

# House Votes to Allow Sale of Liquor on Trains, Boats in State

## Demos Push Labor Bill Past Committee

WASHINGTON, March 4—(AP)—Ignoring angry republican cries of "high-handed" action, the democratic majority today rammed the Truman labor bill through the senate labor committee without changing a word. The vote was 8 to 5 on party lines.

The bill, which now goes to the senate, would repeal the Taft-Hartley law and replace it with a modified Wagner act.

Committee approval of the measure was a step — but only one — toward carrying out President Truman's campaign promise to get rid of the T-H measure. Republicans said they would take their fight to the senate floor, where, they predicted, enough democrats will join them to keep basic provisions of the Taft-Hartley act.

Repeal of the Taft-Hartley law would junk such provisions as the 80-day injunction against "national emergency" strikes,

## Age Limit Controversy Postpones Police Exam

By Thomas G. Wright  
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Police officer examinations scheduled for March 15 have been postponed indefinitely because of controversy over age limitations, members of the Salem civil service commission announced Friday night.

The decision was reached by two members of the commission after it was learned that two officers now on temporary status would be ineligible for the examination because they are under the 37-year minimum. The two, David James Bain, and James Allan Hammack, both 35, are patrolmen on the force.

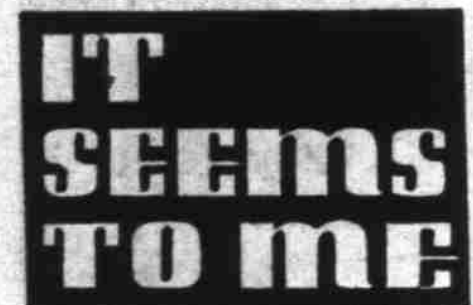
A meeting of the three-member civil service commission has been scheduled for March 16 to attempt to unravel the age requirement question and reset the examination date. Two of the members contacted Friday night, were in favor of lowering the age limitation to 31. The third member, William Entress, was not available for comment.

Members Lyle Page and Richard Severin said they would favor returning the age limits to the old pre-war standards and make them coincide with regulations existing elsewhere. It was expected that Entress would oppose the move.

A unanimous vote of commission is necessary to change existing civil service regulations.

Limits were shifted during the war at the request of Police Chief Frank Mintz because of a lack of good young officer material. Many a young man would have returned to the force after the war only to find that the old limits were able to keep his two young officers and to attract other good material for the examinations.

Mayor R. L. Elstrom said Friday, "I think the 27-year-old age minimum is set entirely too high, and I hope the civil service commission will review this restriction. I see no reason for not using the same age minimum, 21, as prevails for state police."



By Charles A. Sprague

So Louis A. Johnson is to realize his long-standing ambition to be secretary of national defense. He has been named by President Truman to succeed James V. Forrestal who is resigning.

Back in the Roosevelt administration the Johnson-Woodring feud was the talk of the country. Woodring was secretary of war, a sad misfit, and Johnson, who had been commander of the American Legion, was assistant secretary. Harold Ickes in his biography tells how Roosevelt tried to get rid of Woodring, but the price the latter asked was the ambassadorship to Great Britain.

Johnson thought he was to get the secretaryship and built himself up aggressively for the job. When Roosevelt finally moved it was to release Johnson and later to name Henry L. Stimson as secretary of war.

Johnson has been plodding the come-back trail ever since. What put him high in Truman's favor was his diligence in raising campaign funds for the democrats in the last election. That was the job nobody wanted; and when the solicitors went around they found more people "not at home" than in any previous campaign. (Forrestal's check came in after the votes were counted.) Johnson kept plugging and pulled in enough money to finance the president's special train. Now he gets his reward.

It is by no means clear that Forrestal is released because the president was miffed at his hands-off attitude during the campaign. Forrestal has wanted to retire and get back to private business. (Continued on editorial page.)

## Death Penalty for Churchmen Urged

SOFIA, Bulgaria, March 4—(AP)—Communist prosecutors demanded today that four Bulgarian Protestant ministers be hanged as traitors and that heavy prison sentences be imposed upon 11 others.

The trial of the 15 on charges of treason and spying for the United States and Britain near its final stage in Sofia's district court. The prosecution declared the ministers were servants of "Anglo-American imperialism and the western church mission boards."

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Madame, would you kindly not bring your little pink elephant in here!"

## Legalizes 'Lockers' For Clubs

By Wendell Webb  
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A proposal to allow the sale of liquor on trains and boats, and legalize the "master-locker system" for private clubs, was passed by the house with four dissenting votes Friday as the Oregon legislature sharply stepped up its tempo.

The issue now goes to the senate. An anticipated battle on the measure failed to develop. The bill was introduced by the alcoholic control committee of the house and explained on the floor by Rep. John P. Housell of Hood River, committee vice chairman. It would permit boats, trains and licensed clubs to act as sub-agents of liquor commission.

The house also passed 38 to 20 its plan to redistribute the state's 30 senatorships so that no county would have more than two, and gave assent to the distribution of school funds to any distressed district when such funds are made available. Both measures still face senate action.

The senate meantime also approved many of its own bills and sent them to the house for final action, including those requiring sealed bids for all timber and timber land sold by the state and letting hospitals dispense drugs if compounded by pharmacists.

Final legislative action was taken on memorials asking congress to designate November 11 as national Veterans' day and to appropriate another \$2,000,000 for improvements to Coos Bay harbor. Morning Sessions Today

Both the senate and house virtually finished their day's calendar Friday for the first time this week, and both will hold morning sessions today.

Other measures passed Friday included those:

**HOUSE:** Allowing rural school districts to raise emergency funds, and to vote twice on budget if necessary; requiring that banks, if they close Saturdays, must stay open Friday and Monday even if either falls on a holiday. Both issues now go to the senate.

**SENATE:** Allocating high way funds to cities twice a year instead of annually; placing turkeys and poultry under the livestock act; letting cities name streets in platted areas up to six miles from city limits. These three already have passed the house.

**More Bills Introduced**

New bills continued to be introduced in both floors.

The bureau received measures which would give the state claim to the property of a deceased recipient of old-age assistance, provided the property was not needed by survivors; create a board to investigate possible broadening of the educational opportunities for blind children; and providing for a committee to probe the feasibility of a county merit system of employment.

The senate received proposals to charge \$5 extra for special car license numbers; asking congress to eliminate the tax on automobiles and trucks used in interstate commerce, and altering the makeup of the state commission for the blind.

The much-heralded battle over the withholding tax again was postponed and now is scheduled for Monday.

Both the senate and house will resume at 10 a.m. today. (Additional details page 3)

## Security Council Approves Israel's U. N. Application

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## Jobless, Jobs Both Set New February Highs

WASHINGTON, March 4—(AP)—Unemployment hit \$200,000 in February, the highest since the war. Nevertheless, the number of people at work was greater than in any previous February in history.

The census bureau reported a net increase of 550,000 in the jobless, compared with January. But it said the \$7,168,000 persons at work topped the previous February employment record, set last year, by almost 30,000.

The chief reason for this seeming paradox is that the "labor force" has grown. The labor force includes both persons at work and those seeking work.

The bureau said that part of the rise in unemployment was due to bad weather, part to "non-seasonal" layoffs in industry.

The bureau went on to say: "In spite of substantial increases in recent months, unemployment in February was still low relative to pre-war levels. "As late as 1941, for example, unemployment averaged 5,800,000, and about one out of every three persons in the civilian labor force was unemployed. In February, 1949, the comparable proportion was only one out of 20."

## Cordon Says Liquor Fund Switch Legal

Quick action by the senate on a house-approved bill to place liquor revenue in the general fund appears likely Friday after the federal bureau of internal revenue made known it would not tax state liquor profits even though they no longer went directly for public welfare.

U. S. Sen. Guy Cordon of Oregon notified Gov. Douglas McKay by telegram that "it does not make any difference whether the state uses revenues directly for relief or whether money is placed in the general fund and then expended for relief."

Sen. Eugene Marsh, McMinnville, chairman of the senate alcoholic traffic committee, has been delaying action on the proposal pending a definite decision on the issue. Attorney General George Neuner, in an informal opinion for Marsh, also had ruled that the diversion of funds would have no bearing on the federal tax question.

The federal liquor tax is 38 percent. Marsh estimated it would cost Oregon about \$6,000,000 a year if the liquor funds were taxed.

Under present law liquor profits are earmarked for welfare purposes. The bill passed in the house would place them in the general fund from which welfare money would be drawn.

## Seven Firemen Die in Blaze

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 4—(AP)—Seven firemen were trapped and burned to death today as a million dollar fire roared out of control for eight hours in two dime stores.

At least 13 were injured. Exhausted firemen wept as the bodies of their comrades were brought out of the Woolworth store basement after the fire was controlled at noon.

One squad of firemen worked down a stairs into the basement. Others cut hoses into the fire story. The floor suddenly gave way, carrying blazing piles of merchandise and the fire fighters into the basement.

## Runaway House Ties Up Traffic

PORTLAND, March 4—(AP)—A runaway house tied up traffic on Sandy boulevard in this city's northeast district today.

The house was being towed along on dollies when its cable broke on a hill. Dr. E. G. Niles spotted the house rolling toward the building he occupied and was preparing to depart when the structure slipped off the dollies and scraped to a stop in the middle of the street.

Police routed traffic around it while movers tried to figure out how to get the errant house back on the dollies.

## PRIESTS SENTENCED TO DIE

WARSAW, Poland, March 4—(AP)—A Polish military tribunal at Lodz today sentenced two Roman Catholic priests to die for inciting an underground band to kill supporters of the Warsaw communist government.

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### Moscow Silent as To Significance of Political Shakeups

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### Norway Defies Russ; Commies Busy in Arctic

WASHINGTON, March 4—(AP)—Little Norway politely but firmly defied Soviet pressure today.

Rejecting Moscow's proposal for a non-aggression treaty, Norway formally joined the ranks of the non-communist powers now negotiating a North Atlantic security pact here.

In Oslo meanwhile, the Norwegian government handed the Soviet embassy a note saying that a non-aggression pact between the two countries was unnecessary because both are already pledged as members of the United Nations to refrain from any aggression.

Norway expressed hope for continued "good neighbor relations" with Russia and pledged itself against joining in any policy with "aggressive aims."

KIRKENES, Norway, March 4—(AP)—Communist agitators are spreading fear among the scattered Norwegians who live in Arctic isolation near the Soviet border.

The campaign of alarm has this theme: Norway risks serious trouble with Russia by seeking military guarantees from the western powers.

Many non-communists in the far north now are so alarmed by the situation that they decline to be seen publicly with foreigners from western countries.

Fear grips the 50,000 Norwegians scattered over 18,000 miles in the snowy wilderness beyond the Arctic circle. These Norwegian pioneers do not lack individual courage, but they realize how helpless they would be before Russian guns.

Their homes in isolated Finnmark province are defended by a few Norwegian army ski patrols. Nothing more. The frontier with Russia is 122 miles long. Less than one Norwegian soldier per mile is on guard.

### 269 Persons Carried Aloft By Navy Plane

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4—(AP)—A giant Mars flying boat tonight carried the greatest passenger load ever taken through the air.

The Carolina Mars bore 263 passengers and six crewmen. This exceeded by 37 the previous record number of 226 persons carried by the navy dirigible Akron in 1933.

The Mars flew here from San Diego. The passengers were naval personnel being transferred to this area.

Last February 25 the same aircraft set a world record for planes by carrying 222 persons from San Diego to Alameda.

### County to Ease Heavy Hauling Ban

A ban on heavy hauling over most of Marion county's paved roads will be lifted Monday, Marion county court reported Friday.

The order has been in effect several months because of the damage to roads during the recent freeze and resultant thawing period. Only a few main traveled roads would be lifted from the order, the court said. Special permits will be required to travel over other roads with heavy loads.

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### Bookie Ban Ruled Valid

Portland's 1941 law outlawing bookmakers (who accept bets on races run in other states) is valid and does not conflict with statutes allowing pari-mutuel betting on races within this state, the state supreme court held Friday.

The decision reversed both the district and circuit courts in Multnomah county. The ruling was written by Chief Justice Hall S. Lusk.

The case arose when the city of Portland brought suit against A. J. Duntley, a bookmaker who contended the ordinance was unconstitutional. Friday's decision paved the way for the city to prosecute Duntley.

### Valsetz Road to Reopen Soon

DALLAS, March 4—(Special)—The long-closed road from Falls City to Valsetz should be open and passable by the end of next week, Polk County Judge C. F. Hayes predicted Friday. Starting Monday trucks from the two lumber firms at Valsetz will haul county gravel to the road and Hayes thinks it will take four days to finish the job.

The road will be closed from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. while rehauling, but the ban continues for logging trucks.

Other unsurfaced roads in the county have been opened to light hauling, but the ban continues for logging trucks.

### First Marble on New Building



Workers are putting the first slabs of white marble on the new state office building this week. The marble, called Eureka Dumbo, is from Vermont, and nearly seven freight car loads will be used on the office building. Photo above shows the course of stone being put on the building and the scaffolding from which the stonemasons will work on higher courses. Five to six months will be required to put on the marble by the Lutz Marble Co. of Portland. (Statesman photo.)

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	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	51	35	trace
Portland	51	35	.00
San Francisco	59	41	.01
Chicago	58	34	trace
New York	41	29	.00

Willamette river 6.4 feet.  
Forecast from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Partly cloudy today and tonight with mild afternoon temperatures. High today near 61. Low tonight near 38.

SALEM PRECIPITATION		
(Sept. 1 to Mar. 5)		
This Year	Average	Last Year
24.51	32.83	27.91