

Commuters Clamor for Additional Bus Service

Petrillo Wins Fight to Force Stations to Hire Musicians



JAMES C. PETRILLO
One Round Win

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

This week President Truman presented his budget to the congress. Already it is being discussed both in and out of that legislative body. Chairman John Taber of the house appropriations committee says he hopes to cut off \$5 billion from the president's near-\$40 billion. A legislative budget committee is due to give over the budget and ask the limit for spending in the next fiscal year. Then the various items will be studied critically by sub-committees and reviewed by the general committees on appropriations in house and senate. Finally each legislative chamber will take action.

This is the legislative process in the United States, and the same route in general is followed in state legislatures. Our legislative bodies guard zealously the "power of the purse" having learned the hard way out of the experience of the British house of commons in its struggles with the royal Stewart.

But Bulgaria, fresh child of communism, does things differently. The administration prepares the budget and submits it to the parliament. There the nine socialist deputies undertook to criticize the government budget, whereupon Premier Georgi Dimitrov, the Moscow-trained seal who now is boss of his native Bulgaria, made a speech in this wise:

"From this rostrum, as you remember, I warned your allies of the Nikola Petkov group ten times. They did not listen, did not pay attention to all warnings which were made. They broke their heads and their leader is under the ground. You yourself think not to share the fate of your own allies, foreign agents and Bulgaria's enemies. If hitherto you were not wiser and do not get wiser, you will receive from the nation such a lesson as you will remember as far as Saint Peter."

Petkov, it is recalled, was a leader of the Agrarian party, a staunch believer in true democracy who was executed last September under conviction of "plotting against the government."

In these days communist spokesmen have calmly stolen the banner of "democracy," but for them it is a false label, for their methods are totalitarian, not democratic. This speech of Dimitrov's is about as good evidence as one would ask for of the kind of "democracy" Russia and its satellites "enjoy." I have no doubt it silenced the nine socialists.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Dark glasses and some sun-tan oil—I'm heading South."

Lea Act Said 'Dead' with Suit Verdict

CHICAGO, Jan. 14 (AP)—James C. Petrillo won his fight today to escape conviction under the Lea act which congress passed to trim his powers, and declared the way now is cleared to seek additional broadcasting jobs for his 225,000 Federal Judge J. Walker LaBuy ruled the government failed to prove its charge that Petrillo attempted, in violation of the act, to coerce radio station WAAF, Chicago, to hire more workers than it needed.

Petrillo called three of the station's record librarians out on strike on May 23, 1946 after the station rejected his demand that three additional librarians be hired.

This was not coercion, the court held, because "nothing contained in the letters and telegrams between the defendant and the representatives of the station disclosed to the defendant the lack of need for additional employees as a reason for rejecting the defendant's demands." Neither did the evidence show Petrillo was told of this, the decision added.

Jubilant Smile
Petrillo, 55, who received the judge's verdict with a jubilant smile, said to newsmen:

"I guess this puts a different light on the situation. The broadcasters have been telling me I cannot force them to hire more musicians than are needed. Now I can ask for additional musicians as long as they perform actual services."

Petrillo's lawyer, Daniel Carmel, said, "the essence of this decision is that the Lea act is dead. If a union, in good faith, asks a station to install live musicians, such a request is valid and the union may strike, if necessary."

Network officials themselves declined to comment but those familiar with industry negotiations doubt that Petrillo intends to pull musicians off network shows when the present contract expires Jan. 31. Most persons felt that union musicians would remain on network programs while negotiations continued.

However, the decision dealt specifically with one point Petrillo has raised in negotiating with the networks. That is his demand that key network stations employ more musicians and that local stations be required to employ musicians.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—Rep. Hoffman, (R-Mich.) proposed "deceptive steps" today to curb what he termed the dictatorial method of James C. Petrillo by suggesting a federal law making a criminal offense to interfere with radio broadcasts.

Polio Victim Visits Truman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—Three-year-old Terry Tullios, legs in braces, walked into President Truman's office today, threw his arms around a federal Truman's neck and said, "Mr. President, you're sweet."

Terry, a curly-haired, brown-eyed youngster from Laurel, Miss., is this year's March of Dimes "poster boy." His White House visit was part of the annual fund-raising campaign for victims of infantile paralysis.

Over and over, the president and his little visitor embraced while the scene was photographed by movie and "still" camera men.

School District Favors Annexation

STAYTON, Jan. 14 (Special)—Voters of the Stayton union high school district Wednesday night voted almost unanimously to approve addition of several districts to their district, and approve the union high school's 1948 budget.

By a 63 to 0 count the voters approved addition of Lyons, McCully Mountain, Oakdale, Independence and a portion of district 128. Vote on the 1948 budget was 62 for and one against.

WALLGREN FILLS POST
OLYMPIA, Jan. 14 (AP)—Gov. Mon C. Wallgren today picked the state chairman of the democratic central committee to complete the unexpired term of the late Belle Reeves, appointing Earl Coe of Bingen secretary of state.

OLDEST STUDENT DIES
SEATTLE, Jan. 14 (AP)—The University of Washington's oldest student, Mark B. Franklin, 72-year-old retired school teacher, collapsed and died on the street tonight, while on his way home from the university.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	45	26	.00
Portland	47	29	.00
San Francisco	47	27	.00
Chicago	11	27	.00
New York	30	27	.00

Forecast (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy today, tonight and Friday. High today 46, low tonight 30.

James Walton On List of New PGE Directors

James J. Walton, Salem, president of the Walton-Brown Electric company, is one of 11 directors named by Federal Judge James A. Fee in Portland Wednesday for the Portland General Electric company.

The appointment was one of the last actions in reorganizing Portland Electric Power company. Walton is also president of the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Other directors named are William C. Christenson, president of the Commercial National bank of Hillsboro; Wade Newbegin, manager of R. M. Wade & Co.; Ralph Thoren, assistant manager of the Bank of California, Portland branch; Sidney F. Woodbury, president of Woodbury & Co.; Lloyd J. Wentworth, Douglas Fir Export Lumber company; John A. Zehntbauer, president of Jantzen Knitting Mills; Henry F. Cabel, Portland business man; James H. Polhemus, president of P.G.E., and R. L. Clark and Thomas D. Delzell, independent Peppo trustees.

New directors are to serve until the first regular meeting of stockholders following expiration of the first year after the plan was declared effective October 11.

Helen Marcus Hurt in Wreck

Helen Marcus, 1411 State st., prominent Salem clubwoman, was seriously injured Wednesday night about 10:50 p. m. when the car which she was driving plunged off the road and overturned three miles south of Salem on highway 99E, state police reported.

Investigating officers said the car left the highway near the Hugh Harris ranch, and overturned several times before ending up in a deep ditch. The victim was thrown out of the vehicle. She was driving north toward Salem when the accident occurred, officers said.

She was taken to Salem General hospital by the Salem first aid car. Hospital attendants early this morning said she was suffering from several face lacerations and shock, but did not consider her condition serious.

Wallace Toys with Governorship Race

PORTLAND, Jan. 14 (AP)—Lew Wallace, democratic national committee man, said today he was considering whether or not to run for governor in democratic nomination for governor.

He made the statement in announcing that he would not seek re-election as national committee man. Wallace ran for governor against the late Earl Snell in 1940.

Jets Rapidly Replacing Props On Planes, Maj. Carl Asserts

By Les Cour
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Jet propelled aircraft are rapidly replacing propeller-driven planes in all branches of the armed forces and will soon take over the job completely, Maj. Marion E. Carl, marine air force ace and native of Woodburn, told The Statesman in an interview Wednesday.

Carl, now commander of a jet night fighter squadron at Cherry Point, N.C., is one of the country's outstanding authorities on all types of aircraft and holder of the world's speed records. Last August he flew a Douglas Skystrak 650,796 miles an hour at Murdock Dry Lake, Calif. He recently completed two years of duty testing all types of military aircraft at the naval testing base at Patuxent River, Md.

The handsome, retiring Carl arrived unannounced at the Marion hotel Wednesday night a short time before he was scheduled to speak before military and civilian recruiters of Salem's marine reserve corps.

He was "cornered" by reporters a short time later as he was awaiting dinner in the hotel dining room. While an authority on jet jobs, Carl laughingly admitted he really had spent more time fly-



Bus-Riders Facing public utilities examiners and Oregon Motor Stages officials is shown part of a crowd of more than 200 suburban bus riders of the Salem area who requested improved bus service at a PUC hearing in Salem Chamber of Commerce Wednesday. Attorney C. T. Terril (standing) of the bus company seeking suburban bus permits is speaking in front of table at which sit Mrs. Mildred Warrick, PUC reporter; Malcolm L. Jones, PUC examiner, and James Singleton, PUC's assistant superintendent of motor transportation. (Statesman photo by Don Hill, staff photographer.)

Full Restoration of Former Suburban Schedules Asked

By Robert E. Gangware
City Editor, The Statesman

Salem suburban bus service is under consideration by the state public utilities commission today, after a heated public hearing in which local commuters clamored for routes offered last year by another company.

Oregon Motor Stages, seeking a permit under a new law requiring PUC permits for suburban bus operations, proposed eight bus routes — four of them duplicating service which Salem Suburban Bus Lines was offering when it withdrew from business December 31.

More than 200 suburban bus users gathered in Salem Chamber of Commerce hall Wednesday morning, most of them to protest the service which OMS has developed to cover the general area served formerly by a bus system operated by Dwight Wyatt.

Added Mileage
General Manager A. L. Schnelzer pointed out that Oregon Motor Stages has added 7,000 miles per month to its schedules since January 1, when that firm took over the area Salem Suburban company was serving exclusively and revised suburban routes it had begun last fall.

Most citizens who took the floor at the morning session of the hearing implied that OMS had forced Salem Suburban Lines out of business and then reduced service in their areas, either in frequency or in routing.

New Opposition
When, as a result, Oregon Motor Stages amended its application for permit to duplicate Wyatt routes, opposition again was voiced by several commuters who asserted that Wyatt's service at the end of the year had already been curtailed in an effort to meet the competition from OMS. They asked Oregon Motor Stages to restore the service Wyatt was offering prior to October when OMS entered the suburban field.

Examiners conducting the PUC hearing indicated that Public Utilities Commissioner George Watt would issue an order on the request for permit probably by the end of the month. They noted that since Oregon Motor Stages is coming within PUC jurisdiction for the first time (in the Salem and Eugene suburban routes) the decision on the request will be made on the basis of general routes proposed. If a permit is granted, PUC assumes certain responsibility for the public's interest in timing of schedules and related matters.

Eight routes proposed by OMS are the present routes to Keizer, Fisher road and Four Corners, a route to Chemawa via Highway 99E and returning by Highway 219. Front, Columbia and Commercial streets and these four "Wyatt routes":

South Commercial street—Liberty road — Boone road — old highway 99 — 12th — Mission — South Commercial.

South Commercial street—Liberty road — Browning avenue — U.S. Highway 99E — Russell cliff drive — Bluff — Fairview avenue — 99E — South Commercial.

Center street — Lancaster drive — State — Elma — Mahrt — Lancaster — Auburn — Fruitland — Lancaster — Garden road — Park — Center.

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Hall Backs Plan for Territorial Centennial

PORTLAND, Jan. 14 (AP)—Governor John H. Hall said today he hoped to go forward with the late Earl Snell's plan for statewide celebration this year of the Oregon territory's centennial.

Hall told the East Side Commercial club he has called the state emergency board to a Thursday meeting to vote funds for the celebration.

Killer Given 60-Day Stay Of Sentence

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 14 (AP)—Talkative Jake Bird, who has told officers he could clear up a 20-year cross-country trail of slayings, won a 60-day reprieve from hanging today, but the information was kept from him at the state prison.

Gov. Mon C. Wallgren announced the 60-day postponement in execution of the 46-year-old negro to facilitate further investigation of numerous murders in which he has admitted a part and because of a request from Gov. Dwight Green of Illinois.

After the governor's announcement, Prosecuting Attorney Patrick Steele of Tacoma announced that he was going to the penitentiary at Walla Walla to administer "truth serum" to Bird for further questioning. He said he was taking a psychiatrist with him.

U. S. to Reopen Base in Tripoli

LONDON, Jan. 14 (AP)—The United States will soon reopen Meliha, highly strategic air base near Tripoli in North Africa which American transport planes used as a landing field during the war, it was disclosed today.

U.S. air officials in Europe said the base was being reopened "because of additional supply-carrying transport flights necessary to serve American missions in the middle east, including the mission to Greece, and the air base at Dharran in Saudi Arabia."

(Secretary of Defense Forrestal said in Washington the Tripoli base was "not an air base in the military sense" but a "way station on a trunk line to Athens.")

Democrats Gain on GOP in Multnomah

PORTLAND, Jan. 14 (AP)—Heavy democratic registrations are about to end Multnomah county's republican majority.

For several weeks an average of 100 democrats and 50 republicans have been registering daily. The total now stands at 81,861 republicans and 81,206 democrats.

Ivan Ivanovitch and John Doe

In the course of "A Russian Journal," now appearing in this newspaper, John Steinbeck and Robert Capa touch upon some of the strange impressions the Russian people have of the American people. But are our ideas about them much less inaccurate? Until this great writer and ace photographer actually spent two months living in Russia — mingling with everyday Russian people — no one could be quite sure. Now you are given the first close-up of a people heretofore obscured by censorship and badly interpreted by their own leaders' propaganda. With a drama and insight such as only John Steinbeck's words and Capa's photographs could bring this series—the second installment of which appears today on page 4—belongs on your list of not-to-be-missed reading.

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President Voices Threat of Slump In Plea for Curbs

By Sterling F. Green
WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—President Truman told the republican-controlled congress today that it must give him price control, rationing and other strong anti-inflation powers or take responsibility for a possibly "destructive" slump.

Congressional democrats followed through by introducing legislation to provide the \$40 "cost of living" income tax cut asked by the president for every taxpayer and dependent.

The bill was offered by Rep. Dingell (D-Mich) in opposition to the \$5,600,000,000 tax-cut bill which the republican leadership of the house has promised to push through quickly.

In keeping with the president's recommendations, Dingell's bill proposes that the \$3,200,000,000 lost to the government through the income tax cut be made up from higher corporation taxes. It provides a partial return to the wartime excess profits tax.

Warns of Slump
The president sent to Capitol Hill a 136-page economic report bristling with warnings of inflation and a "serious" slump.

It reported the nation at a "high level of prosperity." It forecast "another year of splendid achievement." But it reported that this seeming well-being rests "on a wave of inflation which has already caused serious hardship and presents grave concern for the future."

Just as the message reached congress, Secretary of Interior Krug testified that if price control authority is granted he will at once "freeze" the retail and wholesale prices of coal, fuel oil, gasoline and all petroleum products for 60 days.

May Ration Fuel Oil
It might "possibly" be necessary to ration fuel oil, Krug told the senate banking committee.

Secretary of Commerce Harrison told the senators price ceilings also are planned for steel, textiles, lumber and farm machinery if the administration gets the authority.

He said steel ceilings would be imposed to stamp out the so-called "gray market" buying and selling of scarce steel at abnormally high prices.

Coffins Keep Ship Afloat

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—Army officials expressed the belief today that the load of sealed coffins aboard the still burning hull of the army transport Joseph V. Connolly is making the ship sink-proof.

The transport, east bound for Europe, carried about 6,300 coffins intended for use in return of war dead. Army transportation experts said the coffins, sealed tightly, probably are acting as a huge life preserver for the ship and would make it virtually impossible for her to sink, even if subjected to gunfire.

Train Wreck in Canada Fatal to 7

PARENT, Que., Jan. 14 (AP)—Seven persons were killed and 43 injured today in the wreck of two westbound passenger trains at Wykes, a flag-stop station on the Canadian National railway, far up in Quebec's bleak, snow-covered northland. Unconfirmed reports said the number of dead might be as high as 15.

In bitter 35 below zero weather, passengers and crews, many cut and bleeding, fought their way into the wreckage to recover bodies and rescue injured.

Missionaries Flee in China

CHENGCHOW, China, Thursday, Jan. 15 (AP)—Evacuation of American missionaries — and equipment from a 100-bed hospital — was under way today, while Chinese communists fought within three miles of this well-defended city.

A veteran American missionary, who survived the 1927 anti-foreign violence in China, commented: "It looks to me like it's time for us all to get out of China again."

Commercial airlines were taking out some evacuees, and the Lutheran mission transport plane "St. Paul" flew out yesterday with the first load of equipment from the 100-bed Southern Baptist hospital, one of the largest in central China.

Europe Socialists Termed Bulwark Against Commies

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—European socialists are among the strongest bulwarks in Europe against communism," the state department told congress today.

It explained that this is so because socialists believe in democracy, fundamental freedoms such as those of speech and religion, and individual rights.

The view was set forth in a summary of the European political situation presented to congress by Truman administration agencies as a basis for legislative action on the Marshall recovery program.

\$1250 Ring Lost as Driver Signals Turn

PORTLAND, Jan. 14 (AP)—Blanche E. Johns of Portland is tempted to give up being a careful driver.

She told police she signaled for a stop yesterday, and a \$1,250 diamond ring fell from her finger. She hasn't been able to find it.