

With Watson at the Legislature

Neuberger, Hilton, Dreyer Vie For Title 'Most Prolific Solons'

By Ralph Watson

At the close of the third inning, Friday afternoon, the batting average of the senate was 25 bills shy of that of the 1947 senate at the close of its third week; the present house was 15 bills ahead of the 1947 session and things were just beginning to get ready of commence happening.

In the senate Senators Hilton and Neuberger are running neck and neck in the pride of authorship, the first having 10 bills and one resolution chalked up to his credit, tied with the latter who has the same number of bills but is out in front with five resolutions. Tom Mahoney is battling for place with nine bills under his colors.



Across in the house Dreyer, like Multnomah, the historic Turk, leads all the rest with 11 bills and one joint resolution; Hendershot of Lane has 10 measures chalked up on the board, while Logan of Portland and Morgan of Monmouth are tied with nine bills each.

Generally speaking, the freshmen have been carrying the bills during the first three weeks of the session, especially in the house. The veterans of past sessions have been lagging back maybe waiting for the last minute rush to get their stuff in just before the house and senate rules lower the boom on the introduction of new bills. The deadline in the house comes on Friday, February 4, the close of the current week; the barrier goes up in the senate 10 days later on February 14. Speaker VanDyke has been hazing his herd, warning them and the governmental departments to get their bills in and started; he has insisted that when the deadline does come the house committee on legislation and rules, which must put its "ok" on bills before their introduction, "is going to be tough."

Very Few Long Strides
So far as any long strides by the assembly toward the day of final adjournment is concerned, but very few have been taken in the first three weeks of the session. The subcommittees of the ways and means committee, each has been going its individual way, checking the institutions and visiting these institutions to see for themselves how the budget requests check with the needs. They have been getting ready to assemble all their information and lay it before the full committee which will then be putting the jig saw puzzle of state appropriations together and compress it within the money limitations of the state's ability to pay.

Job Largely Routine
That particular job largely is routine. The institutions and departments are waiting until the final tug will be to shove the state's swollen financial feet, bunions, corns, callouses and all into the 1948-50 pair of boots tossed it by the committee on tax...

Just how much, if any, the latter group will be able to stretch the boots is the \$64 million question. So far it has not made much headway toward the answer. It has been whittling away on some tax commission bills and sharpening its knives on a few preferred whetstones but it has not started carving out any definite plan for process to ease the pain in the feet of the taxpayers.

Chairman Ralph Moore, who heads the money grubbing gang, says that the boys are waiting until sentiment "jells a little" before getting right down to cases and starting to stir up the cake. Two years ago the committee waited so long before it started that its yeast curdled, a situation which does not often produce good jelly cake.

Otherwise the session so far is just another session, with the freshmen straining at the hame straps in this direction and that, the cagey wheelhorses plodding along with their ears cocked waiting for the time to come when their hay ration ceases and they will lift into the collar to haul the load over the hill to the barn.

Rheumatic Fever Survey Started by 40 et 8 Voitures
WICKENBURG, Ariz., Jan. 29 (AP)—A survey of child rheumatic fever sufferers in the 11 western states has been started by the state voitures of the 40 and 8 organization within the American Legion. The survey is being made preparatory to establishment here of a 300-bed hospital for treatment of children afflicted with the disease. Norman Bennett, chairman of the board of the Rheumatic Fever Foundation, Inc., said. The corporation is sponsored by the Arizona voiture of 40 and 8, American Legion. States in which the survey is being made are: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Young oysters are called spat.

Richard Wyatt Renamed Head Of Scout Order

Richard Wyatt, Salem was re-elected lodge chief of the Order of the Arrow, Cascade area Boy Scout honor society, at the order's annual meeting here Saturday in First Congregational church.

Other officers elected included Alan Oppinger, Independence, vice chief; Lowell Brown, Silverton, Secretary; Don Case, Salem, Treasurer; Ronnie Walters, Salem, bulletin editor; and Bob Strayer and George Strout, jr., both of Salem, assistant editors.

About 60 boys from over the council attended the meet. Saturday morning they toured the Capitol building. They held a business session in the afternoon followed by a swim and basketball game at the YMCA. Installation of the new officers took place at a banquet last night in the church.

Retiring officers include Lodge Chief Richard Wyatt, Wayne Mercer and Treasurer Frank ViTaris, all of Salem. Vernon Merrick, Woodburn is adult advisor to the group. Jerry Scott, council field executive, assisted at Saturday's program.

Priest Shot During Mass
NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (AP)—A man walked into a Catholic church today, unwrapped a rifle and fired into a confessional, wounding a priest in the leg.

The man then fled, pursued by a woman from the church, but she lost sight of him several blocks away.

The shooting occurred at the St. John the Martyr Roman Catholic church at 252 east 72nd st., while a number of women and children awaited their turns at confession.

The wounded priest, Rev. Vincent J. Campbell, was taken to a hospital, where attendants said the wound in the calf of his leg was not serious.

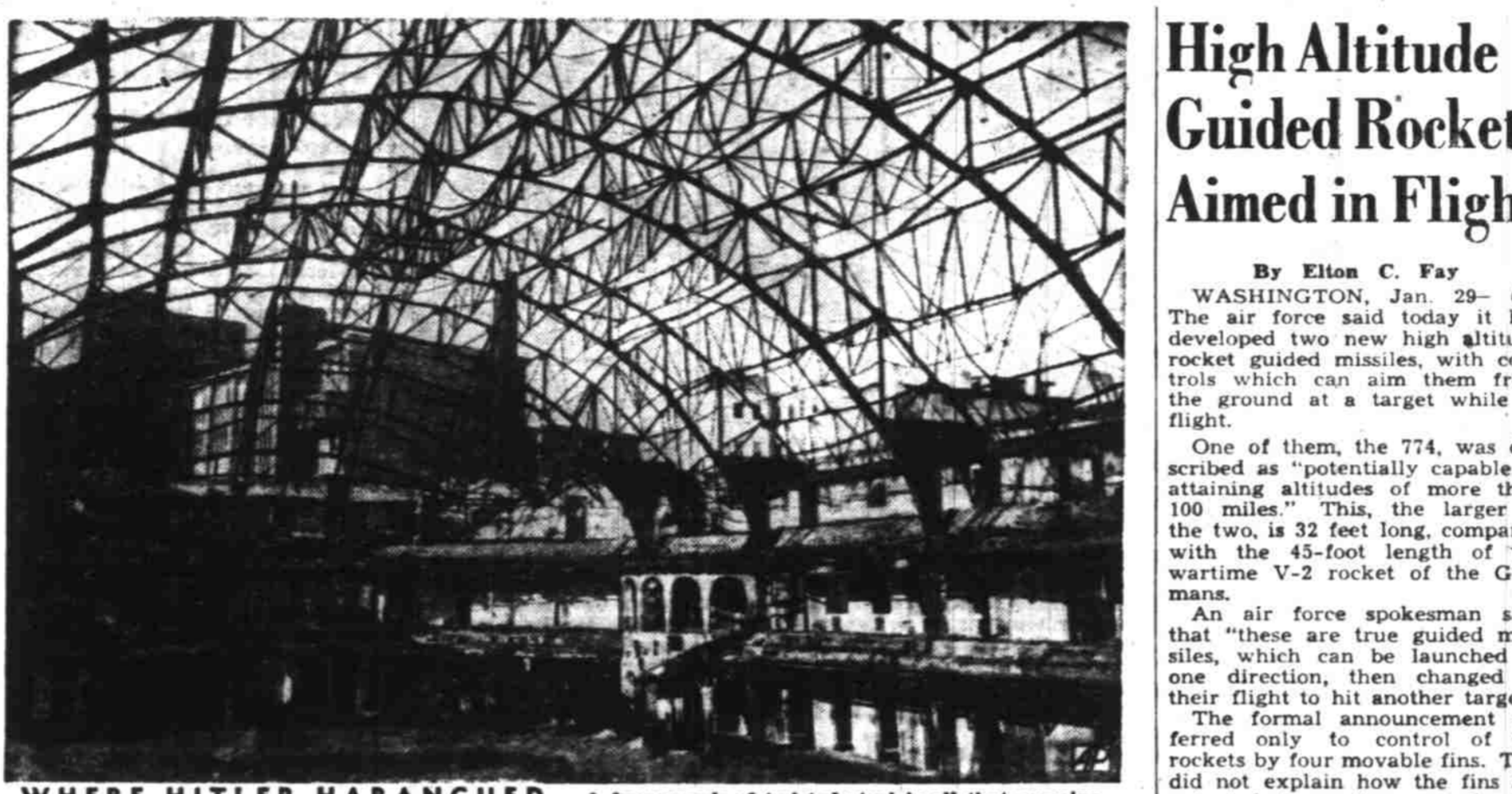
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WHERE HITLER HARANGUED—A framework of twisted steel is all that remains of the huge roof which covered the Berliner Sportpalast, scene of Nazi party rallies in Berlin during Hitler's rule. Allied bombs destroyed most of the building.

Paper Scolds Russ Minister

MOSCOW, Jan. 29 (AP)—A trade union representative today sharply criticized A. A. Goryeglyad, minister of the shipbuilding industry, for his "intolerable attitude toward the public."

A man identified as Khodakov, head of a union committee in Molotov, attacked Goryeglyad in Trud, trade union newspaper, for not attending the congress of the trade union of shipbuilding workers. He wrote:

"It is time to remind leaders of the ministry of shipbuilding of the necessity of carefully listening to the voice of the masses."

Tobin Attacked By Laryngitis

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Secretary of Labor Tobin, who has been carrying a major share of the task of preparing an administration substitute for the Taft-Hartley act, is suffering from laryngitis.

A department spokesman, reporting the secretary "can barely talk above a whisper," said he cancelled plans to address an Americans for democratic action meeting in Philadelphia tonight.

Italian Backs Europe Union

ROME, Jan. 29 (AP)—Italy's foreign minister Carlo Sforza said tonight the danger of a third world war can be eliminated only by "a union of Europe open to all free and peaceful men."

Science Backs Biblical Story Of Creation

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (AP)—The Bible's story of creation gets support in a new scientific study reported to the American Physical Society today.

Cosmogony, the scientific version of creation, always has differed tremendously from both the events and timing of the Bible. Today's cosmogony shows three revolutionary changes closer to Genesis.

The study was reported by Doctors Ralph A. Alpher and Robert C. Herman, of the Johns Hopkins applied physics laboratory. They credited recent studies by Professor G. Gamow of George Washington University, Washington, D.C. Funds were supplied by the U.S. navy bureau of ordinance.

All Created Together
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4 MEN KILLED IN WRECK
VALLEJO, Calif., Jan. 29 (AP)—Four Sacramento men returning from an Oakland funeral were killed tonight in a head-on collision near here. Two persons riding in the other car were reported near death.

2 Men Die in Auto Wreck

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 29 (AP)—Two cars collided 50 miles south of here today, killing two brothers-in-law.

The victims were Ray Joseph Patteeuw, 41, and Michael J. O'Donnell, 31, both of Yreka, Calif. O'Donnell and Patteeuw's wife are the children of Mrs. M. J. O'Donnell of Baker.

Their car collided with a north-bound vehicle driven by Mrs. Marie Campbell, 28, North Richland, Wash. Critically injured, she was taken to a Yreka hospital.

Boise Dairies Reduce Prices

BOISE, Jan. 29 (AP)—Price reductions on milk and cream effective February 1 have been announced by several Boise dairies.

John Tate, one of the owners of the Triangle dairy, said reductions will be observed by several dairy concerns in the city.

He said his firm will reduce prices of milk from 19 to 18 cents a quart, on coffee cream from 25 to 23 cents per half pint and on whipping cream from 40 to 35 cents per half pint.

High Altitude Guided Rocket Aimed in Flight

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—The air force said today it has developed two new high altitude rocket guided missiles, with controls which can aim them from the ground at a target while in flight.

One of them, the 774, was described as "potentially capable of attaining altitudes of more than 100 miles." This, larger of the two, is 32 feet long, compared with the 45-foot length of the wartime V-2 rocket of the Germans.

An air force spokesman said that "these are true guided missiles, which can be launched in one direction, then changed in their flight to hit another target."

Two Found Shot to Death

PORTLAND, Jan. 29 (AP)—An autopsy was ordered today after a 25-year-old man and his stepmother were found shot to death in their suburban home.

Mrs. Mary Esther Laukat, 45, had been shot twice through the head. Floyd John Laukat, 25, then apparently shot himself, said Washington County Sheriff Dick Busch.

The bodies were discovered by the husband and father, Frank Laukat, when he returned from work last night.

Indians Back Deschutes Dam

MADRAS, Jan. 29 (AP)—The Warm Springs Indian council, in a resolution directed to the state legislature and the secretary of the interior, approves the construction of the proposed Pelton dam on the Deschutes river near here.

The resolution says that under an 1855 treaty the Indians have an interest in the river. It says the Indians look with disfavor on reports that legislation has been proposed which would close the river to hydroelectric power development.

Israel Recognized

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Reds Demand Chiang Held as War Criminal

NANKING, Jan. 29 (AP)—The Chinese communists coldly told Acting President Li Tsung-Jen today he must arrest Chiang Kai-Shek as a war criminal or "you will be punished" without mercy.

The communist radio in north China accused Vice President Li of "conniving" in the flight of government leaders from Nanking. It wanted all other government officials on the red list of "war criminals" arrested.

Since Chiang and almost all others on the list long since have gone south, it is impossible for Acting President Li Tsung-Jen to comply, even should he wish.

The victorious communist armies were idling on or near the north bank of the Yangtze at many points. Coupled with this, the new political demands plunged Nanking hopes of a negotiated settlement to new lows.

The communist broadcast, by an unidentified spokesman, also angrily demanded re-arrest of Lt. Gen. Yasutsugu Okamura, last Japanese commander in China. He was accused of war crimes before a Chinese government military court Wednesday.

The communist statement declared: "We hold that your present activities are a scheme to use hypocritical peace negotiations as a cover for regrouping your forces and war preparations, including a plot to bring the Japanese reactionaries to China to join you in butchering the Chinese people."

The statement suggested that the local surrender at Peiping Jan. 22 was a pattern for similar bit-by-bit settlements covering Nanking, Shanghai, Canton and all other government-held territory.

It made clear, however, that the Reds' 8-point surrender demand of Jan. 14 must be met first.

First of these eight points was "punishment of war criminals."

The swift spends more time in flight than any other bird.

Mrs. Hansel, 77, Dies; Resident of Salem 52 Years

Mrs. Wilhelmina Hansel, 77, resident of Salem for the past 52 years, died at her home at 692 S. 25th st. Friday.

Mrs. Hansel was born in Hannover, Germany, June 10, 1871. She came to the United States with her father and brother at the age of 14, settling in Minnesota. Later they moved to Mason City, Iowa, where she met and married the late Herman Hansel. Hansel died in 1937.

The couple came to Oregon in 1895. They resided at Willamina for one year before coming to Salem where Mrs. Hansel has since resided. She was a member of the Evangelistic Tabernacle Assembly of God.

Survivors are daughters, Mrs. Martha Schalek, Cloverdale, Mrs. Della Nelson, Bridal Veil, and Mrs. Gladys Arnett, San Francisco; sons, Frank Hansel, Salem, Carl Hansel, Portland and Walter Hansel, Winters, Calif., and 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Announcement of services will be made later by the Howell-Edwards chapel.

Elliott Raids Gambling Den In Portland

PORTLAND, Jan. 29 (AP)—A drayman was summoned today to cart away a truckload of gambling equipment, seized by Sheriff Marlon L. Elliott and deputies in a raid on a downtown Portland establishment last night.

All the people in the establishment escaped through a secret passageway while the officers were breaking in. No one was arrested, but the sheriff said some arrests might be made later.

It was Elliott's first raid on a Portland establishment. Law enforcement within the city is generally left to city police.

City Police Chief Charles Pray, however, said it was all right with him. "We welcome all the assistance possible from other law enforcement agencies," he said.

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