

Auto-Testing Law Sought; Bill Hits High Car Prices

By Wendell Webb
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Major labor legislation was placed before the Oregon legislature Monday, coincident with the passage of the first two bills of the 45th session and the disclosure that a state-wide system of motor vehicle inspection would be formally considered.

The house passed and sent to the senate a measure by Rep. John Steelhammer requiring the names of parents on birth certificates. The senate passed and sent to the house a bill appropriating \$200,000 for legislative expenses—probably about half the total to be required.

The labor bills, introduced by the house labor and industries committee, would increase unemployment compensation benefits from \$20 for 20 weeks to \$25 for 26 weeks; increase workmen's compensation benefits an estimated 30 per cent, and remove the one-week waiting period for compensation.

Words that statewide car inspection would be considered came from the legislative highway committee which received a report from Secretary of State Earl Newberry saying that if such a system were invoked the state police, not private garages, should do the inspecting.

More Holidays Sought
Newberry also informed the committee that 33 of 439 traffic fatalities in 1947 were due to faulty equipment. The statewide inspection plan is being pushed by Portland officials. Portland officials had inspection on a city-wide basis.

Senate bills, among the 13 new ones Monday, would designate more bank holidays; provide that territories seeking to be included in incorporated areas need not hold annexation elections at the same time as the area to which annexation is sought; and compel arresting officers to swear out affidavits before warrants may be issued for traffic violations.

Several highly controversial issues were included in the 17 new bills introduced in the house Monday.

New Club Tax Introduced
One would authorize cities and counties to levy a special tax on places selling, serving, dispensing, distributing alcoholic beverages, apparently covering all beer parlors and private clubs as well as establishments with club licenses. It was entered by Rep. Giles French and Sen. Eugene Marsh.

Another house bill would specify criteria for conditional sales of personal property, requiring sellers to itemize all charges including any amount buyer might agree to pay above the normal unpaid balance. It was sponsored by the Used Car Dealers' association and is to be introduced at price hiking and at oral agreements to pay excessive premiums for cars.

Committees Active
Representative French and Senator Marsh also introduced a bill to create a state tax commission, instead of the separate counties, to assess forest properties. Purpose was given as a uniform assessment.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

While the generals and statesmen of the late war are writing their memoirs not much has been heard from or about the men in the ranks who did the fighting, who toiled the gear, pitched the camps, made the marches, shot and were shot at. The people may come to think that the war was won by men sitting in offices in Washington or in HQ offices well behind the lines. It is therefore timely to publish "The Junglers" a history of the 41st infantry division. Written by William F. McCartney, 1st lieutenant, chemical corps, and published by the Infantry Journal-Press of Washington. It is the official story of the brilliant record of this heroic division, which the northwest claims as its own.

The composition of the division was greatly changed from its original national guard character. Transfers of officers and men made it more of a national division; but it remained the pride of the northwest. People here are pleased too that it has been reactivated as a national guard division for the northwest.

McCartney's book starts with the prewar period when the division was commanded by the late Maj. Gen. George A. White, who assumed command in 1929 and continued until his death on the eve of the war Nov. 23, 1941. Of White the author says:

"General White was a genius at military organization and was

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Moore Return To Life Term Aim of Goode

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 17—(AP)—Linn county district attorney Melvin Goode plans to ask the court to return Albert Leroy Moore to prison for life.

Moore was freed from the state prison by former Gov. John H. Hall, as one of the last acts of his tenure.

Goode said he would seek to put Moore behind the bars again under Oregon's habitual criminal act. He said Moore had been convicted on two burglary counts in Baker county in 1940 and two more in Linn county in 1945. Each conviction was separate, which provides the basis for the life confinement suit, Goode said.

Commie Trial Opens in N. Y.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17—(AP)—The nation's 12 top communists went on trial today and spent all of the first day charging they were being subjected to a "political trial" in an atmosphere of martial law.

They are accused of working for the forcible overthrow of the government.

For six hours from the time the case was called in federal court until adjournment, defense counsel hurled accusation after accusation at the way the case was being handled.

The communists' heaviest guns were leveled at the police detail of 400 men assigned to the courthouse at Foley Square and the surrounding neighborhood. It was the largest such detail ever called to a court case here.

The defendants compose the National Board of the American Communist party.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Go on, dearie—I'm all ears!"

CALIFORNIA FEARS FREEZE
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17—(AP)—Southern California, gripped by unprecedented winter cold since the first of the year, prepared tonight for temperatures as low as 22 degrees in citrus districts.

Weather
SALEM Max. Min. Precip. 22 33 0.4
Portland 41 33 0.4
San Francisco 36 24 .00
Chicago 22 19 .00
New York 54 46 .00
Willamette river -1 feet.
Forecast from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Partly cloudy today and tonight. Slightly cooler tonight. High today near 42. Low tonight near 24.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to Jan. 15)
This Year Last Year Average
21.85 26.23 20.13

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NW Edges Past Power-Short Monday

Russia Rejects Chinese

LONDON, Tuesday, Jan. 18—(AP)—Russia announced today she had turned down a request of the Chinese nationalist government to mediate in the civil war with the communists.

This was disclosed in a broadcast Moscow dispatch by the official soviet news agency Tass, which said the refusal to mediate was based on a policy of "non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries."

Tass said in making the request on January 8 the Chinese foreign ministry told the soviet ambassador in Nanking the same proposal had been put to the United States, Great Britain and France.

Peiping Nears Fall to Reds; Port Evacuated

NANKING, Jan. 17—(AP)—The Chinese nationalists fled by sea from the northern port of Tangku today amid indications that Peiping was destined quickly to surrender or fall to the encircling communists.

In central China, the government deployed troops estimated at 150,000 along a 300-mile Yangtze river front for the defense of Nanking and Shanghai.

Foreign military observers said the effort looked hopeless and that 60,000 of the troops were in what looked like suicidal positions some 30 miles north of Nanking.

It was learned authoritatively that Tangku, port for communist-conquered Tientsin 27 miles to the west, was abandoned during the night.

The Chinese navy used small craft of all sorts to move the 35,000 man garrison across Taku bar and out to sea where they awaited arrival of larger transports for the flight south.

Spencer Moosa, AP correspondent in Peiping, reported that a committee of prominent citizens was going out Monday to meet the communists and seek peace.

Moosa reported later, however, that the delegation failed to leave Monday as scheduled because of bombing of the home of Ho Sze-Yuan, former Peiping mayor and a leader of the delegation.

Writing about such peace. Moosa reported that the situation at Peiping was "approaching a climax" and that within the next few days a decision must be made either to surrender or meet a certain—victorious communist assault. The city has been surrounded for 35 days.

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Israel Releases Trapped Troops

RHODES, Jan. 17—(AP)—Israel and Egypt agreed today on a formula for the release of 3,000 Egyptian troops trapped at Faluja. It was believed the Egyptians would be allowed to march out of the pocket immediately.

The Faluja pocket constituted one of the thorniest problems involved in the talks on a southern Palestine armistice. Settlement of the point raised hopes that a full Israeli-Egyptian armistice agreement could be reached soon.

Truman Wins Salary Boost

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17—(AP)—Over mild republican protests, congress today gave President Truman a pay raise from \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year and boosted his tax-free expense allowance from \$40,000 to \$90,000 annually.

All it takes now is the signature of "Harry S. Truman" to make the nation's chief executive a \$190,000-a-year man.

By voice vote, without a formal rollcall, the house gave its assent to the salary-hike legislation which had already passed the senate, 68 to 9.

It was the first time the president has had a pay increase since 1909, when congress raised the ante to \$75,000 for President William Howard Taft.

DAM-CEMENT ARRIVES

PORTLAND, Jan. 17—(AP)—The Permanent Silverbow began unloading 50,000 barrels of cement here today for barging to McNary dam.

Marion Representatives Busy at Recess, Too



The legislature doesn't have to be in formal session to keep members busy. Above are shown a few at work during a recess. At the row of desks at the left, starting at top, are Rep. Max Landon of Sweet Home; Danzelle Nelson, secretary to Rep. Warren Gill of Lebanon; Gill; Rep. Frank Doerfler of Salem, and Rep. Fred Adams of Ophir. In row at right, starting from top, are Rep. John Steelhammer of Salem; Rep. W. W. Chadwick of Salem; Valmer Klampe, secretary to Rep. Douglas Yeater, and Yeater. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

20 Dead, 20 Missing On Two Lost Planes

LOCHGOILHEAD, Scotland, Jan. 17—(AP)—An American B-29 superfortress crashed in this desolate section of Argyllshire today and police said all 20 air force men aboard were killed.

Eleven bodies had been removed from the wreckage in isolated Succoth Glen by nightfall when search crews stopped work until morning. They said they found no survivors.

In London, a spokesman for the U. S. air force headquarters said "until all bodies have been recovered we continue to hold a faint hope that there may be survivors who parachuted and became lost in the difficult countryside."

The bomber, which had been attached to the 301st bomb group stationed at Scampton field, Lincolnshire, was en route home to the states via Iceland. The group's home base is Smoky Hill field, Salina, Kas.

Bevin Ouster Move Growing, Over Palestine

LONDON, Jan. 17—(AP)—A growing movement within the labor party to force Ernest Bevin's resignation as foreign secretary was reported today as the British cabinet debated his controversial Palestine policy.

There were conflicting accounts as to the amount of cabinet backing Bevin had. It seems certain, however, that Prime Minister Attlee personally will back him to the hilt.

Sources within the party said at least three cabinet ministers—Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Stafford Cripps, Air Minister Arthur Henderson and Health Minister Aneurin Bevan—have expressed opposition to various aspects of the foreign secretary's views on the Middle East.

A group of labor party "rebels" met privately today to coordinate their party meeting Wednesday.

Dissatisfaction with Bevin's policy came to a head 10 days ago when the Israelis shot down five British planes near the Palestine-Egyptian border.

One laborite has said he will ask for a public inquiry into the circumstances behind the death of the pilots. A Tel Aviv dispatch said two other pilots, captured by the Israelis following the crash, will be freed within a few days.

STORM DRENCHES HAWAII

HONOLULU, Jan. 17—(AP)—A furious storm out of the South Pacific, with drenching rains driven by high winds punished Honolulu and surrounding territory Sunday and today—and the weather bureau warned that more of the same was on the way. Oahu and Kauai islands bore the brunt of the storm.

1949 Legislature Definitely New Lookish, Air Minded

By Ralph Watson
Things are not like they used to be around the legislature. Everything and everybody has got the New Look and the new ideas about how the show should be run.

Back in the good old days when George C. Brownell used to come up from Oregon City, and Henry McGinn and Joe Simon and the rest of the stalwarts represented Multnomah, the folks back home got their earful of what was happening under the old copper dome through sedate and dependable channels.

Reporters in those days used the U. S. mail and wrote their stuff in long hand. Only the Big Shots used the telegraph and filed signed articles and they only did that once a day and about Big Stuff, like the election of United States senators and things like that.

And back in those days everybody came to Salem "on the S. P." Those who came from Portland and eastern Oregon arrived on the "11 o'clock local" while those coming from the other direction rolled in on the "Roseburg local" which was scheduled to foot in at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Once in town the "free bus" hauled them and their luggage down to the Chemeketa hotel, which was what they called the Hotel Marion before the put the fourth floor on it to give it the 19th century New Look and now

Struggle Remains; 'Brownout' Helps; Bonneville Flayed

Salem electricity users entered into a modified "brownout" Monday as power company officials urged industries and householders to conserve precious electric power.

Most of the city's business houses are using less lighting, industrial plants are cutting power use and state and municipal offices are cooperating. Statements urging power conservation came Monday from Tinkham Gilbert, president of Salem Retail Trade Bureau, and from Mayor R. L. Elfstrom.

"Our goal is to use 20 per cent less power now than was used at this time last year," said Fred G. Starratt, divisional manager of the Portland General Electric company. "We are 300,000 kilowatts short of the demand."

A previous movement to conserve power only at "peak times of usage" had been abandoned in view of the "extremely critical" electricity situation, Starratt said, power must be conserved over 24 hours each day.

A shortage of water in river headwaters, caused by cold weather east of the Cascade mountains, is causing the power shortage, Starratt explained.

Eight Salem city jail prisoners were stuck in the city hall elevator for 15 minutes Monday with their guard, Police Sgt. Donald Nicholson. The elevator was halted by low voltage and the cage in the Marion county courthouse also slowed down more than usual Monday.

Response Scattered
Gilbert urged fellow merchants to turn off all outside sign lighting, all day, to reduce window lighting by half and to save on inside lighting wherever possible.

Stores were using only a small number of inside lights Monday. Other businesses, such as hotels and restaurants also reported they were eliminating unnecessary lights.

The appeal to darken neon signs apparently met with only scattered response as a number of them blazed on last night. One store manager, however, said electrical men agreed that turning off neon lights would not save very much power. Window display lights were off in some stores and on others.

Operators of the larger buildings in Salem indicated they were cooperating with the program. One manager, however, said he was only intensifying a program to cut down on power usage started by him in 1935.

Street Lights Dimmed
Mayor Elfstrom announced Monday the city will do its share in the dim-out by lighting only the top street light in the clusters along downtown and state capital area streets. City Manager J. L. Franzen, however, indicated that further darkening of city streets was unsafe.

Gov. Douglas McKay called on all state departments and institutions to help in the effort. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company is continuing to use its diesel equipment to generate its own power.

One of the effects of low power supply became apparent Monday when employees in various Marion county courthouse offices complained that their power-operated office machines did not function properly.

Said Oversold To Aluminum

SEATTLE, Jan. 17—(AP)—Speakers at an industrial conference here today blamed the northwest's critical power shortage on the Bonneville power administration's sales to the aluminum industry.

Kenneth Fisher, an executive of the Fisher Flouring mills, and L. E. Karrer, executive vice president of the Puget Sound Power & Light company, said the Bonneville administration oversold its capacity.

Karrer said the normal generating capacity of Bonneville is 864,000 kilowatts. He said Bonneville had signed contracts to supply the aluminum industry with 880,000 kilowatts, of which all but 80,000 was guaranteed.

Industrialists at the meeting said that a 15 per cent reduction in power usage, as requested by utility officials, would result in laying off many workers and partly closing some plants.

Karrer warned that the power crisis will become even more acute if it is necessary to continue draining storage reservoirs to make up the 300,000 kilowatt deficiency in the western part of the power pool.

Raver Says 'Ridiculous'

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 17—(AP)—Bonneville Power Administrator Paul Raver declared tonight that any statement that the BPA had oversold its electric power capacity is ridiculous.

He made the statement here tonight in reply to charges by Seattle utility and industrial executives who said sales to the region's aluminum industry were responsible for the Pacific northwest power shortage.

Dr. Raver said he doubted utility operators are in any position to give an "objective opinion on whether too much Columbia river power is going into aluminum payrolls and production." He then referred to the fact that the army and navy munitions board, the national security resources board would disagree with the critics who believe aluminum mills should be shut down.

Raver said:

"At 2 p. m. today (Monday) we (BPA) delivered 125,000 kilowatts to the private power companies of the northwest over and above the power that we delivered to our public power agencies. This was 225,000 kilowatts more than our contractual commitments," these private power companies.

State Building For Garden?

Construction of a state highway or other state building on the statehouse sunken garden was proposed Monday by Rep. William Morse of Prineville, who said the Garden currently was an eyesore.

The question came up before the joint legislative ways and means committee, of which Morse is a member, which is considering a state board of control proposal that \$150,000 be appropriated for purchase of other property on which to erect a \$1,500,000 state highway building.

The sunken garden lies between Court and Chemeketa streets, with the state library on the west and the new state office building on the east.

Polk is going to tell about the "state budget." Giles French is going to discuss tax revenues and proposals. David Baum of Union is going to discuss "Supposed Surpluses." Ben Day of Jackson will talk about "The relation of state and local tax programs." J. F. Short will impress upon the audience the "Vital need for economy in state government."

Thursday evening, January 20, commencing at 8 o'clock the house committee on taxation is going to stage a "Town Meeting of the Air" in the well of the house chamber. Members of the house who want to listen in and be the applauding audience will occupy their usual seats. The taxpayers and Mr. and Mrs. Public will be up in the gallery.

Ralph Moore, chairman of the committee, is to be the interlocutor, or the moderator if the show gets too hot. Rep. Lyle Thomas of