

AFL Proposes Unions Pay State Solons

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12—(AP)—The AFL is considering putting state legislators on its payroll so labor sympathizers can afford the law-making jobs.

This would be part of an extremely broad plunge into national political affairs about to be launched by labor's League for Political Education, the American Federation of Labor's political arm.

Heartened by its success in helping elect President Truman last fall, the league is stepping up its national activities and planning extensive campaigns on state and local levels.

Details were worked out at the AFL executive council's recent midwinter session at Miami, Fla. League leaders decided that union members or people sympathetic with labor's aims could have a greater voice, or even control, in state legislatures if more such persons could be induced to run for office.

It was recognized, however, that the pay for state legislators is so low in most states that labor people often cannot afford to run for office or take time out from regular jobs for lawmaking.

Thus, it was proposed and virtually decided that the league will help elect and thereafter augment the salaries of legislators endorsed by labor where they have insufficient funds of their own to get by.

CVA PLAN OPPOSED

PORTLAND, Feb. 12—(AP)—Directors of the Portland chamber of commerce today announced opposition to TVA principles for the control of the Columbia river and its tributaries.

Surplus State Income Tax Set At \$45 Million

Surplus state income taxes, as of June 30, 1949, will aggregate \$45,250,000, and not in excess of \$50,000,000 as estimated by some legislators, state tax commissioner Earl Fisher estimated Saturday.

Fisher's statement, placed on the desk of the joint ways and means committee, included the following data:

Surplus income tax surpluses as of July 1, 1947, including \$5,000,000 cushion, \$19,600,000.
Collections July 1 to Dec. 31, 1947, \$9,150,000.
Collections calendar year 1948, including \$9,000,000 withholding, \$59,200,000.

Estimated collections January 1 to June 30, 1949, including \$6,000,000 withholding \$37,000,000.
Total \$124,000,000.
Obligations, being offset of tax levies of biennium, \$59,700.

Surplus as of June 30, 1949, estimated \$65,250,000.
Less cushion \$5,000,000.
Net, excluding cushion, \$60,250,000.
Withholding \$15,000,000.
Net excluding withholding, \$45,250,000.

Search Finds 2 Youngsters 'Out for Stroll'

Two north Salem youngsters, aged 4 and 7 years, went for an unauthorized "stroll" Saturday morning and for more than three hours were the objects of a city-wide search.

Lorimer (Larry) McLaughlin, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. McLaughlin, 2040 Market st., was reported missing by his frantic mother at 11:30 a.m. She said he

had strayed off with a neighborhood chum, Billy Allan, 7, William Exline, station KOCO newscaster, located the pair wandering along North Summer street near D street. Mrs. McLaughlin had appealed to the station for aid in locating her son.

The boys told Exline they were not lost—they were just "traveling." They had strayed out to the underpass in north Salem and rambled through that area and were headed toward the city center when Exline spotted them.

Phone Hearing Sessions End

Hearing on the service license contract of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, under way here for several weeks, adjourned late Friday until February 23.

Under the proposed contract the Pacific company would pay to the American Telephone & Telegraph company one per cent of its gross revenues for services received. Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg previously rejected the contract on the ground that the Pacific company should pay only for service actually received and not on a gross revenue basis. The telephone company then asked for a hearing.

Sam Campbell, San Francisco, comptroller for the Pacific company, was under cross-examination most of Friday. He contended the service charge was nominal. The cross-examination was conducted by E. L. Graham, attorney for the utilities commission, and Marian Rushing, deputy Portland city attorney.

Allen to Show Film in Seattle

Reynolds Allen, Salem, pilot of the glider which rescued survivors of a wrecked army plane in New Guinea's "Shangri La" in 1945 will show and discuss films of the feat as a feature of the North Coast Retail Hardware association convention in Seattle Sunday night.

Allen is attending the convention as representative of the George E. Allen Hardware company where he is an associate.

BUSINESSMEN TO FLY

PORTLAND, Feb. 12—(AP)—Portland's "flying businessmen" will take off February 19 for a tour of Death Valley. Some 100 men plan to go in 45 planes.

Gun Battle, Chase Near Dallas Climax Man's String of Crimes

DALLAS, Feb. 12—(Special)—The long criminal record of young Lawrence Bernard Lyng of Seattle came to an end today in the underbrush near a county road south of Dallas where he surrendered to Polk county authorities who tracked him down after a wild shooting chase forced him to abandon the stolen car he was driving.

Lyng, 21, confessed to a long string of offenses to Deputy Sheriff Tony Neufeldt today. He is in the local jail booked on a forgery which he admitted performing in Dallas last December. He is wanted by the FBI for a car theft, by Portland police on a hit-and-run episode and by other cities in the northwest.

Traded Stolen Car

Lyng was traced to this area when he traded a stolen car to a dealer in North Dallas. This morning the sheriff's office learned he had been seen in Falls City. Neufeldt and a Dallas policeman, Art Teterud, patrolled the area and came upon the Lyng car, headed toward them, a mile southwest of Bridgeport school. The police stopped in the middle of the muddy road and Lyng slowed down, then gunned his car and outflanked them by taking the ditch.

The officers fired several shots at the car, trying to miss the occupants since Lyng was accompanied by a Falls City youth, Jerry Livingston, whom Neufeldt had recognized. One bullet, however, ripped the convertible's canvas top and barely missed Lyng. Lyng suddenly stopped, left the car and started running across a field. He said later Livingston had threatened to grab the wheel and wreck them if he didn't stop. He plunged into a creek, but was unable to cross it because the flood-swelled water was too deep. He turned and ran for cover in underbrush about 400 yards from the road.

Meanwhile Neufeldt had radioed for help bringing James Born, another policeman, and William Ferguson, game warden. The three started a search and Neufeldt discovered Lyng well concealed in the brush but shaking violently from his icy bath. His current crop of offenses started in August when he came to Oregon from Seattle in a stolen car. He traded cars at Redmond and at Dallas, receiving a \$200 check at Dallas as part payment on his car.

He stayed with the Joe Hegge family in Falls City for a time, where he cashed the check, forging an endorsement. He asserted that he paid a \$110 grocery bill for the Hegges with part of the money.

Next he went to Seattle, Portland, Eugene and Chico, Calif., where he left a string of crimes, including a hit-and-run accident, behind him. He returned to the Dallas area Friday from Seattle with another stolen car.

Salem High Wins Linfield Speech Contest

James Cooke and John Rockenfeller teamed together Saturday to give Salem high school first place in junior men's debate at the Linfield College speech tournament. The pair won seven of eight debates to gain first place.

Phil Ringle added another first for Salem in varsity extemporaneous speaking. Tom Scheidel took second in men's after dinner speaking. Walter Friesen won third place in men's poetry reading and Catherine Person took third in women's poetry reading.

Other Salem high school speakers gaining the finals were Phil Johnson, after dinner speaking; Una Mae Grayless, humorous declamation; Marilyn Foxley, women's poetry reading; and Phil Ringle, varsity impromptu speaking.

Hearing Asked On Proposed Cuts in Tariff

The Oregon congressional delegation has been instructed by Salem Chamber of Commerce to make sure an "adequate hearing" clause is placed in proposed bills to lower tariffs on imported farm goods.

In a telegram message late last week the chamber's agricultural committee reminded the Oregon delegation that many crop farmers in this area will "be hurt" if reciprocal trade laws are enacted without giving the farmers a chance to be heard, according to Homer Gouley, jr., chairman of the committee.

"We want to make certain that duties on foreign imported goods such as hops, nuts, flax and fruits are not lowered until after do-

mestic farmers have had a chance to express themselves," Gouley said. Similar messages also have been sent to other chambers of commerce in this area, he reported.

Anderson to Address Banquet at Newport

Steve Anderson, former state

president of the Young Republicans, will be the principal speaker at the annual Lincoln day banquet at the Newport Country club tonight.

The banquet is sponsored by the Council of Republican Women and the Lincoln county central committee.

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