

Portal Pay Case Ban Defeated; Senate Set For Sales Tax Fight

By Wendell Webb
Determined to be out-of-the-trenches-by-Easter, the 44th legislature all but disposed of its major work on taxes, timber, welfare, zoning and unemployment Wednesday, and the senate calendared for final action at 10:30 a.m. today its major remaining issue—the 3 per cent sales tax.



By Charles A. Sprague

The Oregon legislature has been under criticism from both within and without its membership because of the length of the current session. The major difficulty has been that of meeting the financial requirements of the state, and the assembly does not have a free hand to exercise its judgment on matters of taxation.

One of these is the 6 per cent limitation, which puts a rigid ceiling on levies on property for support of the general fund.

Another is the provision which bans use of the emergency clause on measures dealing with taxation.

Every one of these limitations has proved embarrassing at this session. Something may be said in behalf of each; but the combination makes tax legislation by the legislature exceedingly difficult.

'Copter Here On Inspection

A small Bell model 47 helicopter landed at Salem airport Wednesday morning for gasoline before continuing its power line patrol through the Willamette valley.

It was the first helicopter to land here in the post-war city management of the airport and was believed by airport officials to be the first helicopter ever to pay Salem a visit.

The 'copter flew over the West Salem EPA substation yesterday headed south along the power line to Albany. The West Salem station received no report of necessary servicing as a result of the initial inspection.

10 Slain in India

NEW DELHI, April 2.—Ten persons were reported killed and four villages burned today in communal clashes in southeastern Punjab province. Disturbances in Calcutta showed signs of abating. The government reported only nine incidents between midnight and noon.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"He called me an illegal eagle!"

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Asia-Minded



NEW DELHI, India, April 2.—Jawaharlar Nehru, Indian nationalist leader, who told the first inter-Asian conference today that the "center of events" was shifting from Europe to Asia and the Americas and Asia probably would be the focal points of any future wars.

Workers Drop Appeal in First Portal Pay Suit

CINCINNATI, April 2.—A motion for dismissal of an appeal in the original portal-to-portal pay suit was filed in the Sixth U. S. circuit court of appeals today by counsel for the employees of the Mt. Clemens Pottery Co., of Mt. Clemens, Mich.

The Mt. Clemens workers' appeal was from a decision by District Judge Frank Picard dismissing the suit saying the time involved was inconsequential.

Salem Women In Queen Vote

Willamette university's May festival queen will be elected by vote of the student body Tuesday from 10 seniors who were nominated in yesterday's election.

The ten named yesterday were Elaine Cloudy, Ketchikan, Alaska; Alpha Chi Omega; Margaret Allen, West Salem; Chi Omega; Patricia Mansfield, Portland; Alpha Chi Omega; Verna Stocks, Portland; Delta Gamma; Meiva Williamson, Monmouth; Delta Gamma; Nancy Stuart, Portland; Delta Gamma; Lorraine Murdock, Salem; Pi Beta Phi; Mary East Runyan, Salem; Pi Beta Phi; Sue Ferguson, Woodburn, independent; and Evelyn Deal, Longview, Wash., Delta Gamma.

The election, following the 10-day Easter vacation which starts tomorrow, will select the top three as queen and princesses.

Hunt for Convict Turns Eastward

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 2.—Belief that Alfred A. Paine, escaped San Quentin convict, is headed for Idaho was expressed today by police after a fruitless search of this area.

A car in which Paine fled the gun battle was found near Fort Klamath on the road to the lake. It was abandoned because Paine apparently tried to steal some gas—and picked a pump which was filled with water. Another car was then stolen.

Auroran Arrested On Jury's Charge

Jens Hamer of Aurora faces non-support charges in Marion county jail after his apprehension in West Linn and return here following his secret indictment by Marion county grand jury last week, the county sheriff's office reported Wednesday.

Sheriff Denver Young also took into custody Powell Clayton of West Linn, arrested on a circuit court bench warrant by Aurora authorities. No arrest has yet been made in the second secret indictment delivered by the grand jury.

Council Orders Original Meters Franzen's Report Rejected

By Ed Lewis
Staff Writer, The Statesman
There were fireworks at city hall last night as the city council rejected City Manager J. L. Franzen's recommendation and proceeded to re-order Mico parking meters from the Michael Arts Bronze company of Kentucky, whose contract was cancelled last month for non-delivery.

Deciding on the originally-ordered manually operated meters against a strenuous move for automatic meters that would have cost \$10 more per meter (for the order of 1163 meters), the council agreed to a contract with a penalty clause to provide for the company's payment of 25 cents per day per meter not installed by April 25. January 25 of this year was the date of delivery specified in the original contract signed more than a year ago.

The manager's proposal was for purchase of the McGee-Hale company's automatic Park-O-Meter, used in Oregon City, the cost of which is \$61 per meter, compared with the Michael meter's \$51 price. Quoted prices include installation costs.

Mayor R. L. Elstrom stated after the meeting that the contract would be signed this morning.

The mayor said he believed the manual Michael meter would prove satisfactory, although he preferred an automatic meter because of the convenience to the public and because Franzen's recent three-day survey of 17 cities in Washington area, Oregon seemed to show that the automatic meters were superior.

The city now has a better contract than before the March 19 cancellation of the first agreement, Mayor Elstrom declared in calling attention to the company's previous refusal to talk about a penalty clause in the contract and its opposition to company payment of air express charges, both of which are now specified.

Franzen expressed a belief that the Michael Arts meters are as good as any manual meter he has inspected.

First Vote Is Tie
The council's first vote on Franzen's automatic meter recommendation was a tie. Voting against his advice were Aldermen Albert H. Gilie, David O'Hara, Claude W. Jorgensen and D. J. Fry. Those who favored the automatic meters were Aldermen Howard Maple, James Nicholson, R. O. Lewis and Mayor R. L. Elstrom.

After the council's deadlock, Mayor Elstrom indicated his support of Franzen's advice and voted in favor of the Mico meter.

Aldermen Nicholson and Maple led the fight for the automatic meter, based on Franzen's report. Nicholson was the only dissenter in the re-vote which approved the Mico meter order.

Alderman Gilie reminding the council of the "tremendous amount of investigation" made throughout the U. S. by the committee from the previous city council, of which he was a member, and Alderman O'Hara were leading proponents of the Mico meter.

"Our committee found that for the manual type, as a rule, the maintenance cost was considerably lower than for the automatic meter," Gilie pointed out.

Robert Foote, Michael Arts Bronze representative, told the council that the contract was cancelled three weeks before 60 per cent of the order was due.

Referring to the contract cancellation, Foote suggested, "Was this due to lateness of delivery or just a straw in the wind to grasp to get an automatic meter?" He then recalled his company had stood by its original contract with Salem through the long litigation over the city's right to put in meters.

The first parking meter delivery of 450 units was due January 25 but the second, for 713 meters, was not placed until February and was not the meeting brought out, due until 65 days after placing of the order. (Other council news on page 2)

Weather

Table with columns: Max., Min., Precip. for Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York. Includes a forecast for Willamette river and a note about showers in the morning.

Council Orders Original Meters 10 Killed in Explosion Of Fireworks Factory

CLINTON, Mo., April 2.—(AP)—Ten persons were burned to death and five were injured today in an explosion and fire that demolished a one-story fireworks factory in Clinton.

Cause of the blast was undetermined.

Chief of Police J. D. Peays said that all of the 28 workers making toy fourth of July buzz-bombs in the plant were accounted for. Thirteen made their way to safety, the 10 dead were burned almost beyond recognition and five were injured, four of them critically.

The bodies of the dead were brought to a temporary morgue at the city hall in this town of 6,000 population, about 100 miles southeast of Kansas City.

C. F. Province gave this graphic picture of the explosion and fire to a reporter on the scene: "I was tamping powder into small tubes and Will East was working alongside me. I saw a flash in the next room in the northeast corner of the building where Herst (J. C. Herst, one of the dead) was sawing the tubes into lengths and inserting wings. The wings help the buzz-bombs stay in the air."

"I yelled that there was a fire and then ran to a door about 15 feet away. I got to the door and looked back and the whole place was a mass of flames."

"East ran toward another door but then turned back. The flames were everywhere by then and he started running to the door where I was. The hair on his head began to burn but he made the door all right. I put out the flames in his hair and then the whole building went up in flames."

Another witness said he saw two bodies blown into a field some 50 feet from the factory. The blaze, fed by the large amounts of gunpowder in the factory, gave forth such heat that firemen at first were unable to approach within 100 yards of the inferno.

Phone Union Rejects Pay Arbitration

WASHINGTON, April 2.—(AP)—Strike-threatening long distance telephone operators turned down tonight a company offer of limited arbitration on wages.

Government officials, sitting in on the renewed negotiations on one phase of the dispute said the net result of the night session was "no significant progress" toward heading off the nationwide telephone tie-up scheduled for Monday.

William N. Margolis, government conciliator, arranged a new meeting on the long lines phase of the situation for 11 a. m. (EST) tomorrow.

The conferees said George S. Dring, assistant vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, offered arbitration on the wage issue on the basis of pay for work of comparable skill in the various areas.

John J. Moran, president of the American Union of Telephone Workers which represents long lines employees, said the union was willing to arbitrate the whole case, but not part of it.

During the day congress abandoned hopes of enacting anti-strike legislation in time to head off a nationwide walkout Monday.

Joseph A. Beirne, president of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, said the stoppage will take place at 6 a. m. Monday, according to the various time zones, unless the trend of negotiations changes for the better.

2 Babies Die In Home Fire

PORTLAND, April 2.—(AP)—A 3-year-old's curiosity about matches was blamed today by Fire Marshal Miles Woodward for his death and that of his 15-month-old brother.

Roy Michael, 3, and Freddie, 15 months, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Younger, suffocated in a flash fire in their second-story apartment.

Fire investigator W. R. Curtis said the parents told him they ran to Roy's blazing room, but could not find him. Mrs. Younger fell down the stairs, and her husband, after descending, was unable to fight his way back. Both were in a hospital with burns.

The fire marshal reported finding chewed and broken matches in Roy's bed.

Telephone Official On Waiting List?

Telephones still must be hard to get.

The Statesman, phoning last night to ask about Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.'s application to erect a \$6,000,000 new hut warehouse in Salem, was told by "information" that Elmer Berglund, new Salem manager of the telephone company, hasn't a home phone listed with the local exchange.

Britain Asks U. N. Session On Palestine

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., April 2.—(AP)—Britain turned the explosive Palestine problem over to the United Nations today and formally requested that a special session of the general assembly be called immediately to launch preliminary studies.

Acting Secretary-General Victor Hoo started the machinery moving at once. Soon after he had received the British note, Hoo sent a telegram to each of the 55 member nations asking whether they approved the calling of an emergency session. Approval by 28 members is necessary.

The British request in effect passed on to the United Nations the responsibility for finding a remedy for the 25-year-old headache.

The action had been foreshadowed as early as last February 14 when British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin informed Jewish and Arab representatives in London that Britain would make no further efforts to negotiate a settlement of strife in the League of Nations mandate territory, but would turn the problem over to the UN.

This morning France and China notified Hoo that they had no objections to a special session. Russia and the United States already had given similar replies to an informal poll.

Warren R. Austin, chief of the permanent U. S. mission to the United Nations, said he understood that the special session was to be confined to setting up machinery for doing the preliminary work on Palestine.

Sever Probes Mine Tragedy

PORTLAND, Ore., April 2.—(AP)—Frank S. Sever, Portland, Ore., attorney has been appointed special investigator for a senate subcommittee probing the Centralia, Ill., mine disaster.

A former law partner of Senator Cordon (R-Ore.) who heads the investigation, Sever was deputy state treasurer from 1921 to 1924 and later state director of Americanization programs.

He has served as a member of the Multnomah county civil service commission and for seven years was chief deputy in the civil department. He is a veteran of world war I and a graduate of the University of Oregon law school, class of 1911.

Nationalists Bomb Relief Ship in Communist Port

SHANGHAI, April 2.—(AP)—UNRRA today charged that Chinese government planes bombed and strafed a relief ship, the LSTB Wanshen, resulting in injuries to two Chinese as the vessel unloaded supplies at Shikhsiao, a Chinese communist port.

UNRRA's China headquarters said this was the third bombing of relief ships by government planes in two months.

Churches to Observe Communion Tonight; Masses, Services Planned for Good Friday

Churchgoers throughout Salem will pause in their workaday activity tomorrow for Good Friday services in many of the city's churches. Many congregations, too, will take communion tonight in special holy week services.

Many Protestant congregations will join in the Salem Ministerial association-sponsored union Good Friday service at First Congregational church at Cottage and Marion streets, from noon to 3 p. m.

Taking their themes from the last words of Christ on the cross, the following ministers will preach: the Rev. Allen C. Wilcox, "Father forgive . . ." the Rev. Wilmer N. Brown, "Today Thou shalt . . ." the Rev. Dudley Strain, "Woman, Behold . . ." Dr. Charles Durden, "My God, My God," the Rev. H. A. Schlatter, "I thirst," the Rev. Lloyd T. Anderson,

"Father, into thy hands . . ." St. Vincent de Paul's Catholic parish will have the mass of the presanctified celebrated at 8 a. m. Friday and St. Joseph's will have the same mass at noon.

Stations of the cross are scheduled for 2:30 p. m. and 7:45 p. m. at St. Vincent's, and following noon mass and again at 7:30 p. m. in St. Joseph's. Blessing of the Easter fire, Easter water and Easter candle will precede masses beginning at 8 a. m. for each parish Saturday.

St. Mark's Lutheran church will have Good Friday services from noon to 3 p. m. with the Rev. M. A. Getzenander, pastor, assisted by the Rev. Olaf F. Braaten and the Rev. Carl Schulz, and vocal solos by Mrs. A. J. Sholseth and Mrs. Lyle Ertsgaard. Christ Lutheran church

will observe Good Friday at a 7:30 p. m. service. Among other Good Friday programs will be noon to 3 p. m. services at St. Paul's Episcopal church and a 7:45 p. m. communion at the Assembly of God tabernacle.

The First Christian church choir will sing the John Steiner's cantata, "The Crucifixion," at 8 p. m. Friday. Soloists will be Reid Shelton and Chester Douglas, tenors, and Peter Larson, bass, and incidental soloists, Fred Bates, baritone, and Victor Wolfe and Gilbert Clausman, basses.

Holy week communions tonight include those at 7:30 o'clock services at Christ Lutheran, First Methodist and First Christian churches and those at 8 o'clock services at First Presbyterian, Central Lutheran and St. Mark's Lutheran churches.

Permits Arming, Ruling

By Francis W. Carpenter
LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., April 2.—(AP)—The United Nations security council approved tonight, after sharp debate between the United States and Soviet Russia, an agreement giving the United States sole trusteeship over the vital strategic areas of three Pacific islands wrested from the Japanese.

Andrej A. Gromyko, Soviet delegate, voted with the other ten members of the council on a critical vote on an American amendment giving the security council and the United States the right to change or discontinue the agreement.

Require Senate Approval
The trusteeship agreement now must be ratified by the United States senate to become effective.

The council gained the right to fortify the islands, build naval military and air bases, and station U. S. troops on them.

The islands include Saipan, Tinian, Truk, Eniwetok, Kwajalein, and Majuro, some of the most important bases of the war, all in the Marianas, Marshall and Carolines chains.

Two Jima and Okinawa, part of the old Japanese empire and not mandated, were not included. They will be handled in the Japanese peace treaty.

Stipulate Status Allowed
The council approved without argument the first article of the agreement, formally designating the islands as a strategic area—where fortifications may be secreted. Other major provisions of the agreement were:

1. The U. S. shall have full powers of administration, legislation and jurisdiction over the islands.

2. The U. S. must promote the development of the inhabitants toward self-government or independence. The independence provision was written in at the request of Russia.

No New Reich Until Big 4 Sets Economy

MOSCOW, April 2.—(AP)—The four-power foreign ministers agreed tonight that no provisional German government would be established until the deadlocked question of economic unity for that country had been decided.

The ministers once again found themselves deadlocked on many important issues. The only concession of the day was an apparent compromise by French Foreign Secretary Bidault, who agreed conditionally to British proposals for establishing a provisional government in Germany, by stages.

American officials disclosed that U. S. Secretary of State Marshall had informed Russian Foreign Minister Molotov by letter that when pressed withdrawals of U. S. armed forces in China were complete, only 6199 personnel would remain there, and these at the request of the Chinese government.

In the sessions on Germany, Marshall suggested the ministers abolish the veto principle in the Allied control council, as applied to any future provisional German government.

Molotov objected immediately. He said that would destroy the principle of unanimity in the control council, and the Russians were against that.

Sugar Beets Get Local Fertilizer

CORVALLIS, April 2.—(AP)—Six thousand tons of ammonium sulfate fertilizer from the Salem alumina plant—about a month's production—will go to Oregon, Washington and Idaho sugar beet farms.

A. S. King, Oregon State college extension service, reported that UNRRA had authorized use of the tonnage on northwest farms instead of shipment to China. The Salem plant has been producing the fertilizer for UNRRA relief in China.

Bevin to Keep Post! Ouster Move Denied

LONDON, April 2.—(AP)—Newspaper reports that Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin would be moved out of his job and made Britain's economic boss were denied tonight by Sir Stafford Cripps, president of the board of trade and, himself, frequently mentioned as Bevin's possible successor.

He said Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison will direct the government's economic program as soon as Morrison recuperates from a lengthy illness.

Harvester Strike Set

CHICAGO, April 2.—(AP)—The CIO farm equipment workers today filed a 30-day strike notice against the International Harvester company on behalf of 30,000 workers in 10 plants.

CANADIAN A-CENSORSHIP
OTTAWA, April 2.—(AP)—The Canadian government today formally placed atomic energy information under peacetime censorship replacing war controls.