

# Survey of Plans for State Bonus Asked; Pay Bill Starts Row

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A proposal that an interim committee study the feasibility of a state bonus for veterans of World War II was being readied for introduction in the house today. The committee would report back at the 1949 legislature.

The plan, in the form of a house joint resolution, was prepared by Rep. Paul Hendricks of Salem at the instigation of the VFW Meadowlark post and the VFW state legislative committee.

It cites that four states (Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New York) already are providing such bonuses, that seven other states either are considering it or facing a referendum vote, and that Oregon gave a state bonus of \$15 a month after World War I for service between April, 1917, and November, 1918.

**PUBLIC LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS**  
Bounties for Veterans—Today at 1 p. m. in room 323, statehouse, called by Rep. Paul Hendricks, Portland, to discuss advisability of declaring bounties on veterans.  
Fire marine insurance (SB 196-197) Monday February 17, 2:30 p. m. room 323, statehouse, before senate insurance committee.  
Immigration Memorial (HJM 4) Monday February 17, 2:30 p. m. room 422, statehouse, before house military and veterans affairs committee.  
Army and Navy—Monday, February 17, following afternoon adjournment, room 323, statehouse, before house state and federal affairs committee.  
County zoning plan (HB 88) Monday, February 17, 2:30 p. m. room 323, statehouse, before joint committees on local government.

Meanwhile the 44th biennial session moved in stepped-up tempo Wednesday, albeit taking time out for a 90-minute program in observance of Lincoln's birthday with Frank Branch Riley as the speaker of the day. The subsequent afternoon legislative sessions were short, but plenty of work was voted for today's calendar in both the house and senate.

**Judges' Bill Passes**  
House approval of bills raising the salaries of circuit and supreme court judges brought to a head Wednesday the argument on wage and appropriation measures before they are considered by the ways and means committees charged with financing them. Rep. M. M. Landon of Sweet Home lost by a narrow margin (32 to 28) his motion that the supreme court bill be referred to ways and means, and the bill subsequently was passed 51 to 9.

**Bank Plans For Hollywood Depend on Bill**  
Organization of an independent in the Hollywood district awaits final passage of a bill (SB 59) passed by the senate yesterday. Al Crose, chairman of a special legislative committee of the Hollywood Lions club, said Wednesday.

**Cabinet Section Asks Lower Lumber Price**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Lower prices for lumber were urged today by the commerce department's forest products section. "Lumber prices since decontrol have gone up much more sharply than have prices of other building materials and there is now danger that lumber dealers may lose some of their markets unless prices can be stabilized at more moderate levels," the agency said.

**Animal Crackers**  
By WARREN GOODRICH



"It's a little pointless, but you've got to let them express themselves."

## 2 Survive Mountain Air Crash

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—The two survivors of the coast guard airplane that crashed north of here were in a Medford hospital tonight. State Police Sgt. L. H. Harrell said the two men were passengers on the PBV craft that crashed into Diamond Rock mountain side yesterday and that the four members of the crew were burned in the wreckage.

From Seattle coast guard headquarters identified the names of the coast guardsmen killed in the crash as Lt. Cmdr. John MacIntosh, Lt. (jg) Ralph E. Osterberg, Aviation Chief Machinist Mate Roy Mason and Aviation Radioman 1/c Ruffin E. Crosby, all of Port Angeles, Wash. The two survivors were identified as Seaman 1/c Melvin E. Savage, Plymouth, Mich., who was badly burned and Seaman 1/c Randolph M. Creasy, Lynnhaven, Va., apparently not badly hurt.

The uninjured survivor told how the airplane was flying in a fog when the mountain suddenly loomed in front of the plane. The pilot swerved but it was too late and one wing of the plane was torn off. It crashed and burst into flames.

The two men able to get out crawled from holes broken into the side of their airplane and tumbled into the snow to extinguish flames on their clothing. The ground party led by Harrell reached the crash scene about 5:05 p. m. (PST) today and immediately started down the mountain side bearing the two men on stretchers. They reached a large military type four wheel truck on the mountain road and then pushed through the drifts as rapidly as possible. They reached the Tiller-Medford highway at about 7:40 p. m.

**China to Stop Circulation of U. S. Currency**  
NANKING, Feb. 12.—(AP)—China's prescription for its madly fluctuating currency—an order to stop the circulation of U. S. currency and to restrict public transactions in gold—was presented tonight to Chiang Kai-shek for his signature.

**Byrd Predicts World Ice Box At South Pole**  
LITTLE AMERICA, Feb. 11 (Delayed).—(AP)—Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd today envisioned the eternally ice-capped wastes of the Antarctic as a great refrigerator in which the world could store bumper crops against lean years, possibly saving future generations from famine.

**Sale of Public Land for Salem Rental Housing Considered**  
Report on a proposed city-county-state-sponsored low cost rental housing program for the Salem area will be presented at tonight's meeting of the Marion county federated veterans' council at the Salem Legion hall.

**Fire Escapes Sought**  
The major house bills would require fire escapes on two-story buildings with bedrooms, other than private residences, allow cities to issue bonds up to 60 per cent of their market value regardless of assessed valuation, levy a half-cent tax on wheat, except that grown for seed or feed, for research and marketing work and levy a new nursery tax for research.

## Arms Cut In Budget Protested

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Secretary of War Patterson declared tonight that if the proposed cut in the army budget is made, "the current and long-term missions of the army, including those of Gen. MacArthur in Japan and Gen. McNarney in Germany, will be jeopardized."

Earlier, the navy had contended that even a \$500,000,000 cut in its funds might make the fighting fleets "immobile and impotent as an instrument of national policy." Patterson, in a statement for the press, said that he was "alarmed by reports to the effect that action is being taken to cut war department appropriations for the fiscal year by one and one-half billion dollars."

**Georgia Court Opinion Holds For Talmadge**  
MCDONOUGH, Ga., Feb. 12.—(AP)—A superior (circuit) court upheld Herman Talmadge today in his claim to the governorship of Georgia, but final decision rested with the state supreme court which already has one diametrically-opposite decision of another judge in review.

**Arabs Warned UN May Hear Palestine Case**  
LONDON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A Palestine solution seems as far away as ever and Britain "probably" will take the problem to the United Nations if Jews and Arabs keep on refusing the government's proposed settlement, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin said today.

**Statesmen of Oregon Hailed By Speaker**  
Stephen F. Chadwick, Seattle attorney and 1938 national commander of the American Legion, commended Oregon's early statehood in briefly sketching U. S. history before a capacity crowd at the Lincoln day banquet held last night by county Republican groups in the Marion hotel.

**Conductor Killed In Train Brawl**  
IPSWICH, Mass., Feb. 13.—(Thursday).—(AP)—A conductor of a Boston and Maine passenger train was killed and a 22-year-old man was held by police early today after a fight aboard a train bound from Boston to Portland, Me.

**Elected Mayor at 23**  
KENT, Wash., Feb. 12.—(AP)—This small valley town south of Seattle will have Dave J. Mooney, 23-year-old war veteran, for mayor in June and all the kids are happy. Supporters think he may be the county's youngest mayor-elect, following yesterday's primary in which he polled more votes than the combined total of two opponents in a single-party race, making the finals unnecessary.

**PORT MANAGER NAMED**  
ASTORIA, Feb. 12.—(AP)—James R. Bowler, assistant manager of the Port of Astoria, moved up to the managership today, succeeding R. R. Bartlett, retired.

## Attlee Invokes War Act in Fuel Crisis

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**Londoners' Coal Rationed**  
Londoners wait to draw their coal ration at a London coal depot. Thousands of industrial plants have been closed to ease the fuel shortage and troops are aiding in the struggle to open rail lines, blocked by one of the nation's heaviest snowfalls in years. (AP Wirephoto.)



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**Canada, U. S. Pledge Unified Security Work**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The United States and Canada announced today they will continue in peacetime their close wartime collaboration for the military security of North America.

**Security Body Votes to Keep Atom Separate**  
LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., Feb. 12 (AP)—The United Nations security council voted by 9 to 0 tonight to create an 11-nation commission to study the reduction of all armaments except those already being examined by the U.N. atomic energy commission. Russia and Poland abstained from voting.

**New Vener for Houses Planned**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A project to make prefabricated houses with a new type of wood veneer, made from low grade western peeler logs which aren't presently used, was announced today by the commerce department.

**Antarctic Gales Toss Transport**  
ABOARD U.S.S. NORTHWIND IN ANTARCTICA, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The crippled and punctured transport Merrick still pitched helplessly in the grip of an Antarctic gale early today more than five hours after her rudder had been smashed by a storm-tossed ice floe.

**MAY BE VOLCANOES**  
EVANSTON, Ill., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Dark mounds of apparently bare earth discovered by Byrd expedition flyers in an oasis of ice-free volcanic lakes may be "mud volcanoes" of unprecedented size, William E. Powers, professor of geography at Northwestern university, said today.

**Baker City School Teachers Raised; Trend Continues**  
By the Associated Press  
The trend toward higher salaries for teachers continued in Oregon today.

**Tojo's Teeth Given Motto**  
DALLAS, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Tojo's false teeth will help him to remember Pearl Harbor, thanks to three young Texas navy dentists, one of them has written home.

**Woodburn School Consolidation Vote Is Scheduled for Tonight**  
By Jennie June Magnuson  
WOODBURN, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Voters from eight school districts, including Woodburn, will ballot Thursday on the proposed merger of the seven adjacent school districts with the Woodburn district.

**Teen-Age Hoss Thief Caught on Prize Steed**  
PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—(AP)—State police said today they had found the prize horse stolen Tuesday from the Oswego home of Elmer Berglund. A 16-year-old boy was picked up at Gales Creek, brisly trotting on the horse toward the beach.