

\$2,774,000 Set Aside by Solons for State Pay Raises

A set-aside fund of \$2,774,000 for state salary raises in the coming two years was recommended by the Oregon Legislature Tuesday by the powerful joint ways and means committee.

Of the special fund proposed for salary increases, \$1,300,000 would be placed in a state emergency fund earmarked for making possible those salary adjustments to be recommended after study by the Civil Service Commission and to be authorized finally by the State Emergency Board.

The other \$1,474,000 represents the total of amounts to be set aside by state agencies which produce their own revenues and don't require general fund appropriations. Civil service and unclassified jobs would be eligible for raises in either fund.

House Chiefs Forecast Passage of Sales Tax

By ROBERT E. GANGWARE
City Editor, The Statesman

A majority of the House tax committee recommended adoption of the sales tax legislation Tuesday, and before the day was out House leaders were forecasting its passage.

Tax committee members put the sales tax on the House floor by a bare majority vote in committee of 5 to 4.

Then they approved the Senate-passed income tax version with but minor disagreement at one point. A conference committee of two representatives and two senators will thresh out the effective date of the income tax for the approximately 500 taxpayers who are on a fiscal year basis.

The income tax as it now stands, just before the House will vote on Senate amendments, calls for an average tax increase of 60 per cent, under a formula of lowering exemptions to \$500, using present tax rates, applying a 45 per cent surtax.

Items Exempt
The sales tax calls for a 3 per cent tax on retail sales, with food, rent and some other items exempted. The sales tax would go before the Oregon voters next Nov. 8; if passed, it would replace the higher income tax and, moreover, would eliminate state income tax against most incomes of less than \$5,000.

House Speaker Ed Geary said Tuesday it looked to him like the sales tax would pass the House, adding, "but I'm not twisting anybody's arm over it."

Tax Chairman Loran Stewart said the sales tax proposal resulted from a "growing sentiment that we ought to put it before the people. It might pass this week, but we're not trying to ram it down anybody's throat."

Rep. Pat Dooley, a Democrat member of the tax committee and a sales tax opponent, predicted the House would pass it.

Meanwhile, the lobbyists of organized labor were busy in the Capitol talking up opposition to the sales tax principle they have long opposed.

The committee report on the sales tax will come before the House this morning, and probably will touch off the principal debate. In a briefing session for House members in a caucus early Tuesday afternoon, tax committee members explained the several bills related to sales tax and answered a few questions.

But final House action on the sales tax may not come until Thursday.

When the four-man committee minority moves to kill the bill, it will be thrown open to debate, probably shortly after 10 a.m. today. This minority comprises Rep. Roderick McKenzie (R), Sixes, and the three committee Democrats, Reps. Dooley, Walter Pearson and Ward H. Cook, all of Portland.

Wait Until Thursday
If their maneuver is successful, the bill will be dead. If the majority report on the bill is accepted, then Tax Chairman Stewart intends to move that the bill be held over until Thursday for final action.

The sales tax, if passed by House and Senate and then accepted at the polls, would go into operation next Jan. 1. Any higher income tax coming out of this Legislature would be discontinued then, after applying on this year's income.

The proposed sales tax would provide \$2½ million a year for distressed school districts; would offset some local property tax by giving to local units the equivalent of \$20 per school census child; would remove the state from property tax field; would increase income tax exemptions for adults from \$800 to \$1,200.

(Additional legislative news on Page 7, Sec. 1.)

Business Near 1953 Peak

WASHINGTON (AP)—Business almost, but not quite, climbed back to its 1953 peak during the first quarter of this year, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday.

The department's monthly analysis of the business situation said very large businesses—worth \$9 million dollars or more—had mostly regained all ground lost during the 1953-54 business downturn, while sales of smaller firms were lagging somewhat.

But, the study added, a revived flow of new orders to small and big businesses alike indicates that broader recovery is in the offing.

Patterson Pitches — Solons Win



Gov. Paul Patterson, decked out in a Salem Senators warm-up jacket, lets fly with a southpaw pitch from the mound in the Senators-Eugene Emeralds Northwest League opener at Waters Field Tuesday night. Maybe the pitch brought charm for Salem went on to win the game, 13-3. (Statesman photo by John Erickson)

Worker Confesses to Portland Bomb Hoax

PORTLAND (AP)—Edward E. Henson, 20, admitted Tuesday that he had sent a bombing threat to his employer, police reported.

This was the first arrest in a series of bombing and extortion threats that has plagued the Pacific Northwest since a bomb exploded April 15 in Meier and Frank's department store.

But the school bombing threats continued Tuesday. Four more threats were received. No schools were dismissed, however, as officials now have become accustomed to the rash of fake bomb threats.

Police said Henson, a shipping clerk, signed a statement admitting he sent the note to his employer, Dahknen, Inc., a merchandising firm in the Morgan Bldg.

The note read: "Merely a warning. A bomb will blow up part of your store Tuesday April 26. Nothing else to know." It was unsigned.

Henson's statement to police said that he had an impulse to see how a bombing threat would affect the company for which he worked after reading of similar threats made to others.

Henson, who denied any part in other bomb threats, was booked on a charge of threatening the commission of a felony and held on \$10,000 bail.

Police Tipped
He was picked up after an acquaintance tipped police that he might be a likely suspect in the case.

Juveniles who want the day off were blamed for the school threats. This lead Jack W. Edwards, Portland school superintendent, to say he might ask the school board to extend the school year to make up any time lost in such affairs.

The schools threatened Tuesday included, for the first time, a college, Portland State. Also threatened were Jefferson and Washington high schools in Portland and the grade school at the Ordinance, Ore., housing project.

Big A-Blast Due Today

SURVIVAL CITY, Nev. (AP)—Atomic testers decided at a weather conference Tuesday night to go ahead Wednesday with the big civil defense open shot, weather permitting at blast time. It is set for 6:15 a. m. (PST) Wednesday.

Nearsighted Flier, 3 Others Die as Stolen Craft Hits Homes

VALENCIENNES, France (AP)—A young nearsighted British Air Force corporal, unlicensed to pilot military aircraft, crashed a stolen RAF trainer in flames on a Tuesday. The crash killed four persons, including the corporal, and injured three others after a five-hour flying spree over England and France.

The unauthorized flight started when the heavy, twin-engine Vickers Varsity took off dizzily Monday night from the RAF's Thorney Island Navigation School in Hampshire, 60 miles southwest of London.

It ended in the French coal mining village of Vicq, near the Belgian border 175 miles southeast of London.

School Budget Rejected

Proposed Levy Increase Brings Call for Cuts

By VINITA HOWARD
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Salem School Board members were left with the job of paring down their 1955-56 budget after they joined with the citizen budget committee in refusing to approve the \$5,229,381 figure submitted Tuesday afternoon.

The committee and board will meet again today at 3 p.m. in hopes of gaining approval on a reduced budget.

The budget, as submitted Tuesday, would call for 100.4 mills, an increase of 7.8 mills over the 1954-55 budget. This increase, committee members said, would be "like waving a red flag in front of the voters."

About \$1,223,869 of the budget presented would be outside the 6 per cent limitation and therefore subject to voter approval.

In the nearly three-hour discussion, the committee's five men, William Phillips, W. J. Entress, J. H. Willett, Elton H. Thompson and Coburn L. Grabenhorst, finetooth combed the 15-page booklet of facts and figures on operating the district's schools.

Objections centered primarily on the \$176,743 allocated next year for additional teachers and the \$115,905 for capital outlays.

A revised teacher salary schedule was suggested by budget member W. J. Entress, but no action was taken on it. A large teacher delegation was again present.

After turning down a motion by Willett to approve the budget, the board decided to continue meeting Tuesday night in an effort to cut the budget still further. Board members, however, expressed doubt that they would be able to get it down by the more than \$100,000 suggested by Grabenhorst.

The school election is set May 20. (Additional story on page 2, sec. 1.)

Russ Agree to Austria Pact Parley May 2

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union agreed Tuesday to a meeting of the Big Four ambassadors in Vienna May 2 to spell out final terms for an Austrian state treaty.

This date was proposed by Britain, France and the United States. Austrian representatives will take part.

In notes to the three Western powers, the Soviet government said it did not believe a conference on the ambassadorial level was necessary. It took the position the Big Four foreign ministers could quickly settle the final details and sign the long-delayed treaty.

But it added that since the West wanted the ambassadors to go over the ground first, the Soviet government is agreeable. The ambassadors will fix the date for the foreign ministers conference with top Austrian leaders.

BASEBALL

NORTHWEST LEAGUE
At Salem 13, Eugene 3
At Yakima 5, Wenatchee 4
At Lewiston 1, Spokane 4

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
At Portland 0-1, Sacramento 1-0
At Seattle 6, San Diego 3
At Los Angeles 3, Hollywood 6
At Oakland 3, San Francisco 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE
New York 3, Milwaukee 2
All others rained out.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
New York 5, Chicago 0
Boston 8, Kansas City 7
Cleveland 3, Washington 2
Detroit 3, Baltimore 2

Morrow Submits Low Bid for Addition at Richmond School

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U.S. Opens Door Wider for Truce Talk With China

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States opened the door wider Tuesday for ceasefire talks with Red China — and backed away from its insistence that Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists must be present at any meeting.

Secretary of State Dulles took the position that this country wants a ceasefire in the Formosa area and doesn't care by what mechanics it is attained.

He said Nationalist China would not have to be present at any negotiations on a ceasefire. But he said the Nationalists certainly would be brought in as equal participants in any talks which sought to dispose of any territory in the area.

Dulles said the United States intends to try to find out whether Premier Chou En-Lai of Red China is sincere in wanting a peaceful Formosa settlement or is "merely playing a propaganda game."

The Dulles remarks at a news conference contrasted in a major respect with a statement put out Saturday by Undersecretary of State Herbert Hoover Jr. with the approval of President Eisenhower. That statement, issued in response to Chou's bid for talks with the United States to "relax tensions" in the Far East, said:

"... Of course the United States would insist on Free China participating as an equal in any discussions concerning the (Formosa) area."

The Saturday statement was reported to have met a bad reaction among some friendly nations, and in this country Sen. George (D-Ga) said the absence of Nationalist China from the conference table should not prevent American peace talks with the Communists.

Threat Brings Evacuation of Senator Hotel

The state's spreading epidemic of bomb hoaxes reached Salem Tuesday evening as an explosion was threatened at the 160-room Senator Hotel. Approximately 200 guests and employees were quickly evacuated by city police but the purported bomb failed to go off at the appointed time of 8 p.m.

An intensive search of the hostelry failed to uncover any explosive and indicated the scare was the work of a crank, officers said.

The threat, made from an outside telephone by what was described as a "deep man's voice," came into the hotel switchboard about 7:30 p.m. Desk girl Lois Matherly, 19, Salem, said the voice asked: "Is this the Senator?" When told it "was the Senator," the caller announced, "A bomb will explode in half an hour." There was no demand for money, Miss Matherly said.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Even in death the brain of Albert Einstein is dedicated to science. By his will his brain and some of his vital organs were awarded to laboratories for study. After the brain is properly conditioned it will be examined by neurologists. It will be weighed, photographed, charted, its dimensions and characteristics carefully noted.

But the microscope will not reveal the secrets of the brain's functioning. Previous tests have proven that size and weight alone do not measure the intensity of cerebral action. Experimentation has shown areas where specific controls reside, but the most diligent probing has not found the mainspring of the emotions.

In this connection one is reminded of the passage in Arthur Koestler's novel, "Darkness at Noon," in which his chief character, Rubashov, an old Bolshevik caught in a purge, reflects as he paces his cell:

"What went on in No. 1's (Stalin's) brain? He pictured to himself a cross-section through that brain, painted neatly with grey water-color on a sheet of paper stretched on a drawing-board with drawing-pins. The whorls of grey matter swelled to entrails, they curled around one another like muscular snakes, became vague and misty like the spiral nebulae on astronomical charts... What went on in the inflated grey whorls? One knew everything about the far-away nebulae."

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Nancy Stuart Resigns Post At Willamette

(Picture on page 2, sec. 1)

Nancy Stuart, for the past five years director of information and alumni affairs at Willamette University, has resigned effective June 30, it was announced Tuesday by President G. Herbert Smith.

Miss Stuart, a 1947 graduate of Willamette, said her future plans are as yet indefinite.

Dr. Smith expressed regret at seeing Miss Stuart leave the position and said a successor has not yet been considered.

A native of Portland, the resigning information director was for two years assistant promotion manager at Portland station KEX prior to taking the Willamette post. In her senior year at the university she was editor of the Collegian, campus newspaper.

Miss Stuart also has been prominent in Toastmistress circles, last year winning the Northwest title and a trip to the national finals at Louisville, Ky.

PRESS CHIEF RE-ELECTED

NEW YORK (AP)—Robert McLean was re-elected president of The Associated Press Tuesday, continuing a tenure that began in 1938. He is president of the Philadelphia Bulletin.

ANIMAL CRACKERS

By WARREN GOODRICH

"Louie's an absolute genius with a tossed salad!"

Pussywillows Become Link In Smith Case

PORTLAND (AP)—A bedraggled bunch of pussywillows Tuesday became an important link in the state's attempt to prove that Mrs. Marjorie Smith, 35, plotted the bomb slaying of her husband.

An electrician, Victor Laurence Wolf, 45, admitted planting the bomb in the car of attorney Kermit Smith, 34, but said it was Mrs. Smith who hatched the plot to kill Smith last week. Wolf said he did it for her love.

Mrs. Smith vehemently denies Wolf's story. She said that if Wolf decided to eliminate her husband, it was his own idea, and that he never had a chance to win her love. She called him a "repulsive old man."

Seek Evidence

Police searching for evidence that might confirm Wolf's story, came across the pussywillows in the basement of the Smith home. They recalled Wolf's story that he and Mrs. Smith had gone on a picnic several weeks ago, and there had experimented with bomb wiring on the Smith car. At the picnic scene he had picked pussywillows for Mrs. Smith, breaking off the stems with his hands, Wolf said.

Police said a botanist probably can determine whether the pussywillows came from the picnic scene near Ridgefield, Wash., where Wolf led them Monday. He pointed out a pussywillow clump.

To Attempt Match

The botanist will go there Wednesday to try to match the ends of the pussywillow bouquet with the still living branches at the scene.

Wolf and Mrs. Smith, held without bond since their arrest last week, were indicted by a grand jury on first-degree murder charges Tuesday.

Mrs. Smith, who appeared near collapse when she attended her husband's funeral Monday, seemed fully recovered Tuesday. She agreed to an interview by reporters, in which she denied any connection with Smith's death, and hired an attorney—John Patrick Hannon, veteran Portland defense attorney.

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