

Representatives Pass Power Bill Over Veto

Issue May Be Put Before People

—The Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill 100, the Idaho Power Co. bill, over the veto of Governor Snell yesterday, after a three-hour debate. The bill was passed by a vote of 37 to 17.

The bill, sponsored by Eastern Oregon legislators who say it would enable the Idaho Power Co. to build a power dam on the Snake River and thus relieve a power shortage in that area, would permit power companies to build their dams for the period which they were licensed, under condemnation proceedings are in effect. The law now in effect, passed in 1931, permits taking on the basis of net investment, less the total of certain

of Martin P. Gallagher, Oregon, opened the debate by saying the present power law has made power development by private companies impossible, but that Thomas, Dallas, counsel, by saying no private plants built since 1931 because of depression and the war.

of J. E. Bennett, Portland, threatened a referendum if the governor approved the bill, and Robert E. Dunaway, Portland, said there is a power shortage in Eastern Oregon.

lawyer rumors that the governor wanted the bill passed over veto. Dunaway read a letter from the governor saying the veto is "absolutely false, unfair and without foundation."

Committee OK's Salary Boosts

—A uniform salary schedule for state officials was approved Friday by the Joint Ways and Means Committee, which said it worked out in relation to what is paid in other states.

Leading the list is the governor, who would get \$10,000 a year, compared with \$7500 now. In addition, he would get \$100 a month expenses.

Other officials would get \$5000. They are the secretary of state and treasurer, who would get \$3000; the attorney general, who would get \$2500 more; the state utilities commissioner, who would get that much; and the highway engineer, who would get \$2000 more.

The committee also approved a state police salary bill, introduced by Speaker John Hall and passed by the House. Hall charged that the committee attempting to bury the bill, which provides large increases for state police officers.

Editors Praised For Individuality

Packer Urges Newspapermen To Base Convictions on Fact

Oregon editors were commended for preserving a "high degree of individuality" Friday by Dr. Paul C. Packer, chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, who addressed the luncheon meeting of the 28th annual Oregon Press conference at the Eugene Hotel.

He observed that Oregon editors "knock off time to run their editorial pages," a practice which he said is not followed in many parts of the nation. The chancellor also noted that to the editors, their writings "represent reality."

Turning to the responsibilities of the press, Dr. Packer urged that newspapers be "for or against current issues on an informed basis."



HUGH BAILIE, United Press president, will address Oregon newspapermen at 6:15 p.m. Friday in the Eugene Hotel.

Turnbull to Remain

Dean George Turnbull will remain as head of the University of Oregon school of journalism for "the balance of his academic career," University President Harry K. Newburn told the newspapermen at their Friday luncheon.

Dean Turnbull, who has been associated with the journalism school for 30 years, was scheduled to retire at the end of this school year. On retirement, he would have been named dean emeritus of the school.

The decision means that the dean will serve until the summer of 1948, when he reaches the compulsory retirement age.

Russell Thackrey, a Kansas journalism professor who was scheduled to replace Dean Turnbull, last fall accepted a government job in Washington, D. C.

Instead of refraining from taking a stand, or commenting without adequate information.

The educator noted that today the press has an added responsibility of trying to explain to people the need for "living in the world as it is," to translate the complicated factors of modern science and communication into everyday terms.

Asks for Help
Dr. Packer also asked the editors to "carry to the people workable information concerning the educational need of the state."

Tracing the growth of the state system from 1919 students in 1900 to more than 16,000 today, he declared, "We have reached a place where we will have to 'tailor-make' a new suit of clothes for education."

Robert C. Hall of the University of Oregon school of journalism was chairman for the luncheon meeting.

Presiding at the morning sessions was O. G. Crawford, vice-president of the conference, in the absence of President P. L. Jackson. He named Henry Fowler, Bend Bulletin; W. L. Jackson, Al-

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LAUNDRIES PICKETED

KLAMATH FALLS.—(AP)—Picketing members of the Laundry Workers Union (AFL) began picketing this city's three laundries Friday in quest of a 10-cent an hour wage increase and a 40-hour week.

House Group Approves Curb On Portal Pay

CIO's Walter Reuther Tangles With Senators

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The House Judiciary Committee Friday approved a bill which would outlaw all present and future portal pay suits and restrict the right of workers to collect back overtime claims.

The bill was in two parts. The first would outlaw almost \$6,000,000 in pending portal suits and any future suits which might be brought. The second part set a one-year statute of limitations on other kinds of minimum wage and overtime claims.

Chairman Earl C. Michener (R-Mich) said the House now is scheduled tentatively to vote on the measure next Thursday. He declined to disclose the committee vote but said the bill was reported "by a large majority."

Other congressional developments:
Labor—Walter Reuther, head of CIO's United Automobile Workers, tangled with senators on his demand for economic and social "justice" for workers. He opposed "punitive" labor legislation. Two leading Republican members of the Senate Labor Committee accused him of advocating Socialism.

Relief—President Truman asked Congress for \$350,000,000 for relief in liberated areas.

OPA—The \$9,000,000 Congress wants to take back from OPA will cost the government a possible \$75,000,000 in possible damage collections, Price Chief Max McCullough asserted.

Racketeering—Two House committees got into a jurisdictional dispute over which should have authority to investigate charges of union racketeering in major U. S. cities. Both the House Labor Committee and the Executive Expenditures Committee want the job.

Lend-Lease—Sen. Styles Bridges (R-NH) said the most modern equipment for refining aviation gasoline is included in \$25,000,000 worth of material which the State Department wants to sell to Russia under the lend-lease law. Legality of the sale has been challenged.

British Press Opposes Independence for India
LONDON.—(AP)—The British press almost unanimously lambasted the government's program for Indian independence Friday, charging it would deprive the empire of a substantial standing army and immense labor reserves.

There also was a chorus of demands for an explanation of the retirement of Viceroy Viscount Wavell. The government has not explained Wavell's retirement. However, it was understood that Wavell and the government quarreled over the June, 1946, deadline for Indian independence and also over bringing pressure on the Moslems to enter the Indian Constituent Assembly.

CAA officials at Eugene said Friday that the position of the plane could not be determined from the radio message. A check of the local airports revealed that no plane of this description had landed here.

Army search-rescue units from McCord Field, Wash., and Hamilton Field, Calif., will search the route Locke was believed to have taken when weather permits, the CAA in Portland said. Major Frank Rasor, rescue unit commander from McCord Field, said the presence of other passengers aboard was not known.

Number of the plane was reported as NC8609H, and it was being ferried to the Chadwick Air Service in Beaverton.

British Told Production Only Solution to Crisis



THIS 25-FOOT CRATER shows where a vat of highly volatile acid in a Los Angeles electroplating plant exploded Thursday killing at least 15 persons and injuring 200 more. Firemen and citizens whose nearby homes were destroyed or damaged by the terrific force stand amid the totally wrecked plant. (NEA Telephone photo).

Debris Probed For Blast Cause

LOS ANGELES.—(AP)—Bulldozers and steamshovels ground through the debris of the O'Connor electroplating plant Friday, clearing the way for an investigation of the earth-shaking explosion which leveled a city block and left 15 persons dead and hundreds injured.

The death toll was established by coroner Ben Brown who said that the casualty figure may be revised upward from the list of critically injured. More than 100 of the known 200 injured remained in hospitals Friday.

Mass Inquest Planned
As fire department investigators clawed through the wreckage, Brown announced that he would call a mass inquest early next week. He said that hearings may require two or three days.

The Salvation Army at the same time set up three mobile kitchens to feed the homeless and the police department established a branch headquarters at the scene to act as a clearing house for information.

The city's worst explosion might have been caused by a breakdown in the electroplating plant refrigeration system only an hour earlier. Fire Prevention Chief Earl H. Richardson said. He said the plant was using a new plating process for aluminum which employs concentrated perchloric acid. The acid is so volatile it must be kept under constant refrigeration.

Richardson said Robert Gotias a plater who survived the blast, informed him that about an hour before the explosion a screen with a plastic frame was inserted into the perchloric acid vat.

"If so, that is probably what caused the explosion," Richardson said. "All plastics are organic matter, and any organic matter inserted into perchloric acid would cause it to blow up violently."

He said he was checking further to substantiate the report before officially announcing the cause.

The mushrooming blast, so deafening that persons miles from the scene believed an atom bomb had fallen, left an estimated 700 survivors homeless.

At least 100 families were fed in emergency canteens and then transferred to housing projects for the night. Many of them lost all their possessions when the explosion tore up their homes.

Property damaged amounted to \$1,000,000 and possibly may double that. The one-story electroplating works was virtually disintegrated. A dozen homes in the same block were demolished. Thirty others were said by city building inspectors to be unsafe until repaired. A total of 300 buildings were demolished or damaged.

Oil Strike Averted As Pact Is Reached

LOS ANGELES.—(AP)—Workers registered 97 per cent approval Friday of an agreement between two major oil companies and the CIO Oil Workers International Union, and definite end of a strike threat which would have curtailed both transportation and natural gas heating in five western states appeared assured.

The first group of 1000 workers to ballot on a pact reached Thursday after an all-night conference among federal conciliators, oil companies and union negotiators, gave it an overwhelming margin.

It provides a 10-cents an hour increase on base pay plus \$17.70 per month cost of living boost until next Dec. 31. Effective date would be last Jan. 1.

Severe Snowstorm Sweeps Eastern US

Bitter Weather Causes 31 Deaths

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
The heaviest snowstorm in recent years brought death to at least 31 persons Friday as the East struggled to maintain business as usual through falling snow that reached a depth of 27 inches in Virginia—and kept falling.

Schools closed, highways were snowbound and business and industry slowed down.

Over-exertion in shoveling snow and traffic accidents were the chief causes of death.

Deaths by states were New Jersey, 11; Pennsylvania, 9; Connecticut, 4; New York, 2; District of Columbia, 1; Illinois, 2.

While the full weight of snow hit the eastern seaboard states, extreme cold followed on its heels over the Great Lakes and Middle West. The temperature registered 21 degrees below zero at Bemidji, Minn., and below zero weather extended over Minnesota and North Dakota.

New York "Buried"
In New York City 11 inches of snow had fallen by 10:45 a.m. (EST) and the weather bureau forecast the temperature would go to 10 degrees Friday night.

A task force of 8000 workers struggled to clear New York streets, working in 35-mile-hour winds that whipped among the skyscrapers.

In New Jersey two main highways were blocked. Nearly all trains throughout the northeast were running behind schedule.

Everyone had a story to tell of difficulties. One of the most harrowing was that of Mrs. Edward Lamler of Saugus, Mass., who could not reach a hospital in time and gave birth to a healthy boy with two policemen acting as midwives.

Business Better For Mr. 'ZYXW'

\$1000 Tax Paid

CHICAGO.—(AP)—The Internal Revenue Office reports that business improved in 1946 for Mr. "ZYXW," a mysterious taxpayer.

Collector Nigel D. Campbell said that the department had received \$1000 from a person who signed his name "ZYXW." Earlier he had written the collector that he was to make tax payments of \$1700, and it would be sent in four separate envelopes.

"ZYXW" is not a newcomer at the tax office. He has been sending in payments for the last seven years, with only the initials on a blank income tax form as a mark of identification. His first contribution was \$300. Last year he sent in \$700.

"It may be someone who is in an illegal business," Campbell said. "Whoever he is, his conscience is bothering him."

Churchill 'Fails' to Obtain Apology from Student Paper

A 35-minute telephone conversation Thursday night between Randolph Churchill, son of Britain's wartime prime minister, and Marguerite Wright, editor of the University of Oregon Daily Emerald, failed to bring an apology for the publication's treatment of Churchill's Wednesday night visit to the campus, the Emerald editor said Friday.

A story in the paper's Friday edition said Churchill attempted to extract from the editor "an apology for and retraction of opinions expressed in an editorial."

Charges "Tantrum"
The editorial which started the feud, charged that Churchill had declined to attend a previously-scheduled reception at a university fraternity house, that he had thrown a temper tantrum when an Emerald photographer attempted to take his picture, and that he had given a "tongue lashing" to Egyptian students.

Emerald writers were further irritated by the fact that the editor had waited an hour for him at his hotel, and that when she did meet him, following his talk, he brushed her off as just another student waiting to shake hands.

Finally, Churchill told Portland press representatives that he left the University of Oregon with a rather dim view of the school's aspiring journalists.

Pleasant Hill Five Wins 'B' Crown

Lowell Defeated 53-35; Mapleton Downs Siuslaw



BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS OF LANE COUNTY are these Pleasant Hill Hillbillies who won their fifth consecutive "B" League title by defeating Lowell, 53-35, in the finals of the 23rd annual county tournament at McArthur Court Thursday night. The 'Billies pictured left to right, starting at the top row, are Coach T. P. Otto, Keith Nichols, Alvin Lindley, Jim Lantz, Willard Cole, John Kimball, Richard Casey, Herbert Homer, and Vernon Parr. (Braun photo, Wiltshire engraving).

for the Warriors in the first game of the evening, staying ahead of Oakridge all the way. Little Dick McGuire kept Oakridge alive, firing 22 points through the net.

Close Quarter
The Broncos led 7-4 at the quarter and 22-15 at halftime. By the third quarter Coburg was

for the referees received miniature sterling-silver basketballs from the Register-Guard. The all stars were Bob Barrett, Siuslaw; Scott Thomson, McKenzie; John Dowdy, Alvin Lindley, and Richard Casey, Pleasant Hill; Bernard Mathews and Bill Hathaway, Lowell; and Bill Mason, Mapleton.

Coburg had too much teamwork

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By RED Q. GATES
For years now the Pleasant Hill Hillbillies have sallied forth to the "B" League tournament and had off with the championship.

Thursday night, before a crowd of 2500, the smooth-working machine of T. P. Otto set to work in typical style and crushed the Lowell Red Devils 53-35 to annex the fifth straight "B" League title.

Besides the two fine trophies the Hillbillies collected for their effort, a ticket to the district tournament at Junction City Feb. 28 and March 1 went with the title.

The Hillbillies get through the one (and from here it looks they will) they would earn \$1000 in the State "B" tourney at Astoria March 6-8.

It's been longer than most of the other schools care to remember when someone besides Pleasant Hill has won a championship. And Thursday night the well-versed Hillbillies were not to be denied.

Well was in the ball game for the first period, but after that it all Pleasant Hill, as Johnny Dowdy and Richard Casey hit the top from all angles to spur their team to victory.

Mapleton and Siuslaw staged a battle for third place for the first time in several years. Mapleton edged out McKenzie 42-37, while Coburg defeated Oakridge 41-37.

Five Trophies
Immediately following the championship game President Gruber of the Lane County Basketball Association awarded trophies to the winning teams.

Pleasant Hill received the Register-Guard rotating trophy and