

School Board Votes Budget; Includes 15% Raise for Teachers

A salary increase of about 15 per cent for all teachers and other employees of Salem school district, plus a general belt-tightening in other departments of school operations, feature a 1948-49 budget adopted Tuesday night by the district school board and citizens' budget committee.

The budget calls for a general fund of \$1,620,850 to be financed by tax millage estimated at 32.5, up 5.5 mills from last year's 27-mill rate for school purposes. Total school tax levy is expected to be higher, however, due to bond funds already levied for or contemplated in the district.

Salem taxpayers will pay an additional 2.5 levy for a bond fund already in effect, down 2 mill from last year, and taxpayers of Salem and districts which consolidated with this district a year ago would pay another 1.9 mills if a proposed \$1,500,000 bond issue for school expansion is approved.

This would make the total school tax levy within Salem an estimated 36.9 mills, up 7.2 mills from last year.

Both the new bond issue and the \$420,083 needed, outside the 6 per cent budget increase ceiling under Oregon law, to balance the budget for 1948-49 will be voted on in a school election April 16. (Additional details, page 2)

Contracts Let For Buildings At Hillcrest

A low bid of \$688,151 from a Portland contracting firm was approved by the state board of control Tuesday for the construction of buildings and a tunnel at Hillcrest school for girls and work will probably get under way within a few weeks, officials said.

The bid, one of five, was received from Maloney and Moore, contractors, for the building of a dormitory, school building, food locker and tunnel. The state emergency board has been called here Friday to approve or reject the health department's plan to locate a portable tuberculosis X-ray machine in the state capital building for a few days about May 3.

Klamath Snow Closes Schools

KLAMATH FALLS, March 23 (AP)—Heavy snows disrupted power service and forced closure of all Klamath county schools here today.

Peterson Refuses Hearing on Milk Price Adjustments

PORTLAND, March 23 (AP)—The Portland Milk Distributors' association announced today that State Agriculture Director E. L. Peterson had refused a new hearing for milk price revision.

Animal Crackers



Pilot, Passenger Survive C-47 Crash

8 Dead; Wreckage Reached

WOODLAND, Wash., March 23 (AP)—Capt. A. B. Little of the Washington state patrol radioed from the scene of a crashed C-47 air force transport late tonight that searchers had found eight bodies of air force personnel in the snow blanketed mountains. Two others survived.

Quartermaster said the last two bodies found were located by following tracks down a stream on the north slope of the mountain side where the plane struck. The scene is five miles north of Davis peak.

The plane vanished early Sunday afternoon during a torrential rain-storm while approaching Portland for an instrument landing. It had left Fairfield-Susun base in California.

Both survivors are under treatment at the Barnes General hospital, Vancouver, Wash. They are Major John B. Harding, pilot, and a fellow passenger, crawled through mountain snows with a broken leg and severe burns to tell searchers today the location of the wrecked craft. Eight others died in or after the crash.

House to Pass 'Veto-Proof' Tax Cut Today

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—The house got set today to pass the \$4,800,000,000 income tax cut bill along to President Truman tomorrow.

The rules committee decreed only one hour of debate before the vote.

British Watch Trieste Border

ROME, March 23 (AP)—British military police reinforced the border in Trieste (free state) tonight as a precautionary measure.

Senate Passes Greek-Turk Aid

Gen. Clay To Stay in Germany

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—The United States posted new "communism keep out" signs today in western Germany, in Turkey and in Greece.

President Truman announced that a military man, Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, would stay in command of our German occupation zone indefinitely. A plan to let the state department take over next July is held out the window.

The White House said this was decided after "a review of the present situation." Some officials said this country was acting to prevent any weakening of its position in so vital an outpost of western Europe.

Then the senate approved, without even the formality of a record vote, a \$275,000,000 program for two other countries on the east-west boundary—Greece and Turkey. The purpose: to provide those countries with arms, equipment and U. S. military advice.

The house started debate on its \$6,205,000,000 bill covering Greek-Turkish aid and military, along with economic aid to China. But the big item in the bill was "ERP"—the \$5,300,000,000 European recovery program.

Mr. Truman conferred for more than an hour with the nation's highest defense chiefs. His press secretary, Charles G. Ross, said they talked about "budget problems in connection with the armed services—nothing more."

Log Crushes Boy on Beach

NEWPORT, March 23 (AP)—Gene Cranford, 17, former Hubbard resident, was killed on the beach here today when crushed under a log on which he sought refuge from an incoming wave.

Truman Invokes T-H Act To Help Stop Coal Walkout

U.S. Calls for Showdown on Berlin Council

BERLIN, March 23 (AP)—The United States, Britain and France asked today for a showdown on whether the Soviet Union wants to maintain four-power rule over Germany.

This came in a demand upon Soviet Marshal Vasily Sokolovsky to set a date for the next meeting of the allied control council before taking up work of lesser four-power committees.

Late today the Russians partially ended their boycott of four-power government by calling for a meeting of subcommittees on currency reform and currency printing for later in the week.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, the American military governor, declared his own boycott, however, by informing Sokolovsky that the Americans would not attend any subcommittee meetings until a date is set for another council meeting, which Sokolovsky, as temporary chairman, must call.

The Russians had previously cancelled seven meetings and a top American official said: "We are tired of being pushed around. The Soviets think they can cancel meetings on subjects they don't want to discuss and call meetings on subjects they want to discuss."

Dozer Digs Whale's Grave

SEASIDE, Ore., March 23 (AP)—The problem of a whale that would not quit wandering even after death finally was solved here today.

The city got out a bulldozer and buried the 32 foot mammoth.

Diplomat



NEW YORK, March 23 (AP)—Soviet Ambassador Alexander S. Panyushkin, in his first major U.S. address, tonight, emphasized an international "slander campaign" is being waged against a "peaceful Russia."

Soviet Envoy to U.S. Stresses Hope for Peace

NEW YORK, March 23 (AP)—Soviet Ambassador Alexander S. Panyushkin charged tonight that a "monstrous" slander campaign is being waged against Russia—a nation that "has always stood and stands now for peace and international cooperation."

In his first major speech in this country the southern envoy charged that Winston Churchill and American forces of "international reaction" are trying to stir up enmity against the Soviet Union.

He said, however, in an address delivered at a dinner meeting of the national council of American-Soviet friendship:

"It is not the Soviet Union, but certain circles from the camp of international reaction, which are well known to all of us, which have lowered the iron curtain in order to conceal beyond it the truth about the Soviet Union and about countries in eastern Europe."

Eleven times in the 1,600-word speech Panyushkin said Russia wants to live at peace with the United States and all other countries.

U.S. Allowed to Ask Injunction After 13 Days

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—President Truman set the Taft-Hartley labor law in motion today to try to stop the nine-day-old coal strike.

He ordered a board of inquiry to bring to him within 13 days the facts of the miners' pension dispute between John L. Lewis and the operators.

When this is done, the government can ask the federal court to issue an injunction to halt the walkout. This carries with it a threat of contempt of court penalties—jail or fines—if it is ignored.

Mr. Truman acted six hours after Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, scolded a government plan to settle his quarrel with the soft coal operators.

Went to White House Federal Conciliator Cyrus S. Ching went immediately to the White House to announce failure in his efforts to make peace.

Mr. Truman, in accordance with language of the Taft-Hartley act, said the strike if continued "will imperil the national health and safety."

Hardly had Mr. Truman issued his order than he drew sharp criticism from John D. Battle, executive secretary of the National Coal association. Battle objected to allowing the board until April 5 to report.

Deplores Lost Time "It should require only a matter of hours," Battle complained in a statement. He said the facts are well known in the case and that "there is absolutely no justification" for bringing on a shortage of coal.

Ching's settlement plan, which Lewis spurned, called for a fact-finding board to investigate the dispute over payment of miners' pensions and recommended action. But first Lewis would have had to send his 400,000 men back to work. Three of his associates waved it aside as "grotesque" and Lewis didn't bother to sign their reply to Ching.

Farm Groups Oppose Draft

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—Three farm organizations went on record today as opposing the draft and universal military training—unless the nation faces a war crisis.

And if such a crisis exists, then the country should be told, and not only the draft and UMT, but industrial production of war supplies should be pushed, one group said.

Representatives of the American farm bureau federation, the national grange and the national Farmers Union testified today before the senate armed services committee, which is holding hearings on the proposed legislation.

OCE Officials Hurt in Wreck

SEASIDE, March 23 (AP)—Dr. Henry M. Gunn, president of Oregon College of Education, Monday, told Robert Knox, the school's basketball coach, was treated at a hospital here today for injuries received in an automobile mishap. Gunn suffered a fractured leg and facial cuts, Knox was only bruised.

The two educators were en route to Astoria on school business.

Mother Breaks Baby's Arm, Flees With Piggy Bank

DENVER, March 23 (AP)—Detective Cornelius Wykstra said a young mother broke her five-month-old baby boy's arm and fled with \$20 from his piggy bank today.

Wykstra said William Terrell came home and found the baby lying in his crib, bruised and his arm broken. Mrs. Terrell had left a note telling her husband to call a doctor for the child.

Wykstra said she had taken their two-year-old daughter and the baby's bank containing \$20.