

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

One day last week County Judge Guy Boyington of Clatsop County breezed into the office and left a copy of a proposed amendment to the state constitution. He would change Sec. 3, Art. IX which dedicates motor vehicle license fees and gas taxes for highway uses, by adding a paragraph which would declare that motor vehicles and other properties of "for hire" motor carriers would be subject to assessment and taxation the same as property of other carriers. This has been introduced as House Joint Resolution 28.

Another joint resolution, HJR 27, would repeal Sec. 3, Art. IX. This would leave disposition of receipts from gas tax, motor vehicle and operators' license fees and other taxes for use of highways to the will of the Legislative Assembly.

The present section which captures these receipts for highway or street use, also for parks and tourist promotion was adopted in 1942 through a reference by the 1941 Legislative Assembly. It was approved by a wide margin: 125,990 to 86,332. This writer was one who spoke against the measure on the radio—to no avail. I objected to this earmarking of revenues, not to the use of these receipts for highway purposes. Previously as governor I had called the Legislature's attention to the fact that commercial users of the highway made no (or little) contribution.

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Weekend Road Toll Reaches 4

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A highway collision killed two California brothers near Albany Sunday, lifting the weekend highway toll in Oregon to four.

Lloyd Launer, 23, Berkeley, and Joseph Launer, 17, Selma, Calif., were killed and three members of their family injured seriously in the crash as the family was en route to Portland to attend a wedding.

Coroner Walter Krupp said the car went out of control and collided almost head-on with a freight truck. The truck driver, Robert McCauley of Portland was not injured.

Mrs. L. Lloyd Launer, 18; a brother, John Launer, 20, and their father, Paul Launer, 49, all of Selma, suffered broken legs.

Pete Engstrom, 71, Creswell, a pedestrian, was killed by an automobile near Eugene early Saturday.

Hugh Franklin Wilson, 33, town marshal at Longcreek in Grant County, was killed when his automobile crashed off a road near Longcreek Friday night.

Columbia Dam Closes Gates

THE DALLES, Ore., March 10

—The Dalles Dam, which some day may become this country's second biggest power producer, closed its gates across the Columbia River today for the first time.

For more than four hours the flow of the mighty Columbia was cut off. The river poured more than a billion gallons of water a second against the 1 1/2-mile-long dam until the pool thus formed climbed 60 feet up the face of the concrete barrier and began running over spillways.

More gates will be closed next weekend to lift the pool another 25 feet, its final level. The pool then will extend 31 miles upstream. Dedication ceremonies will be held next weekend.

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Furnishings Saved by 3 Students as Home Burns

Statesman News Service

MARION, Mar. 10—Three fast-thinking Oregon State College students saved a large amount of furnishings early Sunday morning in a fire that virtually leveled the home of the Herman DeLangh family.

The family was away when the three youths chanced to see flames coming from the 1 1/2-story house while driving in the area about 12:30 a. m. The trio were Ronald Olson, Madras; Samuel Lewis, Tigard; and Mike Jenkins, Salem.

In their efforts to save possessions, the students were forced to break a window to get into the locked frame house and phone volunteer firemen at Aumsville. They also had a brave a formidable looking bull, which they released from a fire-threatened barn along with other stock. The barn escaped damage.

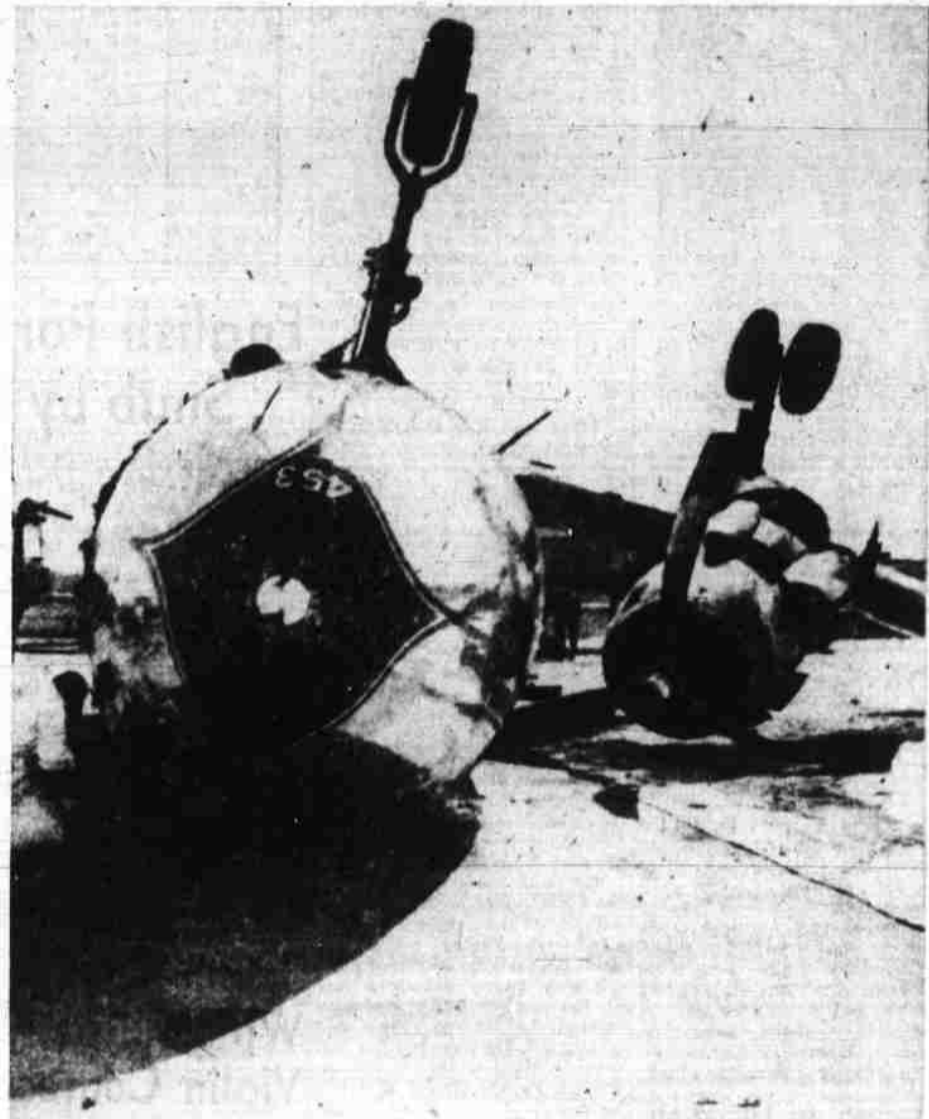
The family and firemen arrived after flames had eaten through much of the house. Also saved by the students was a dog locked in a back porch.



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The Weather Today's forecast: Changeable with showers, periods of partial clearing and gusty winds. High 52, low tonight 40. (Complete report page 2)

34 Escape as Airliner Lands on Back



LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 10—A workman examines Eastern Air Lines plane which flipped over on its back today while coming in for landing at Standiford Field. Seven passengers were hospitalized for observation. One wing was clipped off. The plane carried 34 persons. (AP Wirephoto)

U.N. Shots Fired In Gaza Arab Riot

By ANGELO NATALE

GAZA, March 10 (AP)—U. N. troops used tear gas and fired in the air today to break up a demonstration by thousands of Arabs demanding return of Egyptian administration to the Gaza Strip.

U. N. headquarters announced several demonstrations leaders were arrested after the Gaza Strip earlier, were called back to help deal with the demonstration, said Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, U. N. force commander.

Yugoslav U. N. troops, who had been withdrawn from the Gaza Strip, were called back to help deal with the demonstration, said Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, U. N. force commander.

Belgrade radio announced earlier that Yugoslav units had left the strip. It gave no reason, but the Yugoslav government had hinted its troops would be pulled out of the strip if Egypt objected to U. N. control of the territory.

The demonstration was staged Sunday after the U. N. commander's arrival for discussions with his staff here.

Because of the disorder, the curfew ordered for 6 p. m. was advanced to 1 p. m. and sound trucks drove through Gaza ordering everyone indoors. But police encountered difficulty in making the excited Arabs comply.

The Jerusalem Post quoted an Arab refugee as saying a number of Arabs accused of collaborating with the Israelis were lynched by commandos in Gaza's streets.

Protection Asked (Israel border settlers east of the Gaza Strip appealed to Israel's army for increased protection. They said infiltrators have been slipping across from Gaza and stealing valuable equipment.)

Arab government employees refused to cooperate in the U. N. administration unless the Egyptian government approves.

The jewelry has been recovered. It had been hidden in the garden of a home in Acapulco owned by a relative of one of the confessed slayers.

The victims were Joseph A. Michel, 70, a prominent New York attorney, and his friend, Mrs. Edith Halleck, 63, Brooklyn. They had been the objects of a wide search since they vanished from this Mexican coast resort city.

The men who police say confessed are Luis Fenton, 33, a tourist agent, and Daniel Rios Osuna, 35, an unemployed waiter. Fenton was described as a U. S. citizen who is in Mexico illegally.

Fenton and Rios were to be taken out into the bay to point out the spot where the bodies, weighted with rocks and the chains used in the slaying, were thrown overboard.

Jose Altamirano Diaz, head of the Mexican federal security police, announced the confessions of Fenton and Rios early this morning.

Fenton had been under questioning since Friday. Rios was arrested last night after being implicated by Fenton.

ACAPULCO, Mexico, March 10 (AP)—Skiddivers were called today to aid in the search off Acapulco for the bodies of a holidaying New York attorney and a wealthy

ACAPULCO, Mexico, Monday, March 11 (AP)—The fully clothed body of a woman was reported floating in Acapulco Harbor early today. Police believed it might be that of a wealthy Brooklyn widow murdered with her traveling companion, a New York attorney, nearly three weeks ago.

Brooklyn widow — victims of a cold-blooded murder — for-robbery plot.

Federal security police announced the killers admitted beat-

Beck Home From Europe, Faces Call in Racket Probe

Solons to Discuss Bullfrogs

By ROBERT E. GANGWARE

City Editor, The Statesman

Bullfrogs are on the legislative agenda at the Oregon Capitol today as the Senate and House reopen shop at 10 a. m. for the 57th day of the session.

Legislators will start their ninth week with consideration on the floor of a dozen routine bills, including Senate Bill 213 that would designate bullfrogs officially as game fish.

The Senate also has a bill to raise several fees charged by county clerks (SB 175). In the House budget bills for the self-supporting Oregon Wheat Commission, Banking Department, Board of Nurses Examiners, Board of Pharmacy and Board of Watchmaking and Clockmaking Examiners.

Public Hearing Livelier business is expected in several committees, including three public hearings Monday.

The House state and federal affairs committee at 8 a. m. will take up the bill proposing that civil service be set up by any district or city to cover all paid firemen.

Then at 8:30 a. m. it will have a public hearing on the resolution calling for a committee of eight legislators to study parole, reprieve or commutation as exercised by Oregon governors.

House local government committees will start hearings on the various bills sponsored by the interim committee which studied local government with special reference to growing problems of suburbia.

This committee, headed by Rep. Katherine Musa, (D), The Dalles, will hear arguments at 1 p. m. on top of the bills. One would allow a county court on its own motion to initiate county zoning hearings. Now a petition of residents is required.

The other bill would make county planning commissions mandatory in counties of more than 15,000 population. Such commissions are now optional.

Community Colleges The House education committee will give hearing at 7:30 p. m. to proposed legislation on the establishment of community colleges. This measure (HB 594) would allow school districts to establish junior colleges and share in state basic school support.

Of special Salem interest Tuesday will be the Senate agriculture committee hearing at afternoon adjournment time (usually about 2:30 p. m.) on SB 309 which would abolish the State Fair Commission and place operation of the fair directly under the director of agriculture.

Portland Boy, 11, Escapes Drowning

PORTLAND, March 10 (AP)—An 11-year-old boy fell into the swift, rain-swollen Johnson Creek in southeast Portland today, but escaped drowning by grabbing a low-hanging tree branch as he was being swept downstream.

The boy, Michael West, said he fell in while playing on a bridge.

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Quake-Born Tidal Wave Lashes San Diego Harbor, Japan Isle

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shelter Island. The wave crest piled into San Diego Bay with a speed estimated at 28 1/2 miles an hour.

The U. S. Coast and Geodetic Service in Honolulu said Mt. Ysevidon on Unimak Island in the Aleutians was smoking Sunday after lying dormant for 200 years. It apparently was jarred into activity by Saturday's quake, officials said.

King said 154 were left homeless at Hanalei, northern Kauai, and 4,000 isolated where six bridges were washed out. Preliminary estimate of damage ranged up to two million dollars.

Two persons sent up in a plane by the Honolulu Star-Bulletin to observe the tidal wave lost their lives when the plane crashed. Sarah Park, 29, reporter, was killed in the crash Saturday. The

Blind Woman Learns to Ski With Help of Alarm Clock

PARIS, March 10 (AP)—Guided by her Seeing Eye dog Duchess, totally blind Mrs. Thelma L. Keitlen, 35, arrived in Paris today from Switzerland where she learned to ski with the aid of an alarm clock.

"I loved every minute of it and am going right back for more skiing as soon as I've seen 'the museums and galleries here that I've dreamed of all my life," she told reporters as she landed from Geneva. The French tourist office has assigned her a special guide.

Mrs. Keitlen is a housewife from Springfield, Mass., a 12-year-old daughter, Stricken blind in 1955, she went to a special clinic in Los Angeles, Calif., where she was taught how to get along in the "night world"—the world of the blind.

She continued swimming, horseback riding and even played golf on the courses she had known before her ailment. But skiing was the biggest challenge.

Mrs. Keitlen went to the Swiss Alps to learn. There a special instructor, carrying an alarm clock with a very loud tick would precede her down the Alpine slopes. By following the tick of the clock she was able to navigate.

Persons arriving from Switzerland with her said results were excellent. After a brief cultural tour here—with concerts enjoying a high priority—she plans to return to the mountains Wednesday.

"Blindness," she told reporters today, "may be inconvenient, like many other things, but it is not incapacitating."

Sea Survivors Wed

SAN JOSE, Calif., March 10 (AP)—Last July, John Vail, saved Melanie Ansuini from drowning as the Italian liner Andrea Doria sank. Today they were married.

Child Dies in Clothes Dryer

HOUSTON, Tex., March 10 (AP)—An automatic clothes dryer killed a 3 1/2-year-old boy today after he climbed into it and the device started.

David Dunda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Dunda Jr., was dead on arrival at a hospital.

Deputy Coroner Howard Gosage said the boy had third degree burns over his entire body, his left leg was broken and he had severe cuts and bruises about the head and body.

An autopsy by Harris County pathologist W. W. Coulter showed that the boy died from the burns.

On the Brighter Side . . .



"They're Off!" Probably one of the noisiest races in the country is held from time to time at Washington School Cub Scout Pack 103 meetings when cubs bring their model racers to compete on a 30 foot wooden ramp constructed by their parents.

Teamster Boss Silent On Plans

SEATTLE, March 10 (AP)—

Dave Beck, globe-trotting Teamsters Union president, returned to the United States from Europe unannounced today and was expected to have a date soon with the Senate committee investigating rackets.

After flying here from New York Beck said in response to a question as to whether he would wait for a subpoena from the Senate Special Investigating Committee, "I don't know."

On all other questions the flordia-faced union leader replied with a rapid fire series of "no comment" as a swarm of reporters and radio and television men trailed him from the plane to a waiting car.

May Talk Today Beck said he might be willing to talk to newsmen tomorrow.

The committee has been awaiting Beck's return to quiz him regarding the building and sale of his lavish home in Seattle as well as about operations of the big 1 1/2 million-member Teamsters Union.

Beck arrived at New York's Idlewild Airport at 8:40 a. m. on a Swissair plane from Switzerland. He passed through public health, immigration and customs routines unknown to newsmen regularly assigned to the airport.

Before reporters there could catch up with him, it was learned that Beck had already boarded another plane for Seattle.

Refuse Interview During a 35-minute stopover of his plane at Chicago, Beck refused to permit an interview or pose for pictures. A Northwest Airlines spokesman said Beck had refused a request made through him for a statement.

During the stop at Chicago, a newsman boarded the plane and saw a heavy-set man wearing dark goggles, who ducked behind a seat. Another man barred the aisle. Another newsman carrying a recording device was put off the plane by airline employees.

Sen. McClellan (D-Ark), chairman of the special committee to improve reporting activities in labor or management, said he had not been advised officially of Beck's return to the country but commented:

"I just assume he will get in touch with the committee now that he is back."

Subpoena Ready From committee sources it was learned that a subpoena has been prepared for service on the Teamsters president if he does not appear voluntarily within a few days. No definite time limit has been set, however.

Beck has been out of the country three times this year. He had been in Europe since February.

The Teamsters Union has been under searching inquiry by McClellan's committee, particularly with reference to charges that some of its West Coast leaders teamed up with racketeers in an effort to control gambling and vice in Portland, Ore.

Hearings on this phase of the inquiry are slated to resume Tuesday.

Beck wrote McClellan some time ago, after the committee had expressed an interest in his affairs, that prior arrangements in Europe would keep him there until March 26.

Seattle Home Robert Kennedy, counsel for the Senate committee, has said he wants to question Beck about an alleged use of union funds to build his Seattle home. It has been indicated that the committee will want to hear from Beck in close session before putting him on the witness stand in open hearings.

Beck sold the Seattle home to his union for more than \$100,000 under an arrangement permitting him to continue living in it, rent and tax free. He tried to sell the home's furnishings to the union for some \$30,000, but this deal reportedly was blocked by some balking union officials.

Hearing End Seen Robert F. Kennedy, counsel to the Senate investigating committee, said he hoped the committee could wind up Thursday or Friday its hearings on allegations that some West Coast Teamsters Union officials joined with racketeers in efforts to control vice and gambling in Portland, Ore.

The Portland hearings are in recess until Tuesday, when the committee hopes to resume questioning of Clyde C. Crosby, Teamsters Union Oregon boss, and Dist. Atty. William M. Langley of Multnomah County-Portland.