

# Truman Sworn In, Calls for Crusade Against Reds

## \$12 Million Dam on Deschutes Planned

### Fishing Interests to Combat Proposal

Announcement of plans to construct a \$12,000,000 hydroelectric project on the Deschutes river brought a new flood of protests from northwest commercial and sports fishermen Thursday.

Application for a preliminary permit for the project was filed at Salem Thursday by the Northwest Power Supply company.

The company filed articles of incorporation in Salem listing General Thomas M. Robins, director of construction on Bonneville dam, as president; Howard W. Turner, Madras, vice-president, and Hillman Lueddemann, Portland, secretary-treasurer.

The proposal threatened to set off a major battle in the state legislature between power and fishing interests. The fish commission has already introduced a bill

which would forbid any dam on the Deschutes.

Fishing groups contended such a dam would ruin a key salmon spawning ground, and halt the plan for a major fish hatchery on the Metolius river which runs into the Deschutes.

"The Deschutes and the Metolius are integral parts of the lower Columbia river fishing program," said Oregon's master fish warden, Arnie Suomela. "We are absolutely opposed to the power project. It would ruin the river."

The proposal may evoke another battle. This, between public and private power. The Central Oregon People's utility district has had an application pending since 1941 to build a dam in the same area. (Additional details and picture on page 4.)

## House Declines to Revise Knox Law

The Oregon legislature apparently is hesitant to start tampering with the state's liquor (Knox) control law.

The house Thursday, after its first floor debate of the session, killed a measure by Rep. Joseph Harvey of Portland which sought to prohibit minors from places serving alcoholic beverages.

The almost unanimous rejection of the bill followed a comment by the Rep. J. O. Johnson of Portland, chairman of the alcohol committee which brought out a majority adverse report, that the measure merely would write into law what already was covered by regulation of the liquor commission, and that if such procedure were to start it would lead to many bills seeking to alter the current liquor laws.

**House Passes 3 Bills**

The senate took no final actions Thursday, but the house passed three of its own bills and sent them to the senate.

One seeks to end a check-writing racket by making the purportful writing of bad checks a felony so that the writer cannot escape merely by going across state lines. Bad checks now constitute only a misdemeanor.

The other two bills would repeal the statute whereby a county boundary board can remove territory from a high judicial district, and would permit a district judge, instead of a county judge, to handle probate and juvenile matters in Marion, Lane and Clackamas counties when no circuit judge is available.

**IT SEEMS TO ME**

By Charles F. Sprague

Probably only those familiar with the labor movement will catch the importance of the walk-out of American, British and Dutch members of the executive board of the World Federation of Trade Unions at its meeting in Paris Wednesday. It means a cleavage in this organization between east and west along political lines. James B. Carey, secretary - treasurer of the CIO and American representative on the board put it in this way:

"The WFTU has ceased to exist as a democratic world trade union organization. I can state that the CIO is no longer affiliated with the WFTU and considers that the WFTU no longer exists."

The AF of L never did affiliate with the WFTU and has been urging the CIO to withdraw. It is anticipated that the action of trade unionists of the three countries mentioned will be followed by similar dissociation with the federation by trade unions in other western nations except those that are communist-dominated.

The immediate rock on which the WFTU split was the Marshall plan; the deeper cause was the failure of its secretariat to heed the warning of Sir Walter Citrine, prominent British unionist, who at its organization meeting in 1945 urged that the federation undertake to become a "political internationale."

The federation was formed in Paris in the flush of victory in Europe when trade unions felt that by international organization they

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### Business Block Burns in Truman's Home Town

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Jan. 20 (AP)—President Truman's home town had one of its worst fires in its more than 100-year history today but that didn't stop its inauguration celebration.

They went ahead and danced at an inaugural ball just as planned before a pre-dawn fire destroyed a half block of business buildings only eight blocks from the summer White House.

### UAW DEMANDS PENSION

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 20 (AP)—The CIO United Auto Workers took a page out of John L. Lewis' book tonight and set its pension demand at \$100 a month.

### Animal Crackers



"I've got to go to town—we're short of milk cans."

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## High Winds Bring Snow to Salem Area

### Chiang to Retire, Quit Nanking Soon, Officials Assert

NANKING, Jan. 21 (AP)—A Chinese official source said today that President Chiang Kai-shek had decided to retire and his departure from Nanking was expected within 48 hours.

The official source, usually reliable, said that the man who has led nationalist China for more than 20 years would step down in favor of Vice President Li-Tsung Jen.

One source said the resignation of both Chiang and the vice president were expected. If Li resigns, under the constitution, Premier Sun Fo would head the new government.

It was known that Chiang sent a delegation of high officials to confer with Vice President Li, presumably about the question of joint resignation.

### Highways In Valley Slippery

High winds with gusts reaching near 50 miles an hour whipped a late evening snowfall Thursday, caused several flue fires and ran interference for a storm which is expected to pile up several inches of snow in the Salem area.

The whole northwest area was catching the snow-laden storm from the north. While less than an inch of snow fell in Salem before midnight Thursday, weathermen predicted continued fall throughout the night and flurries today.

Salem shivered through a whole day of sub-freezing temperatures Thursday and forecasts were for more of same at least through Saturday. A minimum of 15 degrees was recorded Thursday morning at McNary field and temperatures stuck below the freezing level all day except for an hour - long period from 9:30 to 10:30 p. m. when the mercury climbed to 35.1.

Racing winds and dry snow sopped dropped temperatures below freezing again and a low of 28 degrees was forecast for Friday morning. The mercury was due to stay low during the day, reaching a top of near 36 this afternoon. A minimum of 24 degrees was expected Saturday morning.

Slippery streets kept Salem traffic slow and sparse Thursday night, but travelers who did brave the snow clad streets and highways were having trouble keeping vehicles on the road. City police called for sanders for South Commercial street to prevent traffic-ups in that area.

Snow Over Valley

State police reported snow piling up and drifting on strong winds east of Aumsville. Dallas was blanketed by snow. Two inches of packed snow was reported on highway 99E from Aurora to Portland with continued fall in the area.

Meanwhile, the northwest's critical power shortage was worsened by the return of lower temperatures. The power load went up 37,000 kilowatts Wednesday night and was expected to increase if the cold continues.

Even Brookings Cold

Portland had its coldest day of the season Thursday with a 15-degree reading. Even the state's warmest city - Brookings - was below the freezing mark with 30 degrees.

Six weeks of freezing weather is threatening stored potatoes in the Deschutes country. Frost lies 26 inches deep in some potato areas and extent of the damage will not be discovered until potatoes are graded.

Ice Thursday morning and snow Thursday night made highway travel hazardous throughout the state. Plows and sanders were operating in the Santiam Junction area where roadside snow has reached a depth of 135 inches.

### Secret Society Members Quit High School

Withdrawal from Salem high school of 12 boys who are members of illegal secret societies was disclosed Thursday by Principal E. C. Carson. The first recurrence of secret society trouble here since April and May, 1947, when 20 students were expelled.

The students were members of the Julius Caesars and the Friars, believed to be the only two such societies remaining out of the several of years ago. Of the dozen involved, practically all withdrew Thursday, said Carleton. Eleven were seniors and one a junior. It was understood they plan to continue their schooling elsewhere until graduation.

The action followed knowledge to the school administration that the boys were members and information to them as to a school board policy of long standing that known members of secret societies would be expelled.

Principal Carleton said, "It became evident that certain boys were members of organizations which are illegal in Oregon. When this knowledge was brought to attention, they requested permission to withdraw and it was granted."

The action was "not caused by overt acts," said the principal, "but the history of such organizations has indicated their undesirability in high schools."

Names of the boys involved were not released, since their withdrawal was voluntary. Less than one-half of them were on athletic squads, and no current teams are affected.

### 3 Planes Lock Wings, Crash Over Germany

NEUBERG, Germany, Jan. 20 (AP)—A three plane collision killed two U.S. fighter pilots and injured a third in a formation flight 10 miles south of this air base today.

An air force spokesman said the planes, F-47s, apparently locked wings.

### BURMA CABINET RESIGNS

RANGOON, Burma, Jan. 20 (AP)—Burma's 21-man cabinet, beset by problems from 10 months of civil war, resigned today to permit the formation of a more compact government.

### Oregon City Aims At Consolidation

OREGON CITY, Jan. 20 (AP)—The Chamber of Commerce wants a bigger city, 15,000 instead of the present 8,000 population.

That would be achieved by consolidating Oregon City with the nearby towns of West Linn and Gladstone. Such a merger will be the chamber's major drive this year.

### Sheriff in Basement

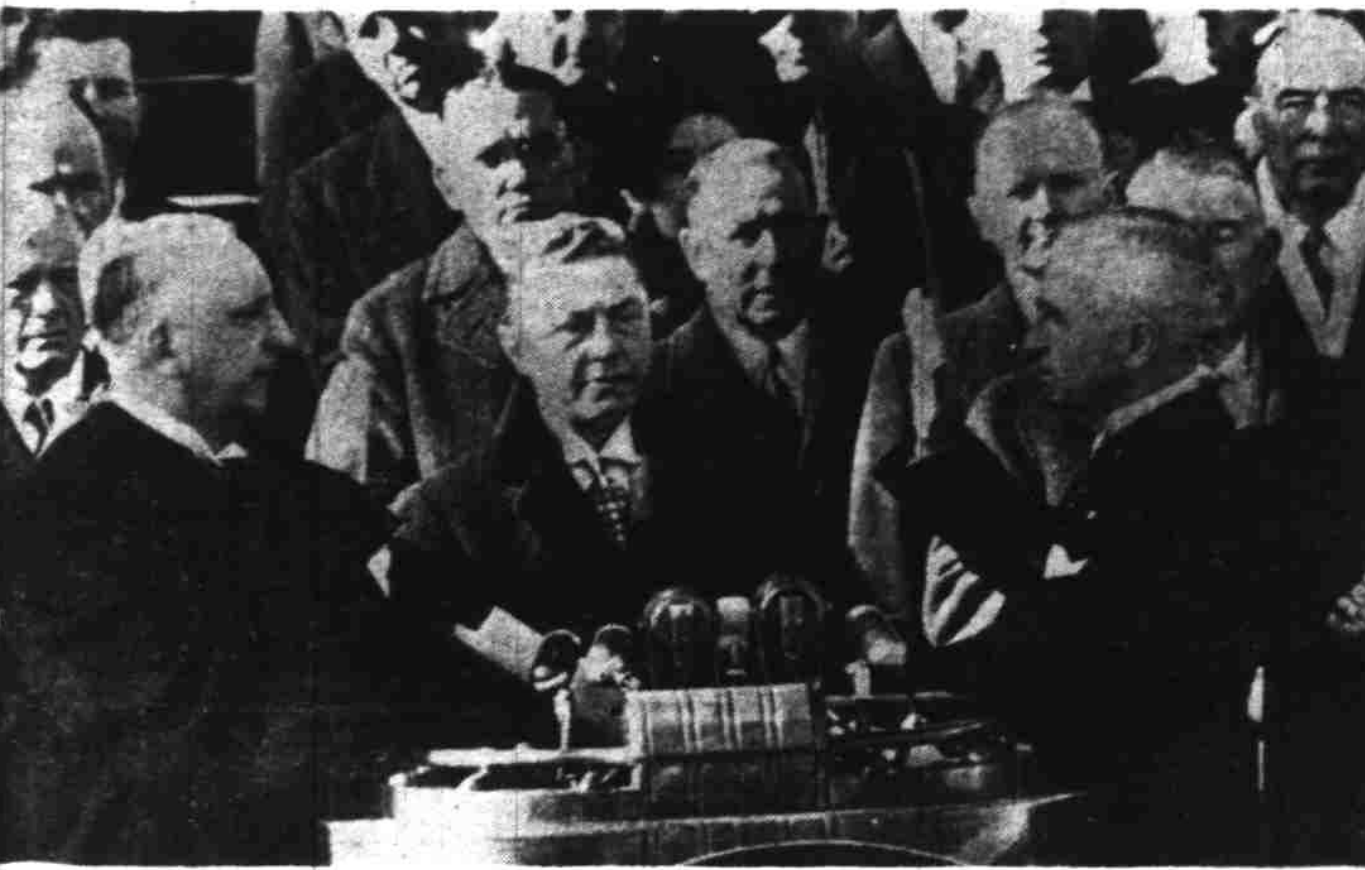
The basement would include offices for sheriff, school superintendent, treasurer, engineer and veterans' service officer, as well as 7,700 square feet of storage and more than 9,900 square feet for auto parking.

The county court, omitted inadvertently from an earlier plan, would be on the main floor, along with clerk, recorded and assessor.

### ICE BROKEN IN COLUMBIA

THE DALLES, Jan. 20 (AP)—The ice has been broken - between Bonneville and The Dalles, that is - by a tug pulling three barges of petroleum. The tug Winquatt of Inland Navigation company, made a pathway upstream by pulling instead of pushing the barges.

## President Truman Takes Oath of Office



WASHINGTON, Jan. 20—Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson (left) administers the oath of office to President Harry Truman here today on platform in front of capitol. In center holding bibles is Charles E. Cropley, clerk of the U. S. supreme court. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

## House Tax Committee Revives Sales Tax Talk at Public Forum

The house tax committee, in a public forum Thursday night, indicated it will not dip into Oregon income tax surplus this session, but hinted that a sales tax proposal may be in the offing.

Five members of the 11-man committee, when all revenue measures must originate, gave a detailed report of Oregon's financial problems in the public meeting in the house chambers. Solutions to the \$38,000,000 budget deficit were few, and conversation inevitably centered about a sales tax.

Rep. Ralph T. Moore, Coos Bay, chairman of the house tax committee, acted as moderator and gave the closing summary. Presiding was Frank VanDyke, Medford, speaker of the house.

Speakers were Reps. Lyle Thomas, Dallas; Giles French, Morehead; David Baum, La Grande; J. F. Short, Redmond, and Ben Day, Gold Hill.

Four of the speakers agreed almost unanimously that the public good state expenses. He said tax measures introduced this session are "nuisance" measures that would raise little revenue and make people mad.

Baum told the audience the \$172,000,000 now on hand was not a surplus because it is all earmarked for special purposes. He predicted the state would have a \$25,000,000 general fund deficit by June 30, 1951, if all requested appropriations are approved by the legislature.

Day said demands on the state will increase by the year because counties and cities are gradually shifting more functions over to the state.

Plan Said "Extreme"

Short branded recommendations by Gov. Douglas McKay and former Gov. John Hall to divert the income tax surplus to the general fund as "extreme." "We must have a sales tax or a strict economy," he observed.

Thomas, author of bills to shift the surplus to the general fund, confined his remarks to explanation of the 1948-51 budget.

In closing, Moore warned that drastically increased state property taxes are inevitable unless new sources of revenue are forthcoming. He suggested a sales tax as an equitable levy that reaches every one—rich and poor alike.

### New Plan Adds Fifth Story to Courthouse

A considerably revised set of floor plans of the proposed new Marion county courthouse, including a fifth floor, was received Thursday by the county court from Pietro Belluschi, Portland architect. And it was reminded that the tentative design would be extremely inappropriate unless the current legislature amends laws which now affect only Multnomah county but after the 1950 census would include Marion county.

Under the current laws for counties over 100,000 population, the county court would cease to be, there would be a county commission, a circuit judge would be added. There is also the possibility that the tax department now under the sheriff might be combined with the assessor's office.

One of the outstanding alterations from former plans is the addition of another story, making a total of five floors and a basement. To Consider Plans

The courthouse commission is to consider the plans in the near future, along with a graphic portrayal of a proposed exterior design submitted Wednesday by Belluschi. The drawing, depicting a long, low main story, a smaller second story and three top floors slightly smaller, does not indicate windows, but that does not mean the building will make such a radical departure from other structures, said the court.

The architect wrote that "the plan is much more compact than any previously submitted."

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The county court, omitted inadvertently from an earlier plan, would be on the main floor, along with clerk, recorded and assessor.

The second floor would have four circuit court rooms and the law library, all of which would be of two-story height, and the judges' chambers. Only separate item on the third floor would be a jury dormitory.

District courts, attorneys' offices, grand jury room and other offices would be on the fourth floor and the jail on the top story.

### Patients Overflow Astoria Hospitals

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## VFW-Sponsored \$55 Million Veterans' Bonus Measure Ready for Introduction into Legislature

By Ralph Watson

The "Oregon state bonus act, for World War 2 veterans, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Department of Oregon" has come to town all done up in proper and regular form ready for introduction in the house or senate.

It is a simple bill in its general terms but not so simple in its calculations. It provides that any person who may have served in active duty for 90 days between Dec. 7, 1941 and Dec. 31, 1946, and who was honorably discharged, shall be entitled to a bonus payments of \$10 a month if his service was within the continental limits of the United States, and to \$15 a month if he were in the foreign service outside the U. S. boundaries.

That gives a bonus of \$600 for domestic service and \$900 for overseas service. Provision is made for a \$600 bonus for the "un-remarried" wife or husband of a veteran killed in service, or who died as the result of service incurred wounds or disease.

After some other provisions setting up the operating mechanics of the act, it is set out succinctly, that for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of the act, "there is hereby appropriated from any funds not otherwise provided for by the state legislature the sum of \$55,000,000."

It is just as simple as that. Of course, somebody who might not believe in the economic theory of cash bonuses, or some legislator who might be looking for a loophole in the financial fabric of the state, might shrug the problem to one side and advise to "go ahead and pass it as it lies" on the theory that if there should be "any funds not otherwise provided for by the legislature" by the time the measure otherwise gets through trying to balance the budget they

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## Asks Aid For Needy Peoples

By Roger D. Greene

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—Harry S. Truman came into his own as 32nd president of the United States today—and solemnly called for a great crusade to save the world from communism by easing the suffering of poverty-ridden millions.

In his inaugural address, he urged the United States and other nations with technical know-how to join in raising the standards of living of the world's "free peoples." Guarantees—presumably government guarantees—to private investors who will do their part were a salient point in the vast program he outlined.

In blunt and scornful tones, the president lashed out against communism as a "false philosophy" and a breeder of war. The nation, he said, is entering a period that will be eventful, pending decisions, for us and for all the world.

Standing under sparkling, sunny skies, Mr. Truman took the oath for a new, four-year term at 12:29 p. m., EST, before an estimated crowd of 130,000 spectators massed on the Capitol plaza.

A few minutes earlier, Senator Alben W. Barkley, 71-year-old Kentuckian, who was born in a log cabin, had been sworn in as vice president.

Words Heard Across Land

Promptly at 12:30 p. m., while batteries of radio microphones carried his words out across the country and to foreign lands the one-time Missouri farm boy who became president, launched into a fighting speech against communism and for "peace, plenty and freedom."

The great throng volleyed applause as Mr. Truman, pitting the blessings of democracy against the evils of red Marxism, declared with outthrust jaw:

"The American people stand firm in the faith which has inspired this nation from the beginning. From this faith we will not be moved. We will stand for the principles of the American way of life. We will stand for peace, plenty and freedom."

Television Cameras Caught the dramatic spectacle for the first time in history. Networks beamed the scene to video listeners throughout the east and as far west as the Mississippi river.

Cracking bursts of applause greeted the president's indictment of communism—undoubtedly his most pronounced statement on foreign policy since he took over the White House upon the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt, April 12, 1945.

Each time he spoke the word "communism," his voice was loaded with angry scorn.

"Communism," he said, "holds that the world is so widely divided into opposing classes that war is inevitable."

"Democracy holds that free nations can settle differences justly and maintain lasting peace."

Then he went on to propose a four-point program of action, pledging:

1. "Unflinching support" to the United Nations.
2. Continued aid for world economic recovery.
3. Support—including military aid—to bolster freedom-loving nations "against aggression."
4. A "bold new program" to help the world's needy areas.

This last point was the new element in his speech. More than half the world's people are miserable, poverty-stricken, disease ridden, he said.

(Additional details on page 2.)

## Lane County Slot Machine Raid Staged

EUGENE, Jan. 20 (AP)—The district attorney was considering possible charges today after wholesale raids on slot machines last night.

The district attorney, state police, and sheriff's officers conducted joint raids through the county last night, confiscating 27 slot machines and 15 pinball boards.

No one was arrested, but District Attorney Ed Luckey said "appropriate charges" would be filed.

Private clubs began removing slot machines, in the wake of the drive. Luckey said one of the reasons for the raids was to avoid an influx of gambling interests from Portland since that city's slot machine ban.

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## Klan Wins Fight To Keep Masks

ATLANTA, Jan. 20 (AP)—A bill to outlaw hoods and masks, eerie symbols of the Ku Klux Klan, was defeated in the Georgia house today after the secret order was defended as a "glorious symbol."

After two hours of stormy debate, the Georgia house voted 89 to 65 to postpone the measure indefinitely. That killed the bill for this session of the legislature.