 6 by the Sawmill and Timber Workers' union, A. F. of L. affiliate, resulted today in a walkout at the large mill of the Charles B. McCormick Lumber company at St. Helens, near Portland. The crew of 250 men walked out soon after the mill management had announced that employees of the company in the Puget Sound region had accepted compromise terms.

It was authoritatively but unofficially reported that the McCormick company had agreed to increase wages five cents to a minimum rate of 50 cents an hour, 40 hours a week and to recognize the union.

The strike had practically terminated lumber operations in the lower Columbia river with the closing this morning of the Uptown mill at Astoria where 150 men were working. Believing a strike was a certainty, the management beat the workers "to the draw."

Near Forest Grove, in Washington county, the pling mill of the big Stimson Lumber company reopened with 100 men at work after Sheriff John W. Connell had promised absolute protection to workers who wanted to return. This had closed because pickets had threatened employees. The management said 250 men would go back to their jobs at the plant tomorrow morning.

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Postoffice Plans Get Initial O.K.

Authorization for a new federal postoffice here is contained in the new public building bill soon to be sent to congress with the approval of the treasury and the postoffice departments, Representative Walter M. Pierce has informed the chamber of commerce here this week.

Representative Pierce said that inclusion of the projects in the bill did not mean that they would necessarily be put into the immediate works program. Selections of the specific buildings to be erected will be made by the two departments as funds become available. Pierce said that it had been announced some time ago that public building projects would be outside the regular public works program.

The Salem chamber of commerce is working to secure a federal building here which will cost \$400,000 to \$500,000 and meet the needs of the community for the next 25 years.

World News at a Glance

(By the Associated Press)

Domestic: Washington—Senator Robinson, administration leader, comes out for bonus bill to supplant Patman legislation, facing veto.

Washington—President sets relief labor wage at \$19 to \$94 monthly under \$4,000,000,000 program; fixes regional scales.

Death list of tornado, flood victims in south and southwest passes 20.

Washington—NRA's death would cost jobs of 2,000,000, Donald Richberg says; Johnson warns it would wreck new deal.

Washington—Progressive bloc senators quit chamber as Dennis Chavez is sworn in to succeed late Senator Bronson Cutting of New Mexico.

Springfield, Ill.—"Hunger marchers" mass on state capital in legislative relief crisis.

St. Paul—Ethiopian president of New York stock exchange puts "national welfare first" in Wall Street dealings.

Washington—Treasury orders embargo on entry of foreign silver coins in "spirit of cooperation with nations worried by silver prices."

WASHINGTON—TVA chairman denies fraud charges against power authority; snaps back at critics.

Foreign: Berlin—Hitler calls cabinet meeting preceding a reichstag speech on foreign policy; cabinet to discuss conscription.

Paris—France shifts naval strength from Mediterranean to North sea to protect herself against German rearmament.

Geneva—Ethiopian emperor moves first in league appeal to stop Italian mobilization in Africa.

Moscow—Thousands in funeral cortege for 49 victims of giant plane disaster.

Prague, Czechoslovakia—Nazi party gains in parliamentary elections, cabinet delays decision on offering resignations.

Saving is \$15,000 in School Budget

Tentative Draft is Viewed; Citizens' Committee to Be Appointed Soon

Savings amounting to approximately \$15,000 appear in the Salem school budget as tentatively drawn up by Superintendent Silas Gaiser, the school directors gathered at a special meeting last night.

At their regular meeting next Tuesday night they probably will appoint a citizens' budget committee and start budget deliberations toward their earliest completion in recent years.

The bulk of the savings will be due to lower bond maturities and interest during the coming school year. Reduction in the district's warrant debt and last week's sale (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Order is Signed In Capitol Case

A formal order, sustaining the demurrer of the State of Oregon, to the injunction complaint filed against razing of the state capital walls, was handed down here yesterday by Judge L. G. Lewelling.

The order dismisses the complaint and assesses the costs of the suit against the plaintiffs: Henry Zorn, Ed. A. Jory, Martin Rostvold and Willard Stevens.

Counsel for the plaintiffs said decision on appeal to the supreme court would not be made until their engineers can check the condition of the statehouse walls and determine whether or not razing the old structure is judicious.

Tuesday Program of I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge in Detail

Grand Encampment—I. O. O. F. Temple
9:30 a. m.—Special session.
10:00 a. m.—Opening session.
1:30 p. m.—Closing session.
8:00—Royal Purpose Degree exemplified by Umanilla Encampment No. 17 of Pendleton. I. O. O. F. Temple.
12:00 noon—No-host luncheon, F. L. Girls—Argo hotel.

Rebekah Assembly—Armory
9:00 a. m.—Opening session.
1:30 p. m.—Regular session.

Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.
6:30 p. m.—Special session at C. O. C.
7:30 p. m.—Reception at the Armory. (All Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and their friends are cordially invited.) Alma Henderson, chairman.

Program, 7:30 P. M.

R. G. Henderson, General Chairman, Presiding Music—Willamette university band, Prof. A. S. Melovoidoff, director.
Willamette university glee club, Prof. Cameron Marshall, director.
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Address of welcome, on behalf of the city, Mayor V. E. Kuhn; on behalf of the state, Governor Charles Martin.

Tap dance and acrobatic contortion, Lucille Shannon (pupil of Barbara Barnes school of dance), accompanist, Mrs. Max Rogers.

Responses:

Grand Lodge, Charles Poole, Grand Master.
Rebekaigh Grand Lodge, Earl Shank, Grand Conductor.
Rebekah Assembly, Grace Christianson, Pres.
Grand Encampment, Sylvester Harris, Grand Patriarch.
American Legion Auxiliary Quartet (national champions), Mildred Wyatt, Vida Lou Starr, Arlene Brown, Grace Zosel; Lena Belle Tartar, director; Marguerite Dalton, accompanist.
Responses:
Patriarchs Militant, Brig. Gen. John Oliver, Dept. Comm.
Association of Ladies' Auxiliaries, P. M.—Anita Nicholson, Pres.
Readings, Beulah Graham.
Introduction of Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly officers and other Grand Officers of other jurisdictions.
Introduction of Past Presidents, Association of Rebekah Assemblies.
Representatives to Sovereign Grand Lodge, George Winslow, Joseph Schweitzer and R. H. Jonas.
Introduction, Representative to Association of Rebekah Assemblies, Esther Frisbie Bond.
Haywire orchestra, Dr. Woodmansee, manager.

9:30 P. M.
Reception
10:00 P. M.
Grand March, and dancing, Boots Grant's orchestra.

DISPOSAL PLAN IS DROPPED BY CITY ALDERMEN

Uncertainty and Undue Cost of PWA Project Cited at Council Meet

Weary of the public works administration's frequent contradictions of instructions and wary of the cost of complying with its restrictions, the city council last night withdrew its application for a \$360,000 sewage disposal plant loan by voting 9 to 2 to reject a resolution authorizing Mayor V. E. Kuhn to sign the loan agreements sent here by the PWA. It had been tabled at two previous meetings.

The mayor was instructed to advise PWA officials at Washington, D. C., that the city was withdrawing from using the loan-grant because it was the only city dumping sewage in the Willamette river which had definitely been considering a disposal plant but that at some future time when all cities along the river were ready to take their sewage from the river, Salem would cooperate.

He also will point out that the city is about to spend more than \$1,000,000 to buy and improve the water system here.

Interest Rate Too High, Mayor Holds

A letter from C. C. Hockley, Oregon PWA engineer, stating that the PWA legal department demanded immediate action by the city opened the question. Mayor Kuhn himself took the floor to show that the PWA interest rate, 4 per cent, compared unfavorably with rates recently secured by the city at private bond sales.

"I think it would be foolish, with a 23 per cent grant, where engineers say we would lose 50 per cent in getting it," Alderman Paul R. Hendricks said relative to the proposed loan-grant.

Aldermen E. B. Perrine, Fred A. Williams and Cuyler Van Patten also spoke against accepting the loan. It was supported only (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

BOARD OF CONTROL SESSION IS LIVELY

Head of Adult Blind Trades Institution Under Fire of Advisory Group

Board of control meetings assumed their old-time warmth yesterday when verbal tilts between State Treasurer Holman, Mrs. R. R. Bondurant, chairman of the advisory board of the Oregon employment institution for the blind, and B. F. Irvine, board member, enlivened a conference at which all the advisory board was in attendance.

Statements that several inmates of the institution had been "railroaded" to the insane asylum were made during the meeting. Inference also was made that Orville Gamble, superintendent of the institution, had not cooperated with the advisory board, and that more than 2000 brooms manufactured at the plant remained unsold.

This situation was said to have been due to Gamble's action in cancelling orders for brooms and increasing the prices.

Both State Treasurer Holman and Irvine defended Gamble's administration.

Governor Martin declared that it was his understanding that the advisory board had nothing to do with the administration of the institution as this was a function of the board of control.

An explanation was demanded from Mrs. Bondurant when she declared that Gamble had cooperated with the advisory board previous to the present state administration.

Mrs. Bondurant charged that she had attempted to arrange a previous conference with the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

MADDY ARRESTED, RESULT OF CRASH

Ralph Burton Maddy, motorist living on route four, was arrested by city police Sunday night on a charge of reckless driving in connection with one of two accidents which resulted in injuries to six persons. His car struck Mrs. Geraldine Carlson, Deaconess hospital nurse, at State and Liberty streets at 11:41 p. m. that night. She suffered a badly torn right ear and facial bruises, the hospital reported last night.

When cars driven by Joe C. Turner, route seven, and Lewis Christensen, collided on a steep hill on the old Turner road near the girls' industrial school, Mrs. Rachel Christensen, 894 South 21st street, suffered severe back injury and probably fractured pelvis, and Otto Wallace, a lacerated eyeball. Condition of both last night was serious, attendants at Deaconess hospital said.

In the same accident Richard Turner, 5, received cuts on the face, Mrs. Turner and Christensen, bruises.

Impressive Ceremony Closes First Day of I.O.O.F. Session Here

Eyerly Will Pay Protection Cost For SERA Crew

Lee U. Eyerly has agreed to bear expense of paying workmen's compensation fees for SERA workers who are to level off approximately 25 acres of land on the south end of the municipal airport, Alderman E. B. Perrine reported at last night's council meeting. As it now exists this area is dangerous to landing planes, Eyerly says.

Perrine said it was expected a number of army planes would be brought to the port here this summer for a month's maneuvers.

At Least 2500 to Be in City Today for Big Convention

Auxiliary Elects and Installs Officers; Activities Many

Impressive ceremonies at which the decoration of civility was conferred upon 10 women and one man last night brought to a close the annual sessions of the Department Council and Ladies' Auxiliaries, meeting here in conjunction with the grand lodge, I. O. O. F. of Oregon. Meetings of the grand lodge and Rebekah assemblies will open today and continue through Wednesday and Thursday, and the one-day session of the grand encampment will be held today.

Delegates to the various branches of Odd Fellowship started arriving here Sunday, with the influx from all points of the state continuing throughout yesterday and last night, and by tonight fully 2500 persons are expected to be in attendance.

Auspiciously, bright sunny skies greeted first gatherings of the branches yesterday and the day's record warm weather for the season put no damper on the crowds. Registration is being handled at the chamber of commerce, while headquarters for the subordinate lodge and Rebekahs are at the Marion. A point of convergence of all groups is the series of Odd Fellows tents pitched on the southwest courthouse lawn.

The department commander, Brig. Gen. John Oliver, assisted by Adjutant Jesse T. Jones and other members of the staff, last night conferred the decoration of civility, given for distinguished service upon Mina Beck and Minnie Uhrine of Klamath Falls, Rose Berry of Mohama, Rachel Bradford and Ada Haynes of Portland, Ethel Busenbrun of Roseburg, Georgia W. Hess of Medford, Maude Shuey of Bend and Phillista Porter of Newport. The ceremony was repeated in conferring the decoration upon Lt. Col. Frank Norris of Astoria.

Prior to the degree work, 100 Chevalliers and Ladies were served at the military banquet held at the Quella.

Junior Odd Fellows Movement Sponsored

Patriarchs Militant adopted the Junior Odd Fellows movement as objective for the new year before bringing their regular sessions to a close late yesterday afternoon. The Juniors now have eight branches formed in the state, with the last one organized at Lebanon. Junior Odd Fellowship aims to give growing boys guidance and leadership.

Officers of the Patriarchs Militant, elected last year at Tillamook, continue for two more years: Department commander, Brig. Gen. John Oliver, Portland; Adjutant, Col. Fred Jones, Portland; treasurer, Major A. R. McClaughlin, McMinnville; chaplain, Major Homer D. Angell, Portland. Gifts in appreciation of Brig. Gen. Oliver's leadership the past year were presented during the session yesterday by Grand Master Charles P. Poole of Eugene; Grace Christianson of Portland, president of the Rebekah assembly; Grand Secretary V. M. Morland; and Aneta Nicholson, president Ladies' auxiliary.

Nettie Greenough of Portland was installed president of the ladies' auxiliary of the canton, succeeding Aneta Nicholson of Harrisburg, at a busy all-day session which lasted until 6:30 o'clock. Other officers elected by the auxiliary are Nettie LaPorte, Eugene, vice-president; Mabel Gilbert, Bend, treasurer. Appointment of Olga Towers of Newberg as secretary was announced last night.

The Harrisburg auxiliary won the silver loving cup presented by (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Forests of Polk Ordered Closed; Fire Peril Seen

Governor Martin issued a proclamation Monday closing to entry, except by permit, approximately 80,000 acres of forest lands in Polk county. The order became operative Monday and will continue effective until October 15.

The area involved in the closure order lies north of the divide between the Siletz river and the Little Luckiamute and Siletz rivers and Boulder creek.

Persons entering the restricted area under permit shall refrain from smoking and must carry tools with which to extinguish fire. The closure was requested by Lynn Crommiller, state forester.

Jaunt in Interest of Flax Approved

Petitions bearing the names of more than 100,000 persons, seeking development of the Oregon flax industry, will be carried to Washington by Mrs. W. S. Nicholson, president of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, and Mrs. W. W. Gabriel, both of Portland.

This was tentatively decided by the state board of control Monday afternoon when an outlay of approximately \$400 was authorized to cover their expenses.

Mrs. Gabriel explained that the purpose of the trip was to interest Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt in the flax industry and to confer with federal officials regarding a loan.

Letters and telegrams from Senator McNary, Representative Pierce and W. D. B. Dodson were read at the meeting. Both McNary and Pierce pledged their support to the project.

Mrs. Gabriel said the amount of the federal loan would not be determined until such time as she had conferred with experts in the flax industry.

It was intimated that \$5,000,000 might be necessary to complete the development program.

The development program is being sponsored by the women's clubs and has received the endorsement of the Oregon State Game, Federation of Labor and other organizations.

Railroad Ordered To Remove Track

The Oregon Electric company is instructed to tear up a portion of its unused tracks and pave over the remainder on High street between Liberty and Ferry in a resolution passed by the city council last night. Asked to do this a year ago, the company requested it be given time in which to make necessary arrangements.