House-Men Seek 5-Day Work Week

WASHINGTON—(U.P.)—Republican Western state congressmen, anxious to return to their homes in cool wide open spaces, started a drive Monday to put the House on a "five-day work week."

There are too many feet-dragging congressmen, according to Rep. Jack W. Anderson (R-Val.)

"Here we are dragging our feet, legislating three or four days a week when we could be getting our work done and go home," he said.

Anderson was named chairman of an informal group of the 25 republicans from the seven states of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana and Colorado.

"What we want to do is act on the necessary legislation and then go back to our districts," Anderson said.

The big gripe of Western and Middle-Western House members is that the House has been going over from Thursday to Monday, with "gentlemen's agreements" between opposing House leaders that there will be no roll call on Mondays.

Members Take Off

That permits Atlantic seaboard and other nearby members to go home Thursday night and not come back until Tuesday morning.

The objective of putting the House on a "five-day work week"—is to force the House and Senate leaders to get together and name an adjournment date.

Democratic leaders have said they think Congress will adjourn about Sept. 1. But no definite date has been set.

3 Cities Decontrolled

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Rent control was ended Monday for Ashland, Ore., Victoria, Texas, and Logan, Utah, Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods announced.

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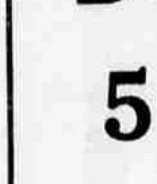
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Flurry of Fights Reported As Tempers Rise at Dance

Tempers were hot and actions were hotter at the Lane County Barn Dance Sunday night and both city police and sheriff's office had their hands full with resulting fights.

A party which ended in a brawl at the dance hall, just north of the overhead crossing on Highway 99 North, resulted in several people reporting to the Eugene Hospital with knife and bottle wounds. Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the scene shortly after midnight and reported that an ex-officer was forced to shoot off his gun at the rafters in an effort to quiet the brawl.

Another Fight

A party leaving in their car to escape the fight ran into the face of another when they apparently argued among themselves in front of the Snappy Service Cafe at 4th Ave. E., and Willamette St. City police were dispatched to the cafe and discovered that Lloyd Elmer Hach, 92 North Washington St., and Edmond Leroy Pasino, Smeed Hotel, had just engaged in a fist fight ending in a battle with knives. Police reported that the fight started over an inter-party squabble. They both finally gave up their knives to a witness, but not until Passino had received a slashed wrist.

To Hospital

Passino was taken to the Eugene Hospital where he was treated and released. Hach was cited by police for assault with a dangerous weapon.

Meanwhile, sheriff's officers had their own troubles out at the barn dance. The fight at the dance hall was almost over by the time the deputies were notified, but Fred James Modoff, 22, 680 Bethel Dr. and Clyde Dorsey, 24, 1800 1st St., Springfield, were arrested on drunk and disorderly conduct charges.

3 Injured

Injured at the dance hall were James Johnson, Cottage Grove who received bruises; Walter Amendson, Linshaw, Ore.; and Modoff. Johnson and Amendson received treatment at the Eugene Hospital and were released.

Another party which tried to escape from the dance brawl was almost run off the road by other escapists, the sheriff reported. Tempers rose as a result of the near accident and another fight resulted. Authorities said J. G. Grant, 949 Thirteenth Ave. West, was stabbed in the back before this fight ended and A. G. Cook, Cottage Grove, discovered later that he too had received a back wound. Both were released after treatment at the Eugene Hospital.

Two other fights, one at City Cafe, 724 Willamette St., and the other at the Ace Tavern, 746 North Park St., helped keep city police busy Saturday night.

Excise Taxes Repeal Doubted

WASHINGTON —(AP)— House Democratic leader McCormack (Mass) said after a White House conference Monday he sees no prospect for repeal of any of the wartime excise taxes at this session of Congress.

McCormack, in addition to his party post, is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee which originates tax legislation.

McCormack and other Democratic congressional leaders discussed the tax situation and other matters at their regular Monday morning session with President Truman.

Other conferes were Vice President Barkley, Speaker Rayburn and Senate Majority Leader Lucas.

When Lucas was asked about the possibility of tax legislation, he referred questioners to McCormack, asserting the matter was in the jurisdiction of the House committee.

"Everybody is for repeal," McCormack said, "but when you open up the question of repealing excise taxes, you open up the question of repealing them all and raise the possibility of another $1,700,000,000 loss in revenue.

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Truman Back In Washington

WASHINGTON —(U.P.)— President Tuman cut short his weekend rest at his Maryland mountain retreat, "Shangri-La," Sunday to return and welcome Mrs. Truman from their home at Independence, Mo.

The President was driven from the Catoctin Mountain town of Thurmont, Md., to Silver Springs, a Washington suburb, where he greeted Mrs. Truman with a kiss when she alighted from her train. She had been away two months.

From Silver Springs they drove to their residence at Blair House.

While waiting for the train, the President chatted freely with White House aides and reporters. It took him two hours to come from Thurmont but, unlike his trip down there Friday, he did no driving.

"I scared a year's growth out of some of the Secret Service men," he chuckled, recalling his trip to Thurmont. He added that he went swimming three times at Shangri-La "and I got wet once when it started raining while I was in the pool."

Legion Delegates Arriving at Salem

SALEM—(AP)—The first of 3000 delegates began arriving here Monday for the 31st annual convention of the Oregon Department of the American Legion.

The convention will last from Wednesday through Saturday.

Speakers at the convention will include Frank N. Belgrano, Jr., Portland, past national commander; Stephen F. Chadwick, Seattle, also a past national commander; Gen. Mark Clark, commanding general of the 6th Army; and Brig. Gen. Robert McClure, commanding general in the Northwest.

All sessions will be held in the state House of Representatives.

Navy and CAB Investigate Airlines Crash

WRIGHTSTOWN, N. J.—(U.P.)—The Navy and Civil Aeronautics Board collected "factual evidence" Monday to determine how a stunting Navy Hellcat fighter plane rammed an airliner kiling 16 persons.

The two-way investigation opened while authorities tried to identify the 12 passengers and three crew members aboard the Eastern Airlines DC-3 which crashed and burned in an alfalfa field near here Saturday. Eleven of the victims still were unidentified.

The Fourth Naval District at Philadelphia appointed a four-man board to investigate charges the Navy Pilot, Lt. (JG) Robert V. Poe, buzzed a low-flying Piper Cub, then zoomed up in a fast turn and hit the two-engined airliner.

George Humphrey, manager of an airport at Morristown, Pa., and pilot of the Piper Cub was the only witness to the collision, and the CAB asked him for a sworn statement.

Poe, 26, of Fairfax, Va., was on a training flight from the Anacostia Naval Air Station near Washington, D. C., to Quonset Point, R. I. Humphrey said the fighter pilot "buzzed" him twice before crashing into the transport just aft of the wing.

Tension Eases After Shooting

ALICE, Tex. — (U.P.) — Tension from the assassination of a crusading newscaster eased Monday after a soft-speaking Presbyterian minister cautioned angry townsmen to calm down.

Nightriders pumped shotgun pellets into an Alice nightspot Friday night about 12 hours after radio newsman W. H. (Bill) mason, 51, was shot to death as he sat in his automobile on the city's outskirts.

The night spot was the Rancho Allegro which Mason, program director for station KBKI, had made the chief target of a vice campaign he waged on his program.

He charged that Deputy Sheriff Sam Smithwick owned the club. Smithwick was held as Mason's slayer.

The deputy sheriff faces a preliminary hearing on a charge of murder with malice aforethought Tuesday. He was returned to jail here Sunday after being taken to Nueces County jail at Corpus Christi, 50 miles east of here, to safeguard him.

Delivering the funeral oration Sunday over Mason's flag-draped casket, the Rev. Andrew Byers begged citizens not to take the law into their own hands.

Stricken Argentine Girl Dies En Route to U S

NEW YORK —(AP)— A 12-year-old Argentine girl being brought here on a 5200-mile flight for treatment of infantile paralysis died Sunday on the way.

She was Eva Luchetta, daughter of a Buenos Aires newspaper photographer, Carlos Luchetta.

Eve Peron, wife of Argentine President Gen. Juan Peron, had financed the flying trip here for the child in hopes that New York specialists could aid her. The girl was accompanied by her father.

Fama Airlines here said that its four-engined DC4 airliner on which the girl was a passenger had radioed from Nassau, in the Bahamas, that the child had died shortly before the plane reached Nassau.

Villager's Find in India Goes Off With a Bang

NEW DELHI, India — (U.P.) —A Kashmir villager found a heavy iron object in a field and took it to a blacksmith's shop near Srinagar to have it made into something useful.

The blacksmith, recognizing the thing as a crude bomb, said it should be thrown away.

The villager took the advice literally and tossed the bomb through the door.

Three persons were injured by the blast.

Roller Coaster Swept by Fire

SALT LAKE CITY—(U.P.)—Fire early Monday destroyed part of the giant roller coaster at famed Saltair, on the south shore of Great Salt Lake.

Firemen, aided by the absence of wind, extinguished the blaze in about three hours and prevented the flames from spreading to the rest of the resort, built on 2500 piles driven into the salt and sand of the lake shore, 13 miles west of Salt Lake City.

For a time, the glow of the fire could be seen 20 miles away.

The fire started on the first hump of the giant racer and wiped out a 50 foot section of double track. Firemen blamed it on an overheated bearing. The resort had closed before midnight and the pavilion was almost deserted when a watchman found the fire.

Fire Danger Is Decreased

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was threatened for a while Saturday night, soon after flames spread from a fire set by two boys attempting to get bees out of a honeycombed nest.

A portable sawmill southwest of Bend operated by Leonard Lundgren was destroyed by fire Saturday. The owner estimated damage at $50,000. Mill workers and foresters kept the flames from reaching timber in the Fall River area.

Lightning-set fires west of Klamath Falls were all under control Sunday night, but lookouts were alerted for new outbreaks in the wake of thunderstorms. About 85 acres of brush burned Saturday near Clover Creek in the worst of the blazes.

Smoke-jumpers extinguished a small blaze in the Siskiyou National Forest Sunday at a point inland from Gold Beach.

Freak electrical storms set off a rash of forest fires over Northern California Sunday and touched off a dynamite blast that killed two men.

40 Fires

More than 40 fires were reported burning in Tahoe National Forest alone. All persons and fire-fighting equipment in the area were summoned to aid in battling the blazes, according to U. S. Forest Service reports reaching Sacramento.

The Forest Service said that at the height of the storm, fires broke out at the rate of six a minute throughout the mountain areas.

State Schools Denied Pensioners' Bodies

SALEM—(AP)—Old age pensioners don't have to worry for fear their bodies will be used for scientific purposes when they die.

Attorney General George Neuner ruled Monday that the pensioners' bodies don't comeunder a 1949 law, which lets medical schools use bodies of persons buried at public expense.

The opinion was requested by Governor Douglas McKay.

In an opinion for State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson, Neuner ruled that money recovered in damage suits for wrongful death is not subject to inheritance taxes.

Neuner ruled for the state board of health that the Masonic and Eastern Star home at Forest Grove does not have to be licensed by the board.

New Altitude Record?

LONG BEACH, Calif. — (AP) — Soaring 23 miles up into the sky, a U. S. Air Force weather balloon may have set a new altitude record.

Col. Claude E. Duncan, commanding officer of the Long Beach Air Force Reserve Training Center, Sunday disclosed the flight was made last week. He said he believed it was the greatest altitude ever reached by a weather balloon.

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