

Marion Delegation for River Hearing Lined Up; Columbia Plans Find General Approval

Predicting a sizeable delegation on hand from Marion county, Floyd Fox of Silverton Monday was completing arrangements for attendance at the Wednesday hearing in Portland on the army engineer's proposed over-all Columbia basin and Willamette project development.

Fox, county chairman for the Willamette valley project committee, has been urging landowners to prepare written statements to present, concerning flood damage, to the board of engineers for rivers and harbors from Washington, D. C. The board is conducting a hearing in Seattle today and in Portland Wednesday.

Salem Chamber of Commerce has been preparing, besides its own report, copies of previous landowners' statements and present revisions. Only spokesman from the floor for this county will be County Judge Grant Murphy.

The chamber, Salem Board of Realtors and other organizations are on record endorsing the entire project as proposed by the engineers.

SPOKANE, Jan. 31—(AP)—A parade of witnesses from the Pacific northwest today generally approved the army corps of engineers over-all plan to develop the region's river resources.

Only one witness from a Montana Power company official, flatly opposed the plan outlined the engineers' revised "EPI report."

Several others supported the proposals with reservations. There was strong criticism of some individual features of the massive report even among strong supporters of the general plan.

Today's hearing was the first of a series in the northwest on the army's comprehensive river development program. The plan calls for building seven major dams and several flood control projects at a total cost of more than \$3,000,000,000.

Discussion of President Truman's request for a Columbia Valley Authority was specifically eliminated from the testimony in advance, but some witnesses indicated their opposition to the CVA plan.

Silverton 'Dimes' Dance Adds \$300

SILVERTON, Jan. 31—Over \$300 was grossed at the March of Dimes dance held in the armory Saturday night. A kangaroo court Saturday afternoon, held as a publicity stunt for the dance, netted \$70. Evan's Brothers orchestra donated its services for the dance.

Cooperating in the events were the Veterans of Foreign Wars and auxiliary American Legion and auxiliary Junior Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce, national guard and police department.

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Labor Leaders Dispute HCL Decrease Trend

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 31—(AP)—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, said tonight living costs have declined too little to avoid a fourth round of postwar wage increases.

However, Green conceded that a fourth round may not be so general, covering as many workers, as the prior rounds of pay boosts.

At the same time, powerful AFL leaders of the labor department figures showing a steadily declining cost of living for the past several months.

Tobin said his own union's living costs among teamsters and the results "don't agree with the statistics of the labor department. We found that living costs among our workers haven't changed."

Morals Charge Faces Tilden

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31—(AP)—William T. Tilden II, 55, former world tennis champion, was booked at the Los Angeles county jail tonight on a warrant charging a morals offense against a boy.

"I don't know anything about this, therefore there's little I can say except that I think a great error has been made," Tilden told reporters as he was taken to the jail from nearly Santa Monica.

In addition to the charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, Tilden also was booked on a charge of violating his parole in connection with a similar case two years ago.

Coast Paving Bridge Job Awarded by State

The state highway commission Monday awarded a contract for 5.74 miles of grading and paving on the Pleasant Valley section of the Oregon coast highway in Tillamook county, along with construction of four concrete bridges and seven concrete culverts, to Edwin C. Gerber, Oregon City.

The low bid was \$792,215. Eight bids were received by the highway commission at its last meeting in Portland.

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Liner Damaged in Air Collision



MITCHELL FIELD, N. Y., Jan. 31—Two U. S. air force officers inspect damage to Pan American Constellation after emergency landing here. The airliner, London-bound, collided with a small private plane over Port Washington, Long Island, Sunday afternoon. None of the liner's passengers was injured, but the two men aboard the private plane were killed instantly. The small craft's wreckage and parts of the bodies were wedged in the top of the other's fuselage. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Reorganizing Power Subject To Solon Veto

(Story also on page 1)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31—(AP)—Herbert Hoover asked congress today to give President Truman the authority for a "grievously needed" reorganization of the myriad government agencies.

He was the final witness before the house executive expenditures committee on an administration bill to give the president broad reorganization powers, subject to veto by congress.

The former president's appearance was a preliminary to the forthcoming report of the Hoover commission on organization of the executive branch of government, of which he is chairman.

At the conclusion of his testimony, Chairman Dawson (D-Tll.) ended public hearings and the results "don't agree with the statistics of the labor department. We found that living costs among our workers haven't changed."

The bill would authorize the president to submit reorganization plans to congress. They would become effective unless both houses rejected the plan within 60 days.

Hoover's points included: The total number of agencies of all kinds now reporting directly to the president ought to be cut to less than 20, thereby relieving the president of administrative detail.

No agency must be exempt from reorganization.

Presidential reorganization powers should be permanent. "This is a continuous thing—the best proof is the growth of agencies from 350 to 1,800 in a few years."

Deaths Blamed On Home Tiffs

ROSEBURG, Jan. 31—(AP)—Domestic quarrels were blamed today for two violent deaths in Douglas county over the weekend.

State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell said William Reldon Smith, 41, was shot and killed early yesterday at the home of the estranged wife of Edwin Oiler Bushnell, 61, two miles east of Myrtle Creek.

Bushnell was arrested later, and Harrell said he had signed a confession.

Norris Busha, 60, committed suicide by swallowing poison. His estranged wife said he had attempted to stab her shortly before in her home in a Roseburg suburb.

EXTRADITION ASKED

Gov. Douglas McKay Monday issued papers seeking the return of Joseph A. Vince, who is wanted at Medford on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. Vince is under arrest at Oakland, Calif.

Webber Appointed Judge for Wasco

Appointment of Ward R. Webber, The Dalles, as county judge of Wasco county, was announced by Gov. Douglas McKay Monday. He succeeds the late Judge R. J. Wilson.

In September, 1948, Webber was appointed county judge for term for Wasco county to serve until the termination of the incapacity of Judge Wilson.

Airline Gets First Mammoth Stratocruiser

PORTLAND, Jan. 31—(AP)—The first commercial Boeing stratocruiser—a \$1,500,000 hunk of airplane nearly as wide as a football field—was taken over by Pan American World Airways today.

A Boeing crew flew the ship from the Seattle plant to Portland, where a Pan American crew exchanged a \$1,114,875.06 check for the air giant. The rest of the money had been paid in advance.

The ship seats 75. Nineteen other stratocruisers will be delivered later, some capable of carrying 110. After crews become accustomed to the ship it will go into service on overseas routes. This will probably be in late March.

It has a wing span of 141 feet, 3 inches; it can carry 142,500 pounds—more than the weight of a DC-3—and it needs a runway more than a mile long. Its speed is more than 300 miles an hour. Boeing calls it the world's largest commercial land plane.

Alaska Said Defenseless

KODIAK, Alaska, Jan. 31—(AP)—Alaska is virtually defenseless, and any nation controlling that northern territory would be in a key position to attack the United States.

That's the way the situation is viewed by Rear Admiral Alfred E. Montgomery, commander of the Alaska sea frontier.

The admiral tempered this bleak outlook by telling a press conference yesterday that the territory could be reoccupied by U.S. forces since "the enemy would have considerable difficulty supplying its men."

Portland Papers, Pressmen Parley

PORTLAND, Jan. 31—(AP)—Negotiations between the Portland daily newspapers and the AFL Web Pressmen's union will be continued past the contract expiration, the Oregonian reported tonight.

The contract between the union and the two newspapers, the Oregonian and the Oregon Journal—expired at midnight tonight. However, the union late today posted a notice saying that on request of the Portland labor-management committee, time for continued negotiations had been extended to 9:30 p. m. Wednesday.

No details of the negotiations were reported.

Cub Scouts Win Woodburn 'Dimes'

WOODBURN, Jan. 31—The Cub scouts trounced the Boy Scouts \$121.30 to \$32.68 in a "Mile of Dimes" contest here Saturday morning in the Woodburn March of Dimes campaign.

In a benefit basketball game between Woodburn high school and the Woodburn All-stars \$33.50 was added to the fund. Rainbow girls collected \$41.30 down the aisles of the Bungalow theatre Saturday.

Results of the Camp Fire Girls' house-to-house campaign have not been released. The group plans to set up a booth for collections next Saturday.

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UW President, Fired Professor Give 2 Versions

NEW YORK, Jan. 31—(AP)—The president of the University of Washington said today that teachers who are communist party members are not free to seek truth objectively and honestly.

Dr. Raymond B. Allen made the statement at a press conference. Three professors at the university were dismissed a week ago for past or present communist party membership, and three others were placed on two years' probation.

Allen said that on the question of academic freedom in the dismissals, the major issue is not whether a professor is a communist, but that he be free to seek the truth.

Membership in the communist party, he added, "imposes a discipline which would inhibit a teacher from objectively analyzing facts and coming to an honest conclusion based on that examination."

SEATTLE, Jan. 31—(AP)—In reply to charges which brought his dismissal from the University of Washington faculty, Prof. Herbert J. Phillips told some one thousand university students and faculty members today that his case had been heard by "an obviously screened, class-angled jury."

He said that the university officials said they permitted Phillips to make his answer because of the secrecy of the dismissal hearings.

He and the two other professors were discharged recently as a result of an investigation last summer by a legislative non-American activities committee.

"This attack on academic freedom at the university is an outgrowth of a fascist movement," Phillips said.

He defended communist doctrines as tending toward the greater expansion of popular will, and described American system as an "old, played-out decadent capitalism."

In a question period after the talk, Phillips said he condones curtailment of civil rights in areas now under the influence of Soviet Russia.

The talk was sponsored by the university's philosophy and psychology departments. Phillips was introduced by Prof. Joseph B. Harrison of the English department.

Fund Keeps Reed Couple Together For Oxford Study

PORTLAND, Jan. 31—(AP)—The plight of Collegians Carol Jean and Jim Walsh touched Portland, and anonymous donors are solving the Walshes' problem.

The problem arose when the hard-working couple began to get ahead. They lived in a tiny flat, ate meager meals there, earned what outside money they could and studied hard at Reed college.

Both were brilliant students. Then Hugh Rhodes won the Pacific northwest Rhodes scholarship. He will leave for England next fall. Carol Jean, due to graduate this summer, said they could not be separated. But there was no money for her to go along.

The only way, they decided, was for her to drop from school to work, earning passage money by next fall. Students implored her to stay on to be graduated. They started to raise a fund for her.

The Walshes rejected it because other students were broke, too. Then their plight became known through a newspaper story, and businessmen began contributing to a fund. It now is in the hundreds of dollars. A clothing store even contributed a complete wardrobe for Carol Jean, who has been wearing her junior high school graduation dress.

The result: Carol Jean will be graduated, and the Walshes will go to England together.

Holly Jackson Named To Jewelers' Board

PORTLAND, Jan. 31—(AP)—The Oregon State Jewelers association will be headed this year by Frank Breall, Portland.

He was elected at the association's annual meeting here Sunday. Among those named to the board of directors was Holly Jackson, Salem.

PHOTOGRAPHS ELECT EUGENE MAN

PORTLAND, Jan. 31—(AP)—Henry Dwight Fehly, Eugene commercial photographer, was elected president of the Photographers' association of Oregon today.

ANTELOPE CENSUS SET

BOISE, Jan. 31—(AP)—Representatives of Idaho, Nevada, California and Oregon will meet in Lakeview, Ore., Wednesday to map plans for an antelope census.

Recall of Ashland Aldermen Sought In Mayor's Battle

ASHLAND, Jan. 31—(AP)—Recall petitions against three city councilmen were filed here today, the latest development in a mayor vs. council fight.

The petitions ask a special election before February 24 to determine whether or not Councilmen John Daugherty, John Nosler, and Herbert Fischborn should be ousted.

The petitions state, "the council has flagrantly defied the wish and will of the people" by attempting to deprive newly elected Mayor Thomas Williams of his right to appoint subordinates.

At the first council meeting of the year the councilmen refused to confirm the mayor's nominations for city attorney and police chief.

The petitions were filed by the Civic Betterment league, an 11-member group recently organized here.

Sound Trucks' Ruling Upheld By High Court

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31—(AP)—The supreme court upheld by a 5-4 vote today the right of Trenton, N. J., to regulate sound trucks on its streets.

The justices disagreed as to the extent of the regulation. Five separate opinions were filed. Justice Reed, for the majority, announced only the "judgment," meaning that the five who agreed on the decision could not agree on a majority opinion.

Reed said the Trenton ordinance bans from the streets sound trucks and similar devices which emit "loud and raucous noises."

Justice Jackson, who concurred in the majority finding, said the ordinance "unconditionally bans all sound trucks from the public streets."

"City streets are recognized as a normal place for the exchange of ideas by speech or paper," Reed said in his opinion announcing the judgment.

"But this does not mean the freedom is beyond all control. We think it is a permissible exercise of legislative discretion which sound trucks with broadcasts of public interest, amplified to a loud and raucous volume, from the public ways of municipalities."

In a somewhat similar case today, the court unanimously upheld the right of New York to ban from its streets any vehicles which display advertising other than that of the person or firm owning the vehicles.

Hovland Asserts Prayer Essential

A scriptural basis for man-made councils, federations and conferences on revivals of the church is needed, the Rev. Robert G. Hovland, president of Salem academy, told delegates at the recent 13th annual Evangelistic conference in Minneapolis.

The Rev. Mr. Hovland was one of the main speakers at the conference January 25-28. Twelve hundred delegates from 15 states attended.

"We don't need more organizations to accomplish our goals; we need more prayer and consecration on the part of clergy and laymen alike," Hovland said.

Egg and Chicken Prices Slip Here

Prices of top grade eggs fell one cent and fryers from two to four cents, depending on size, Monday on Salem produce markets.

Buying price of extra large AA eggs dropped from 54 to 53 cents, with other grades off one cent except pullet eggs and cracks.

Buying prices on colored fryers, two to three pounds, dropped from 30 to 26 cents and the larger fryers, three pounds and up, dropped from 32 to 30 cents. Retail price on fryers under the new wholesale price ranges from 69 to 74 cents, drawn weight.

Portland Night Club Destroyed by Blaze

PORTLAND, Jan. 31—(AP)—The night club Hy-Mac was destroyed by fire here early yesterday after patrons and employees had left. Damage was estimated in excess of \$50,000.

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Portland Notes Drop In January Business

PORTLAND, Jan. 31—(AP)—Portland business activity skidded further this month.

Bank clearings, continuing the trend started in October, were down \$54,000,000 from December and \$66,000,000 from a year ago at this time. The January total was \$605,468,289.

Building permits also decreased.

4 Distressed Vessels Get Guard's Help

ASTORIA, Jan. 31—(AP)—Coast guardsmen were resting up today after answering four distress calls during a rough weekend.

A coast guard motor fleet boat towed in a crab boat, skippered by Floyd E. Plummer of Hammond, yesterday after the boat broke its rudder stock just outside the Columbia river bar.

Saturday, the 50-foot fishing boat Albatross grounded off Desdemona light. The tug Peggy Belle and the 68,000-gallon oil barge she was towing went aground on the edge of the state ferry channel.

All three craft floated free at high tide without damage.

A Depoe Bay coast guard motor launch rescued the 28-foot troller Carolyn off Cape Meares yesterday.

The Carolyn, with three men aboard, sprang a leak in the fuel tank and was wallowing in heavy seas when the launch took her under tow.

Infant Beats Doc by Mile; Born in Snow

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 31—(AP)—It's lucky the snow was there when William Scott Stafford was born this morning out by the garage.

That's what father William A. Stafford, Jr., said after getting his 2½-year-old wife and the 6-pound 8-ounce baby to the hospital.

Stafford said labor pains seized his wife at home suddenly early today. He and another son carried her to the garage to get her car.

While he was trying to hold her up and open the garage doors at the same time, he felt something fall, brushing against his leg.

That was young William Scott, who promptly began to protest the sold. Father Stafford picked him up out of the four inches of snow, bundled baby and mother up and took them to the hospital, where both are doing well. He credited the snow with softening the baby's fall and saving his life.

Fumes Stagger Texas Pupils

MALLEN, Tex., Jan. 31—(AP)—An estimated 50 pupils and eight teachers were treated tonight after they had been overcome by gas or gas fumes at a McAllen public school this morning.

Most of them became violently ill when they staggered out of the classrooms at Lincoln elementary school. An emergency clinic was set up in the school gymnasium.

Only one had been reported in critical condition. He was Ernest Vining, an eighth grade student, who was given a blood transfusion. He was reported improved and resting.

A city gas system representative said condensation in the gas pipe because of the cold, may have resulted in incomplete combustion, causing fumes.

Where the Big Hits Play! EL SINORE ENDS TONIGHT! BOB HOPE JANE RUSSELL in "THE PALEFACE" TOMORROW! LASSIE TO THE RESCUE OF TWO LOVERS IN THE HILLS - NEWEST AND GREATEST HIT!

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Demos Hasten Hearings About Truman Bills

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31—(AP)—A bill prolonging the life of a GOP anti-inflation measure for seven months after February 28 was passed late today by the democratic senate.

The measure, which now goes to the house, provides for voluntary agreements by industry to channel scarce material into essential uses.

In both house and senate today, administration chiefs put the spurs to the president's bills as the big program ground through committee hearings, with economic bills in the lead.

At the White House, Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) told the president that the tariff bill—the administration's move to restore reciprocal trade agreements legislation to its original form—will be taken up in the house next week.

Rayburn said early house action is in prospect on Mr. Truman's demand for an increase from 40 to 75 cents in the national minimum wage. Hearings may end Friday. In the house labor committee, the Western Union Telegraph company asked that any new wage-hour law exempt some of its part-time workers in small communities.

An investigation of steel allocations and of the effect of slot curbs on automobile purchases was promised by Rep. Putnam (D-Tex.) who is slated to head a special small business committee which the house is expected to set up.

Southern senators were expected to offer a compromise to the senate rules committee in the battle of the filibuster. This would allow 86 of 96 senators to limit debate if a national emergency were involved.

Burma Troops Quell Rebels

RANGOON, Burma, Jan. 31—(AP)—Government sources said a force of 20,000 Burmese troops surrounded today after a bitter nine-hour battle with Burmese troops on the outskirts of Rangoon.

Heavy machine guns and mortars blasted the Karens from trenches and concrete buildings in and about the suburban village on Thamin, only eight miles north of the capital, the informants said. At times the battle raged at point-blank range.

The fighting held up peace talks scheduled here. Saw Ba U Gyi, president of the separatist Karen national union, was unable to get through the battle area to resume true conversations started yesterday with Burmese government leaders. The Karens seek to carve out of Burma their own independent state of Karenistan.

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