

Civil Liberties Problem of State

U S Intervention to Be Asked, If Needed

The federal government is not justified in taking steps to preserve civil liberties unless the states fail to do the job, Governor Charles A. Sprague declared in a letter prepared here Wednesday for consideration of the United States senate civil liberties sub-committee on education and labor.

The governor said he would not be able to attend the committee's hearing because of important appointments here. The hearings will be held in San Francisco.

"In case the state is flagrantly derelict in protecting the rights of its citizens then the federal government is justified in taking steps to preserve such rights," Governor Sprague wrote. "But the federal government is justified in interfering under no other conditions. It is first the duty of the state and the duty of the federal government when the state fails to act properly."

Governor Sprague said he had no knowledge of any invasion of the civil liberties of agricultural or other labor in this state at the present time. He pointed out, however, that in 1937 and 1938, "there was a recurrence violence and invasion of civil rights inspired by a minority of union leaders in attempts at coercion of employers and workers."

The governor denied that agricultural migratory workers have been deprived of their civil liberties in Oregon. He asserted that "friction which exists from industrialization of agriculture" has been minimized because most farms are small and operated by their owners.

"The migratory agricultural worker is virtually at the bottom of the economic scale and is the creature of the labor market operating on a basis of supply and demand," Governor Sprague continued. "His plight is the worse because all too often his employer, the farmer, is in hard financial straits. The problem of the migratory agricultural worker is not limited to his own situation but relates itself to the general economic problem of agriculture."

Governor Sprague said he agreed there is a feeling of "friction" which exists from industrialization of agriculture, particularly in California, which has attracted many thousands of people from other states.

"It is hardly fair for California to become the dumping ground for the propertied classes," Governor Sprague declared.

The governor said the problem in Oregon has not been so acute, although serious enough, adding to its relief burdens.

Silverton School Plant Dedicated

(Continued From Page 1)

Governor Sprague complimented the Silverton school district very highly upon its splendid new building. At the same time he reminded them that good schools depend upon more than good buildings. Good instruction, training in citizenship, training in working together, and character building, were some of the essentials included by the governor in the definition of "good schools."

Mrs. J. J. Lewis, president of the Parent-Teachers association, was chairman of the program held in the new auditorium. Rev. M. J. K. Fuhr, pastor of Trinity church and a member of the Lutheran Brotherhood, who gave birth to Silverton's planning council, who in turn brought about the successful school election, gave the brief dedicatory address, and the invocation and the benediction.

Oscar Lee, chairman of the school board, also spoke briefly, as did Secretary of State Earl Snell.

Others who were introduced and, some of whom gave short talks, were Folger Johnson and John R. Dickson, WPA officials; J. L. Hannaman and Ed Vieska, contractors; Dr. V. D. Bain of the state education office, Mrs. Lief Bergavik, Mrs. Agnes Booth, the architect, Marion F. Stokes, Herman Kramer, principal of the high school; H. W. Adams, superintendent of schools; Mayor Zetta Schlador; George Towe, commander of the American Legion; Carl Lagerfeld, chamber of commerce president; and school board members, R. Cooley, W. R. Tomlinson, H. B. Jorgensen, Dr. William MacNeill.

Music was furnished by the school band, directed by Floyd Eilfson.

Trapper Killed

EUGENE, Dec. 6.—(P)—Claude H. Higgins, a government trapper, was crushed to death by his overturned automobile yesterday on a country road 20 miles west of here.

Contract Hauler Is Not Employed

Truck owners who make contracts with various firms are not employed, within the meaning of the unemployment compensation law.

Ruling that such haulers are "independent contractors" and ineligible to jobless benefits was made by the unemployment commission in a decision here Wednesday denying the claim of a Eugene trucker who hauled piling at 1 1/2 cent a foot for two years prior to last August.

Capitalist Dies

COLORADO SPRINGS, Dec. 7.—(P)—Spencer Penrose, 74, Colorado Springs mining capitalist and builder of the Broadmoor hotel, died at 12:50 a. m. today. He had been suffering from a throat ailment.

Trapper Killed

EUGENE, Dec. 6.—(P)—Claude H. Higgins, a government trapper, was crushed to death by his overturned automobile yesterday on a country road 20 miles west of here.

Contract Hauler Is Not Employed

Truck owners who make contracts with various firms are not employed, within the meaning of the unemployment compensation law.

Ruling that such haulers are "independent contractors" and ineligible to jobless benefits was made by the unemployment commission in a decision here Wednesday denying the claim of a Eugene trucker who hauled piling at 1 1/2 cent a foot for two years prior to last August.

Capitalist Dies

COLORADO SPRINGS, Dec. 7.—(P)—Spencer Penrose, 74, Colorado Springs mining capitalist and builder of the Broadmoor hotel, died at 12:50 a. m. today. He had been suffering from a throat ailment.

Trapper Killed

EUGENE, Dec. 6.—(P)—Claude H. Higgins, a government trapper, was crushed to death by his overturned automobile yesterday on a country road 20 miles west of here.

Contract Hauler Is Not Employed

Truck owners who make contracts with various firms are not employed, within the meaning of the unemployment compensation law.

Probe Civil Liberties, Farm Labor



Gov. Charles A. Sprague of Oregon yesterday notified the Senate Civil Liberties sub-committee investigators that the problem of protection of civil liberties is one for the state to handle as long as it is within their power to handle. Among members of the committee now meeting in San Francisco are Sen. E. E. Thomas of Utah (left), and Henry Fowler, chief counsel for the group. (11N photo.)

Artillery Fire Lays Path Open

Station of Kiyiniemi Is Occupied by Army of Russians

(Continued from page 1)

(Helsinki military experts estimated that the Russians had only about 200,000 men engaged in the campaign on all fronts.) She described the Russians as marching through the woods and over the rugged terrain perched with tanks and artillery. Infantry sent ahead of the tanks was being mowed down by the Finns, but seemingly endless new forces and materials were brought up to replace them.

The Finns were burning villages when forced to retreat so the Russians gained no quarters or shelter, the Finnish commander told the writer. "Every cottage in the border district was burned down."

Quoting Finnish officers on Russian losses, the correspondent wrote, "whole companies advancing in line were mowed down by Finnish artillery and infantry in thousands. Many Russians have no legs, only overhills, which were filled with straw and bound with cord."

Creamery Thieves Get Little Money

Thieves who smashed a large window in the front of the Marion creamery, South Commercial, broke open the office till but gained less than \$2 Tuesday night while overlooking other money.

The break-in was discovered by Walter Label, a driver for the company. Theft of two dressed hogs from the Guy Irwin meat plant on Turner road was reported yesterday. The thieves entered by forcing a window.

Lester W. Jones, route two, reported theft of tools and a blow torch and John Gottfried, 930 Broadway, and F. C. Fritz, 405 Division, both reported theft of spot lights from their cars.

Jerry today was a very tired man.

Albany Bulldogs Rip Frosh 23-15

Dwight Adams' smooth-passing Albany Bulldogs nipped a ragged Willamette freshman quint, 23 to 15, last night in a preliminary to the Bearcat-OSC game here.

Morris, ball-handling guard, gathered 12 points to pace the Albany attack that headed the "Kittens" throughout the game.

Albany 23 15 Bearkittens

1 Hankinson 3 Bailey

1 Chandler 2 Hingens

1 Alvis 4 Steiger

1 Morris 12 Subs, for Bearkittens: Ingalls 3,

James 2, For Albany: Oberson 2, Byerly 1, Shough 2.

Jamboree Begins Church Hoop Loop

The Salem church basketball league began play last night with an 18-team jamboree at the YMCA. The score was 65 to 59.

The winning team was composed of First Baptist A, American Lutheran, Nazarene, Presbyterian B and C, Calvary Baptist, Jason Lee B and C and United Brethren.

The losers were First Congregational A, Presbyterian A, Jason Lee A, Court Street Christian B and C, First Christian, Mennonites, First Baptist C and West Salem ME.

Late Sports

SEATTLE, Dec. 6.—(P)—Vancouver broke loose with a five-goal spree in the second period to defeat the Seattle Seahawks, 9 to 4, here tonight and writes.

He led in the Pacific coast hockey league race.

Economic Help America's Plan

Indirect Support for Invaded Nation to Be Formulated

(Continued from page 1)

Finland. In addition, \$15,000 has been set aside for further supplies which will be sent from here. Moreover, the Red Cross chapters throughout the United States will collect funds for relief distribution in Finland.

Laws to Be Drafted To Refund Payments

Another development was an assertion by Rep. Hook (D-Mich.) that he would draft legislation to turn over to Finland the payments she has made on her war debt. President Roosevelt said yesterday he had instructed Secretary of the treasury Morgenthau to hold the December 15 payment of \$234,693 in a special account until he could get congress' permission to return it to Finland. Hook said he believed congress could implement a further suggestion by the president that payments in the last five years, totalling approximately \$2,000,000, be turned back to the Nordic republic.

Officials interpreted the president's message to President Kallio as an unveiled hope that Finland would emerge successfully from her war with Russia. They pointed to his use of the word "untroubled" with regard to Finland's future development. They said that a Russian victory, which would place in power the Finnish puppet government set up by the Soviets on the Finnish border, would scarcely assure the untrodden development of Finland's free political and social institutions referred to by Mr. Roosevelt.

Prison Routine Started by Kuhn

OSSINING, N.Y., Dec. 6.—(P)—Fritz Kuhn, leader of the pro-Nazi German-American bund, entered prison today in a prison in Sing Sing today—a man set apart from his fellow-convicts for fear of racial or political reprisals against him.

Barring any overturn by the higher courts of his conviction in New York for bribery and forgery for the theft of bond funds, he will serve two and one half to five years—actually some 20 months if his conduct is good.

Arriving here with eight other felons, four of them negroes, he was put into the standard gray shoddy uniform and led away to the loneliness of Sing Sing's cell blocks, save only death row.

NEW MARK, N. J., Dec. 6.—(P)—It's just a wee lace handkerchief, but it has participated in more than 100 weddings in the past 22 years and its owner expects it to be clutched by many another excited bride.

Mrs. Stanley Day carried it herself when she wed. Whenever she hears of forthcoming nuptials among acquaintances, she offers use of the handkerchief to the bride-elect.

Only stipulation for its use is that the bride not wash it, but leave the rinsing to Mrs. Day.

CAMDEN, N.J., Dec. 6.—(P)—A husky 200-pound ice man didn't get divorce today from the 145-pound wife he said treated him cruelly—but he got this advice from Advisory Master DeMaris Campbell:

"It would have done your wife a lot of good, I think, if you had paddled her now and then on the place provided for paddling."

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 6.—(P)—Jerry Ahrens, Toledo zoo keeper doesn't know the name of the express agent in Ellis Parker Butler's story "Pigs Is Pigs," but he has developed a world of sympathy for him.

Joseph Each gave the zoo "400" guinea pigs yesterday. But when they were counted, including litters born on the truck taking them to the zoo, 753 guinea pigs squealed "present." All through the night and today—more pigs arrived.

The Toledo zoological society today sent appeal to animal dealers, hospitals and laboratories to wire their "pig requirements" pronto.

Jerry today was a very tired man.

10 1/2 Per Cent to Be Paid on Bonds

PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—(P)—Bond holders in the defunct Willamette Valley Railway company will receive \$64,500 upon completion of liquidation proceedings. Bankruptcy Referee Estes Snedecor said today.

About 10 1/2 per cent will be paid on outstanding bonds. The deficiency still due stockholders will be made up by an issue of collateral trust income bonds of the Portland Electric Power company.

Face value of the railway bonds was \$581,600.

Guards Frustrate Prison Break Try

LANSING, Kas., Dec. 6.—(P)—Bullets fired over their heads by an alert guard frustrated an escape attempt by 12 state penitentiary convicts late today after they had seized four prison officers. No one was injured.

Armed with two crude guns, several knives, a hammer and clubs and carrying a ladder, the convicts were within 100 feet of the southeast wall when Guard Ralph Sanders spotted them and fired.

Hatchery Heads Enroll in Class

CORVALLIS, Dec. 6.—(P)—Oregon State college had 16 fish hatchery foremen enrolled today for short courses sponsored by the department of fish and game management and the state game commission.

Problems in egg losses and moulting eggs, pond capacities and the effect of crowding, weighing fish for planting, hatchery sanitation, shrinkage and unseen hatching losses and hatchery feeding practices will be reviewed.

Basketball Officials to Be Examined Here Today

Basketball officials examinations are to be conducted at 7:30 tonight and at 9 a. m. Saturday morning at Salem high. It was announced yesterday by Principal Fred Wolf. All officials must take the examination regardless of last year's grade.

Hamilton Says GOP Morale Higher Than in 1932, 1936

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(P)—Chairman John D. Hamilton of the republican national committee said tonight that the "morale of republican party is much higher than it was on the eve of either the 1932 or 1936 campaigns."

Members of the party's national executive committee arriving for a meeting tomorrow had impressed him with their enthusiasm and optimism, he said.

"They told me," he continued, "that the tide of sentiment which commenced to run strongly toward the republican party in 1938 continues in that direction with greater firmness."

He interpreted the elections of last month as indicating that "the American people are looking to the republican party to lead the country back to a secure and normal economic recovery and protect our peace."

Republicans "are sincerely convinced that they can win next year—and they are going out to win," he said.

The first subject of discussion scheduled for tomorrow's meeting was the problem of paying off the left-over republican bills of 1936 before the new ones of 1940 accumulate.

Formally, that question and the receipt of routine reports is about all that is scheduled for the gathering. But, in casual conversations, and more elaborate conferences, filling a long week end, all the details of strategy, candidates and the choice of a convention city are expected to be thoroughly discussed.

To give greater breadth to these discussions, numerous republican notables, in addition to the members of the executive committee, were planning to be in town to attend the Gridiron club dinner of Saturday night. They included Alf M. Landon and Colonel Frank Knox, the presidential and vice presidential nominees of 1936, and such candidates as Senator Taft, of Ohio, Senator Vandenberg of Michigan and Dewey himself.

No one is really worrying about the party debt, of course. This stage of the campaign always finds each party with many I. O. U.'s from the previous campaign still unpaid. At this time the republicans owe \$700,000 and the democrats \$750,000. Contributions begin pouring in as the pre-convention campaign warms up, providing enough to pay off the old bills and most of the new. But the party debt is always discussed beforehand.

The selection of a convention city is to be deferred until a meeting of the full national committee in January or February. However, the agenda for that meeting will receive consideration.

Of the 23 members of the executive committee, 20 signified their intention of attending. They include: Mrs. John E. Hillman, Colorado; R. B. Creager, Texas; Ezra R. Whitla, Idaho, and Harvey Jewett, Jr., South Dakota.

Ralph E. Williams of Oregon, and Mrs. Horace H. Sayre of Oklahoma, notified party headquarters they would be unable to attend.

'Career Men Make Good Government'

Milwaukee Planning Chief Says Form of Setup Not All-Important

The city manager form of government is all right for small cities but the mayor-council system will function efficiently if the people demand good government, Charles B. Bennett, chief of the Milwaukee, Wis., city planning commission, said in an informal talk before Salem city officials, interested citizens and Willamette university public administration students.

The commission form of municipal government was objected to by the speaker on the ground that it tended to develop into a race among the various commissioners to see which could do the most in building his own department.

Milwaukee, which has developed an unusually successful administrative and planning program, has a council consisting of 27 members elected from as many wards, Bennett said. He attributed his city's governmental success to its staff of "good pick and shovel men," or "career men," who have served the city many years and built a continuing program of progress. All administrative officials are under civil service, he said.

Bennett described proper city planning as planning not only of physical operations but also of government activities from the social standpoint. He declared, however, that his city was not so socialist in tenor, despite the fact its mayor of many years' service is a socialist.

Censor Is Suicide

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—(P)—John Hammell, 58, pioneer motion picture censorship expert, broke away from his nurse and plunged to his death today from the fourth floor of a hospital.

Burns Fatal

CHEWELAH, Wash., Dec. 8.—(P)—Mrs. Frank Moloso, 82, burned to death at her home in Addy, eight miles north of Chewelah, when her dress caught fire.

Struggle Mars Day for Finns

22nd Anniversary of Independence Is Marked by War

(Continued from page 1)

Ivied the 7th Russian army, commanded by General Merakoff and consisting of 11 infantry divisions and two tank divisions, was in action against the Finns.

Five divisions of infantry and one tank division were said to be concentrated for the attack on the Karelian Isthmus, four infantry divisions and one tank division in the Soujarvi sector north of Lake Ladoga, and two divisions with light artillery in the arctic region north of Petsamo.

Foreigners Encourage Finns

Altogether, observers said there were about 200,000 Russians engaged in the campaign.

Finland, fighting the much larger invader, found encouragement from two sources: the greater and in foreign sympathy.

New snowfalls brought "white out" protection against air raiders and gave crack Finnish skiing units of machine gunners and riflemen an advantage.

Authoritative sources in London disclosed that British firms had sent a score of fighting planes and a considerable quantity of other war materials to help the Finns. (A British news agency also reported the delivery of 50 Italian planes by air.)

Finns warmly welcomed a message from President Roosevelt expressing "earnest hope" that Russian-Finnish hostilities would end soon and that Finland might continue her progress "untroubled."

"We are very grateful for the sympathetic words of the president," one official said.

Scout Movement Will Save China

PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—(P)—The Boy Scout movement, spreading patriotism through China, will prevent a final Japanese victory, Fred B. Snite, Chicago business man, predicted here today.

Snite is the father of Fred Snite, Jr., infantile paralysis victim who has traveled from China to France in his "iron lung." His son, Snite said, is "holding his own in this fight, that's about all."

Sewage Disposal Plant Discussed

McMINNVILLE, Dec. 6.—(P)—Plans for a sewage disposal plant here were considered last night by the McMinnville city council.

The plant, which may be constructed soon, would be part of a Yamhill river purification program.

The council agreed Brockwood Hill, with about 1000 residents, should be taken into the corporate limits of the city before the plant was built.

Burns Fatal

CHEWELAH, Wash., Dec. 8.—(P)—Mrs. Frank Moloso, 82, burned to death at her home in Addy, eight miles north of Chewelah, when her dress caught fire.

The Everlasting Gift

Graceful, smart, reliable...the ideal woman's gift.

Bulova

17 jewels...accurate \$2475

17 jewels...accurate \$2975

17 jewels...accurate \$4950

15 jewels...accurate \$2475

17 jewels...accurate \$2975

21 jewels...accurate \$3975

\$33.50 \$19.45 \$87.50 \$62.50 \$24.75

"Quality Merchandise for Less"

THE JEWEL BOX

CONVENIENT CREDIT

443 State St. — One Door from Woolworths

Open Saturday Evenings Till 9 p.m.

Pay Next Year!! Credit Terms as low as 50c Weekly