

# Finances Top List Of Knotty Problems Facing Legislature

Veteran Senate, Inexperienced House to Convene in Salem Jan. 10

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A veteran Senate and an inexperienced House will meet in Salem Jan. 10 to tackle the most difficult financial problem that the Oregon Legislature has faced in many years.

The lawmakers' principal attention will be given to balancing the budget, but there will be other tough questions that will spell a long session.

The Senate will be well equipped to handle these complicated subjects, since 26 of the 30 members have served in previous legislatures.

But in the House, which has lost several of its key men, only 33 out of 60 have had previous service. Another factor that spells trouble in the House is its shortage of lawyers, of whom there will be only seven.

The Republicans will have everything their own way in the Senate, with a 24 to 6 majority over the Democrats. However, the G.O.P. lead in the House will be only 35 to 25, so extra time probably will be required while the House gets adjusted to the two-party system again.

The Republican lead last session was 26 to 4 in the Senate, and 49 to 11 in the House. The Democratic total in the House is that party's largest since 1937, the last time the Democrats ran things in the lower chamber.

## House Must Write Tax Legislation

The big job for the House will be to write the tax legislation, since all tax bills must originate in the House. But only one of the nine members of the 1953 House Tax Committee will be back in the 1955 session. Men who know anything about taxes will be scarce in the House.

This committee will have the big job of trying to find the money to balance the budget.

The State Department of Finance and Administration estimates that for the two years beginning next July 1, the state will need between 50 and 60 million dollars of new revenue.

The Legislature can find 30 millions of that by a property tax of six mills, the maximum state property tax allowed by law. It would be the first state property tax since 1940. Up to now, income tax revenues have been large enough so that a property tax isn't needed. But that day has ended.

This still would leave from 20 to 30 millions to be raised, or the budget would have to be cut by that amount.

Since education takes half of the budget and public welfare costs take another sixth, it isn't practical to reduce spending very much. So new taxes, or an increase in the state income tax, seems to be the only answer.

The Legislature is reluctant to increase taxes or to pass new ones, because the people have a habit of knocking them in the head by referendum.

## Long List of Measures Anticipated

Among other problems to be faced are these:

Increasing the gasoline tax to maintain the road building program, calling a convention to write a new Constitution, new institution and college buildings, increased unemployment benefits, a moderate milk control law to replace the one repealed by the people, and whether to make Portland State College a separate degree-granting institution.

Both houses will be led by men from Eastern Oregon, both of whom know the ropes well.

The president of the Senate will be Elmo E. Smith, John Day publisher who has served in three sessions. He is a former mayor of Ontario, and has handled the highway construction program in the Senate.

Like Smith, the new speaker of the House has served three times, and has been active in support of highway legislation. He is Edward A. Geary, Klamath Falls rancher.

Smith and Geary were chairmen of the highway committees in their respective houses in 1953.

Seventeen senators served in 1953, and nine others have been state representatives.

The dean of the Senate, and its most expert finance man, is Sen. Howard C. Belton, Canby farmer who is now chairman of the Legislative Interim Tax Committee. Belton has served in nine sessions.

The Senators next in line, as far as length of service is concerned, are Phil Brady, Portland Democrat, and Truman A. Chase, Eugene. Each has served in eight sessions.

## Senate Will Include Nine Lawyers

The Senate doesn't have its lawyer shortage any more, either. It will have nine in the new session, compared with six last time, when it didn't have enough to man the judiciary committee.

There also will be seven businessmen in the Senate, four farmers, three publishers of weekly newspapers, two insurance men, a college professor, a labor official, and a radio station manager.

In the House, there will be 18 businessmen, 17 farmers, seven lawyers, seven insurance men, five laborers, two housewives, and one each of the following: union official, optometrist, physician, and retired sheriff.

The dean of the House is Rep. Harvey Wells, Portland insurance man who has served in 13 sessions. Next are Reps. Herman H. Chindgren, Molalla farmer, and Henry Semon, Klamath Falls potato grower, each with 11 sessions. Rep. Earl H. Hill, Cushman, Lane County, has served 10 times.

What has handicapped the House most is that many of its best men go into the Senate.

Seven Representatives, all valuable men in the 1953 House, will be in the new Senate.

They are Mark O. Hatfield, Salem, who headed the House State and Federal Affairs Committee last time; Lee V. Ohmart, Salem, who was tax committee chairman; Donald R. Husband, Eugene lawyer; Carl H. Francis, Dayton, who was judiciary chairman; Francis W. Ziegler, Corvallis, a key finance man; Rudy Wilhelm, Portland, speaker of the House; and Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie, Democratic national committeeman.

## Four Women Included in Legislature

Four women—more than have ever served in the Legislature at one time—will be in the next session. All will be in the House, and all are Democrats.

They are Mrs. Maurice Neuberger, Portland, wife of Oregon's new U. S. Senator; Jean L. Lewis, Portland lawyer; Kay Meriwether, Portland, who is secretary of the Hells Canyon Association; and Mrs. Ben Musa, The Dalles, who knows the ropes because she was secretary to her husband when he was a state senator.

The Republicans always can be depended upon to have a majority on all committees of the Legislature, but this time, it will be hard for them to control the important House Judiciary Committee.

This committee is made up of lawyers. There are only seven lawyers in the House, and five of them are Democrats.

The 1953 session lasted 100 days, and the 1955 Legislature will be lucky if it gets through that soon.

It will be an interesting session, chiefly from the standpoint that the Democrats will have enough strength to make things lively.

This will be the first session under the new reapportionment of the Legislature. This reapportionment, first since 1910, was voted by the people two years ago.

Reapportionment is partly responsible for the Democratic gain, but the main reason is that when Richard L. Neuberger was elected to the U. S. Senate, he carried a lot of other Democratic candidates in with him.

Neuberger, a thorn in the side of Republican Senators for the past three sessions, won't be back. Neither will Sen. Jack Bain, Portland Democrat who was elected Multnomah County Commissioner. Their successors, who will be Democrats, will be named by the Multnomah Commissioners.

But the Democrats will have Monroe Sweetland, their national committeeman, to carry on in the State Senate where Neuberger leaves off.

And in the House, of course, with 25 members, the Democrats will be able to make their weight felt without any trouble at all.

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## West Sidesteps New Russ Bid to Delay Pact

**IT SEEMS TO ME**

By Charles A. Stryker

Mentioned in the news several days ago was the departure of the last alien from Ellis Island, for 62 years the entrepot for millions of immigrants. Down New York Bay from Bedloe's Island on which the Statue of Liberty stands, Ellis Island was both the hope and the dread of immigrants; hope that its gates would open for them to enter the Promised Land; dread lest for some reason the bars would not be lowered and they would be forced to return to the homeland. Now it no longer functions as the detention station for immigrants. This work has been transferred to office buildings in Manhattan. But Ellis Island will live long in the memory of those who passed through its gates and long in the history of American settlement.

The very name of Ellis Island opens up the long history of immigration to the United States. The first annual record showed that 8,385 immigrants arrived in this country in 1820. By 1850 the annual influx had risen to 369,990. It reached a peak in 1910 with 1,041,570 admitted. That was in the period of cheap steamer passage on big steamships, and hundreds of thousands pressed through the portals of Ellis Island looking for work and prosperity in the fabled land of plenty.

World War I put a stop to the flight from Europe to the New World. In 1921 when the incoming total reached 800,000 Congress moved to restrict immigration. Previously the entry of diseased persons and paupers had been prohibited; and due to race antagonisms the (Continued on editorial page, 4.)

## Confederate Vet Bags Deer

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — William A. (Uncle Bill) Lundy, one of the three surviving Confederate veterans, opened the deer season by bagging one of the first deer killed on the large Eglin reservation.

The 106-year-old warrior shot the six-point, 140-pounder near auxiliary field 3, and promised, "I'll be back next week and get another one."

Lundy, an ardent deer hunter most of his life, said the buck "ran right out in front of me and hiked up his head in the right position for me to paste him right between his eyes."

He said that shooting the animal made him "feel good just like I do after taking a good swig of homemade skeeter juice."

## More Rain Due Following Respite

The Salem area had a long-awaited respite from rain Saturday, but the outlook for today and Monday is more precipitation.

When rain passed up the area Saturday, it was the first time in 15 days the skies didn't weep at least a little. The Weather Bureau reports that the last previous rainless day was Nov. 4.

Sprinkles are expected today and occasional rain is in the forecast for tonight and Monday.

## Ike Tests Communications in White House Bomb Shelter

BY GARDNER L. BRIDGE  
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower tried out the communication lines in a White House bomb shelter Saturday as top government officials scattered to secret emergency posts miles from the capital in an atomic attack drill.

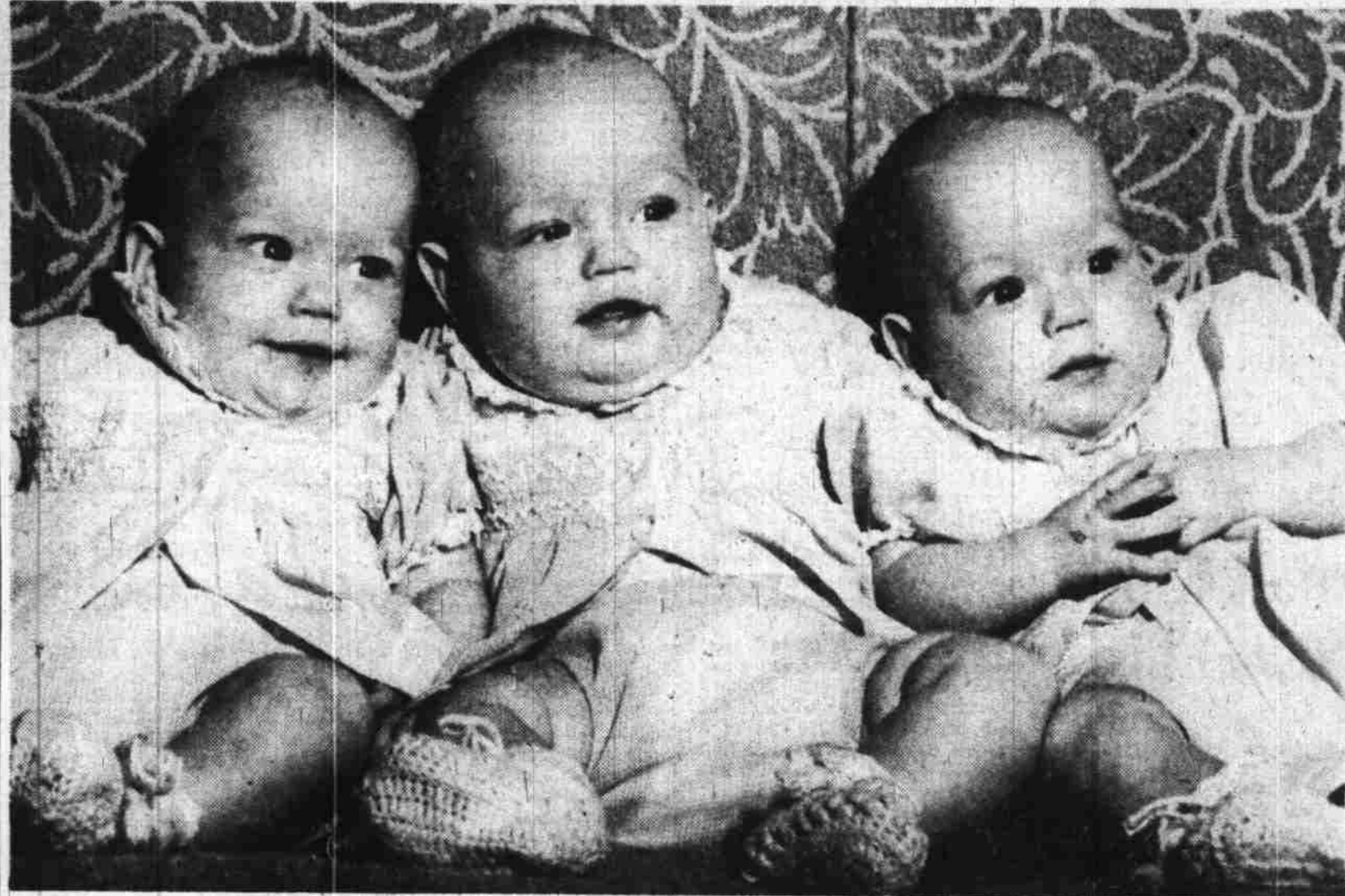
For six hours, many operations of government were directed in theory from the remote control stations in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and possibly elsewhere that would be manned in event of an actual attack.

Eisenhower, who directed the invasion of Europe from bomb-battered England in World War II, spent 10 or 15 minutes receiving operational reports in an underground shelter at the White House.

Aides said he carried on a two-way conversation with an outlying control center designated "High Point" and wound up by recommending more such exercises to familiarize government officials with remote control operations.

Nearly 2,000 key government employees took part in the drill, one of

## Aren't They Cute?—But, Oh, All Those Diapers



Giving the world a cheerful stare is the above set of triplets, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Maitland Carter, 1120 Hood St. The girls, all born last May 21 in Salem, celebrate their 6 months birthday today full of bounce, health and plenty of energy. (Photo by John Erickson, Statesman Staff Photographer.)

## U.S. Planes to 'Keep Peace' in Costa Rica

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government officials said Saturday night the United States is flying "around" six jet fighter planes to Panama immediately, as a peace-keeping move, to be ready in case of an armed attack on neighboring Costa Rica.

The swift U. S. action was taken at the height of a rapidly increasing rumormongering of a plot to overthrow Costa Rican President Jose Figueres.

These officials, who requested anonymity, said the planes are being sent as a "precautionary move" with the hope that this will demonstrate the United States' intent to live up to its treaty commitments to keep hemisphere peace and might dissuade any would-be attackers.

They will be stationed at U. S. Air Force fields in the Canal Zone — about 250 to 300 miles from the Costa Rican capital of San Jose.

Under the Rio mutual defense treaty, the United States, as well as other hemisphere countries, is committed to go to the aid immediately of any member state attacked by another.

Rumors of the plot to overthrow Figueres vary widely in substance and include elements from Nicaragua, Guatemala, Venezuela, the Dominican Republic and Honduras.

The rumored plotting afoot nevertheless seems to originate from the years-long enmity between Figueres and Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza.

ACTOR SEEKS EQUAL BILLING  
HOLLYWOOD (UP) — Actor Sterling Hayden had a \$250,000 damage suit on file in Superior Court here charging producers and distributors failed to give him equal billing with Frank Sinatra in the picture "Suddenly."

## Football Scores

Oregon . . . . .	33	Notre Dame . . .	34
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UCLA . . . . .	34	Idaho . . . . .	7
USC . . . . .	0	Brigham Young .	0
California . . . .	28	Kentucky . . . . .	14
Stanford . . . . .	20	Tennessee . . . .	13
WSC . . . . .	26	Mich. State . . . .	40
Washington . . . .	7	Marquette . . . . .	10
LSU . . . . .	7	Northwestern . . .	20
Arkansas . . . . .	6	Illinois . . . . .	7
Oklahoma . . . . .	55	Wisconsin . . . . .	27
Nebraska . . . . .	7	Minnesota . . . . .	0
Ohio State . . . .	21	Rice . . . . .	6
Michigan . . . . .	7	TCU . . . . .	0

(Additional Scores on Sports Pages)

## Lake Yields Hunter's Body

FLORENCE (AP) — The body of a 19-year-old duck hunter was recovered from Woahnik Lake Saturday afternoon, several hours after he had been reported missing.

State police began investigating the death of Walter Keith Radkey, 19, a Florence food market employee, who left on the hunting trip Saturday morning.

His billfold and a gun were found in his car, and his hunting vest, car and jacket were found about 200 feet away. The death appeared to be from drowning. The search for him started after he failed to report to work at 8:30 a.m.

Radkey is survived by the widow, a small daughter, his mother, a brother and a sister.

## 'Hot Numbers' Nearly Burn

PHILADELPHIA (UP) — A special police raiding squad broke into the home of Mrs. Emma Wynn Friday just in time to see her hastily turn on her electric waffle iron.

Lifting the lid of the waffle iron, police found slightly toasted number slips showing 137 bets.

## Milk Served to Mendes-France

WASHINGTON (UP)—Milk is a rare drink at the National Press Club, but a glass was brought out especially for French Premier Pierre Mendes-France who prefers it to hard liquor.

"I do hope the (milk) fad doesn't spread around the club," club president Ernest Vaccaro said when introducing the French Premier at a luncheon.

## 4,200 Hear Billy Graham In Portland

PORTLAND (AP) — Evangelist Billy Graham addressed a capacity crowd of 4,200 at the Portland Civic Auditorium Saturday night and then he stepped outside and spoke briefly to the estimated 1,000 who were unable to gain admittance.

The 36-year-old North Carolina preacher has scheduled another appearance at Multnomah Stadium here Sunday. His topic then is "Who is on the Lord's Side?"

"The other day Sen. Morse said that the senators should stand up and be counted on the McCarthy issue. I want everyone to stand up and be counted on God's side," Graham said.

Discussing his recent appearance in Great Britain, Graham said he had the largest audience of his career there—100,000 persons. This included 120 members of the House of Lords, as many from Commons, three cabinet ministers and the Archbishop of Canterbury, who led the prayer, Graham said.

An estimated 250 persons—men, women and children—came forward at the end of Graham's talk for further spiritual guidance.

## THE WEATHER

Willamette River 2.2 feet.  
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary Field, Salem):  
Mostly cloudy with a few sprinkles today; mostly cloudy with occasional rain tonight and Monday; high today near 50, low tonight near 45.  
Temperature at 12:01 a. m. today was 43.  
SALEM PRECIPITATION  
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1  
This Year Last Year Normal  
2.30 5.00 9.25

## Salem Triplets Six Months Old Today

By CONRAD PRANGE  
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The Maitland Carter triplets, all girls, are six months old today, and already they are a joy and a chore to their parents.

Debra Jo, Dianne Rae and Denise Ann created a minor sensation when they were born May 21 at Salem Memorial Hospital. Hospital records indicated they were the first triplets born in Salem in the past 10 years.

"They are getting along just fine," said Mrs. Carter this week as she arranged them on the day-epi for their picture.

Debra Jo, largest and plumpest of the trio, smiled and gurgled. Denise Ann and Dianne Rae, smaller but fat and healthy, were pleasant but a trifle bored about the whole thing.

They keep both Mr. and Mrs. Carter busy, alright, at their home at 1120 Hood St.

Heavy Eaters  
"It takes about one and one-half hours to feed and burp the triplets," said Mrs. Carter. "And they feed about every four hours now. They each take about 8 ounces of milk at night, plus other solid foods."

"They sleep through the night now—on most nights. But even so I simply couldn't handle it all, if my husband wasn't so good about helping me."

This last statement made a marked impression on John Erickson, Statesman photographer, who will soon become a father.

Father Carter is sales manager in the appliance department at Hogg Brothers Furniture store in Salem. He wasn't present for his daughters' pictures and interview, but his place was taken by the Carters' son, Steve, 4, who made the babies laugh for the camera.

Lots of Washing  
Yes, Mrs. Carter admitted as she bounced first Debra Jo and then Denise Ann (or was it Dianne Rae?) on her lap, she had a lot of washing to do every day. She thanked heaven she had an automatic clothes washer and dryer.

Debra Jo weighs about 15½ pounds and her twin sisters just under that.

Mrs. Carter said she hasn't really noticed whether any of the babies show different emotional or character traits from each other.

"They are all good babies," she said loyally as she played with Dianne Rae (or was it Denise Ann?).

"Of course," she laughed, "they have their squalls once in awhile. Then it brings up the problem of which to pick up first. And they have their moods. The other day they were crabby and fussy."

Mrs. Carter said she lost her best day-time helper when her daughter, Sharon, 9, fractured her arm recently. Sharon can't help her mother much now but she does the best she can.

"The babies were quite a lot of trouble at first," said Mrs. Carter. "But we wouldn't trade them for the world now."

Debra Jo, on her mother's lap, smiled. Denise Ann (or was it Dianne Rae?) sitting up in one corner of the couch, blinked her eyes. Her sister yawned widely.

## U.S., France Refuse to Stall Europe Treaty

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov offered Saturday to postpone the Russian-proposed all-European conference on collective security if the Western powers hold up ratification of the Paris agreements on rearming West Germany. His offer, however, met with prompt U. S. - French rejection.

He coupled the offer with a warning that the Soviet Union and the "peace-loving European states" would take countermeasures for their own security if the West persists in bringing West Germany into the Atlantic defense alliance — a move which he said poses the "threat of a new war."

Russia had set Nov. 29 as a date for the security conference, which would include the United States. Communist China was invited as an observer.

(Recent events have indicated the Soviet Union is planning to set up an East European security system as a countermeasure to the West's North Atlantic Treaty Organization.)

Swift Rejection  
WASHINGTON (AP) — French Premier Mendes-France and Secretary of State Dulles turned down swiftly Saturday a move by Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov to delay ratification of German rearmament by the Western powers. Instead they called for "early ratification" by all the allies before any new conferences with Russia.

They declared themselves against "improvised debates intended mainly for propaganda," an obvious slap at Moscow, but expressed willingness to join in "adequately prepared negotiations" in good faith.

Points of Agreement  
From the communique and from information provided by officials these other points stood out in the talks:

1. Dulles and Mendes-France agreed that the organization of three new Communist divisions, two of them armored, in Northern Viet Nam creates a serious new threat in Indochina.

2. Dulles agreed to consider use of United States influence to try and prevent any outside agitation to make trouble for the French among the Arabs in North Africa.

Mendes-France has contended Cairo and Communist Hungary have been sources of agitation in North Africa.

3. Mendes-France reviewed "hopeful" possibilities for establishing better relations between France and Germany as a step toward creation of a united and peaceful Europe. Dulles said the United States attaches great importance to this.

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