

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Spurgeon

While the primary campaign has hardly gotten into full swing in this state it looks at the moment as though the contest between Doug McKay and Phil Hitchcock, leading candidates for the GOP senatorial nomination, will be mostly shadow boxing. To date both appear to be running against Wayne Morse. While McKay hasn't arrived to open his campaign here his statements are all aimed at the present senator whom he seeks to displace. Hitchcock seeks to convince Republicans that he is the one who can beat the incumbent.

One reason for this neglect of each other is the common aim to hold the Republicans together for the supreme effort in the fall. This makes the candidates "prisoners" of party policy. Neither wants to offend the followers of the other because of the need for unity at the general election.

As the primary campaign warms up some sparks may fly. McKay enters with the reputed favor of the White House; and that gives the Hitchcock forces a chance to protest against outside interference. Oregonians are an independent breed; so it is by no means clear whether the White House encouragement will be an asset or a liability to the man (Continued on editorial page 4.)

Soviet Police Boss Booted From Junket

LONDON (AP) — Soviet Premier Bulganin and party chief Khrushchev bowed Friday before outraged British public opinion and kicked secret police chief Ivan Serov off the team that will come to Britain with them April 18.

The Russians, obviously straining hard to win friends among the British people, abruptly dropped Gen. Serov after insisting he would be coming along.

Khrushchev then added a homey touch to the 10-day "goodwill tour" by telling the British he would bring along his son, S. N. Khrushchev, an engineering student. It was news to the British that the Red boss had a son.

British newspapers blossomed out with banner headlines announcing that Serov would stay home. Their stories appeared after the British Foreign Office published the list of people on the Soviet delegation.

The newspapers had denounced Serov as a "revolting butcher" and an "odious thug" when he flew here last month to set up security arrangements for the Bulganin-Khrushchev tour.

The official list of the 44-man Russian delegation shows that Serov's place as head of the bodyguard for the Soviet leaders has been taken by a man believed to be his deputy, Maj. Gen. N. S. Zakharov.

Khrushchev and Bulganin will have separate personal bodyguards — a total of 14 gun-toting Russians plus what the British police will provide.

South High Beard Champ Gets Shaved

Climaxing activities of Twirl Week was the "Stubble Stomp" girl-ask-boy dance Friday evening in South High gymnasium.

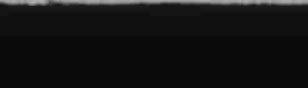
Highlighting intermission was announcement of Allan Roland as winner of two free dinners at China City for growing the longest beard during the week. Martin Andic received a bottle of hair tonic for having the least growth of beard.

Roland also received a shave, right on the dance floor, at the hands of his "escort," Mary Lynn Stevens.

Decorations included striped barber shop poles and a suspended giant safety razor and shaving cream tube.

The dance, sponsored by the junior class, was under the chairmanship of junior class vice-president, Marcia Humphrey.

Committees were decorations, Judy Woods, chairman, Linda Kendrick, Sandra Shorey; publicity, Ron Thiesen, chairman, Sara Allen and Chuck Hammarstad; records, Bill Jacobsen; tickets, Bill Hazel and Dave Austin; clean-up, Jim Rawlins; refreshments, Jeanne Jones, chairman, Carolyn Milne, Barbara Gerlinger and Geri McAllister.

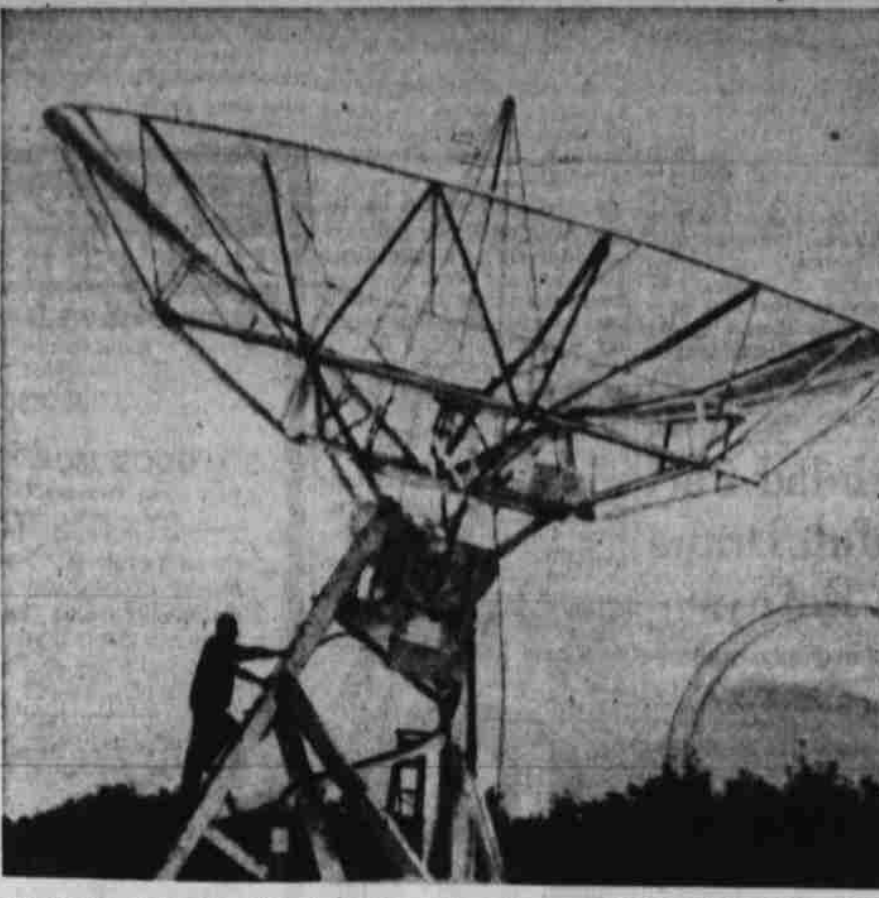


"I come over to watch the TV early show with Norbit."

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New Antenna to Monitor Outer Space



SAN DIEGO, Calif.—New 35-foot diameter radio antenna, erected to detect sounds from outer space, will start operation Tuesday near Palomar Observatory (at right background). California Institute of Technology is in charge of construction. (AP Wirephoto.)

Removal of State Tax 'Shackles' Demanded

By THOMAS G. WRIGHT JR. Staff Writer, The Statesman

A sales tax substitute for Oregon's 45 per cent surtax on incomes, and amendment of state law which requires referral to the people of any new taxes were top-heavy favorites Friday at a state-wide tax clinic held in Salem.

There was little vocal opposition as the Salem Chamber of Commerce-sponsored clinic closed out its day-long session by going on record for repeal of so-called "shackles" on the legislature which prohibit it from establishing taxes without first allowing the public to vote on them.

Removal of the restrictions was considered as a means of paving the way for a sales tax which has been rejected by Oregon voters five times in the past.

The 250 persons registered for the clinic heard a lot of tax background and heavy debate on both sides of the sales tax issue as well as a five-point formula for state taxation from Gov. Elmo Smith.

Gov. Smith, addressing a luncheon gathering of the group, said and worth-while tax program requires that it (1) conform to concept of equality of taxes held by people, (2) must raise enough money to meet demand for services, (3) be flexible enough to produce revenues under varying economic conditions, (4) be as convenient as possible to pay, (5) and should not hinder development of state.

Source and use of state and local taxes was detailed by State Tax Commissioner Sam Stewart who reminded the gathering that property tax supplies almost half of the \$618,000,000 in revenue collected during the current biennium. He predicted a 35 per cent increase in the next 10 years.

The legislature had four alternatives — reduce services, adopt a sales tax, renew a state property tax, or add onto the income tax. State Sen. Lee Ohmart said in explaining the why of the 45 per cent surtax. The Marion County senator said the Interim Tax Committee of which he is a member has given considerable attention to study of tax structures in other states in its quest for a solution to Oregon's financial problems.

Small Business Suffer Small and medium size businesses are suffering most under the present tax situation said Robert M. Hall, chairman of the Portland Chamber of Commerce Tax Committee. He said the tax structure alone is not the reason industry fails to be attracted to Oregon, but pointed out the location of 8 or 9 aluminum plants in Washington because of what he termed a favorable tax picture.

William E. Bade, manager of Oregon Tax Research, led the plea for giving the Legislature an emergency clause for taxation in a debate with George Brown, secretary of the Oregon State Industrial Union Council of the AFL-CIO. Brown's was the lone voice during the morning session against taking tax controls away from the people and giving them to the Legislature which represents them.

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4 Die in Crash Of Jet Bomber

CRESCO, Neb. (AP) — A B-47 stratojet bomber exploded and crashed with earth shaking violence near Cresco Friday, apparently killing all four crewmen aboard.

The Lincoln Air Force Base, home of the craft and crew, said the 2 1/2 million dollar bomber had taken off about 15 minutes before the crash with four men aboard.

Five-Year Drunk Claimed Reason For Tax Evasion

CHICAGO (AP) — A former state employee accused of income tax evasion said Friday he had been drunk for five years and didn't know what he was doing when he made out his returns.

"Were you intoxicated all the time?" the prosecutor asked Harold G. Thompson, 57. "Yes," Thompson replied. "You mean you didn't draw a sober breath in five years?" "Yes," he said.

Judge Win G. Koch of the U. S. district court convicted Thompson of evading \$1,645 in taxes on an unreported income of \$7,361 for 1949, 1950 and 1951. Sentencing was deferred.

Board Okehs Fairgrounds Playground

A corner of the Oregon State Fairgrounds will be converted for city playground use to serve a growing residential area nearby, it was agreed Friday by the State Fair Board.

Board members approved a city request for use of seven acres at the far southeast corner, near Evergreen Avenue. Parks Superintendent Walter Wirth said a softball diamond for youngsters would be put in after clearance this summer, and the area would be seeded for a better ball diamond, perhaps two, next year.

This area is now part of the parking lots surrounding the central fairgrounds buildings area.

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Joint Group Finishes Work On Farm Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate-House conference committee Friday night agreed upon a compromise farm bill — and committee leaders served notice on President Eisenhower that it is this bill or nothing.

The big measure contains a "soil bank" system of payments to farmers, plus 90 per cent price supports for basic crops this year. Eisenhower wants the soil bank but thoroughly dislikes the 90 per cent mandatory supports.

He and Secretary of Agriculture Benson plan to go into a huddle on the dilemma Saturday morning. Meantime neither had any comment.

House and Senate have still to act upon the compromise. This action is scheduled for next week.

Sen. Ellender (D-La.), chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said flatly that either President Eisenhower "takes it or there is no farm bill" this session.

Chairman Coley (D-N.C.) of the House Agriculture Committee also predicted Congress would not pass another general farm bill this year if this one is vetoed.

The two chairmen, who headed their respective conference groups said they expected the compromise bill would pass the House and Senate next week and be on Eisenhower's desk by Friday.

Artillery Duel Spices Feud On Gaza Strip

JERUSALEM (AP) — A fresh artillery duel between Israeli and Egyptian forces on the Gaza strip frontier heightened tension in the Middle East Friday while U. N. officials were speeding a new peace effort.

Friday's clash was brief and apparently was halted by invoking the U. N. cease-fire appeal that finally ended Thursday's much bloodier clash. A U. N. report said 55 Egyptians and four Israelis were killed in border shelling around the town of Gaza Thursday.

McKay Bids Ike Farewell

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay attended his final Cabinet meeting Friday and then said goodbye to President Eisenhower.

McKay is resigning from the Cabinet April 15 to seek the Republican nomination to the Senate from Oregon. The President is leaving early next week for a Georgia vacation and will be out of town when McKay leaves Washington. This meant that Friday's meeting probably was their last.

McKay and Eisenhower posed for photographers in the President's office.

Tornadoes Flog Carolinas Area

New Snow Check Hikes Flood Fear

PORTLAND (AP) — Another warning of flood danger in the Pacific Northwest came Friday from the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, with a report that March snowfall in the Columbia River Basin increased the region's flood threat.

The heaviest snowpack since 1936 was reported by R. A. Work of the federal agency. That was the year the British Columbia Water Conservation Service expanded the snow survey network.

Work said there had been a small runoff in the warm weather of early March, but this was followed by a cold spell and additional snowfall. The unusually high seasonal flow volume of water forecast on March 1 has been slightly increased, the agency reported.

Damaging Volume "Adverse climatic conditions during the snowmelt period would produce extremely damaging flow volumes at many points of the Columbia Basin. Orderly snow melt and scanty precipitation for the remainder of April would somewhat ease the high water potential," Work said.

The water content of snow on important tributaries as disclosed by April 1 snow surveys, as expressed in percentage of 1938-39 average:

Upper Columbia Basin—Columbia River, Canada 187, Kootenai 151, Pend Oreille 150, Chelan 150, Spokane 138, Wenatchee 174, Flathead 128, Yakima 175, Clark Fork 138, Cowlitz 167, Snake Basin

Snake River Basin—Upper Snake 140, Southern Tributaries 106, Boise River 153, Payette 132, Owyhee 91, Salmon 145, Clearwater 142, Imnaha 137.

Lower Columbia Basin—John Day 138, Deschutes 153, Willamette 170.

Forecasts of the April to September stream flow by Soil Conservation Service and co-operating agencies, expressed in terms of the percentage of the 15-year average:

Columbia at The Dalles 135, Columbia at Birchbank, B.C. 127, Kootenai at Leona, Idaho 132, Flathead at Columbia Falls 124, Flathead, S. Fork 124, Clark Fork at Plains 127, Spokane at Post Falls 171, Okanogan at Tonasket 176, Methow at Twisp 158, Chelan at Chelan 144, Wenatchee at Peshastin 154, Yakima at Cle Elum 165, Snake at Moran 135, Snake at Heise 130, Boise near Boise 132, Payette at Horseshoe 154, Salmon at Whitebird 133, Imnaha at Imnaha 133, Clearwater at Spalding 142, Deschutes at Benham Falls 142, Willamette at Salem 154.

3 Killed in Crash Of Globemaster

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — Three airmen were killed Friday when a C154 Globemaster crashed and burned as it started to take off on a test flight.

Four of the seven men crew survived, although one was reported in a critical condition. No names were available immediately.

Base officers said the cause of the crash had not yet been determined.

Portland Gets Police Dogs

PORTLAND (AP) — Eleven dogs that will aid police in patrol duties, arrived here by airplane from Dearborn, Mich., with their trainers Friday.

Four other dogs of the canine corps are scheduled to arrive later.

Police Chief James Purcell said the dogs cost about \$300 each.

Inmate Asks Wrong Place

A patient who strolled away from Oregon State Hospital grounds Monday was apprehended by Salem police Friday night the easy way. He strolled into the police station to ask help in finding shelter for the night.

Suspicion was aroused when his attempt to produce identification brought out nothing but a paper with the name of the hospital on it. A phone call to the hospital revealed that he was listed as missing and police returned him there.

Accused Slayer Dies In Violent Execution

(Picture on Page 2, Sec. 1) SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP) — With blood spurting from a self-inflicted gash at his throat, Robert O. Pierce, 27-year-old gunman, died in the gas chamber Friday in "the most violent execution" in San Quentin's history, screaming "I'm innocent! I'm innocent!"

Pierce fought, cursed and pleaded to God up to the moment of his death at 10:15 a. m.

Pierce and quiet Smith E. Jordan, 28, were executed together for the \$7 robbery-murder of an Oakland taxicab driver, which both insisted they didn't commit.

"I'm innocent!" Pierce screamed as four guards dragged him to the gas chamber. "I'm innocent! Don't let me go like this, God!"

He had slashed his throat only moments before in the death cell as a Catholic priest, the Rev. Edward Dingberg, knelt in prayer at his feet. He cut himself with a three inch sliver of broken mirror. Warden Harley O. Teets said it was "incredible" that he should

The Weather

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy with a few light showers this morning, partly cloudy this afternoon, clearing considerably tonight, and mostly cloudy Sunday. The high today, 55-57; the low tonight, 34-36; the high Sunday, 50-55.

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Roofs Blown From Homes; Debris Hurlled

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tornadoes leap frogged through the Carolinas Friday while strong winds blew a snow blanket over much of the Dakotas and Minnesota.

At Atlanta, a strong gust of wind toppled a partly decayed tree, killing two women hanging out clothes.

Two persons were injured and several buildings destroyed as the tornadoes hit Abbeville and Greenwood, S. C., before hopping into neighboring North Carolina.

Rains, Strong Winds Rains and strong winds accompanied the storm that struck the mid-Atlantic states. Most areas had rain averaging a half inch although Patuxent River, Md., measured 1.08 inches in a six-hour period.

Some 20 buildings were destroyed in North Carolina by the twister that struck near the Mecklenburg-Union County line. Scores of roofs of dwellings were blown away in the Abbeville-Greenwood, S. C., area. Falling debris caused minor injuries to two persons, one in each state.

In the north, 40 to 50 m.p.h. wind gusts drove snow over much of the upper Mississippi Valley. Lowering temperatures and leaving as much as three inches of snow on the ground.

Minnesota fared the worst in the spring snowstorm. Bemidji and International Falls each reported two inches while Duluth had three.

By contrast, temperatures soared into the mid 70s in the lower Mississippi Valley area with Madison, Wis., enjoying a balmy 75.

Consolidated Buys Hunt Transfer Firm

PORTLAND (AP) — Consolidated Freightways, Inc., Friday announced the acquisition of Hunt Transfer Co., Inc., for Consolidated stock valued at approximately \$418,000.

The sale included Hunt properties here and warehouses in Los Angeles and Oakland, Calif. Hunt is a household hauling firm.

J. L. Seese Jr., president of Consolidated, said the transaction must be approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission and state agencies.

2nd Purchase Eyed WASHINGTON (AP)—Consolidated Freightways of Portland, Ore., already one of the largest trucking firms in the nation, has asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to buy Bell Lines Inc., of Charleston, W. Va.

The transaction would be handled by a stock exchange.

Bell operates between Indianapolis and the Middle Atlantic states.

Interceptor Crash Kills 2

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — An F98C Scorpion interceptor plane crashed and burned near here Friday, killing the pilot and observer.

Names were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The aircraft had arrived Thursday night at Malmstrom Air base from Hill Air Force Base, Utah. It was being ferried to a base in Alaska.

It had stopped at Great Falls overnight for refueling and foreign clearance. It had just taken off for Alaska at 4:30 p. m.

SONJA DIVORCE SOUGHT

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Winthrop Gardner Jr. of Palm Beach and New York socialite and aviation executive, filed suit Friday for divorce from Sonja Henie Gardner, the ice skater and actress.

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