

Labor Issues Promise Top-Rank Debating for State Lawmakers

By ELDON BARRETT
SALEM—(AP)—The clamor for labor legislation, supercharged by national industrial strife, probably is provoking the highest hurdles in the path of the 44th Oregon Legislature which assembles here Jan. 13.

A United Press survey of state officials, representatives of labor and business groups, and the lawmakers themselves showed that proposed bills restricting labor unions, and revamping unemployment and workmen's compensation laws are apt to be the most debated issues in the legislative hoppers.

Most controversial of all, persons surveyed believe, would be a proposed bill referring to the people a constitutional amendment prohibiting closed shop contracts. There are suggestions that such a measure is being

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LARD EXHIBIT—Frank Dutt, a sculptor, carves a sow and suckling pigs out of pure lard at Chicago for the meat exhibit at the International Livestock Show.

prepared. Similar bills were voted on in other states at the last general election.

Also on the fire are bills to require labor unions to open their books for regular financial inspection; to regulate strike ballots; to place financial responsibility for breaking labor contracts, and to regulate union election procedure.

Closely aligned with this type of legislation are proposals to revise unemployment compensation laws. Employers want reductions in payroll taxes for unemployment purposes and laws tightened requiring jobless claimants to be active in the labor market. There also are suggestions that the workmen's compensation rates be revised.

Labor's Desires

On the other hand unions want liberalization of unemployment and workmen's benefit laws; increased weekly unemployment pay; more rigid health and safety laws for workers; changes in the Industrial Accident Commission's procedure.

There definitely is a move by unions to abolish the strike clause in the Unemployment Compensation Code which now prohibits payment of unemployment compensation to workers connected with labor strikes.

State employees, too, have many demands. They want, first of all, more take-home pay. They also are asking a five-day, 40-hour week; revision of civil service and retirement laws; and the Oregon State Employee's Assn., which represents about 3000 state employees, has recommended higher pay for administrative and elective officials.

The Veterans' Advisory Committee to the State Department of Veterans' Affairs has recommended that amendments be enacted putting "more teeth" in the public employment preference law for veterans on public work jobs, making the hiring of veterans mandatory regardless of organizational affiliations. Labor unions are preparing to fight this proposal.

Two books in the Bible are named after women, 37 after men.

'The Man' Liphth, Othman Discovers
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build the air fields and they tried in vain to check charges that the foremen were forcing their laborers to kick back \$2 fees to keep their jobs.

"They were cheating each other," testified Douglas I. McKay, then assistant to the chief of Army Engineers, "but we could find no evidence they were cheating the government."

Detailing the cheating and telling about how much each field cost took most of the day. The sun was sinking low when Sen. Homer Ferguson of Michigan called for the testimony of Edward Terry, who used to be Sen. Bilbo's clerk when The Man was official mayor of Washington. Terry wasn't on tap.

Turned out that he was scared. The committee lawyers said they had G-men looking for him now, but that he had reported his life had been threatened if he testified. A couple of weeks later, he wrote, a mysterious phone voice also offered to do away with his wife and daughter. He disappeared.

Bilbo nudged his mouthpiece, Attorney Forrest Jackson of Jackson, Miss., who smiled genially and informed the senators that this was mere Mississippi politics. He said The Man joined the Senate in demanding Terry's appearance. "Yeth," Sen. Bilbo said.

Flying Made Fun By Power Glider
SAN FERNANDO, Cal.—(AP)—Ted Nelson has done for soaring enthusiasts what the ski lift inventor did for skiers—eliminated the tedious part of the sport and kept the fun.

Launching soaring planes by towing with an auto, airplane or winch robbed the sport of much of its pleasure, Nelson felt. So he put a 50-pound, 25-horsepower engine on his glider.

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He is going to make a non-stop flight to San Francisco on three gallons of gasoline—just to prove it can be done—and then he hopes to make a transcontinental trip. Nelson does not plug his glider as a means of transportation. It's for pleasure flying, with the dirty work removed, he tells friends.

Cotton duck got its name from the fact that some of the early mills stamped the heavier weight canvas required for ship sails with a picture of a duck. In time all cotton canvas became known as "cotton duck" or just duck.

Biblical references to "a day's journey" involve approximately twenty-three and one-fifth miles.

Chiang May Alter Faith

By JAMES D. WHITE
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SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Ordinarily a man's religion is his personal affair, but it was world news nearly 20 years ago when China's Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek became a Methodist.

Now there is talk in China that he may be approaching a second conversion—this time to the Catholic Church.

Thus far this has been mere speculation, but speculation increased greatly this week after the young, vigorous archbishop of Nanking, Paul Yu Pin, was asked at a Nanking press conference if the Generalissimo was becoming interested in the Catholic religion. "I hope so," replied the archbishop.

Archbishop May Be Hoping

It is not at all clear whether Archbishop Yu is merely expressing a hope or speaks with foreknowledge of Chiang's intentions, says a special dispatch by Associated Press Correspondent Spencer Moosa in Shanghai.

The young archbishop is an important figure in China. At 45 he is next to Cardinal Thomas Tien in the Chinese Catholic hierarchy. He also is a delegate in the national assembly for the Communist-held Manchurian province of Heilungkiang. Moosa recalls that for some years he has been on close terms with the generalissimo, and this relationship has not deteriorated as the government's relations with the Communists have grown worse since V-J day.

Translates New Testament

The rumors that Chiang might be interested in Catholicism as a personal faith began in Chungking in 1943, recalls Moosa. Since then the generalissimo has edited a new translation of the New Testament psalms by a Chinese Catholic whose personal history lends color to the rumors. This man is the famous jurist, John C. H. Wu, who formerly was a Protestant but embraced Catholicism in 1937. Chiang recently named him Chinese minister to the Vatican.

In a book dealing with his conversion, Wu criticizes what he calls the "appalling lack of unity and certainty" in Protestant theology.

Moosa says that it is not known whether Wu has influenced Chiang, and points out that Chiang became a Methodist only after extended study of the life and teachings of Christ.

After that he married Methodist, American-trained Soong Mei-Ling, and Moosa adds that one of the more interesting items in the speculation today is

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Doctor Contends Air Travel Quiets Nerves
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The physician-surgeon, who regularly flies the 50 miles from Richland Center to Reedsburg to practice surgery at the Municipal Hospital, has been flying since 1922. And he's been doing it for professional reasons since 1926, making air trips to almost every major American city to attend medical conventions in addition to using his plane for short routine hops.

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