

Budget Boost To Be Fought

House Appropriations to Fight Increase in Estimates

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(P)—Led by an embattled economy, Rep. Woodrum (D-Va.), the house appropriations committee was reported today to have erected a bar against increases in the Roosevelt budget, while the senate voted a sweeping fiscal study.

The house group, it was said, voted to forbid its subcommittees to increase the sum total of any money bill beyond the amount recommended by the White House. This, it was explained, would hamper attempts by legislators to tack on such appropriations as the \$225,000,000 for farm parity payments voted last year. Woodrum was understood to have made the motion which led to today's action.

The resolution approved by the senate was offered by Senator Harrison (D-Miss.), who said it would help start a retrenchment program which might lead eventually to a balanced budget. Under it, a senate-house committee of 24 members would study the Roosevelt spending and tax recommendations and make its own recommendations in 60 days.

The resolution passed on a voice vote, without audible dissent, but some expect it to die in the house. That case, Harrison may suggest that a 12-man fiscal committee be set up in the senate alone.

At the White House, meanwhile, members of the house democratic steering committee conferred with President Roosevelt. One of the legislators said the president emphasized that congress should not exceed his budget estimates, which call for record defense outlays but for reduced expenditures for other activities.

Discussing Mr. Roosevelt's budget in the senate, Senator Adams (D-Colo.) told his colleague that the president "with a twinkle in his eye, has again outsmarted congress."

Admiral Warns of 'Combine' Attack

Navy Leader Pleads for Defense Against Possibility

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(P)—Admiral Harold E. Stark warned the house naval committee today of a "distinct possibility" that the western hemisphere might face an attack by a coalition of foreign nations.

Meanwhile, the appropriations committee approved, with slight exceptions, the defense and neutrality outlays authorized by President Roosevelt in his proclamation of a state of limited national emergency at the outbreak of the European war. It recommended a decision to appropriate of \$267,197,908 to enable the army, navy, coast guard and bureau of investigation to carry out increased duties under that proclamation until June 30.

The committee's report included testimony by Rear Admiral S. M. Robinson, chief of the bureau of engineering, that throughout his 30 years' experience the navy had been making mistakes in shipbuilding similar to those which gave the newest destroyers a tendency toward topheaviness. He testified that "we make changes either to correct mistakes or to improve military characteristics, or for some other purpose, on every ship that we build" and that the defects in stability of the new destroyers had been corrected for about one-seventh of one per cent of the ships' total cost.

Confirmation of Murphy Probable

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(P)—A number of protests against the appointment of Attorney General Frank Murphy to the supreme court have been filed with the senate judiciary committee. Senator Burke (D-Neb.) said today. Burke, who is chairman of a sub-committee named to consider the Murphy appointment, said he would call this group together tomorrow morning to go over the protests. He added that if there was "any substance to these complaints" the committee probably would hold a hearing.

Most senators predicted prompt confirmation for Murphy, however. They recalled that the red-haired former Michigan governor won senate confirmation as attorney general by a 78-7 vote last year.

Cross Speaks
Frank Cross spoke to the Abel Gregg H-Y club, telling of his world travels. Other clubs had short business meetings. All will meet for a dinner next Wednesday night to honor Gus Moore.

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City Takes Delivery of Codified Ordinances



Left to right—Mayor W. W. Chadwick, Miss Carolyn Braden, City Recorder A. Warren Jones and Alderman David O'Hara receive a copy of the codified Salem ordinances after their delivery yesterday by officials of the League of Oregon Cities. The volumes, completely indexed, were mimeographed and bound as a WPA project under sponsorship of the city and the league. Cost to the city was \$500 for codification and \$150 for binding of 100 copies.—(Jessen-Miller photo).

Britain Protests Neutrality of US

Discrimination Against English Ships Hit in Complaint

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(P)—Great Britain has protested to the United States that the neutrality act is discriminating against her ships. It was learned today.

The protest, understood to have been presented by the British embassy, was made on behalf of the chamber of shipping of London, an organization of shippers.

It complains that the neutrality act discriminates against British because it requires transfer of title to goods carried on British (or other belligerent) ships to certain portions of the globe, but does not require it with regard to neutral ships.

Section two makes it unlawful to export goods from the United States to any country designated as a belligerent by the president until all right, title and interest therein shall have been transferred to a foreign purchaser.

But the statute exempts from this provision neutral vessels carrying goods, other than war implements, to certain ports in the Western Hemisphere, or to any port on the Pacific or Indian oceans, including the China sea, the Tasman sea, the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian sea.

Pioneer Cobbler Called by Death

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Emma Blum of Tenino, Wash., granddaughters, Mrs. Lorraine Hill of Portland and Mrs. Doris Aronson of Beaver, brothers, James A. Mapletorpe of Los Angeles, Jack H. Mapletorpe of Forest, Ill., Walter E. Mapletorpe and Joe S. Mapletorpe, both of Portland.

Services will be held from the Clough-Barrick chapel Saturday, January 13, at 1:30 p. m., with interment at Belcrest Memorial park.

Methodist Youth Banquet Slated

A fellowship banquet in the Marion hotel Friday night at 6:30 will set off the Oregon Methodist youth conference for a two-day program of discussion groups and worship services. Dr. James Bret Kenna, pastor of University Temple in Seattle, will give the main address, following a welcome by Gov. Charles A. Sprague. Over 200 are expected to register.

After the banquet, services will be held at the First Methodist church, including vespers, choir numbers, drama and a fun time. Meetings of leaders and forum groups and addresses by well-known leaders as well as tours will feature Saturday, with all meals at the hotel. Most of the sessions will be held at the church and Willamette university.

Dr. Bruce Baxter's talk and a confessional service Sunday at 2 o'clock will close the conference.

OCE Instructor

Miss Ruth E. Landerbach, new physical education instructor at Oregon College of Education, was formerly director of physical education at Simpson, college, Indiana, Iowa.

Witnesses Testify Willamette Dams More Likely to Be Beneficial Than Harmful to Game, Commercial Fish

The four main dams contemplated for the Willamette valley project will not injure and may even foster game and commercial fish life in the Willamette, McKenzie and Santiam rivers, principal witnesses testified at a hearing conducted in the executive department at the capitol yesterday afternoon.

"Every fisherman knows that these dams will raise the level of the water," Ben Dorris of Eugene, former game commissioner, pointed out, "and that will prove beneficial to fish life."

Dorris asserted misinformation had been released by opponents of the flood control projects in the valley.

Ben Claggett, Salem game and fish enthusiast, declared the dams would help rather than hinder fishing.

Pollution in the Portland harbor area was blamed by Walter Buse of Oregon City for loss of some salmon in the Willamette river.

No complaints have been made directly to the executive department. Governor Charles A. Sprague said, but objections voiced in newspapers have been noted. If emphatic protests based on facts arise, he added, he may select a state agency to conduct a study and try to harmonize the opposing factions.

"I am fully aware of the importance of the Willamette valley flood control program," the governor explained, "and I am also aware of the importance of the commercial fishing industry in Oregon."

Further support of the project dams was given by J. W. McArthur, manager of the Eugene municipal electric and water system. He expressed a belief the \$1,000,000 included in the federal flood control appropriation for the protection of fish life would more than offset any injury resulting to sportsmen or commercial fishermen. Eggs for salmon propagation, he maintained, would be taken far below the dams.

Angling has been improving on the McKenzie river each year since the Eugene plant's dam was built, McArthur said.

The dams would be located on the North and South Santiam, the McKenzie and the middle fork of the Willamette rivers, respectively.

Senator Douglas McKay, chairman of the Willamette Valley Basin commission, presided over the hearing. Other commissioners present were O. D. Eby, Oregon City; Elmo B. Chase, Eugene, and Claude Buchanan, Corvallis.

Major C. R. Moore, United States district engineer, from Portland, and J. A. Craig, western director of the United States bureau of fisheries from Seattle, sat in on the hearing.

We must work with courage and devotion to fill in the gap between Alpha and Omega, both personified by Christ, said Bishop Straughn.

Luck doesn't run all through life, it may even at times be a disadvantage, according to the churchman.

Bishop Straughn met yesterday with Dr. Bruce Baxter and district superintendents of the Oregon conference. He will give the sermon at the First Methodist church Sunday morning.

U of O System of Tunnels Approved

EUGENE, Jan. 10.—(P)—Dr. Donald M. Erb said today that \$27,669 in WPA funds had been allotted to complete a heated, lighted tunnel for water, light, telephone and other connections between every building on the University of Oregon campus.

The new tunnel will connect the new Chapman Hall with the library, education building and music building, providing a total of two miles of tunnel under the campus.

Train Robber Ends Own Life

Prison-Breaker Releases Pellets in Water to Create Fumes

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this note, addressed to newsmen: "I Have Played Ball . . . All the Way."

"Please let me down as light as possible boys. I have played ball with you all the way, and now you should pitch me a slow one and let me hit it."

"I am checking out simply because I am old and tired, and don't care to continue the struggle."

"There are no love affairs or disappointments of any kind connected with this in any way. Just tired, that's all."

"I hold no malice toward any human being, and I hope those whom I have wronged will forgive me for it."

"If I had realized what the future held for me, I would have 'checked out' in 1920 and saved my loved ones the disgrace and shame that they have had to endure these many years."

No Ex-Convict Can Come Back

"Also, I would have dodged plenty of grief that I endured unnecessarily."

"All men who have to serve more than five years in prison are doomed, but they don't realize it. They think they can 'come back,' but they can't. There is a barrier between the ex-convict and society that cannot be leveled."

"Every man on Alcatraz today would be better off if they would jump in the bay and start swimming to China. If you think I am wrong, just watch Mooney or Beesemeyer and see how they wind up."

(Tom Mooney was freed from San Quentin prison a year ago. Gilbert H. Beesemeyer, Hollywood financier who embezzled eight million dollars and served nine years in San Quentin, was freed this week.)

Suicide Act Planned For Two Months

"I did not decide to check out on the spur of the moment. In fact, I bought the pellets two months ago for this very purpose."

"Goodbye and good luck, boys, and please grant my last request. Thanks. Sincerely yours. (Signed) Roy Gardner."

Gardner's "last request," prefixed to the note to newsmen, was that they should not mention his daughter's married name, "because her in-laws do not know she is my daughter."

There was another note, sealed in an envelope, addressed to the daughter. A third note was addressed to a brother-in-law.

In the room were two suitcases, also addressed to relatives here. Gardner had left a 50-cent piece on each, to pay the baggage charges.

Gardner was released from Leavenworth federal penitentiary June 15, 1938 after serving 17 years of a 25-year sentence for mail robbery, part of which was spent in forbidding Alcatraz island in San Francisco bay.

That was his last imprisonment after a criminal career which resulted first in his being sentenced to 25 years at McNeil island for a \$50,000 mail wagon robbery at San Diego in April, 1920.

Piano Recital Is Given at YMCA

An informal program of piano numbers was given Wednesday afternoon in the lobby of the YMCA by Gladys Crawford, student of Miss Dorothy Pearce.

Today's program from 6 to 6 p. m. will be with Marjorie Watkins and Janice Lemmon, students of Prof. T. S. Roberts.

In One Ear . . .

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ped at Tom Hill's ground beef palace. There we found Mrs. Mae Phillips making herself a hot fudge sundae with some effort and remarked it was worth that much trouble we'd have one too. Didd.

Proceeded on through the thriving community of Hollywood and observed that the telephone company had put one of its wirewams over a manhole to keep the rain out and was fooled because it didn't rain all day.

Then we drove through our favorite series of streets, that snap-the-whip route, Tamarack to Myrtle to South, which was the main reason we drove out Capitol street in the first place. Anything for a thrill.

Nazis' Bases Hit by Raids

Four Aerial Battles Are Reported in North Sea Sections

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down and forced to land in Denmark.

Still later reports said a second of the 370-mile-an-hour German Messerschmitt fighters had been seen to fall in the sea.

The Helgoland anchorage which also was bombed by the British was not further identified. It was said to be "heavily fortified," however.

While the royal air force thus carried the aerial war into Germany's domain, British naval vessels closer home were warring some of the last mines needed to complete Britain's "Magnet" line of the sea—a 30,000,000-pound protective shield for east-coast shipping.

"Security Patrols" Intensify Flights

Other British official reports were meager, saying merely that bombs had been dropped "near" Sylt during patrol and reconnaissance flights. British "security patrols" of the air are intensifying their flights over the North sea and Frisian islands. It was stated, to keep German bombers and mine-layers at home.

It was indicated from Danish advice, however, that both sides had infringed that country's neutrality in today's battles. One plane, presumably British, dropped three bombs on the Danish island of Roem, near Sylt, which caused little damage. The German Messerschmitt fighter which landed near Ballum, Denmark, was reported to have bullet holes in its gasoline tanks. The pilot was interned and the plane confiscated.

An official British statement promised full restitution if it was discovered, on investigation, that the plane which dropped bombs on Danish soil was British.

German Invasion Reaches Scottish Coast

"Blenheim" bombers, reported used by the RAF in today's raids, are two-motored planes with a top speed, at 20,000 feet, of 277 miles per hour.

The German aerial invasion of British coastal waters was extended, meanwhile, to the southeast Scottish coast.

Watchers there said they saw two Nazi bombers attack an unidentified steamer with bombs and machine-gun fire.

The steamer zigzagged until British fighters appeared and chased off the attackers.

The toll of Tuesday's mass attacks by German warplanes on British and neutral shipping was increased with the announcement that a second British steamer, the 1985-ton Oakgrove, had gone down after an assault from the air. The Gowrie, a 689-ton coastal boat, also was sunk yesterday. The Oakgrove's casualties were not determined.

At Least Two Dead in Blast

86 Are Trapped 2 Miles Underground in West Virginia

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above ground, to help when needed.

Sturgis theorized that a group of 25 miners in the "fourth left" area of the mine had the "best chance" of surviving. He did not speculate on the fate of the others.

47 Men Escape Unaware of Blast

Company officials headed by Vice-President R. E. Salvati of Holden, remained hopeful that a majority of the men had escaped.

Salvati reported that the 47 men in the eastern section of the operation came out unscathed at 4 p. m., unaware there had been a blast.

One of the dead men, whose bodies were found a half mile from the bottom of the 620-foot shaft, was identified as Charley Moffitt. The other was not identified. Their bodies were left below while the crews pressed on.

This valley mining community, scene of the blast, is in the southwestern tip of McDowell county, one of southern West Virginia's busiest and richest coal sections. Two other Pond creek mines rear their shafts within sight of No. 1, along the banks of shallow Dry Fork river.

War, the nearest town, is four miles away and Welch is 20 miles away.

While the blast was undetermined, although Sturgis said it was possible the men had cut through to some long unused, gas-filled entry.

Quiz by Attorney General Demanded

OLYMPIA, Jan. 10.—(P)—The attorney general's office took under advisement a demand the state take a hand in the investigation of the slaying in Aberdeen of Mrs. Dick Law, wife of a CIO union official.

The demand was by 11 representatives of CIO unions, and Finnish workers, who told Assistant Attorney General George Hannan that law enforcement had "broken down" in Grays Harbor county.

In the absence of Attorney General Hamilton, Hannan told the group the office would take under advisement that request, and another that the attorney general request Governor Martin for an order to act, supplanting Grays Harbor officials.

Hannan, supported by other assistants attorney general, said his office had no authority to "move in" without an order from the governor.

Benefit Payments Will Run Higher

CORVALLIS, Jan. 10.—(P)—Payments to farmers earning money under the agricultural conservation program are well ahead of a year ago, N. C. Donaldson, state AAA executive officer, said today.

About half of the \$4,000,000 expected to be paid has been distributed. Payments partly compensate growers for extra expense of soil building practices or crop diversion.

Chemeketas List Exploratory Hike

An exploratory hike through the foothills southwest of Grande Ronde will be made Sunday morning by the Chemeketas, who will leave the Senator hotel at 8 a. m. This is a new hike for the group and has no hard climbs, but much beautiful scenery.

72 Medical Staff Members Okehed

Medical staff of 41 active and 31 visiting members was accepted by the Salem General hospital board at the annual meeting last night, according to President Milton Meyers.

Officers of the staff for 1940 are Dr. J. H. Garnjobat, president; Dr. J. O. Matthews, vice-president, and Dr. C. S. Campbell, secretary.

Russ Division Is Hemmed in

Third Big Group Is Held Surrounded South of Suomussalmi

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of Russians since the war started. Hawkins, recounting the huge war stores left on the battlefield by the fleeing red army, said that evidence on the bodies of the dead Russians indicated the 44th division was one of the red army's crack units engaged in the Polish campaign.

Town Found Only Blackened Ruins

He found the town of Suomussalmi completely demolished by savage warfare, with only blackened chimneys and shell-riddled frame buildings left standing.

Hundreds of Russian shells, guns, trucks and tanks were seen abandoned in wild confusion along the four and one half mile stretch of twisting highway which served as a battlefield for the 44th red division and attacking Finnish troops.

A Finnish colonel at Raate told the Associated Press that Finland's losses in the battles against the 44th and 163rd divisions were comparatively small "although there are casualties of course in a heavy battle."

Thousands of Russians were reported killed and more than 1000 captured.

The Finnish army communique said there was comparative quiet on the other fronts.

Ex-Governor Cites Neutrality Basis

PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—(P)—Spiritual and moral rearmament was the basis for United States neutrality as urged last night by Former Governor Charles H. Martin, honored by distinguished Oregon residents as Portland's "first citizen for 1939."

His political party was criticized by the retired army major general because "some democrats need to have their new-fangled ideas straightened out." He complimented Oregon for passing laws to bring industrial peace and remarked that Bonneville "is coming into its own after the politicians made a mess of it."

Governor Sprague said Martin, his predecessor, stood for orderly government and left office with the state solvent and free of deficits. Henry F. Cabell, chairman of the state highway commission, and Mayor Joseph K. Carson of Portland also commended Martin.

Eugene Reduces Home Power Rate

EUGENE, Jan. 10.—(P)—The Eugene water board announced a 15 per cent reduction in home power rates and a 16 per cent cut in commercial rates, effective March 1.

The reductions will cut Eugene's power bill \$65,000, it was estimated, and give Eugene the lowest rates in the country for electric power between 15,000 and 23,000 population.

Percy W. Brown, water board chairman, said the city's net profit last year from power was more than \$200,000.

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