

House Defeats Snell Measure On Tax Board

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members said no one representing Gov. Snell had urged them to vote for the measure—and some of the governor's best friends in the house voted against it.

But the fight on the bill was no "phony war." Every Multnomah representative but one—Leo Smith—voted for it, and there was evidence of active lobbying. In this connection, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell's recent criticism of two members of the commission was called.

Relative to the Multnomah county "variable ratio of assessment" furor involving the tax commission, quiet Rep. Alex Rennie, chairman of the administration and reorganization committee which had reported the bill out unfavorably, faced the Multnomah delegation and said: "Your assessor in Multnomah county did not live up to the law."

Rennie declared the tax commissioners were able and conscientious, that assessors and county courts of nearly all upstate counties opposed the change, and that no saving in state costs would result, since someone must perform the duties now handled by each commissioner.

Rep. Bryson declared this was Gov. Snell's bill, that the state's chief executive "seriously and honestly" wanted it passed, and that its provision for a commissioner responsible to and removable by the governor was the proper arrangement since tax administration is a part of the executive branch.

Rep. Frank Van Dyke pointed out that the tax commission serves also as a board of tax appeals; that states having one-man administration require also such a board so reduction of the commission would effect no saving; and that the present commissioners are removable by a majority vote of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer.

Earlier in the day the house had voted, 33 to 26 on the decisive roll call, to submit a 3 per cent tax on property and income tax relief and old age assistance to a vote of the people. Chief supporter of the measure was Speaker William M. McAllister, who said industry and wealthy retired persons shunned Oregon because of its "unjust tax program."

Opposition to the bill was expressed by Chairman Giles French of the taxation and revenue committee, who called attention to such measures' crushing defeats in the past and insisted the state should not be rocked by a sales tax dispute in wartime. Rep. Robert A. Bennett charged it was "just another tax" which promised no relief from other taxes; that it was inflationary, and would burden those least able to pay. Rep. Phil Brady said industries had been prevented from establishing in Oregon, not by the tax system but by real estate "holdups" and non-cooperation.

On the vote rejecting an unfavorable minority report, these representatives voted in favor of the bill: Callaway, Chadwick, Cutlip, Dammsch, Deich, Dickson, Ellis, Engdahl, Gearin, Gile, Hall, Hesse, Carl Hill, Jones, Kuratli, Lage, Landon, Lieuallen, Marsh, Martin, Meyers, Moore, Pier, Ramage, Rennie, Semon, Snellstrom, Snyder, Steelhammer, Van Dyke, Wells, Joe Wilson and Speaker McAllister.

These representatives voted against the one-man tax commission bill: Bull, Callaway, Chadwick, Chase, Chindgren, Craver, Cutlip, Engdahl, French, Gile, Carl Hill, Earl Hill, Himelwright, Kimberling, Lage, Landon, Marsh, Martin, Moore, Niskanen, Peterson, Ramage, Rennie, Semon, Smith, Snellstrom, Snyder, Steelhammer, Turner, Van Dyke and Speaker McAllister.

The house today will vote on the major but non-controversial commercial fishing seasons bill; the senate has before it the community property measure, judges' retirement, minimum teachers' salaries, and a rather interesting barber's regulation bill.

Otherwise, aside from taxes, there is little major unfinished business, and adjournment this weekend appears more likely than it did several days ago. Occupational disease coverage in the house and the sales tax in the senate are the only major bills not ready for disposition.

(Other legislative news today on page 3.)

Jack Benny Has Cold

CHICAGO, March 4—(AP)—Jack Benny, radio comedian, is confined to his hotel suite with a cold and will be unable to do his Sunday broadcast from St. Joseph ("they love me in St. Joe"), Mo.

Late Sports

BEND, Ore., March 4—(AP)—Pendleton defeated Bend Thursday night, 32-29, in the first game of a playoff series to determine which team shall represent district 7 in the state basketball tournament at Salem next week.

First Nurse on Guadalcanal



Lt. Mae Olson (above), of Little Falls, Minn., one of 24 army nurses recruited from ranks of airlines hostesses, is the first American girl to land on Guadalcanal since the war began. It was reported she visited the island in an ambulance plane which took away wounded soldiers. She is shown here in training at Bowman Field, near Louisville, Ky.—Associated Press Teletext.

Two Campaign Groups Reach Halfway Mark

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mental divisions are to have full reports by this weekend, the bulletin indicated.

Minimum quota for the county in the campaign which replaces the annual roll call of the organization is \$42,000.

Not only do some persons meet the nationwide request to "give double this year," they multiply greatly the amounts of previous gifts, declared Charles H. Huggins, war fund campaign chairman, as he told one of the moving stories of the March campaign.

An elderly man, Huggins said, offered as his gift all of his \$20 pension check, with the exception of a few cents. His family, he said, had once been a beneficiary of the organization and his appreciation for assistance in an emergency could be expressed in no better way.

The white postboard Red Cross tag this year makes available for the battlefields enough metal for one tank and eight jeeps, Olive Doak Bynon, Marion chapter secretary, declared as she explained the reason why the usual pins had been discontinued in wartime.

Betty Pierce Wins Trophy

Betty Pierce, Salem high school senior, pranced off with the Salem Elks club gold trophy in Thursday night's annual contest for high school drum majorettes of the Willamette valley.

Second place was taken by Tigard and third and fourth went to representatives of Lincoln high school, Portland.

Salem high school band performed with each of the 15 participants, and members of the organization declared the competition keen. The band, in addition, played a novelty feature.

Representatives of the University of Oregon and Oregon State college bands served as judges, while Tom Hill was ringmaster, directing each contestant. Grading was based on rhythm, variety of "twirls" exhibited and pacing.

PT & T Declares Quarter Dividend

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4—(AP)—Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company directors Thursday declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share on 820,000 shares of preferred stock and \$1.25 a share on 2,461,250 shares. The preferred dividend is payable April 15 to stock of record March 31, the common is payable March 31 to stock of record March 17.

Kaiser-Labor Hearing Slated

PORTLAND, Ore., March 4—(AP)—William A. Babcock, jr., national labor relations board attorney, said Thursday the NLRB would resume its Kaiser shipyard labor hearing here March 29 instead of March 15.

He said he was informed of the new date by Trial Examiner Robert N. Denham, who gave no reason for the additional two weeks continuance. Denham is now in Washington, DC.

The hearing into Congress of Industrial Organizations charges that three Henry J. Kaiser shipyards in this area signed illegal closed shop agreements with the American Federation of Labor recessed February 14 upon completion of NLRB case.

Rotterdam and Hamm Blasted On Eighth Day

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Rotterdam at the junction of six German trunk railways reaching across the breadth of Germany. It was the first US raid on that target which the RAF had assaulted 84 times, particularly in the days preceding the fall of France. The lines connect with others running to the most important invasion ports on the west and north coasts of Europe.

The successive raids on Hamm between June and November of 1940 were credited with playing a large part in disrupting any plans Hitler may have had of invading Britain. Now the boot was on the other foot.

Over Hamburg Wednesday night the British lost ten bombers in a "heavy attack." Unspecified targets in western Germany also were bombed and fighters made intruder patrols over Holland, destroying an enemy raider.

"Many 4000-pounders and tens of thousands" of fire bombs were dropped at Hamburg by Lancaster, Halifax, Stirling and Wellington squadrons, the air ministry news service said. The anti-aircraft fire was termed "not as intense as usual but the searchlights were numerous and active."

"Clouds of smoke hung over the target," returning pilots said. At nightfall the allied bomb lashing of Germany and Nazi-held territory had been going on virtually non-stop for 192 hours. All the fortresses returned from Rotterdam. It was the third US attack on the Dutch city and the 85th allied attack. Pilots described the opposition as weak. One formation of seven Messerschmitts was sighted but "they didn't hang around very long," Maj. Joseph Preston said. Only negligible damage was reported to returned aircraft.

The Berlin radio, however, broadcast a DNB dispatch which said seven big American bombers were destroyed over western Germany during the morning.

The Oslo radio said there had been "some civilian casualties" from the US attacks.

The RAF, patrolling the coast of northern France, shot down an enemy fighter, it was announced.

Spain Seizes Tangier Post

TANGIER, International Zone, Morocco, March 4—(AP)—Spanish authorities Thursday night took over from the French control of the postoffice, telegraph and telephone services of Tangier, and they announced they would keep open the facilities with Spanish employees.

These services had been officially under the sultan of Morocco and were operated by the French ministry of posts and telegraph, but from now on, it was announced, will be under the jurisdiction of the caliph of Tetuan and the Spanish protectorate.

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More Garden Spots Needed

Still needed in Salem's Victory garden campaign and contest are more garden spots, George "Jud" Davis, commander of the civilian service corps, declared Thursday night as he urged persons with lots in Salem available for garden use to register them at the YMCA.

Likewise, he said, persons with equipment for digging and harrowing who can use their equipment even during an hour or two in the afternoon or early evening could aid in the garden program if they would call the Y. They may expect full pay for the work they do, he declared.

Block leaders are to conduct a canvass for lot registrations and probably ARP wardens will similarly assist in lining up equipment and workers, but immediate volunteering of the information will assist in making early plans, Davis said.

Germany Suspends Swedish Conduct

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 4—(AP)—Reliable sources reported Thursday that Germany has suspended safe-conduct for Swedish vessels bound for western hemisphere ports and voiced the opinion that the action marked the opening of a submarine campaign against all neutral shipping operating in the Atlantic.

The report followed closely the torpedoing of the Spanish ship Monte Egueldo en route from Buenos Aires to Las Palmas with a cargo of wheat, corn and sugar. Thirty four survivors of the sinking were landed earlier this week at a Brazilian port.

Logger Crushed

PORTLAND, Ore., March 4—(AP)—Jack Coulter, 55, Silverton, an employee of the Ostrander Logging company, died in a hospital here Thursday a short time after he was crushed by a rolling log four miles east of Molalla.

Delay in Meat and Cheese Ration Probable, April 15

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cluded will be farmers who slaughter livestock for sale, but not those who kill stock for home consumption.

All slaughterers, dealers and farmers will be required to keep complete records of purchases and sales of meat and livestock for government review.

All meats processed by licensed operators will bear a stamp number identifying the slaughterer. Thus the government will be able to trace all meats to their origin. The licensing program is expected to be inaugurated before meat rationing starts.

Brown announced Thursday night the specific pork prices, effective April 1, and said prices would be set soon for beef, veal, lamb and mutton. The pork prices are not uniform throughout the country, the top retail price for center cut pork chops, for example, ranging from 39 to 44 cents a pound.

The ceilings include (the higher price in each case being for independent stores with less than \$250,000 annual sales): Zone one (principal cities include Los Angeles, Portland, Ore.; Reno; San Francisco and Seattle): Sliced bacon (diced, smoked) grade A, 49 and 47; skinned, smoked ham, center slices, 63 and 60; skinned, smoke whole ham, 43 and 41; center cut pork chops (fresh or frozen pork loins), 44 and 42; salt pork (dry salt hams, fresh, cured or frozen), 27 and 26.

The present plan is to ration meats, butter, margarine, cheese, lard and other cooking fats and oils as a single group of commodities, using the red stamps in the No. 2 ration book. Each commodity will have set point values and a ration bookholder will be permitted to use his points as he pleases, buying nothing but meat, for instance, if he wishes to forego butter and cheese.

Wickard was described by Senator Bankhead (D-Ala) during the day as "increasingly alarmed" over the general production outlook.

Russians Gain Rail Control; Allies Advance

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a point three miles west of Faid pass, Thursday as Marshal Eismann surrendered virtually all his costly gains in central Tunisia and massed his armor in the Mareth line where the British Eighth army has wheeled up for a decisive assault.

Paying the terrific price of "very heavy casualties," other German forces in the north, west of Bizerte, pushed the British army back four miles in the Sedan sector near the Tabarka-Mateur road. The allied communique said all other attacks in the north were repulsed.

A French high command communique Thursday night said French patrols had made contact with the enemy in the area both north and south of Chott Djerid, the big salt waste below Gafsa and west of the Mareth line.

Gen. Eisenhower's communique said of the Mareth action: "Enemy infantry advancing east in the Mareth area were successfully engaged and repulsed by our light armored forces. The enemy has reinforced his infantry with tanks in this area."

The Mareth line of pillboxes, barbed wire entanglements, swamps and gun emplacements was under continuing assault from allied bombers.

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Stock Market Said Healthy

CHICAGO, March 4—(AP)—Emil Schram, president of the New York Stock exchange, said Thursday the unusual activity in stock trading now going on was reflecting clearly the country's optimism with the progress of the war, and that the market was showing "a very healthy condition."

He said such a healthy condition augured well for the success of the new war bond issue which the treasury department plans to finance in April.

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'Mrs. Miniver' Best Picture

Wine-Most Awards; Disney Cartoon, Berlin Honored

HOLLYWOOD, March 4—(AP)—The movie academy award for the best motion picture of 1942 went Thursday night to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for "Mrs. Miniver," which starred Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon. (See also story on page 1.)

Maj. J. William Wyler, now stationed in Europe with the Eighth air force, photographing aerial bombings of axis territory, was voted the outstanding movie director of 1942 by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The award was for his megaphoning in "Mrs. Miniver."

"Mrs. Miniver," which won the lion's share of the awards for achievement in various respects, was acclaimed also as the best motion picture of the year, out-scoring such as "The Invaders," "Kings Row," "The Magnificent Ambersons," "The Pied Piper," "The Pride of the Yankees," "Random Harvest," "The Talk of the Town," "Wake Island," and "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

The first award announced, for the best achievement in sound recording, went to Nathan Levinson of Warner Bros. for "Yankee Doodle Dandy." For the best achievement in film editing, the award went to Daniel Mandel for "The Pride of the Yankees," a Samuel Goldwyn picture.

Other awards included: Short subjects: Cartoons—"Der Fuehrer's Face," Walt Disney, RKO-Radio.

It was the tenth time in eleven years that Disney had won the award for the best cartoon. A certificate went to Charles Boyer, French actor, for the establishment of the French research foundation in contributing to the motion picture industry.

To Noel Coward, star, director and producer of "In Which We Serve," a British-made picture, went a special certificate for the best foreign picture. It was presented by Eric Clough, the British consul.

Another special award went to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio for presenting the American way of life in the Hardy series. It was accepted by Carey Wilson, producer of the series.

Comedian Bob Hope introduced Irving Berlin to announce the music awards and Berlin had to inform the crowd that he, Berlin, had won the award for the best song of the year, "White Christmas," from Paramount's "Holiday Inn."

Berlin met the situation with a big smile and the comment: "Well, he's a good boy and he deserves it."

32 Mine Victims' Bodies Recovered

BEAR CREEK, Mont., March 4—(AP)—Rescue workers started out before midnight with bodies of 32 of the 40 miners who died when they were killed in an explosion last Saturday, Mine Manager W. A. Romek reported Thursday night.

Found singly or in small groups by workers groping through gas-laden tunnels of the mine, the bodies were wrapped in canvas and buried and put on an electric-drawn mine trail.

Papers Lauded As War-Essential

WASHINGTON, March 4—(AP)—The house applauded Thursday a declaration by Rep. Halleck (R-Ind.) that the work of the nation's newspapers entitles them to recognition as "one of the most essential and vital factors in the winning of the war."

Halleck assailed efforts he said were made by some men in government to minimize the importance of the press and to curtail its activities through restriction of newspaper and suggested that much of "the pulp and paper materials used by the bureaucrats might be more properly allotted to the newspapers for which they have decreed shortages."

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Madame Chiang Couldn't 'Shake'

NEW YORK, March 4—(AP)—Under physicians' orders not to shake hands, Madame Chiang Kai-Shek made but brief appearances at the reception given in her honor Thursday night by the Chinese consular general.

More than 1200 of New York's social, political, religious, business and military leaders massed in the starlight roof ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel and overflowed into the adjacent palm court.

Deferring Rule Wider, College

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lege students grants no blanket deferment, leaving each case to be considered individually by local draft boards.

However, it authorizes the boards to consider for "occupational classification" any full-time student in certain fields in a recognized college or university if the institution certifies he is competent, gives promise of successful completion of his course, and will be graduated by July 1, 1945.

Since many institutions have begun instruction on a year-round basis under speedup educational plans, the new policy could apply to a youngster just entering college. Heretofore, the rule has been that students were not entitled to deferment unless they had completed successfully a portion of their studies.

Also authorized for deferment were graduate and post-graduate students engaged in scientific research related to the war effort or in instruction in one of the scientific or specialized fields, and undergraduate students in pre-professional studies who will complete their pre-professional course by July 1, 1945.

Deferment until July 1 of this year was authorized for students of agriculture, forestry, pharmacy or optometry, and a one-year deferment was made possible for internes.

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