

Veto-Free Global Group Backed by 14 GOP Senators

Reduction in Foreign Aid Sought by Solons, Led by Sens. Ball, Brewster

WASHINGTON, March 2-(AP)—A new international agency to protect this nation and all its friends against both aggression and subversion was proposed tonight by a group of republican senators.

It would be outside the United States, free of the Russian veto which has stymied many U. N. security council moves. Russia, however, is not mentioned by name in the proposal.

Court Holds Tithing Law Constitutional

Oregon's tithing law is constitutional, the state supreme court held Tuesday.

The majority opinion was written by Justice James T. Brand with Chief Justice George Ross dissenting. It reversed Circuit Judge George E. Duncan of the Marion county circuit court.

The suit originally was brought by T. J. Starker and Margaret O. Starker against the state forestry board, State Forester Nels Rogers and State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott. Plaintiffs objected to any forestry receipts going into the general fund of the state and contested the state fire patrol tax which amounts to as much as 5 cents an acre plus 10 per cent.

Under the tithing law approximately 24 per cent of the state department receipts must go into the general fund. These departments receive their revenues largely from taxes and fees which they levy themselves.

The tithing law was enacted in 1933 but has been amended on several occasions since that time. Several attempts to repeal the law by the legislature were futile.

Steel Company Head Defends Price Boost

WASHINGTON, March 2-(AP)—Amid a barrage of critical questions, the head of U. S. Steel corporation denied today the recent steel price boost was inflationary.

President Benjamin E. Fairless of U. S. Steel told the senate-house economic committee that many of the complaints against the industry were "political." The increase was justified, he said, to halt a loss in certain steel operations.

He insisted that the \$4.85-a-ton boost in price of semi-finished steel announced Feb. 20 was "too small and unimportant" to be inflationary. It applied to only about 10 per cent of his firm's tonnage, he emphasized.

Its influence on general price levels has been "grossly exaggerated," he said, and added that his firm "cannot fairly be made the scapegoat for the nation's ills."

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said the "inevitable result" of the increase is to encourage labor to seek another wage increase.

The committee is checking into causes of recent price hikes.

Chiung Urged to Permit Kidnaper to Fight Communists

NANKING, March 2-(AP)—Chiung Kai-Shek was urged today to permit the Manchurian marshal who kidnaped him in 1936 to fight for the government in Manchuria.

The marshal, Chang Hsueh-Liang, heir of the last warlord ruler of Manchuria, has been under government detention since the kidnaping. He now lives in Formosa.

A meeting of old Manchurian generals and elder statesmen in Nanking proposed that the marshal be allowed to return to Manchuria in a prominent position of trust.

Honduras Residents Demonstrate Loyalty

BELIZE, British Honduras, March 2-(AP)—Thousands of residents of this capital city participated today in a demonstration of loyalty to the British. They marched through the streets singing patriotic songs and waving British flags.

Two British cruisers and a detachment of troops have arrived here to protect British lives and property. Neighboring Guatemala claims British Honduras.

EAST OREGON HOBBERIES FENDELTON, Ore., March 2-(AP)—Police searched today for "professional" safecrackers blamed for robberies at Ordinance and Hermiston last night. A total of \$6,380.75 was taken.

Weather  
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New York: Max. 38, Min. 28, Precip. 0.00  
Chicago: Max. 38, Min. 28, Precip. 0.00  
Washington: Max. 42, Min. 32, Precip. 0.00  
Willamette river 7.8 feet  
\*FORCAST from U. S. weather bureau (McNary field, Salem): Clear today and tonight with local morning fogs. High today 50, low tonight 32.

Paternity Suit Names Alabama Governor

Costa Ricans Hold Top Politico A-Scientist's Loyalty File Asked

Dr. Condon Said 'Bookie' Arrested By Portland Police As Ordinance Test To Top Secrets

WASHINGTON, March 2-(AP)—A loyalty file of Dr. Edward U. Condon, atomic scientist and head of the National Bureau of Standards, were demanded today by a congressman who says Condon associated with suspected Russian spies.

At the same time, the atomic energy commission told congress that Condon has no access to its top secrets.

Chairman Thomas (R-NJ) of the house un-American activities committee directed a subpoena for records of the commerce department loyalty board.

Thomas complaint against Condon was based principally on a letter from J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation. A quoted excerpt from the letter said Condon had been in contact "with an individual alleged, by a self-confessed Soviet espionage agent, to have engaged in espionage activities with the Russians in Washington, D.C. from 1941 to 1944."

Tonight the Washington Post said it had been told by two reliable persons who saw the letter that Hoover added that there was no evidence of disloyalty or subversive activity.

Other things Tuesday: The 46-year-old scientist, whose department deals in highly important defense research, said in reply: "This is gratifying information because I'm absolutely reliable."

In New York, Henry Wallace, who was said in the report to have recommended Condon for the bureau post, declared that Thomas does not "seriously believe that Dr. Condon has betrayed a single scientific secret, directly or indirectly, to the Soviets."

Farmer Jones Files in Salem  
H. R. (Farmer) Jones, Salem republican, filed Tuesday his candidacy for the state representative post he held from 1941-45.

Also filing was E. Riddell Lage, Hood River, for state senator from the 18th district, Hood River-Grand Wasco counties. Lage, a republican, is now a state representative and had been mentioned as a prospective candidate for speaker of the house for the 1949 legislative session.

Other things Tuesday: Oliver E. Smith, Portland, democrat, for state representative, 5th district, Multnomah county.  
Walter J. Toole, Portland, for circuit judge, 4th judicial district, department of Multnomah county, Non-partisan.

Albert G. Valle, Portland, republican, for state representative, 5th district, Multnomah county.  
George L. Duker, Fossil, republican, for district attorney of Wheeler county.

Finland Concludes Trade Pact with Britain  
LONDON, March 2-(AP)—The board of trade said tonight trade negotiations had been concluded successfully with Finland.

The board of trade said Great Britain had agreed to supply Finland with 500,000 tons of coal and coke and 50,000 tons of steel. Finland will pay with wood pulp, pit props and other timber products.

Portland Approved  
PORTLAND, March 2-(AP)—The state health officer said today that the U. S. public health service had approved a proposed \$1,000,000 hospital for Tillamook county.

One-third of the funds for the 75-bed hospital would come from the federal government, two-thirds from Tillamook county.

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CULLMAN, Ala., March 2-(AP)—An Alabama woman asked a court here today to declare Gov. James E. Folsom her legal husband and the father of her 22-month-old child.

The woman, suing as Christine Putman Folsom, asked the Cullman circuit court to issue a declaratory judgment establishing both points.

She set out in the suit that she asked no money for herself or her child.

Governor Folsom, a candidate for the democratic nomination for president, was inaugurated in January of last year. He is a widower.

En Route to Capital  
The 6-foot-3-inch Alabama governor, who said he "kissed all the babies over 16" in his campaign for that office, was enroute to Washington tonight and could not be reached immediately for a statement.

In companion suit, filed by "James Douglas Folsom," through his "next friend," Carter E. Putman, a brother of the child's mother, the child asked the court to establish the "legitimacy of his relationship" to the governor.

The child was born at Nashville, Tenn., April 17, 1946, the suit alleges. That date was in the midst of Folsom's whirlwind campaign for governor.

No Statutory Procedure  
The suit asserts that political considerations influenced the governor to be the "marriage man" not effected by the customary statutory procedure and was not given general or press publicity.

The mother's suit said she also is known as "Christine Putman Johnston" and is the daughter of Earl and Mrs. P. L. Putman of Cullman county.

Birmingham friends of the attractive divorcee said she is "about 30."

The petition asserts that Folsom arranged for the birth of the child, and then arranged for Mrs. Johnston and her baby boy to go to Michigan until after the runoff primary in June, 1946.

'Change of Heart'  
Afterwards, the suit continued, Folsom "had a change of heart," and under Alabama law, Folsom will have 30 days after summons is served in the suit to file his answer.

Hall to Announce Political Decision Within Five Days  
TILLAMOOK, Ore., March 2-(AP)—Governor Hall promised here today he would announce within five days whether he will see the republican nomination for governor.

Hall-conferred with representatives of coast chambers of commerce, Izaak Walton league units and sportsmen's clubs on recent coast stream closures ordered by state game authorities.

Senator McKay, of Salem, appeared here with the governor's party. McKay is a candidate for the republican gubernatorial nomination.

Argentine Duel Minus Bloodshed  
BUENOS AIRES, March 2-(AP)—Two members of congress fought a duel with pistols today. No one was hurt.

Rodolfo Decker, editor of the newspaper Laborista which supports the government of President Peron, and Lt. Col. Gregorio Pomar, a member of the radical opposition, each fired one shot. They left the field without reconciliation.

Duelling is illegal in Argentina but duels are held frequently to settle political disputes.

House to Abandon Probe Into Long's Tax Returns  
WASHINGTON, March 2-(AP)—The house decided today against looking into income tax returns of Earl W. Long, democratic nominee for governor of Louisiana.

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Initiative Seeks To Ban Boost In Income Tax

Preliminary petition for an initiative measure that would wipe out the state income tax increases resulting from defeat of the 3 per cent sales tax bill at the special election last October was filed at the statehouse Tuesday by the State Federation of Labor and the Oregon Farmers union.

The 1947 legislature provided that if the voters defeated the sales tax bill, state income tax exemptions would be reduced from \$1,500 to \$1,000 for married couples and from \$750 to \$500 for single persons. The reduced exemptions affect income earned in 1947.

The initiative measure, if approved by the voters, would restore the income tax exemptions to what they were prior to the special election.

Sponsors said they hoped to place the initiative measure on the ballot at the general election next November.

Man Dies after Auto Accident Near Lebanon

LEBANON, March 2-(Special)—Charles O. Wilson of Portland died in Lebanon General hospital tonight within four hours of a Saniam highway collision of a sedan driven by Wilson, and a local lumber truck.

Mrs. Sam Carter, 69, Sweet Home, an aunt of Wilson and his only passenger in the accident, incurred head injuries and was in a critical condition at the hospital late tonight.

Wilson, 44, was a merchant marine captain.

The accident occurred about 3:30 p.m. three miles south of here. State police who investigated, said Wilson's sedan passed another passenger vehicle and struck the rear of a Darwin Lumber Co. truck as it was turning left off the highway.

William M. Smith, the lumber truck driver, was not injured.

Spring Brings Birds to Feed on Madras Fields

MADRAS, March 2-(AP)—Spring came to central Oregon today and the state police was asked to do something about it.

Spring brought thousands of wild geese and ducks, which began settling to feed in the grain fields of the Metolius district.

Farmers asked state police for help, saying destruction was heavy.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH  
"This is the best audience we've ever had."

Truman Called 'Dead Bird' as Civil Rights Measures Gain

WASHINGTON, March 2-(AP)—A cry that "Harry Truman is a dead bird" was raised by Rep. Rivers (D-SC) today as republicans piled new fuel on the Dixie "civil rights" revolt.

Rivers beat the anti-Truman drum after: 1—The house judiciary committee, dominated by republicans, approved a federal anti-lynching bill.

Seven senators, five of them republicans, pressed for senate action on a bill to set up a permanent fair employment practices commission to outlaw job discrimination against negroes and other minority groups.

The anti-lynch and FEPC bills are among the Truman recommendations which have touched off a revolt among southern democrats, with threats to break with the national party if the president is nominated for a full term in the White House.

Rivers told republicans in a house speech they were making a mistake in trying to "embarrass Mr. Truman by pushing through his program."

"You are going to burn down the house to get at the rats," he shouted. "You had better make friends with the south right now while there is still time."

A committee of southern democrats in the house who are fighting the Truman program met later in the day. Chairman Colmer (D-Miss) told reporters no decisions were made.

Klansmen Hear Leader State 'Blood to Flow'

WRIGHTSVILLE, Ga., March 2-(AP)—Some 300 hooded and robed klansmen paraded here tonight and heard their leader declare "blood will flow in the streets of the south if the white men through force of federal bayonets."

The klansmen burned a 15-foot high cross on the courthouse lawn after parading around the square. They formed in a circle around the cross and heard Dr. Samuel Green, Georgia grand dragon, criticize President Truman's civil rights program with these words:

"We reaffirm our loyalty to the constitution, our way to uphold the laws but there are some things beyond the law.

"The klan will not permit the people of this country to become a mongrel race. President Truman is facing certain defeat unless he force of federal bayonets, blood if he wants to take the negro as his equal that's his business."

Green told the crowd "We want to see the negro treated fairly, but whenever the negro takes a place at the side of white men through force of federal bayonets, blood will flow in streets of the south."

\$50 Monthly Aged Pension Sought in State

A preliminary petition providing a minimum \$50 a month old age pension in Oregon, to be administered by a one-man old age commission, was offered for filing Tuesday in the office of Dave O'Hara, in charge of the state elections bureau, but will be sent back for correction.

Sponsors are Joe E. Dunne, Henry Menasco, Opal L. Howk, G. L. Artz, J. A. Williams and Charles A. Townsend, all of Portland.

In event the sponsors obtain 18,569 signatures the measure would be on the ballot at the general election next November.

Old age pensions are now administered by the public welfare commission. The measure also directs the legislature to provide sufficient funds to pay the larger pensions.

Fire Destroys Highway Cafe  
Fire believed to have started in the french fryer destroyed the Homestead, Salem-Dallas highway cafe, early Tuesday afternoon, but adjacent buildings were saved.

Salem fire equipment was called, but firemen said the building was nearly razed upon their arrival.

Part of a shed at the rear of the structure was burned but a restaurant only a few yards away escaped the blaze. Whether the loss was covered by insurance was not determined Tuesday.

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