

McKay Sees Higher State Tax Revenues

SALEM — (UP) — Gov. Douglas McKay forecast an increase in state tax revenues in keeping with expanding industrial and agricultural activity in Oregon, when he welcomed county assessors at the capitol Tuesday at the start of a two-day in-service training program.

The governor said Oregon's population growth brings about the need for more jobs. These

can come only as result of new business and farm operations, which in turn will broaden the tax base and lead to greater tax income.

The in-training course, sponsored by the State Tax Commission, concludes Wednesday.

The first iron object made in North America's initial ironworks was a cooking pot.

Representatives Slow from NW

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Only two members of the House from the Pacific Northwest are expected to be present when it reconvenes after a month's vacation.

Most members made plans not to return until next week, having been informed no major business would be transacted this week.

The telegram from Democratic leaders urging Democratic members to be present caught Rep. Mitchell (D-Wash) in Seattle just after he returned from Alaska.

Rep. Jackson (D-Wash) is not expected to return until next Monday.

The Republican members are scattered.

Rep. Tolofson (R-Wash) is expected here for the session.

But the others from Washington are either en route or plan to return this weekend.

The office of Rep. Mack (R-Wash) said there is a possibility he may get here late.

None of the four Oregon Republican members are expected to be here.

Reps. Ellsworth and Norblad are away on official business for committees.

Rep. Stockman is not expected until Monday.

No word has been received from Rep. Angell, but it was not expected he would arrive.

Ilse Koch, Fat and Frowsy, Threatens to Commit Suicide

HEIDELBERG, Germany. — (AP) — Ilse Koch, the notorious "Witch of Buchenwald," has threatened to kill herself if she has to face a war crimes court again, investigators disclosed Wednesday.

The concentration camp queen with a fancy for lampshades made of tanned human skin will have her pretext for suicide just a month from now. But skeptical sleuths doubted that the threat was more than bluster for a bid for sympathy.

Now fat and frowsy, Ilse Koch will walk out of Landsberg Prison, where Adolf Hitler wrote part of Mein Kampf, on Oct. 18, four days before she becomes 43 years old. She then will have served four years for Buchenwald atrocities.

German police will be waiting at the gates of Landsberg to cart her away to jail in Augsburg. There she will await trial on charges of committing against Germans the same atrocities she committed against allied nationals at Buchenwald.

Most Infamous

In the sordid post-war revelations of the horrors in the Nazi concentration camps, the case of Ilse Koch became one of the most infamous.

A witness testified that he had seen lampshades made of human skin in the Koch home. Further, he claimed knowledge of a prisoner who was killed and skinned at the prompting of Ilse Koch.

Term Shortened

She was sentenced to life imprisonment. But a review board held that evidence was insufficient to establish that she had ordered the execution of inmates to get their skin for lampshades. It recommended that her term be cut to four years. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, then military governor, followed the recommendation.

The commutation set off a storm of protest and debate in the United States.

Has 3 Children

Her three children live with her sister in Ludwigsburg. One was conceived while she was in custody, and born after her trial. The identity of the father never was established.

She need not worry about a death sentence when the Germans try her. The new West German constitution abolished capital punishment.

Stars Attend Morgan's Rites

HOLLYWOOD — (UP) — Episcopal services were held Tuesday for silver-haired Frank Morgan, stage, screen and radio comedian who died Sunday.

About 150 of the 59-year-old actor's closest friends attended the services at the All-Saints Episcopal Church in Beverly Hills. An additional 200 persons crowded around the little Spanish-style church.

Stars Attend

Among those in attendance were Victor Moore, John Wayne, Nigel Bruce, Charles Winninger, L. B. Mayer, Ed Wynn, Jean Hersholt, Randolph Scott, Van Johnson, Adolph Menjou, William Farnum, Lewis Stone and Preston Foster.

Dr. J. Hubert Smith officiated at the services, reading the 121st and 123rd Psalms.

The tiny church was banked with flowers. Tenor Dennis Day sang "I Hear a Thrush at Eve" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Family Mourns

Morgan's wife Alma, son George, and brother Ralph and a sister, Mrs. Clarence Cook of Los Angeles, attended.

Honorary pallbearers included Clark Gable and Pat O'Brien.

Morgan died of a heart attack in his sleep ending a career of 38 years in the theater.

The female mosquito drinks blood to get proteins with which to make her eggs.

Lie Detector Expert Dies

STURGEON BAY, Wis. — (UP) — Dr. Leonard Keeler 46, noted lie detector expert and criminologist, died in a hospital here Tuesday.

Keeler, who improved the polygraph lie detector and used it in helping solve many murder cases and other crimes, entered the Door County Memorial Hospital here Sept. 7. He was taken there after he had suffered a stroke while vacationing with friends. His home was in Chicago.

The principle of the lie detector was discovered in 1895. Keeler was credited with refinement of the instrument and its wider application and acceptance.

Albuquerque, N. M., founded in 1706, was named for the viceroy of New Spain, the Duke of Albuquerque, but the first "r" of the name fell into disuse.

Statehood Acts Urged at Meet

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Rep. Mitchell (D-Wash) urged the eleven Western states Democratic conference to demand that Congress enact immediate statehood for Alaska and Hawaii.

In a speech prepared for delivery before the conference, Mitchell asserted "justice, logic and vision demand the immediate admission to the union" of the two territories.

During a recent inspection tour of Alaska with Air Secretary W. Symington, Mitchell said, he talked with Alaskans "in all walks of life, and I heard the same story." He said they wanted and needed statehood.

Only with statehood, he said, "can we be assured that its economic and political development will keep pace with the responsibilities imposed by its geographical location."

He said the findings of his inspection trip "should prove disturbing to all members of Congress."

"Adequate national defense of our northern frontier is being neglected and delayed because of shameful lack of adequate housing for military and civilian personnel assigned to Alaska."

Mitchell said he felt the same considerations apply to Hawaii that apply to Alaska.

Minton Hearing Set Tuesday

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate Judiciary Committee has ordered a public hearing next Tuesday on the appointment of Judge Sherman Minton to the supreme court.

Members decided, at a closed session, to listen then to any witnesses who wish to protest President Truman's selection of Minton to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Wiley B. Rutledge.

There was no talk of calling Minton himself to testify, members said. Ordinarily, supreme court nominees are not asked to appear.

Senator Ferguson (R-Mich), a committee member, said he wants full hearings on the nomination.

Minton, former Indiana senator, is now a federal judge in Chicago.

'Stork' Saves Child's Life

GLENDALE, Cal. — (UP) — Young Michael Brown, born prematurely four days ago, had his life saved by a "stork," his mother revealed Tuesday.

Attending physicians gave the baby up for dead, Mrs. Louis Brown said. But Margaret Stork kept working on the infant until 30 minutes later Michael came to life with a loud squawl, and began to breathe.

National and local government office-holders in Great Britain now total 2,146,000. Ten years ago it was 1,385,000.

State Receives On Columbia

PORTLAND — (UP) — highway commission referred a low bid for construction of the River Highway for consideration, but refused to accept.

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