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Cities' League Ends Session

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election financial muddle, the League's representatives will shape a more definite line of action in accordance with discussions held during the Eugene convention.

One specific resolution was adopted Saturday. It stated that many small cities have encountered severe financial problems in furnishing water, sewage disposal, and other services due to extraordinary influx of population, and have been restricted by state law and practical limitations.

Sewage disposal has been recognized not only as a local problem, the resolution added, but as a state and federal problem. Therefore, the League will pledge its help to cities in obtaining assistance "for the financing and furnishing of such services from state and federal levels of government."

Consider Seven Subjects

Aside from financial problems, the League's legislative committee was instructed by adoption of the report to consider specifically the following subjects which were prominent convention topics:

1. Procedural improvement of annexation laws.
2. Modifications and clarifications of the Bancroft bonding act.
3. Problems relating to airports and airport financing.
4. Problems pertinent to off-street parking programs.
5. Procedures relating to exercise of the right of eminent domain, especially in acquiring sites for municipal off-street parking areas.
6. Problems relative to taxation of municipally owned but commercially leased property.
7. Co-operation between various governmental subdivisions in the construction, operation, and maintenance of jointly owned facilities.

Other new officers of the League who will serve with Mayor Peavy are: Hollis S. Smith, mayor of Dallas, vice-president; Oren L. King, city manager at Pendleton, treasurer; and these directors, J. O. Conwill, city manager, Astoria; William A. Bowes, commissioner of public works, Portland; E. H. Ford, city manager, La Grande; Morris Millbank, mayor, Grants Pass; and Mayor Elfstrom, Salem.

Billions Needed, China Hand Says

WASHINGTON—A special Senate consultant, just back from China, recommended Saturday night an immediate, all-out program of American aid as the only possible means of saving China from Communism.

"Piecemeal aid will no longer save failing China from Communism," declared former Senator D. Worth Clark of Idaho. "It is now an all-out program or none; a fish or cut bait proposition."

Clark said this conclusion was confirmed by American Ambassador J. Leighton Stuart and top American Army officers in China. He further reported a plea by Chinese President Chiang Kai-Shek in these words: "China, said the President, must either have help or fall."

Billions Dollars Needed

Clark, a Democratic senator in 1939-45, is now a Washington attorney. He went to China last month for Chairman Styles Bridges (R-NH) of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

He published Saturday his 6000-word report to the committee, including a five-point program for action, which he said would cost the United States more than \$1,000,000,000 the first year and \$600,000,000 annually thereafter.

Policy Talks

His action coincided with rapidly sharpening interest in the China crisis because of the foreign policy conference which President Truman will hold with Secretary of State Marshall next Monday.

Diplomats believe they will take up the China question, particularly with a view to deciding what the President should do finally in response to Chiang's appeal to him for a declaration of American support.

Two Ambassadors

Clark is the first of two investigators Bridges has sent to China. Clark arrived there Oct. 9; former Ambassador William C. Bullitt arrived early this month and has yet to return and report to the joint Senate-House foreign aid "watchdog committee" of which Bridges is chairman.

Under continued Republican control the Bridges-ordered reports might have had an especially heavy impact on American policy toward China. With the Democrats taking over in Congress in January, however, Democratic leaders look to President Truman and Secretary Marshall for word on the next steps in China policy.

Trailways Asks Right to Obtain Santiam Stages

Good news for Lane County ski enthusiasts was contained in an announcement Saturday that Pacific Trailways had applied to the Public Utilities Commission for permission to purchase Santiam Stages and to obtain permanent rights to operate the bus line from Eugene through Halsey, Brownsville, and Sweet Home to Bend and points east.

Approval of the move will mean that Eugene for the first time will have direct, daily bus service to the Hoodoo Bowl ski area on the South Santiam Highway.

Last year, Trailways operated over the South Santiam highway on a temporary basis when the McKenzie Pass highway was closed.

The announcement came from Jerry Chester, traffic manager for Pacific Trailways, who with Myrl P. Hoover, president of the firm, was in Eugene Saturday

for the official opening of the new Trailways Terminal between Tenth and Broadway on Pearl street.

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Directors to Hear Building Report

A report on progress in the first phases of the expansion program of the Eugene public schools system will be made to the board of directors of District No. 4 Monday night by L. L. Erdmann, director of the Eugene Vocational School.

Erdmann was appointed recently to supervise the construction work being carried out to provide for the Eugene system's heavy enrollment increases. Funds for the building campaign were authorized in a \$3,750,000 bond-and-levy proposal presented at a recent special school district election.

The school board also will consider the selection of an architect for a new junior high school at its Monday night session in the city school offices at the city hall. Also in connection with the building program, a report on preliminary plans for a Howard Lane elementary school will be presented by Architect Clare Hamlin.

'COLUMBIAN POLITICS' TOPIC

"Columbian Politics" will be the topic of Dr. Anibal Vargas-Baron, associate professor of Romance languages in the University of Oregon when he speaks at a meeting of the Spanish club Tuesday at 7 p. m. at Westminister House.

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