

Legislature Lifts Colored Oleo Ban Effective This July

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Oregon housewives were emancipated from the margarine mixing bowl Monday when the house of representatives voted 51 to 7 to allow sales of colored oleo.

The senate-approved measure which the house sent to the governor will go into effect 90 days after the legislature adjourns, probably sometime in July.

In repealing the state's 29-year-old ban on sales of colored margarine, the house reversed its February 6 vote which killed a senate-passed measure to allow housewives to buy yellow butter substitutes.

Former opponents of colored margarine admitted in Monday's house debate that tremendous public pressure had caused them to change their vote.

The seven representatives hanging tough on the issue were Reps. David Baum, LaGrande; Frank Farmer, Rickreall; Giles French, Moro; Carroll Lacey, Irons; Ivan C. Laird, Siltkum, and Robert Y. Thornton, Tillamook.

Rep. Jack Greenwood, Wemme, chairman of the house food and dairying committee who previously voted against margarine, expressed the sentiment of many of the house members who changed their stand in recent weeks.

"I've been nicknamed 'Ole' and have been on the spot ever since we voted down a colored margarine," Greenwood declared. "I have never received so many critical letters in all my years at the legislature."

Greenwood told the house "the dairy industries public relations have been very bad. Dairy interests have fought colored margarine on the ground it would reduce butter sales and harm the dairy industry in Oregon."

Baum rapped the democratic organization which filed an initiative last week to institute a repeal of the oleo ban at the 1952 general election.

Those filing the initiative picked a very poor time, Baum told the house. "It was simply an attempt to force the house to vote for colored margarine. The timing was very bad and won't make many members change their minds."

The 51 to 7 outcome did not bear out Baum's prediction.

Rep. John Housell, Hood River, author of a bill to allow sales of colored margarine of a lighter shade than butter, said he preferred the measure approved Monday to the one he suggested.

Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland, was sponsor of the bill sent to the governor Monday. The oleo ban was defeated by house earlier was introduced by Sen. and Rep. Richard L. Neuberger, Portland.

"I will vote for license fees to police the sales of colored margarine, but will oppose any tax on it," Housell announced.

In later questioning on the floor, Greenwood said his committee probably wouldn't propose a tax on colored margarine, but would provide license fees to provide for enforcement of Mahoney's bill which would require restaurants serving margarine to advertise the fact.

Representative Neuberger scored the house for not passing her bill February 6.

"By voting down my bill, you have delayed this issue for more than a month," she told the house. "And this bill is essentially the same as mine."

Critical of Newsman
Several members were critical of newsman covering the legislature. They contended articles written from the capital have led the public to believe the legislature is spending its entire time on the margarine issue.

Just to prove the house hasn't formally spent much time on the margarine issue, House Speaker John Steelhammer and Representative Baum staged a rehearsed question and answer period for the press and gallery.

"Tell me, Mr. Speaker, do you know how much time the house has spent on oleo?" Baum queried.

Has Figures Ready
"I just happen to have the figures available," Steelhammer answered. "The house debated the question for 65 minutes and the committee worked with it for five hours."

Steelhammer's figures, however, did not include time spent by individual members answering letters from irate housewives, several public hearings and many hours spent by members drawing up other oleo bills introduced this session.

In other action on the dairy-consumer front Monday, the senate voted 24 to 4 in favor of Sen. Manley Wilson's bill to transfer administration of state milk control laws from the milk control board to the board of agriculture.

The house killed, 34 to 24, a measure which would have barred any more chain dentists from practicing in Oregon. But it approved and sent to the senate legislation to establish district courts in Klamath and Umatilla counties and to raise the 74 daily pay of election judges to 75 cents an hour.

Both the house and senate will meet at 10 a.m. today. (Other legislative news on page 4)

SOLONS TO TAKE HOLIDAY
The senate Monday voted 17 to 11 not to meet Friday, Saturday or Sunday in observance of the Easter holiday. The house last week voted to take a similar vacation.

Allies Nearing 38th Parallel All Along Line

TOKYO, Tuesday, March 20—(AP)—Allied troops are less than 17 miles from Korea's 38th parallel at more than 10 points across the peninsula, the U.S. eighth army reported today.

The special memorandum issued as field reports told of indications the Reds were planning to withdraw north of that artificial boundary for North and South Korea.

"Holding elements of eighth army are less than 17 miles from the 38th parallel at more than 10 scattered points along the Korean front," the memorandum stated.

A similar one issued 24 hours earlier said allied forces were 17 miles south of the 38th parallel at five points.

Today's memo also said: "Reports circulated in the United States and elsewhere of U.S. troops in positions 10 miles from the parallel and of ROK (Republic of Korea) troops on the parallel were not accurate."

Allied troops made "substantial" gains Monday in west-central Korea, General MacArthur announced. Extent of the advances was cloaked in censorship.

Eighth army announced the capture intact of Chungbyong reservoir and power station 15 miles northeast of Seoul.

The Reds were observed digging new defense positions near the 38th parallel on both sides of the peninsula. But it was not determined whether these were for a stand or delaying purposes.

Contrary to earlier reports, the Chinese were reported digging in south of Chunchon Monday. On Sunday field commanders were convinced Chunchon had been abandoned.

Gov. Langlie To Veto Entire Appropriations

OLYMPIA, March 19—(AP)—Governor Langlie said tonight he plans to veto the entire omnibus appropriations bill and call the Washington State legislature back into special session a week from tomorrow to write a new one.

The proposed action was disclosed as the deadlocked regular session of the legislature ended its sessions tonight after failing to agree on what new taxes should be enacted to balance the 1951-52 budget.

It was the first time in the memory of old time legislative observers that such a procedure had been followed. But it was in line with Langlie's demand that the legislature balance the budget.

By vetoing the \$600,000,000 appropriations bill, the governor will enable the legislature to start from scratch, write a new appropriations bill—probably \$15,000,000 under the present one—and levy whatever taxes may be needed to balance the budget.

Sewer Project Contract Let

Work on a mile-long northeast Salem trunk sewer will begin within two weeks, city officials said after the city council Monday awarded a contract for the job to Salem Sand and Gravel Co.

That firm had submitted the low among seven bids—\$34,000, which is more than \$7,000 under city estimates. Other bids ranged to \$59,000.

The contract calls for completion by June 15.

The sewer will connect with the new big trunk line along Lana avenue, and will extend north and south along the east side of Portland road. Laterals to the east will be installed later.

Holy Week Services Continue at Noon

Interdenominational Holy week services are being conducted from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. daily through Thursday at St. Paul's Episcopal church, Chalmers and Church streets. The Salem YMCA and YWCA are sponsoring the noon-hour meditations. Each will consist of devotions and special music.

Costello Admits Hold on Tammany RFC Probe to Continue Indefinitely

Ex-Rep. Casey Quits as Aide To Johnston

By Roger D. Greene
WASHINGTON, March 19—(AP)—Chairman Fulbright (D-Ark.) announced tonight his senate banking subcommittee will continue indefinitely its investigation of an alleged "influence ring" operating around the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Fulbright said the subcommittee will hear testimony next week from Senator Murray (D-Mont.), who demanded an opportunity to be heard, and from former Rep. Joseph E. Casey (D-Mass.).

Murray's name figured in the current inquiry in testimony that he plugged for a \$1,000,000 RFC loan to the Sorrento hotel in Miami Beach, Fla. The testimony brought out that Murray's son, James, received \$21,000 in fees for acting as attorney in the Sorrento case and in other RFC loans in the Florida resort center.

In other fast-breaking developments:

1. Former Congressman Casey resigned today as congressional liaison man for Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston. Casey wrote Johnston he was stepping out "to relieve you of any unmerited embarrassment" in connection with the RFC probe.

Casey told the subcommittee a week ago that he invested \$20,000 in a deal in surplus government tankers and made a profit of \$250,000. He denied anything improper.

2. RFC Director C. Edward Rowe testified President Truman appointed him to the RFC in August, 1950, with orders that the big federal lending agency, already under fire, "needed to be cleaned up."

3. Chairman Fulbright and his subcommittee sharply questioned Rowe and RFC Director Walter L. Dunham behind closed doors on their conflicting testimony about an alleged move to get Dunham to resign.

Dunham swore Rowe tried to make him a "goat" of the senate inquiry. Rowe hotly denied it.

Fulbright's announcement that the inquiry will go forward indefinitely followed growing demands by some republicans in congress that the investigation should be continued until "the rug has been pulled clear back."

South Keizer Road District to Vote on Levy

Election on continuation of a \$2,500 tax levy for road maintenance set for April 21 by the South Keizer Special Road district was approved Monday by the Marion county court.

The voting will take place from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Holden's garage.

Swim Program Popular in School Holidays



During spring vacation in Salem schools, nearly 300 youngsters are learning to swim at the Salem YMCA. Explaining a swim stroke is Fred Corde, right, to members of the older girls' class. From left the girls are Barbara Kjaer, 15, of 1308 Market st.; Jeannine Brannon, 14, of 1357 Market st.; Alice Canary, 12, of 605 Hickory st.; Bonnie Jenkins, 17, of 1110 Madison st.; and Barbara Helton 16, Salem route 4. Demonstrating is Jeanne Rawlins, 15, of 2015 Fairgrounds rd. (Statesman photo.)

Daffodils Crowd Cargo Space on Outgoing Planes

Daffodile shipments from the northwest were crowding plane cargo space, officials of United Airlines in Salem reported Monday.

The sudden burst of spring-like weather sped many of the golden yellow flowers into bloom over the week end and growers were packing all available shipping space on outbound planes.

Ten to 12 boxes of flowers are being shipped daily from the Salem airport. Most growers however were reported trucking flowers to Portland to be loaded on planes there.

SWALLOWS RETURN

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19—(AP)—The faithful swallows of Mission San Juan Capistrano and Folsom prison kept their annual rendezvous at those two places today. The return of the swallows to San Juan Capistrano have been chronicled for 84 years. They arrive on March 19.

Midpoint in Drive Passed By Red Cross

Marion county's Red Cross fund drive passed the halfway mark Monday when volunteer workers reported a collection of \$26,121 to date against a \$48,985 goal for this year.

First substantial returns from the county area came in Monday, although more than \$24,000 of the subscriptions so far have come from Salem. Stayton reported \$600 Monday, Silverton \$500, southern county areas \$459 and the Salem suburban area \$311.

The women's division has 73 per cent of its \$7,100 quota and several other divisions are halfway toward their quotas.

Chairman Robert L. Eifstrom called on drive workers to meet again for a report next Monday noon with the Salem Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon in the Senator hotel.

Neuner Clarifies Law Governing Daylight Saving

The spring season on daylight saving time opened Monday with a ruling from the Oregon attorney general.

Gov. Douglas McKay would not have to wait until all four adjacent states decided on time changing before declaring the Oregon time policy, it was ruled by Attorney General George Neuner.

Neuner said the 1949 legislature's intent would be sidestepped if the law were interpreted to mean that the governor should delay his decision until all bordering states have acted. Under the law, however, the governor could not proclaim daylight saving time without showing that the move would be in the interest of Oregon's economy and general welfare, said Neuner.

13TH SESSION UNLUCKY

PARIS, March 19—(AP)—The Big Four powers ended the 13th session of their deputy foreign ministers talks tonight as far apart as ever.

Squirrel Hill Pupils Serious in '88



Pupils at the old Squirrel Hill school nine miles south of Salem (which burned in 1894) looked quite serious about this picture-taking business. In this 1888 photo, belonging to E. F. Rodgers of route 2, box 2918, Salem, are (left to right): Front row—Ollie Duke Lewis, Salem; Lettie Robertson Nicely, Portland; Ada Price; Laura Rodgers Woods (deceased); Arthur Robertson, Turner; Alfred Duke, Portland; second row—Casper Morris, Salem; Lester Morris (deceased); Cecil P. Rodgers, Salem route 2; Clayton O. Rodgers, Portland; Melvin Duke, Turner; Garry Price, Silver Creek falls; third row—Virgil Duke (deceased); Newton Morris, Roseburg; Guy Mankin, Lebanon; Paul Johnson, Albany; Ella Hodson, teacher, (deceased); Anna Simmons Needham (deceased); Bertha Price.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Souque

Journalists have been speculating on the prospects of an attack on Yugoslavia, the heretic communist nation, this spring. Presumably it would be launched from the neighboring satellite states, Bulgaria, Hungary, Albania, but would be another example of what the Manchester Guardian calls "vicarious aggression" on the part of the Soviet Union. Senator Russell of Georgia thinks we should declare our intentions in event such an attack is launched. However our government has already made formal statement to the effect that any attack on Yugoslavia would have serious consequences to world peace which is about as far as it should go in defining intentions of the United States.

Suppose that Yugoslavia is attacked. Immediately its representative at United Nations would report the aggression and call for employment of collective security. In the security council Russia presumably would veto any resort to sanctions. The matter then would be referred to the assembly of United Nations and if the facts were clear it surely would brand the invaders as aggressors and invite joint action to restore peace in the Balkans. We may assume that the western powers would move to the support of Yugoslavia. Russia then might drop its silent partner role and precipitate general war.

If that is Russia's intention it is pursuing a strange course. For Russian propaganda has all been for peace, peace, peace. The western nations are the warmongers, particularly the United States which is

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Letters Prove Aumsville GI Safe in Korea

AUMSVILLE, March 19—A case either of mistaken identity or documentary error left one Aumsville family happy today.

The department of defense sent a telegram last month to Mrs. Sarah Weitman of route 1 saying her son, PFC Ernest A. Weitman, was missing in action in Korea, as of February 12.

But Mrs. Weitman already had a letter from her son dated February 19.

Then, Sunday, the department of defense released its "missing" announcement to the press. But Mrs. Weitman now has letters from her son dated as late as March 7.

Since press announcements are made weeks after former family notification, there appears no doubt the recent news stories and the initial telegram were based on the same incident—which involved Weitman's patrol, most of which were missing, but left him still all right.

Mrs. Weitman has received no further word from the department of defense since its original telegram.

Farmers Worry Over Lack of Help

PORTLAND, March 19—(AP)—Oregon farmers are getting concerned over a possible shortage of harvest workers, Blaine Christian of the farm labor service said here today.

He said that since industrial employment is at record highs in both Oregon and California, crop harvesting will have to be done largely by local workers.

Blaine said 30,000 berry pickers would be needed in the Portland area alone by June 1. Platoons of students already are being organized, he said.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Am I a girl or am I gonna be gorgeous like you?"

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	63	33	.00
Portland	62	28	.00
San Francisco	67	38	.00
Chicago	46	17	.22
New York	48	28	.33

Willamette River 7 feet.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy with showers this morning becoming partly cloudy with scattered showers this afternoon and tonight. High tonight near 64; low tonight near 44.
SALMON PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year, Sept. 1
This Year 25.51 Normal 29.28