

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

It is obvious that one of the casualties of this legislative assembly will be the famed Walker plan which allowed a discount on income tax bills in event of surplus receipts the previous fiscal year.

The Walker plan has come in for a lot of criticism, but that is based largely on hindsight. If people knew the history of this bit of legislation that criticism would diminish to a whisper.

It was evident in 1942 that our income tax structure would produce more revenues than would be needed for operating the state government.

When the 1943 legislature met there were demands for very drastic reduction in the income tax, and some bills to achieve that purpose were introduced.

It was necessary to wage quite a fight to get this plan adopted (Continued on editorial page)

Dallas Mother, Saves Infants, Dies of Burns

DALLAS, March 21-(Special)-Saving three young children from a roaring house fire cost the life of their mother, Mrs. Earl Little-

When the Littletown home caught fire Saturday, six older children got out safely and the mother's clothing caught fire while she was rescuing her 15-month-old baby and sons age 3 and 4 who were fear-stricken under a bed in the house.

Mrs. Littleton died of burns in the hospital. Her husband was in a Salem hospital at the time, after a spinal operation the day before.

The Littletown children are being cared for at the A. B. Nickol home nearby and the family is being assisted by the Red Cross and Dallas citizens.

The fire is believed to have started when Mrs. Littleton was lighting a fire with kerosene.

Israel Signs Lebanon Peace

TEL AVIV, Israel, March 21-(AP)-Informants said today the new Israeli-Lebanese armistice calls for the evacuation of 14 villages in Lebanon still held by Israeli forces.

The armistice provides for the demilitarization of zones six to 12 miles wide on both sides of the frontier.

A prisoner exchange is included in the agreement, initiated last night by Israeli and Lebanese negotiators.

The agreement is the second of the young Jewish state has reached with one of its Arab neighbors.

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, acting United Nations mediator, said at Rhodes today that Syria has accepted an invitation to talk over an armistice with Israel.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Trouble is none of them agree."

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House Boosts Jobless Benefits, Hunting, Fishing Fees

Reds Not To Fight Mark Ban

BERLIN, March 21-(AP)-The Russians said tonight they would take no restrictive action against the western ban on circulation of the east mark in western Berlin.

Many Berliners had expected the Russians to make some retaliatory move.

The western occupying powers issued their ban on the Soviet zone currency yesterday.

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81st Congress Said 'Cooperating' Senate Splits Over Rent Controls

'Local Option' Control Backed By Republicans

WASHINGTON, March 21-(AP)-The senate split today party lines today on the merits of a house-approved plan to let state, counties or cities shunt off federal rent controls whenever they like.

Republicans generally argued in favor of the idea. Democrats said the power to lift controls should be given only to the states.

The present rent law expires March 31, only 10 days away.

Mr. Truman, in an address to the U. S. conference of mayors, had made it a crime for anyone to possess west marks in their entire population zone, including Berlin.

Sen. Baldwin (R-Conn.) said that if congress gives anyone the power to decontrol rents, "we must fasten it on some body which is in continuous session."

Sen. Vandenberg (R-Mich) said the house plan would bring "home rule down to grass roots units."

Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) said he doesn't see that it would make any difference if one community had rent controls and an adjoining one did not.

Senators Maybank (D-SC) and Sparkman (D-Ala) contended it would be unconstitutional to give decontrol authority to cities and counties.

Hutchins Given 4-Year Term

PORTLAND, Ore., March 21-(AP)-An Oregon liquor store employee arrested in Reno after a gambling club spree there was sentenced today to four years in prison for theft of public funds.

Russell E. Hutchins, 42, who disappeared from his Portland store job December 11 with \$7,115.40 of liquor sale receipts, was dead broke when arrested.

Hutchins' woman companion on the Reno trip, Gertrude Janette Sanders, 36, has been indicted on a charge of being an accessory after the larceny.

Still Operation Charged to Oregon Man

PORTLAND, March 21-(AP)-Memories of the prohibition era were revived today in the office of U.S. Commissioner Robert A. Leedy.

White House aides demanded surrender of the blimp-taken Key West pictures. They called it a security measure.

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Valley Coop Head Quits at Silverton

SILVERTON, March 21-(Special)-C. A. Hande, for the past 3 1/2 years manager of Valley Farmers cooperative, 734 McClaine st., has resigned, it became known here today.

He has asked to be retired July 1. He was twice elected President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Bill Seeks Full Block For Capitol's Parking

A bill seeking an entire block east of the capitol grounds as an off-street parking lot for state employees and state vehicles was introduced in the senate Monday.

Introduced by the senate institutions committee, the bill provides \$200,000 to purchase the block which is bounded by 12th and 13th streets on the west and east and by Court and Chemeketa streets on the south and north.

Salem officials as a solution to an acute parking and traffic problem in the capitol group area. The board of control would be empowered to use the property for a parking lot, garage or as the site of any state building.

Introduced in the house Monday was a bill to appropriate \$22,500 for purchase of property at Ferry and 13th streets, for use with the state heating plant.

Mrs. Truman Didn't Like This



WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21-This picture of President Harry Truman was taken during his vacation off Bermuda in 1946. It developed today that objection to bathing beach pictures of the president at Key West last week traced to Mrs. Truman's objection to 1946 pictures of the president taken off Bermuda—pictures she termed a "disgrace to the family."

Swim Suit Photo Blamed For Vacation Censoring

WASHINGTON, March 21-(AP)-Said Mrs. Truman to husband Harry just before he went on his Florida vacation: "Whatever you do, don't have any pictures taken in your bathing suit."

And that, says President Truman is the reason behind the seizure of a batch of pictures taken by newsreel and newspaper photographers from a navy blimp hovering over the presidential party at Key West, Fla., last week.

The president gave that explanation at the White House News Photographers' Association dinner. He said he had been photographed in his bathing suit during a Bermuda trip in 1946, and ever since then Mrs. Truman had regarded the picture as a "disgrace to the family."

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Pilot Rescues Men From Bering Floes

NOME, Alaska, March 21-(AP)-A score of crab fishermen marooned on drifting Bering sea ice floes were rescued yesterday by "Bush" Pilot Willie Foster. A motorboat saved the fishermen's dog teams. A strong north wind carried the ice out so quickly that the men were unaware of their plight.

ALBANIANS AT RED PARLEY LONDON, March 21-(AP)-An Albanian government delegation headed by Premier Col. Gen. Enver Hoxha arrived in Moscow today to discuss economic matters with Russia.

Truman Blames Woe Makers, Blasts at Lobby

WASHINGTON, March 21-(AP)-President Truman, adopting a strategy of soft words toward congress, said today he and the legislators are cooperating and only "trouble makers" talk of bad feeling between them.

Instead of lashing out at the 81st congress for the setbacks he has received at its hands, the president roundly denounced the "real estate lobby" which, he said, has proved itself the "enemy of the American home."

The president's remarks about congress, in a speech to the United States conference of mayors, were in marked contrast with his lambasting of the 80th congress during the presidential campaign.

"It seems that whenever I make a recommendation to the congress, many newspapers and columnists set up a howl about the president trying to dictate to the congress."

And then if the congress makes any decision that varies at all from my recommendations, these same trouble makers start a gleeful chorus about how the congress has thrown the whole democratic program overboard."

Mr. Truman spoke against a background of three recent developments:

1. The house shot holes in the administration's rent-control bill.

2. A senate committee rejected 7-6 President Truman's nomination of his friend, Mon C. Wallgren, to be chairman of the national security resources board.

Mr. Truman made no mention of these developments. Instead, he told the conference of 600 mayors: "Of course, I differ with the actions of the congress on some points, and where these differences are important I shall continue to urge the course I think is right."

"But basically the congress and the president are working together and will continue to work together for the good of the whole country. We are going to agree on a lot more things than we disagree on."

SHS Speakers Compete Today

Salem high school speech students, coached by Amanda Anderson, will enter district speech competition at Linfield college at McMinnville today.

The speakers, chosen in recent intraschool elimination contests, will compete with Albany and Dallas students to gain district titles for the state tournament April 8-9 at Oregon State college.

Salem high representatives are: extempore speaking, Phil Ringle; oratory, Una Mae Grayless and Eugene Poindexter; panel discussions, Frank Vitaris and Una Mae Grayless; after dinner speaking, Tom Schiedel and Roger Smith; radio speaking, Walter Friesen and Mauriel Stusloff; poetry reading, Mauriel Stusloff and Catherine Person; impromptu speaking, Phil Ringle.

House Approves Limiting Fishing On Mill Creek

Mill creek really will be a kids' playground, if the senate affirms the favorable vote given the proposal by the house Monday.

The house unanimously passed a bill, sponsored by the entire Marion county delegation, which closes the creek to fishing except by adjacent property owners and by persons under 18 years old.

Rep. Douglas Yester, who aided in getting the bill through the game committee and explained it on the floor, said it was contemplated to amend it to permit fishing by persons over 65. The amendment will be sought in the senate.

Crash Kills Woman; 2 from Salem Hurt

TILLAMOOK, Ore., March 21-(AP)-Mrs. Myrtle Lander, 64, Vancouver, Wash., was killed when her automobile collided with a garage tow truck south of here yesterday.

Two Salem women were passengers. They were Mrs. C. L. Galoway, 60, and Mrs. Blanche Riggs, 67. Both were injured.

Capital Punishment Referendum Beaten; Bonus Debate Today

An increase of nearly \$1,000,000 annually in unemployment benefits and a 3 1/2 per cent boost in hunting and fishing license fees were approved by the house and sent to the senate Monday as the legislative waded into what members hope will be the final fortnight of the session.

A proposed referendum to abolish the death penalty was beaten. The vote on the omnibus unemployment benefit bill was 57 to 1. It came after the house bent down attempts to include cooperatives and to limit the bill's application to employers of four or more persons (instead of one or more). The benefits are increased from \$20 a week for 20 weeks to \$25 a week for 26 weeks, with a minimum of \$15 a week of \$10.

The game program, comprising six bills, was approved over the protest of southern Oregon representatives who objected to doubling the fees for out-state hunting licenses. (Details on sports page).

President Asks Quick Okeh for Atlantic Pact

WASHINGTON, March 21-(AP)-An appeal by President Truman for quick senate action on the proposed north Atlantic defense treaty was disclosed today by Senator Watkins (R-Utah).

The president, in a letter to Watkins, said he hopes senate approval of the pact will be "as expeditious as is consistent with full consideration" by senators and the public.

He said "I do not agree" that there should be a 60-day interval between publication of the treaty and signature, as urged by Watkins. The text of the proposed alliance was made public March 18; it is scheduled to be signed April 4. But it cannot become effective until the senate ratifies it.

Mr. Truman said he wanted to call Watkins' attention to the extent of cooperation between the senate and the administration in drawing up the north Atlantic treaty.

However, Watkins still demanded a 60-day delay before the signing. On March 7, he had written Mr. Truman protesting that the senators had been kept in the dark during the prolonged negotiations.

He questioned the meaning of article five which provides that an armed attack against one of the signatories shall be considered "an attack against them all."

Watkins also asked: "Would a communist government be welcomed as a member of the pact? Should means of expelling such nations be included in the pact?"

Commiss Cited As 'Key Men' To Revolution

NEW YORK, March 21-(AP)-The trial of 11 top U. S. communists finally got under way before a jury today with a government charge that the defendants hold the key to an American revolution.

The 11 can set the time for an uprising of "force and violence," the government charges. The trial is the first in a series of government trials of communists.

The defense, through its chief spokesman, went before the jury in turn to insist that the party never has raised a hand against the U. S. government.

Eugene Dennis, secretary general of the communist party in this country, said the party consistently has taught the support of the U. S. government.

"It is a matter of public record," said Dennis, who is acting as his own attorney, "that we supported the Roosevelt administration and vigorously campaigned for his reelection."

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Inspection Due Guard Units

Salem's national guard units spent Monday night's regular drill session sharpening up for the annual federal inspection scheduled for Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Col. John Keliher, assistant inspector general of the 6th army, and another inspecting officer, will be in Salem Wednesday to check companies B and G, 162nd infantry regiment, and headquarters detachment.

Administration and supply inspection will be at 3 p.m. and training inspection will begin at 8 p.m. in the armory.

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