

Legislature Begins Studying At Portland Preview Meet; Law Revision Leading Topic

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PORTLAND—Oregon's 1953 Legislature convened informally here Friday in a preview work session and get-acquainted meetings.

Principal work at hand was hearing details of Oregon's law code revision program from members and staff of the Statute Revision Council who have worked since 1949 to simplify the laws by cutting wordage, eliminating duplications and deadwood. (Story on page 4.)

The legislators indicated they would take prompt action on the code revision after their session convenes Jan. 12, but meanwhile they voted to ask that each state department head present a written endorsement that laws appropriate to their work had been examined in revised form and found unchanged in meaning.

Almost all the 90 legislators were present at the preview conference in the new State Office Building. Only two representatives and four senators were missing, including Sen. Fred Lamport of Salem, vacationing in Florida.

Marion Delegation Busy

The rest of Marion County's delegation was on hand — Sen. Douglas Yeater and Reps. Lee Ohmart, Mark Hatfield, W. W. Chadwick and Robert L. Elstrom. All are Salem Republicans.

Chadwick, who served several terms but not in the last session, said it felt "just plain natural" to be back in legislative harness again.

Ohmart, who is a realtor, was the center of huddles several times as legislators sought tips on housing.

There was informal talk about committees of the two houses, but neither leader — apparent had any announcement ready.

Rudie Wilhelm, Portland, slated to be speaker, said he'd probably name a liquor committee, at least a chairman, within two weeks in order to assure an early start on whatever steps will be needed to put into effect the sale of liquor by the drink as approved by the voters this month.

Marsh Delays Names

He wouldn't comment on whether he is considering for this committee Salem's freshman representative, Elstrom—who resigned recently as chairman of the State Liquor Control Commission.

Eugene Marsh, McMinnville, due to be Senate president, said he hadn't planned to appoint any committees before the session but might change his mind if some of the state issues seemed to demand some advance planning before legislature convenes.

Earlier in the day the legislators had lunched with the League of Oregon Cities convention crowd in the Multnomah Hotel.

Marsh and Wilhelm had spots at the head table along with Paul L. Patterson, the current Senate president who is slated to become governor. Patterson arrived late, but just in time to help Portland Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee to her seat after head table introductions began.

Many from Salem

At the luncheon Gov. Douglas McKay was featured speaker and the center of congratulations on his cabinet appointment. One of the men sitting close enough to rush up to greet McKay as he arrived at the head table was J. O. Russell, Turner city official.

A host of Salem city officials could be seen throughout the hotel ballroom at the luncheon. Mrs. J. L. Franzen was there, along with

JUDY GARLAND HAS GIRL

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Judy Garland, stage and screen star, gave birth to a 6 pound 4-ounce girl Friday. Miss Garland's husband is agent Sid Luft.

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Commie Sins Confessed in Prague Purge

VIENNA, Austria (AP)—Former Foreign Minister Vlado Clementis confessed in the usual pattern in Prague Friday to a long series of sins against Stalin.

The Czechoslovak Communist purge trial of 14 alleged renegades from Stalinism turned into a violent attack on world Jewry.

The Communist prosecution suddenly produced a long-missing Israeli leftist, held in Prague for a year, as a witness against one of the chief defendants, former Vice Premier and party Secretary Rudolfs Slansky.

Clementis was said to have reported a conspiracy involving Slansky, John Foster Dulles and world Jewry against the interests of Red Czechoslovakia.

One of the highlights of the day's proceedings was the sudden appearance on the witness stand of Mordecai Oren, long-missing member of the extreme leftist Mafam party of Israel.

He had gone to Czechoslovakia in 1951 at the invitation of the Communists and was held incommunicado. This was about the time of the arrest of Slansky. Inquiries about Oren by the Israeli government were unanswered.

Evidently he had been coached as a star witness against the 14 defendants, 11 of whom are Jews.

Baldock Sees Balance Near In Road Work

(Story also on Page 1)

PORTLAND—If the present system of financing is maintained, the Oregon state highway system will reach a balance between new construction and depreciation within five years, R. H. Baldock, state engineer, told the League of Oregon Cities convention here today.

State Sen. Elmo Smith, chairman of the Legislative Interim Committee on Highways, said his committee will recommend laws to eliminate duplication in control of motor vehicles.

The League session will end Saturday morning with a business meeting.

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HOLLYWOOD—Studio photographers of the Hollywood Camera-men's Guild say Starlet Mari Blanchard really clicks with them. As "the girl we'd most like to train our lens on" they've named her Miss Click of 1953. Miss Blanchard spends her evenings as a night school student at UCLA. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Raver to Stay If Boss Wants

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Dr. Paul J. Raver, head of the Bonneville Power Administration said here Friday night he is willing to stay on the job if Gov. Douglas McKay of Oregon wants him.

McKay has been selected by President-elect Eisenhower to serve as secretary of the interior in the new cabinet.

In a speech at a farmer-labor institute, Raver said McKay is the "best choice" for the interior post. Raver said he is a believer in integrated power grid systems as now exist in the Pacific Northwest.

He added that planned development of river basins with private and public agencies co-operating would be better than either government or private industry doing the job alone.

Second Atom Sub Named 'Sea Wolf'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy Friday named its second atomic powered submarine the "Sea Wolf."

The Navy had said last July that the second nuclear-powered submarine, like the first, would be constructed by the Electric Boat Division of the General Dynamics Corp. at Groton, Conn.

Farm Bureaus Honor M. Hoke, Ask Flexible Price Supports

BAKER (AP)—Mac Hoke of Pendleton, first president of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, was honored posthumously Friday with the federation's distinguished service award.

The award was presented to his widow.

The membership award for this year went to Umatilla County with 1,125 members, or 77 per cent of the eligible farmers in the county.

Winners of the publicity scrap book contest were Mrs. Jake Borg of Nyssa, Malheur County, and Mrs. Gilbert Austin of Highland Center, Clackamas County.

The high school division winner in the 4-H essay contest, sponsored by the Associated Women of the bureau, was Paul Christensen of North Powder, May Lienert of Oregon City won the grade school division.

The Rural Youth Talk Contest was won by Gary Webster of La Grande.

Ben Robinson, Imbler, was named first vice president, and Barry Brownell, Milwaukie, second vice president. Both were re-elected.

The term of Marshall Swearingen, Salem, president, does not expire until next year.

Five regional directors were elected. They are Harry Wells, LaGrande, region 2; Lloyd Hankins, Bonanza, region 4; Vic Thompson, Hood River, 6; Art Johnson, Astoria, 8; and William Brewster, Lebanon, 10.

Delegates took action on 37 resolutions. They called for, among other things:

- Replacing high level farm price

11 Scouts, 3 Leaders Okehed To Receive Awards of Eagle

Eleven Boy Scouts and three leaders passed the board of review Friday night and are now scheduled to go before a court of honor to receive scouting's highest award—the Eagle badge.

The large number passing the board of review was considered a record for this area by scout officials and the board of review was lauded as "one of the finest."

Salem scouts passing the board were Julian Thurston and James Bowers, with leaders Maurice Keller and Burl Palmer. One leader from Albany, Marland Rice, was passed by the board and eight Albany boys, John Bollmann, Charles Rhoadback, George Rhoadback, Wayne Huddleston, Robert Kelly, John Jensen, Richard Mickelson and Glenn Wilfred. Wayne Boag of Holley also was passed.

The candidates for the Eagle award were screened through a series of six groups of the board, each asking questions pertaining to scouting prior to their acceptance. The review was held in the First Christian Church here.

First awards to be made in this group of candidates will be the night of Dec. 10 to the Salem leaders and boys at the annual dinner for Salem scouts to be held in the West Salem Methodist Church. Scouts in Albany are scheduled to receive their awards Dec. 22 at a court of honor sponsored by the American Legion there.

On Monday, during the Salem District court of honor at Bush School beginning at 7:30 p.m., Salem Scout Jerry Carlton, who was a previous board of review, is to receive his honor.

Members of the board of review were Howard Dodge, Holley; Paul Bollman, Dallas; Andrus Smith, Glenn Wilfred, Russell Harrison.

Billion-Mile Spot on Sun

HURSTMONCEUX, Eng. (AP) — The Royal Greenwich Observatory said Thursday an "unexpected" sunspot covering 1,200,000,000 square miles is working its way across the sun.

An official statement said the spot was first photographed four days ago when it was "of moderate size." Its area has since doubled.

Spots four and five times as big were seen a few years ago when the 11-year sunspot cycle was at its maximum. The observatory said the present spot and another big one sighted last July were unusual because the low point of the cycle is due in two years.

Such disturbances usually cause severe radio interference.

Pre-Abraham Relics Found

VATICAN CITY (AP)—A French archeologist has discovered relics of prehistoric man in Israel believed to antedate the Old Testament times of Abraham, the Vatican radio said Thursday night.

The broadcast said the Frenchman, a Dr. Perrot, had made the discoveries in the Beersheba area. Abraham is believed to have lived in Beersheba, the city of seven walls in the Negev desert, between 1850 and 1850 B. C.

The objects found were described as dating from the bronze age, about 3000 B. C.

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Import quotas to protect domestic crops where foreign agricultural products threaten U. S. farmers' specialty crops.

Development of Pacific Northwest irrigation, navigation and recreational resources but opposed diversion of water without permission of the state involved.

Amending state initiative laws to require signatures on petitions from each congressional district.

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Africa Racism Study Voted; Boycott Faced

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The U. N. special Political Committee voted Thursday to set up a commission to study South Africa's erupting racial conflict.

South Africa quickly called the action "null and void" and indicated it would cope with the problem in its own way.

South Africa assailed the commission as an invasion of its internal affairs. After the vote, South Africa's G. P. Joste told a reporter.

If the General Assembly approve South Africa "as null and void."

Train Piles Up Near Chemult

CHEMULT, Ore. (AP)—A Great Northern freight train of 18 cars piled up Friday on tracks used jointly by Great Northern and Southern Pacific lines here.

Completion of a detour track around the wreck was not completed late Friday night and passengers on north and south bound trains were delayed.

No one was injured but 31 white-faced feeder calves, valued at about \$60 each, were killed or destroyed. They were sold to bystanders for \$5 each and were butchered beside the track.

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Pressler's Piano Performance Gains Interest With Warmth

By MAXINE BUREN
Music Editor, The Statesman

The music of the young Israeli pianist, Menahem Pressler is such a personal thing that listening to him Friday night was had the feeling of intruding on a performance not meant for our strange eyes.

Others listening must have felt this too, for they sat with intense interest, feeling his moods, almost playing with him.

The 24-year-old pianist has a

different approach to his music than other great pianists of the day. Recently it has seemed the fashion to hold the listeners only through technique alone, with no indication of personal warmth for the instrument so well played.

Though Pressler leans toward more delicate music like the Beethoven "Moonlight" sonata, Mendelssohn's Shepherd's Complaint and Spinning Song, and the liquid music of Debussy, he also has power. His selection of Chopin's Scherzo and Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody, the Rakoczy March, showed his capabilities as a masterful pianist.

Generous with encores, he played several, including a Chopan Mazurka, Schumann's Traumeri and Brahms's Lullaby.

The concert Friday was the second of the Salem Community Concert series, the next being the Lily Pons concert in March.

Earthquake Shakes California Region

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An earthquake struck Northern California at 11:47 Friday night and was described variously as mild, moderate and strong.

It was felt apparently along the coastal section of the San Andreas fault from the San Francisco Bay area south through Carmel, Monterey, Salinas and Paso Robles to Santa Barbara.

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