

Committee in Senate Opposes Permanent Car License Plates

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Permanent car license plates were slammed down as impractical, but industrial accident benefits were given the go-ahead for a 25 per cent increase in legislative committee actions late Tuesday.

Meanwhile, new bills continued to raise controversial questions, such as the one by Sen. Austin Flegel of Baker seeking to remove criminal law enforcement from the duties of sheriffs.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Soviet Russia has had no more constant apologist aside from communist party leaders than Anna Louise Strong. The news that she is accused in Moscow of "espionage and subversive activity directed against the Soviet Union" will, therefore, excite a rather satiric smile among Americans. That strong-minded Anna Strong should become a victim of the soviet system is ironic. Yet a Tass broadcast reports that she is to be deported from the USSR "in a few days."

The northwest knows Miss Strong. Her father, the Rev. Sydney Strong, was long a pastor in Seattle. A brother, Tracy Strong, has long been engaged in YMCA work and during the war had charge of work for war prisoners under the auspices of the International YMCA. Miss Strong herself is an intellectual radical. Considering the fact that she has lived in Russia most of the time since 1922 it is surprising that somehow she has fallen from grace. Whether she has become critical of the Stalinist regime or is simply the victim of Kremlin politics will not be known unless further disclosures are made. She herself may speak out, when she is free to do so.

After being active in social work, particularly child welfare, Miss Strong entered the labor movement in Seattle about the time of the first world war, becoming an editor of the Seattle Union Record. Unionism in Seattle at that time was red-hot; its pulling of a general strike (Continued on editorial page)

Public Service Building Title New Structure

The new state office structure, now under construction at Capitol and Court streets will be known as the "Public Service Building," the state board of control decided at a meeting Tuesday.

A legislative bill appropriating \$22,500 for purchase by the state highway department of land adjoining the state boiler plant here, also was approved by the board. The land would be used for garage purposes.

The board reacted favorably to a request from Houghton Mifflin company of Boston for permission to use pictures of murals in the state capital building. The murals depict the landing of Captain Gray in the Columbia river and the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Ernie Pyle's Body in Hawaii

PEARL HARBOR, Feb. 15-(AP)—A flag-draped casket containing the body of Ernie Pyle was lowered over the side of an LST and taken to Mary's Point mausoleum today.

The war correspondent's body was brought here for burial this summer in Punchbowl crater, the new National Memorial cemetery of the Pacific. He was killed on Ie Shima, tiny Japanese island in the western Pacific, during the latter stages of the war.

Sgt. David J. Elbert of route 1, Rainier, Ore., watched the casket lowered from the landing ship. He was with the 77th division on Ie Shima when Pyle was killed.

"He was a little guy with a big smile," said Elbert. "He'd get out and slog right with the rest of us."

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"My mother likes to know how much I grow."

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Scattered Corn Lures Sheep Down Broadway



IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, Feb. 15—Scattering corn from a sack to lure them on, Jess Croft, sheepman, led 2,300 sheep down Broadway in Idaho Falls. He took them to sheds where the ewes are to have lambs. Less traveled roads were snow-blocked. Kids called the sight "more fun than a circus." (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Russia Orders Pro-Red U.S. Authoress Deported

By Eddy Gilmore

MOSCOW, Feb. 15 (AP)—Anna Louise Strong, American author and journalist ordered deported from the Soviet Union as a spy, a prolific writer who has consistently expressed pronounced pro-Soviet views.

The deportation order was announced early today. The Moscow press, announcing her arrest and the order for her deportation, described her as "the well known intelligence operator."

It reported she had entered Russia "as a consequence of the carelessness of certain foreign relations officials."

Miss Strong is listed here as a correspondent for the allied labor news. She is one of seven American correspondents in Moscow.

Washington turned a puzzled eye upon the Russian order for expulsion of Miss Strong. The soviet's accusation that she is a spy, working against the USSR, is in strange contrast with her writings, which have a pronounced pro-soviet flavor.

Dispatches from Moscow, which are subject to censorship, have not explained what the Russians accuse Miss Strong of doing, saying or writing.

Officials in Washington said they knew of no evidence that she was a spy. They said they regarded her as a pro-soviet.

On a trip to the United States last summer Miss Strong supported the presidential candidacy of Henry A. Wallace. There is no record that she made any statements contrary to her writings that she "loved" Russia and the Russians.

At various times since she first went to Moscow in 1921 she has written in defense and praise of the scheme of things in the soviet union—the spirit of the people, the way the government operates, the economic planning, some of its purges, and Russian international aims, among other things. She even singled out Moscow's garbage disposal system for praise.

Willamette to Cut Enrollment Below 1,000

Reductions of the Willamette university student body to less than 1,000 students within two years was announced by University President G. Herbert Smith Tuesday at a board of trustees meeting in Portland. He explained that present enrollment was excessive for the school facilities. First semester enrollment this year was 1,253.

Formal acceptance of a gift of 2,400 acres of land in the north Portland peninsula area was voted by the trustees. The land was given the school by the late Fred Leadbetter.

Under terms of the bequest, the land may not be sold for a period of a 50 year trust. Truman W. Collins and E. C. McCulloch were named trustees to administer the property.

Dr. George B. Martin, head of the education department, was named director of graduate studies by the board. Continuance of the summer session was also voted.

Snow Higher in Rockies; East Basks in 'Heat'

By the Associated Press

Another Arctic storm moved in on the northern plains states Tuesday. It drove frigid gale winds, accompanied by snow squalls, into the mountain states.

The sub-zero storm struck into northern Montana, the Dakotas and northwestern Minnesota. Ahead of the storm and moving with blinding fury, gale winds whipped into storm weary Wyoming, Idaho and Utah.

Again the omnipresent snow and biting wind struck at helpless snow-bound livestock and inhabitants of remote mountain communities. Trains, cars, trucks and buses were stalled by heavy snow.

Food and fuel supplies dwindled in the enveloping fury of the storm.

Only recently cleared roads and highways were again snow-locked.

In sharp contrast to the buffeted west the east coast's record-shattering warmth.

Overcoats were doffed in New York city's all-time high of 70.1 degrees normal temperature for this date is 31. Baltimore had near 80, Pittsburgh a record 68, Buffalo 59, and Rochester, N.Y., 54.

Gale winds as high as 50 miles an hour whirled into Wyoming, Utah and Idaho, whipping snow on the ground into road-blocking drifts. Heavy snows accompanied the wind in some mountain sections, blocking roadways and cutting off fuel and food supplies.

Livestock in the distressed states again were cut off temporarily from fodder. Haylift operations continued, however, in most snowed in areas.

Main highways in Utah were blocked again and high winds held up any efforts to reopen them. Hundreds of cars, trucks and buses were stalled in many places in Wyoming, Idaho and Utah.

Fuel was desperately short in Moscow, Idaho. A hospital, a hotel and postoffice were down to three days supply. A university of Idaho sorority house was down to three sacks of coal.

The streamliner City of San Francisco was stalled in snow near Wells, Nev. The Union Pacific double line of tracks in Wyoming were blocked. U.S. highway 30, Wyoming's main artery, was closed for 340 miles.

Bill Asks Washington Pension Reconsidered

OLYMPIA, Feb. 15-(AP)—A proposal asking the people of Washington to reconsider the old age pension initiative will be introduced in the legislature tomorrow.

If the legislature approves the initiative will be put up for reconsideration by the voters at a special election.

PHONE FIRM PROFIT HIGH

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15-(AP)—Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company reported today that 1949 was the biggest year in its history except for return on its investment. This was placed at 4.78 per cent.

House Committee Passes \$6 Billion Vets Pension Bill

Control Board Raises Rates At Institutions

A top charge of \$60 a month for the care of patients in Oregon state hospitals and Fairview home and \$100 a month for patients in the state tuberculosis hospitals was approved by the state board of control Tuesday.

The current maximum charge at the state hospitals and Fairview home is \$25 a month and \$65 a month at the tuberculosis institutions. It was made plain that the charges for care of these patients are based on the ability of relatives of patients to pay, with many contributing as low as \$5 a month and others nothing.

Gov. Douglas McKay and Secretary of State Earl T. Newby declared that the increases were justified based on the present per capita cost of conducting the institutions.

State Treasurer Walter Pearson said he was opposed to any charge for patients committed to the state hospitals by the courts. He said voluntary patients should pay as much as \$75 a month.

Committee Requested

The board's action in increasing the maximum charges for patients was taken upon a request from the legislative ways and means committee for an investigation and readjustment of current assessments. A bill authorizing the suggested top charges was expected to be introduced within a few days.

Roy Mills, board of control secretary, said relatives of patients in the state hospitals, Fairview home and the state tuberculosis hospitals paid approximately \$750,000 during the current biennium.

Not Many Pay Top Rate

Figures showed that only 14 of 72 patients in the state tuberculosis hospital here were paying the top charge of \$65 a month. Only two are paying \$50 a month.

At the Fairview home 184 of the 352 paying patients are contributing \$25 a month and 61 approximately \$10 a month. Of the 1100 paying patients in the state hospitals, \$66 are paying the top of \$25 a month and 75 about \$10 a month.

Per capita cost of caring for patients in the state hospitals during the next biennium was estimated at \$60 a month.

Minor Floods Due in Valley

Rain continued to fall in the Willamette valley Tuesday and weathermen hinted that some areas may have rivers at flood stage in the next few days.

More rain, forecast for today and Thursday, may send the Santiam river to the 12-foot flood stage at Jefferson today. Elmer Fisher, government river forecaster, said "moderate to substantial" rises were expected above Oregon City, on the Willamette and up river tributaries through Thursday.

Work Starts on Guardian Site



Steel beams for vertical support of a new building to be erected on the site of the burned-out Guardian building are shown above being slid into place Tuesday. Construction of the one-story store building will begin as soon as foundation and beams are ready. Vlesko & Post has the contract. (Statesman photo).

Woman at Mercy Of Runaway Plane

FORT LEWIS, Feb. 15-(AP)—During the hair-raising hours yesterday when a pilotless runway army plane was diving and droning above residential Tacoma, (Story on page 2), the army switchboard received a call from a frantic woman.

"Some crazy army fool is flying over my house so low he's going to take my roof off! Who's in that plane?" she yelled. "No one, ma'am," replied the army operator.

Salem Lineman Killed; Father Suffers Stroke

Allyn Singleton, 25, Salem, was killed instantly Tuesday when a telephone pole he was working on swayed, brushing him against a 12,000 volt power line near Agate Beach.

Singleton, whose Salem address is 2346 Breyman st., was employed as an installer-repairman by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company with headquarters in Newport.

Robert W. Singleton, Salem, father of the dead man, suffered a heart attack when notified of the accident by telephone.

The company wire chief, Don Beery, left from Corvallis Tuesday to conduct an investigation.

New Standby Price Control Bill Submitted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15-(AP)—The administration sent another urgent plea to congress today for economic weapons it said will be needed more than ever this spring to deal with an upsurge in living costs.

It submitted a bill providing standby authority to impose controls over wages, prices and scarce commodities, plus power to build industrial plants if needed to speed production.

At the same time, House Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex) alerted the nation's taxpayers to the "probability" of a boost this year to avoid a federal deficit.

The anti-inflation measure was submitted by Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan shortly after a White House economist warned the lawmakers that the price pressure is likely to be renewed this spring and could lead to an "ultimate crash."

Rayburn made his forecast after a White House conference with President Truman and house democratic leaders. He told reporters he was making the statement to dispel the idea that the house ways and means committee had permanently sidetracked tax legislation in deciding to give priority to Mr. Truman's new social security program.

Also stricken from the original measure were non-service connected disability payment benefits on a rising scale from \$20 a month for 20 per cent disability to \$90 a month for total disability.

Rankin Aims to Maneuver Bill To House Floor

Six Demos Stalk From Session

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15-(AP)—In an uproarious session during which six democratic committee-men stalked out of the room, the house veterans committee today approved a multi-billion dollar veterans pension bill.

The members who took the walk charged Chairman Rankin (D-Miss) with "dictatorial" actions, and he accused them in turn of "running out on the veterans."

The measure proposes pensions of \$90 a month at the age of 65 for all of the 18,000,000 veterans of World wars I and II. Its ultimate annual cost has been estimated at \$6,000,000,000 a year by some members of congress.

Provides Pensions

The bill provides for payments of \$120 a month -- regardless of age -- to all physically or mentally handicapped veterans requiring an attendant. The disability would not have to be service connected.

Rankin, who gavelled the bill through the committee in the stormy session, moved to force it to the house floor where it was conceded a chance of passage.

However, he must buck administration opposition in getting his bill to a vote. President Truman has stated that pension and bonus legislation have no place in his budget or legislative program at this time.

Rankin applied to Speaker Rayburn for recognition to bring the bill to a vote. President Truman -- at best a forlorn chance. While Rayburn said he would take it under consideration, Rankin already was planning to seek a clearance for the measure for the rules committee.

May Use New Rule

If both those efforts fail, Rankin's ace in the hole is the new house rule by which committee chairmen may force a bill to the floor after 21 days by demanding that the speaker call it up.

"I've got several ideas up my sleeve," the veteran lawmaker remarked.

"They're fooling with one fellow who knows his way around."

Those walking from the committee room before a final vote on the bill were Representatives Chudoff (Pa.), Rodino (N.J.), Huber (Ohio), Patten (Arix), and Donohue (Mass).

Dispute Over Ruling

The dispute arose, not on the bill, but over parliamentary rulings by Rankin for a record vote on certain provisions. When he refused an appeal from his ruling, the walkout followed.

In its original form, Rankin's bill provided for payment of \$60 at age of 60 as well as \$90 at age 65. The \$60-to-\$60 provision was taken out.

Also stricken from the original measure were non-service connected disability payment benefits on a rising scale from \$20 a month for 20 per cent disability to \$90 a month for total disability.

Combined Age Of Six Sisters Is 495 Years

MONMOUTH, Feb. 15-(Special)—Some sort of a record probably could well be claimed by Mrs. Malinda Howard of 181 S. Catron st., Monmouth -- and by her family.

Mrs. Howard, 86, the wife of C. H. Howard, is one of six sisters whose combined age is 495 years. All have been married but once. All still do their own housework. The husbands of the other five are deceased.

The sisters are Mrs. Dora Wilson, 87, Casey, Ia.; Mrs. Clara Mears, 83, Los Angeles; Mrs. Anna Mason, Los Angeles; and Mrs. Annas Smith, Elk Point, Canada, 61-year-old twins; and Mrs. Elizabeth Swisher, 77, Dana, Ia.

THE WEATHER

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	46	36	0.0
Portland	46	36	0.0
San Francisco	54	42	trace
Chicago	46	36	0.0
New York	74	41	0.0

Willamette river 4.6 feet. FOLIO-Mackon U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Cloudy with rain today and tonight. High today near 46. Low tonight near 35.