

# Truckers' Bill May Face Legal Attack

(Story also on page one)  
PORTLAND — The estimated loss of some \$7,000,000 in highway revenues, if the so-called "Big Truck" amendment is adopted, forms the basis of an attack on the measure by the Oregon Good Roads Alliance.

Leaders of the Alliance indicated Saturday that steps may be taken to explain more clearly through both the ballot title and in the Voter's Pamphlet how much their figure will be lost with passage of the amendment.

The amendment would eliminate approximately \$7,000,000 in present highway revenues from mileage taxes on trucks and in replacing this revenue, the 1953 Legislature would have to add to present registration fees and fuel taxes on all vehicles, according to William M. Tugman, Eugene editor who is one of the Alliance leaders.

"Under the attorney general's rulings on the Price Tag law, it has been impossible to inform voters of the loss to the state's highway revenues, either in the form of the price tags prepared by the Secretary of State, the Treasurer and the Governor's executive secretary or in the impartial statements which now precede each ballot measure.

"The attorney general has ruled that the so called price tags must show the cost to the taxpayers involved in any measure but that you may not show any loss. In our belief, this ruling overlooks the intent of the Legislature which we feel sure was to give the voters all the factual information needed to reach an intelligent voting decision.

"A loss of revenue can be just as costly as an increased tax and this is particularly true as to this truckers' amendment which could tie up all road user revenues except present fuel taxes and stop road construction programs indefinitely.

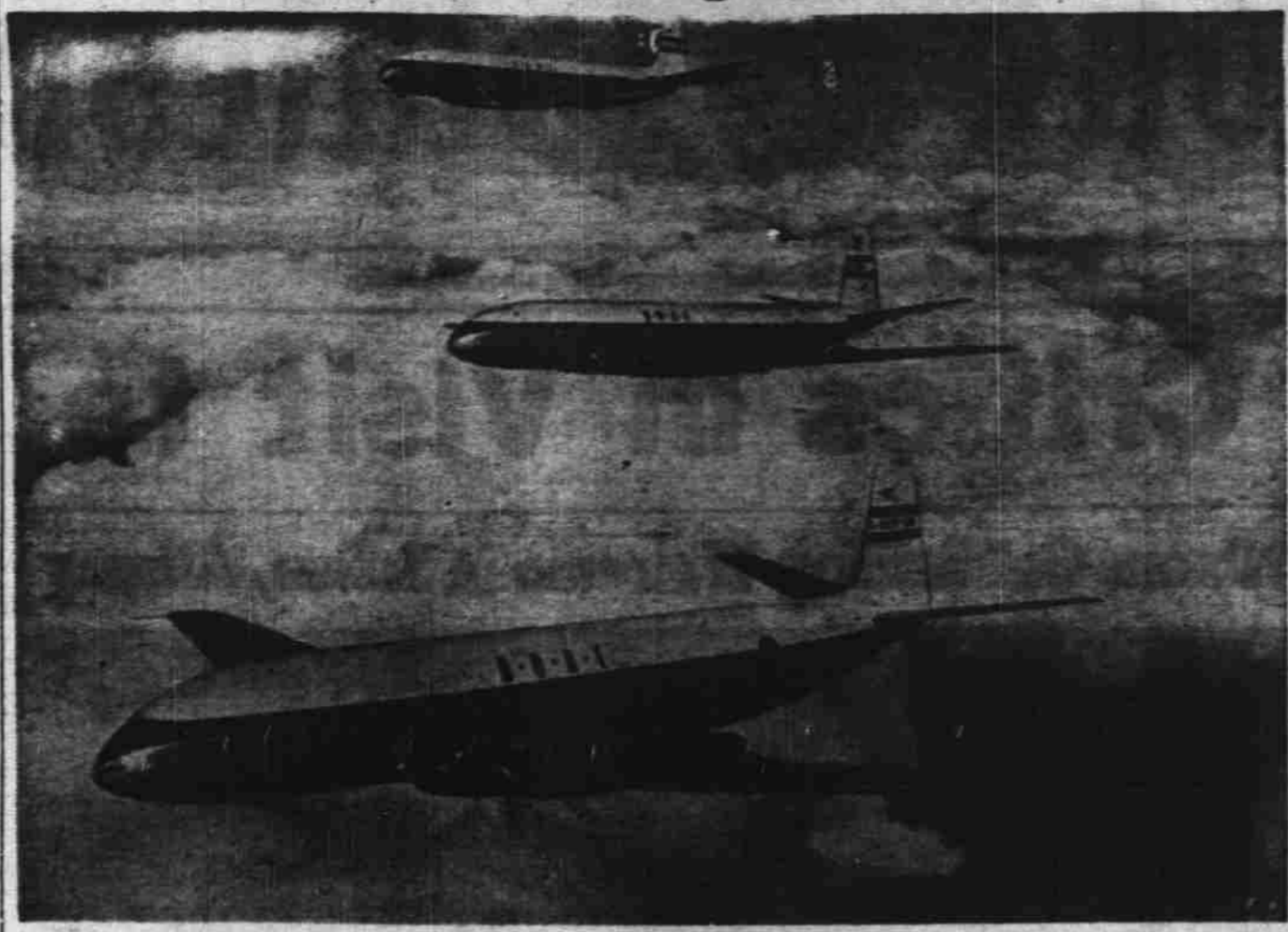
The Good Roads Alliance includes the Oregon State Grange, Farm Bureau Federation, Associated Forest Industries, Association of Oregon Counties, League of Oregon Cities, Oregon State Motor Association and numerous other groups fighting the long haul truckers. Charles A. Sprague is chairman.

Final decision as to court action will probably be taken Monday after further conferences between Alliance leaders and their attorneys as to the form the legal action should take. Immediate hearings will be requested.

Alliance leaders say they have been unable to take any steps "til now because they had no central organization until the last few weeks and are still short of funds to finance any very extensive campaign.

Tugman said: "There are two measures—the ple should support by a yes vote and their amendment to kill the mileage principal on which we ask a no vote. We think that the people have a right to all information which will help them to understand these measures. We depend on what's in the Voter's Pamphlet."

# Comets Zoom Through British Skies



LONDON—Three British Overseas Airways Corporation Comet jets fly in formation over Hatfield, England. Today BOAC jet passenger planes are flying 500 hours a month—about 300,000 miles—and this total will be increased considerably with extension of jet services to Singapore from Colombo, Ceylon. By 1953 British Comets are scheduled to be flying half way around the world. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman)

# Ad Answerer Finds Mansion Just Poolhall

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — The woman who thought she was coming to "a California mansion" and found instead an abandoned pool hall took her two children Saturday and started back to Georgia.

It was the end of a dream for Mrs. Lols Wood, 28, who came west to answer an advertisement in an Atlanta newspaper by Thomas P. Hall, 60, steel worker, for a housekeeper.

Hall, who paid the train fare for Mrs. Wood and the children, took her to his home in the abandoned pool hall. Mrs. Wood left immediately and appealed to San Mateo County authorities.

Saturday, using fare sent by her parents, Mrs. Wood and the children boarded a bus on the long way back to Buford, Ga.

Hall's advertisement sought a housekeeper for himself and his 11-year-old son "to work in a very nice home."

Mrs. Woods said she took the description to mean "a luxurious home in Southern California, sort of a mansion."

Hall said he had planned to gradually improve the place. He declined to pay Mrs. Wood's fare home, saying that wasn't in the bargain.

A billion pounds of detergents are made from petroleum every year, says the National Geographic Society.

# Truman Silent, But Smiling, Over Nixon Incident

NEW LONDON, Conn. (AP)—President Truman exulted quietly Saturday over the political furor involving Republican vice presidential nominee Richard M. Nixon while he spent nearly four hours inspecting the Coast Guard Academy here.

He followed the lead of Gov. Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic presidential nominee, in withholding direct comment.

Aides said Truman showed obvious pleasure over the Nixon development in a campaign in which the Republicans have hit hard at disclosure of corruption in the administration. And they added the President might have much to say about it in his "whistle stop" trip starting from Washington next Saturday night.

# Road Bills Said Threat to New Construction

PORTLAND (AP)—The chairman of the legislature's Highway Interim Committee said Saturday that road construction in Oregon would virtually stop if voters should approve the highway measures on the November ballot.

Revenue for such construction would be cut to a mere trickle, said State Sen. Elmo Smith, John Day, chairman of the committee, who said he based his estimate on an opinion prepared by C. W. Enfield, chief counsel of the State Highway Department.

Smith made public a 14-page opinion prepared by Enfield on the ballot measures. One is a referendum, sending to the voters an act passed by the latest legislature to boost weight-mile taxes on trucks. The other is an initiative measure to limit road taxes to registration fees and a gasoline tax. The trucking industry is sponsoring the ballot measure.

The opinion said these measures would wipe out all present taxes except the fuel tax. Smith estimated this brings in about 29,000,000 of the total \$48,825,000 now available for highway purposes.

Under the present system \$14,113,000 is available for highway improvement, he said. If the measures are approved, this would be cut to \$829,000 a year, he estimated.

"From this opinion it is evident that Oregon's highway funds and construction program would be in a chaotic mess and unpredictable for years to come should the amendment pass. Any acts of the legislature in attempting to revise the present registration fees in accordance with the provisions of the amendment would be subject to court action or referendum," Smith said.

# Four Newsmen Dug Up Story Of Nixon Fund

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The disclosure of the Nixon fund was the result of digging by four newspapermen — one working at long range, the other three on the scene here.

Peter Edson, NEA columnist, apparently was the first to get wind of the fund. He said he first heard rumors of its existence at the Republican convention in Chicago in July.

The other three—Leo Katcher, New York Post correspondent; Richard Donovan, Reporter Magazine staffer; and Ernest Brashear, Los Angeles Daily News reporter—each stumbled on it while making separate inquiries in recent weeks.

When each discovered the fund, they got together and jointly interviewed Dana C. Smith, the fund custodian, last Monday afternoon.

Edson, in the meanwhile, talked to Nixon Sunday night.

"He told me the basic facts and said it was all right to use them," Edson said Saturday in Washington. Nixon gave him Smith's name to check for details.

Smith said Edson phoned him just a few hours before the other reporters arrived.

Nixon was "perfectly willing to have the thing published," Edson said. The newsmen here said Smith was cooperative in answering their questions.

The trio here agreed to hold up release of the story until Thursday afternoon, allowing time for further checking and clearing with their publishers. By coincidence, apparently, Edson's column also was released for Thursday afternoon papers.

Edson said the report he heard in Chicago was that a group of 100 Southern California businessmen had chipped in about \$200 apiece to provide a supplemental fund of \$20,000. Smith disclosed contributions of \$18,235 Saturday.

Katcher, Donovan and Brashear said they learned of the fund about three or four weeks ago. All ran across a prominent California Republican—a "disgruntled Warren man," Donovan called him—who had been approached for a contribution to the fund.

Katcher said he found another man, an actual contributor, who showed him a cancelled check made out to the "Dana Smith-Nixon fund."

All declined to give the names of their sources.

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# Editorial Views On Sen. Nixon Vary Widely

By The Associated Press  
Some American newspapers, including supporters of the Republican party candidates, called Saturday for the resignation of Sen. Richard M. Nixon as the GOP vice presidential candidate. Others adopted a "wait and see" policy.

The nation's press took its varied stand in editorials commenting on the Californian's acceptance of \$18,000 from political supporters.

Nixon has said the money was used to help meet expenses of his office.

The New York Herald Tribune, a supporter of the Dwight D. Eisenhower-Nixon ticket, said Nixon should "make a formal offer of withdrawal from the ticket" and let Eisenhower decide what to do.

The New York Times, which also is backing the ticket, declared GOP leaders should decide whether Nixon's "record in this matter has not impaired fatally his usefulness" as a candidate.

Somewhat the same sort of opinion was expressed in the nation's capital where the Washington Post, another Eisenhower supporter, recalled that Nixon had urged the resignation in 1951 of William M. Boyle and Guy Gabrielson as national chairmen of the Democratic and Republican parties because of their activities in connection with RCP activities in the past.

Nixon had said that their resignations would help restore public confidence in the federal government.

Applies to Him  
Commented the Post: "Senator Nixon was right then and his advice is even more applicable to his own case today."

Other newspapers showed similar attitudes.

But it was far from unanimous. Many censured Nixon but withheld any call for his resignation.

Others asked an explanation and withheld censure.

The New York Daily News, a supporter of the GOP ticket, urged Nixon to produce all the facts in the case and said: "I think Nixon has made a good start at returning this belly punch."

The Chicago Tribune, uncommitted to either candidate, noted that Nixon "has borne a good reputation" and added: "He owes it to himself and his party to disclose every facet of the questioned transaction."

The Kansas City Star, an Eisenhower supporter, said it was awaiting an accounting by Nixon, saying its opinion would be governed "by the evidence, by all the facts and by all the circumstances that have a bearing on the case."

The uncommitted St. Louis Post-Dispatch viewed the matter critically and said a basic moral principle is involved when all the facts are known.

"Is it right for a United States Senator or any other public official to work for two paymasters . . .?"

**Coyotes Topped**  
POCATELLO, Idaho (AP)—Idaho State College converted a blocked kick into a touchdown less than half a minute after the opening kickoff Saturday and went on to beat the College of Idaho, 20 to 7. The Coyotes' lone score came near the end of the first half with a forward passing play—George Pessut to P. C. Owens—good for 67 yards and a touchdown.

**Winters, Pitzer Out**  
PORTLAND (AP)—The University of Portland basketball team will be without its star guard, little Jim Winters, in the coming season.

Coach Jim Torson said Winters' grades did not meet university standards in progress toward graduation. Torson also said Ben Pitzer of Salem, reserve guard last season, also has been ruled ineligible for scholastic reasons.

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# Ike Promises Housecleaning When Elected

By The Associated Press  
Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower declared in St. Louis Saturday night that if he is elected president his first task will be to houseclean Washington, and he promised to bring in "men and women to whom low public morals are unthinkable."

Eisenhower's Democratic opponent, Gov. Adlai Stevenson, affirmed his support of a Democratic platform pledge to seek civil rights legislation during his first campaign foray into the South, where such legislation is politically explosive.

Eisenhower said the cleanup would be the first phase of a program in which he promised also: To save, to streamline government, to decentralize it and to unify it.

As he campaigned across Missouri toward St. Louis Eisenhower made no public mention of the political furor kicked up by his running mate, Sen. Richard M. Nixon, had accepted expense money raised by private citizens in California.

However, word came from the campaign train that this is Eisenhower's attitude: Nixon must come out of the incident as "clean as a hound's tooth" if he is to remain on the GOP ticket. From the facts he knows now, Eisenhower believes Nixon did no wrong.

Eisenhower earlier had voiced faith in Nixon's honesty and said he was sure that when all the facts were public, they would show Nixon would not compromise with what is right.

Talks in Missouri  
Eisenhower, speaking to a rain-thinned crowd of fewer than 3,000 at Jefferson City, used a light touch in referring to the fact that President Truman has taken a number of fellow Missourians to Washington.

"You have been missing some of your citizens too long," the general said. "While I realize you might be glad to be rid of some of them, one of the reasons why I am here is to return to you what is yours."

In his subsequent formal speech at St. Louis, he said the promised federal housecleaning, so far as it involved political appointees, would involve complete replacement. "No repaint or refurbishing job will do," he said, adding: "From the beginning, we will bring into government men and women to whom low public morals are unthinkable. Thus we will not only drive wrongdoers and their cronies out of government. We will make sure they do not get into government in the first place."

It was at Richmond, Va., that Stevenson said he adheres to the party platform plank on civil rights.

"I should justly earn your contempt if I talked one way in the South and another way elsewhere," he said in his prepared speech.

"Certainly no intellectually dishonest Presidential candidate could, by any alchemy of election, be converted into an honest President."

"I shall not go anywhere with

beguiling serpent words."

It was the civil rights issue which split the Democrats in the South in 1948, costing President Truman electoral votes in four normally Democratic states. Stevenson's stand on the issue has been a factor in his loss of support from several prominent Southerners.

Sen. Commissioned  
On his way to Richmond from Washington, the Illinois Governor had stopped off at Quantico, Va., to speak briefly at commissioning ceremonies for 602 new Marine officers, among them his son, Adlai III.

Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, in commenting on the controversy over the Nixon expense account, said he regarded as ridiculous demands that the California Senator withdraw from the ticket.

He was asked by newsmen at Cincinnati whether Nixon had violated any law or ethical code. "Absolutely not, none whatever," Taft replied, and he added he did not think the incident would have any effect on the campaign results.

Nixon was heatedly defended his course and says criticism was started by crooks and subversives seeking to slow down his anti-Communism crusade. Nixon denied that what he did was morally wrong.

An asserted that it was had come from Chairman Stephen A.

Mitchell of the Democratic National Committee, who said he wasn't backing down from his statement—Nixon should resign from the GOP ticket.

"Here's a Holy Joe that's been talking pretty big—now let him put up some facts," Mitchell said. The list of 78 contributors which Smith made public contained the name of one man down for two \$500 contributions. He was Keith Spalding, retired Pasadena businessman. Half a dozen others were down for \$500; one for \$600 and another for \$550.

The biggest item of expenditure was \$6,166.80 for stationery, printing, mimeographing and supplies. Travel and hotel expenses for Nixon and his aides were down for \$3,430.78; radio and television expenses \$2,017.79. There were lesser amounts for such things as postage, telephone and telegraph, and extra office help.

**SERIES DUCAT SALE SET**  
BROOKLYN (AP)—Brooklyn business manager Harold Parrott announced Saturday the Dodgers' plan of selling world series tickets. Tickets will be sold for single games instead of the customary four game strips. Prices will be \$8.00 for box seats, \$6.00 for reserved seats, \$4.00 for standing room and \$1.00 for the bleachers.

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