



Reception line and part of crowd in the Marion hotel's banquet room Monday night looked like this as some 1,000 citizens gathered to pay their respects to Oregon's new governor, Douglas McKay. In receiving line at right are Mayor and Mrs. E. L. Elstrom and Gov. and Mrs. McKay. Shaking hands with the governor is Mrs. Harold Kileover, wife of the Mill City mayor who follows her in line. To left of line is Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea whose military committee introduced guests to the line.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The senate labor committee, voting eight to five on strict party lines, approved for passage the administration labor bill without changing a word. Chairman Thomas rapped down all efforts to work out changes in the bill and his action drew this comment from Senator Taft.

"In my opinion this was the most high-handed procedure in any committee since I have been a member of the senate."

Senator Morse chared the committee with using iron curtain tactics, and performing a "shocking disservice to American labor."

The measure will go to the senate floor when it can get on the calendar, which is out of joint because of the filibuster against a proposed new filibuster rule.

Warren Recall Move Launched

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 7.—(P)—An old-age pension group today launched a drive to recall Gov. Earl Warren, and placed 100,000 "Recall Warren" buttons on sale at a dollar apiece.

Animal Crackers



"Okay, you're the bouncer—do something!"



Another view of the receiving line as Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Watson of Salem passed by to add their congratulations. Mrs. Elstrom is introducing them to Governor and Mrs. McKay. (Photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer). (Photos also on page 3).

Capital Party Honors Gov. and Mrs. McKay; Guest Book Presented

Salem's largest and most colorful party in many years was staged Monday night when several thousand citizens including many from out-of-town attended the informal reception at the Marion hotel to pay tribute to Gov. and Mrs. Douglas McKay.

Salem's official host for the affair, Mayor Robert L. Elstrom, and Mrs. Elstrom received with the McKays. The Marion hotel lobby was filled before the opening hour, the McKays starting to receive before 8:30 and the line continuing until after 1:30 p. m.

Huge baskets of calla lilies, red carnations and Dutch iris, carrying out the patriotic theme, formed a colorful setting for the receiving line.

A special detail of 22 city police officers and two state police officers helped expedite traffic and added an official note to the festivities along Ferry street.

The senate Monday rejected a proposal to require Oregon motorists to equip their autos with parking meters.

Chinese Cabinet Resigns

NANKING, Tuesday, March 8.—(P)—Dr. Sun Fo, 63rd over premier from "retired" Chiang Kai-shek's Chinese government, abruptly resigned today. His action created a new political crisis in the war-weary country with peace negotiations with the communists not far away.

The retund premier, son of Sun Yat-Sen, founder of the Chinese republic, stepped out with his entire cabinet. He announced the resignations to a cheering legislative yuan which had been critical of his policies.

Sun's resignation left Acting President Li Sheng-Jen with a serious problem at a critical time. Sun and his cabinet have been doing the preliminary spadework for the forthcoming peace talks with the Reds.

Sun himself had headed the 10-man government committee which had been scheduled to draft peace proposals to end the three-year civil war.

Sun's resignation opens a way for the acting president to loosen the right-wing control of the "retired" Chiang and other ultra-conservative elements of the Kuomintang (government party) at least in the administrative machinery of the government.

(Sun Fo and Li have since repeatedly reported at odds since Li became president on the "retirement" of Chiang-Kai-Shek.)

Court Upholds Tougher State Curbs on Labor

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(P)—The supreme court ruled today that the states may impose tougher curbs on "union security" contracts than are provided in federal laws.

The court split 7-2 in holding that neither the Taft-Hartley act nor the Wagner act which preceded it bans states from regulating union security agreements.

The majority said the only limit is that "the state shall not impose a policy inconsistent with national policy."

In another action today, the court affirmed for a second time the conviction of Carl Aldo Marzani on a charge that he concealed communist party activities from his superiors in the state department.

Marzani, wartime employe of the secret office of strategic services and the state department, was sentenced to one to three years by U. S. district court here upon conviction of falsely stating that he had never been a communist.

The supreme court divided 4-4. How the justices voted was not disclosed. Justice Douglas took no part in the case. He had likewise participated the first time when the court upheld Marzani's conviction on a tie vote. No opinion was delivered in either.

5-Year Plates For Autos to Start in '50

Five-year license plates for motor vehicles will be issued in Oregon starting in 1950, Secretary of State Earl Newberry announced Monday.

Newberry several days ago indicated he would not adopt the plan because the senate had refused to concur in a house bill to allow registration to owners rather than to cars.

Senate approval is expected for the provision, approved by the house, for a staggered system of renewals—one twelfth each month.

Initiative-Fund Tie Recommended Committee Okehs Europe Aid Fund

\$5 1/2 Billion for 15 Months Set; No Surplus Call

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(P)—The senate foreign relations committee approved today a \$5,580,000,000 European Recovery program.

The members agreed unanimously on the spending program to be spread over the next 15 months.

The fund authorized in the measure is the second installment of the Marshall plan. To become law, the bill must be passed by senate and house and signed by the president. Then an actual appropriation bill to carry out the program must be passed by congress.

Chairman Connally (D-Texas) said after the committee session: "Several members made reservations that they may change their vote when the bill goes to the appropriations committee."

Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich) said the members decided they could make no cut at this time with the commodity market fluctuating as it is.

Connally said he will take the authorization bill to the senate for a vote as soon as the "log jam" created by a southern filibuster is ended.

The committee's entire membership of 13 voted for the bill.

The committee adopted a resolution which would put the senate on record "to encourage unification of Europe."

American shipping interests won their fight for a clause providing that 50 per cent of the gross tonnage exported from this country by ECA must be in U. S. vessels "so far as practicable."

The committee refused to make it mandatory on ECA to buy surplus U. S. farm products for export to Europe.

10 Men Injured In Truck Crash; 3 in Hospital

Three hopyard workers were in Salem Memorial hospital today, the result of a truck crash early Monday morning on the Pacific highway near Labish, north of Salem.

Seven other men were released from Salem hospitals after treatment.

In critical condition with back injuries was George Mooney, 745 Trade st. William Henry McClain, 3330 Portland rd., and William H. Dalton, 265 N. Commercial st., were reported in fair condition late Monday night.

Fourteen farm workers were on the pickup truck, owned and driven by Harold Bushman, Woodburn. According to state police reports, Bushman had picked up the workers in Salem and was transporting them to a hopyard near Labish.

Pyramid Clubs Here; Legality Not Decided

Salem's newest fad, the Pyramid clubs, may not be a gold mine but they are not yet declared illegal by District Attorney E. O. Stadter, Jr.

"I have not yet found a statute which would outlaw the clubs," said the district attorney Monday. "Neither have I found a law which appoints the district attorney guardian of persons who get tangled up in such schemes."

The clubs, which moved here recently after setting Portland afire, operate something like chain letters without the letters. Members join, attend parties and pay a dollar, collect other members who in turn keep the program rolling. A pay-off is promised to those who reach the apex.

In Portland and Multnomah county they have been ruled lotteries but authorities said they would not prosecute—maybe because this would entail jailing half the adult population.

"In order to be ruled a lottery," Stadter said, "the elements of consideration, chance and a prize are necessary. In the case of the club the element of chance and a prize appear to be lacking. They would be illegal, however, if a 'racket' developed out of them."

Attorney General George Neuner, when asked about the clubs Monday, stated in no uncertain terms that his office had nothing to do with them. It's a matter for the district attorneys, sheriffs and police chiefs in each community to deal with, said Neuner.

In California, where the clubs originated, investigations are being conducted and the clubs are being outlawed.

Rep. Sol Bloom Passes at 78; Broughton Dies

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(P)—Rep. Sol Bloom (D-NY), chairman of the house foreign affairs committee, died unexpectedly tonight of a heart attack.

He would have been 79 the day after tomorrow.

His death occurred at 8:50 p. m. (EST) in the naval hospital at nearby Bethesda, Md., where he was being treated for a persistent cold.

The veteran congressman, widely known for his philosophical manner, and his beribboned pince-nez, had entered the hospital on March 4.

Bloom's death was the second to strike congress within the past 36 hours.

Sen. Melville Broughton (D-NC) succumbed to a heart attack Sunday morning.

Advised of Bloom's death, his long time associate, Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex) said: "I think Sol Bloom was one of the finest men I ever knew and one of the best friends I ever had. Everybody who loves a great soul will grieve at Sol Bloom's passing. He performed a great service to his state, his country and his generation."

"I deeply regret the death of Sol Bloom. He was a personal friend for a good many years and one I had learned to admire and respect. His rise from a humble beginning to his high position was typical of what can be done in a free country like America."

Withholding Battle Today; Debate Limited

A move to bar from the ballot all initiative measures which do not offer a means of financing whatever they propose was a step nearer realization today.

The house judiciary committee, to which the plan was referred last week, brought the measure back to the floor with a do-pass recommendation today.

It will not be debated today, however, the decks already having been cleared for the long-delayed battle over the withholding tax. But the decks won't stay clear very long. Under pressure of Senate President William Walsh and Speaker Frank Van Dyke, committees were expected to start pouring out their measures this week.

And new ones continued to be introduced, including one to add 1 cent to the gasoline tax so that the state could put up \$3 to every \$1 the counties provide for the repair of front-damaged roads.

Spurred by official (if not too optimistic) estimates that adjournment is possible within 10 days or two weeks, the legislature Monday ran up the warning flags on its more talkative members and proceeded to regard itself as in the home stretch.

The senate sent back to committee a bill bearing communism from state employment but indicated quick passage as soon as the right of appeal is included in the measure.

The senate passed and sent to the governor a house resolution providing for an interim committee to study the feasibility of a soldiers' home for veterans of World War I and II and the Spanish-American war. It also passed and sent to the house a bill requiring all motorists on a two-lane road to stop when a school bus is loading or unloading, and memorial asking congress to give the states rights to tide lands.

The house killed a bill requiring jury trials for commitments to the state hospital. It passed and sent to the senate a bill requiring that impounded dogs be kept in good health for five days to permit owners to reclaim them.

The senate declined to have anything to do with a proposal that parking meters be placed on all cars (their clocks starting when cars stop).

Meantime, the house state and federal affairs committee recommended passage of a measure moving eight miles down-stream the headline for dams on the Rogue river. The bill is designed to permit construction of a \$60,000,000 U. S. reclamation dam. The same committee voted to kill a proposed constitutional amendment barring the death penalty in Oregon.

The house taxation committee buried a bill today which would reduce the 8 per cent corporation income tax rate, and which would have eliminated the personal property tax offset against the corporation tax.

New bills in the senate would reinstate water rights to residents along the Luckiamute rivers in the Camp Adair area, open Yaquina bay to commercial fishing and let school districts apportion indebtedness incurred by separate districts prior to consolidation.

Tonight in the house chambers (7 p. m.) there will be a public hearing on the \$50-a-month pension bill.

Regarding the pension measure, Rep. Joseph Harvey told the house Monday he hoped no one would pay attention to "scurrilous postcards" sent from Lebanon, Coos Bay and Albany attacking the bill. Harvey said Joe Dunne, long-time pension advocate, had disclaimed any knowledge of the cards.

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

Strawberry Fair Set at Lebanon For June 3-4

LEBANON, March 7.—One of Oregon's oldest festivals, the annual Strawberry fair, will be held June 3 and 4, it was announced by festival board president Ken Sims.

The annual attraction, a giant five-ton shortcake baked in a local bakery, will be served free to approximately 15,000 persons at noon the first day.

Other features of the fair will include Browning Bros. Amusement company from Salem, industrial parade Friday and children's parade on the final day, street races, platform programs, exhibits and local displays.

Also billed are motorboat races on the Santiam river, softball tournament and horse show at the Wrangler race track.

Table with weather forecast for Salem, Oregon, including max/min temps, precipitation, and wind speed.