

Committee vs. Bayly - The Recall Issues

(An editorial statement)

Some 67,000 registered voters of Lane County are eligible as jurors Thursday in the case of the Lane County Recall Bayly Committee versus County Judge Day T. Bayly. This case has been "tried" mainly by the newspapers and over the radio. In Friday's Register-Guard we printed in detail columns the 10 major charges of the Recall Committee and Bayly's answers to them. We shall review the charges and answers briefly for the benefit of the voters.

ONE COMMITTEE—Bayly tried to pressure property owners on 40-foot roads into yielding 10 feet of right of way as the price of oiling or repaving.

BAYLY—This was a policy approved by all the commissioners, and necessary to provide drainage and utilities.

TWO COMMITTEE—Bayly blocked the oiling of Heceta Beach road, important to tourist traffic.

BAYLY—It costs \$5,000 to move oiling equipment to site, and I felt this expense should be postponed one year till road could be properly repaved.

THREE COMMITTEE—Bayly has worked against 4-H program, opposed proper care for Camp Lane.

BAYLY—I still feel a year-round caretaker for Camp Lane is not necessary; that does not justify opposition to 4-H.

FOUR COMMITTEE—Bayly has tried to scuttle Pioneer Museum, has blocked additional signs at Fair Grounds.

BAYLY—I favor the Museum, but law limits signs to \$2,000 a year.

FIVE COMMITTEE—Bayly has been promoting sale of Fairgrounds at \$200,000 which is far below a price.

BAYLY—At joint meeting of Fairboard and Council, Fairgrounds were appraised at \$125,000. Realtor later said he could get in \$200,000 and I referred him to Fair-board manager.

SIX COMMITTEE—Bayly has not kept promise to build two-way approach to school for school bus.

BAYLY—All three commissioners participated in planning; county road crews were too busy to get job done this year.

SEVEN COMMITTEE—Bayly cost the county \$30,000 in truck rentals by refusing to buy equipment for delivery in time for summer work.

BAYLY—There was no money in the budget for the trucks until after July 1, the new year, and the law forbids the county to incur more than \$5,000 into current debts.

EIGHT COMMITTEE—Bayly ignored important matter to plan the County Nursing Home, if the project had been approved by the board it would have been disqualified to superintendent.

BAYLY—I carried on county work while superintendent planned the home which people are down.

NINE COMMITTEE—Bayly's claim that he played no part in getting an additional \$300,000.

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in O & C timber sale funds is false. Other commissioners and congressmen deserve to share credit.

BAYLY—I think the public recognizes the part I played, and there is a chance to get more so long as there is somebody to watch our interests.

TEN COMMITTEE—Bayly has endangered the county's health by failing to provide for testing cows for TB and Bang's disease.

BAYLY—All three commissioners have tried to hire veterinarians without success. Local vets have agreed to do the testing work and a contract is in preparation.

The Committee makes numerous additional allegations of rudeness and sarcasm and "hard-boiledness" on the part of Bayly in dealing with citizens. These allegations Bayly denies, in particular one affecting a mistake in a tax foreclosure which he says was the responsibility of the Circuit Court and Tax Department.

How Shall Voter Judge?

Recall of any public servant is a serious business. Most people will agree that it is not a weapon to be used recklessly to satisfy the grudges or prejudices of any individual or group. There must be convincing proof that the interests of the entire community have been and will be jeopardized by the continuance of the accused in office. The irresponsible use of the recall leads to chaos and government by pressure groups.

The GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY is an over-riding consideration, but in this FAIR PLAY must have an important part. Most of the people who will decide Judge Bayly's fate know little about him except what they have read or heard. Many must try to judge from the charges as published, and by Bayly's replies. It is suggested therefore that each voter ask himself these questions:

- 1. Are these charges, as stated, SUFFICIENT to warrant removal?
2. Have the complainants offered SUFFICIENT PROOF?
3. What about Bayly's defense, that most of these acts, with which he alone is charged, were shared by his fellow commissioners, Raish and MacLay?
4. Is there any act for which Bayly admits responsibility which is inconsistent with law, conscience or judgment?
5. If Bayly is removed, the Governor will name a successor, an recommendation of the Republican Central Committee; is there any assurance that this change will solve the problems of county administration?

On the editorial page, we shall state our own conclusions. The purpose of this front-page statement is to remind all voters of the importance of this special election, and to give every voter a chance to refresh himself on the issues as they have been stated by both sides, and to suggest some standards by which a citizen may make a fair judgment.

Usually recalls are decided by a pathetically small vote. We hope this will not be the case in this situation. There are 67,000 of us who are entitled to vote.

Statements Issued Recall Election Slated Thursday

Recall campaign statements were released Wednesday by both sides in the controversy over whether County Judge Day T. Bayly should be recalled from office.

Recall statements were released by the Recall Day T. Bayly Committee and the Good Government Committee:

Bayly Committee

Contrary to the statement issued by Judge Bayly the recall movement directed against him is the outgrowth of county-wide sentiment. The people of Lane County have endured his insults, brush-offs, and outbursts of violent temper, and incompetence for the past two years.

The Recall Committee is made up of honorable citizens, in which pressure groups are not represented—spite is no part of this spontaneously formed Lane County Bayly Recall Committee.

On the \$300,000 O & C money received, Bayly should know and everyone dealing with the O & C does know that Senator Gordon and the Congress deserve the credit for Oregon counties receiving this money.

The committee cites the following neglect of duty: Failure to support maintenance of established 40-foot roads.

Failure to OK necessary maintenance at fairgrounds.

Failure to help growth of Lane County Fair by opposing new construction.

Failure to provide recreational areas and attempting to cause their ruin by opposing Heceta Beach Road and Camp Lane.



THE FIRST MAJOR FIRE LOSS in Eugene this year occurred Tuesday night at Saunders Superior Cleaners and Dyers, 643 E. 13th Ave.

Problems Crowd Fire Damage Set at \$7,500

WASHINGTON (AP)—Problems of the presidency began crowding in upon Dwight D. Eisenhower Wednesday before he scarcely had a chance to draw a long breath after the inauguration whirl.

First and foremost was whether he could get Senate approval for Charles E. Wilson to be his secretary of defense. The White House said Eisenhower still intends to nominate Wilson. The situation presumably was the subject of an 8 a. m. conference the new President had with his attorney general-designate, Herbert Brownell Jr.

WORLD NEWS

NEW YORK (AP)—All 13 second-string Communist defendants were found guilty by a federal jury Wednesday on charges they taught and advocated the overthrow of the U. S. government by force and violence.

The jury reached its verdict after 48 hours and 24 minutes of actual deliberation on the seventh day since it was closed to consider the fate of the defendants.

Each of the defendants faced a possible maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine, upon conviction. They will be sentenced next Wednesday.

CHICAGO (AP)—Tiny Roger Lee Brodie, Siamese twin who for 34 days amazed the medical world by surviving a head-to-head surgical separation, died Tuesday night. The 16-month-old boy had been in a deep coma since the history-making operation Dec. 17. His brain circulation was impaired and his condition had been listed "very precarious" since the separation from his brother Rodney Dec.

BELLEFONTE, Pa. (AP)—Shouting defiance, some 325 rebellious convicts again spurned surrender ultimatums Wednesday in their barricaded cellblock at the Rockview State Penitentiary and refused to release six guards held as hostages until their "gripes" are honored.

It was the third day of their surprise insurrection. Tuesday night 400 of Rockview's prisoners capitulated to a demand for Gov. John S. Fine who warned that additional jail sentences would be given to every man who continues to defy authority.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)—Investigators groped vainly Wednesday for finger bones in the clay filled coffin of Gertrud Bodenhoff, the rich young widow who apparently was slain by grave robbers after being buried alive in 1798.

City Detectives joined Wednesday in the quest for the answer to the question: Did the ghouls cut off her fingers to get her rings?

Digging with their bare hands by the eerie light of an oil lamp in a moist cemetery vault, Dr. Viggo Starcke and Police Constable Theodor A. Binneville carefully crumbled clod after clod of the wet clay surrounding Gertrud's convulsively twisted skeleton.

MAY OVERRULE BST Hagerty said that all he could say was that if Eisenhower does annul Truman's order, Eisenhower's own executive order will be announced when it is ready. He said this does not mean that Eisenhower would or would not issue such an order.

Eisenhower got to his office at 8:02 a. m. for the conference with Brownell, and Hagerty indicated the President could be expected to start his working day at about that hour as a regular thing.

Brownell arrived first, showing up at 7:47 a. m. looking a bit sleep-eyed after the inauguration ball which ran into the early morning hours.

Brownell told reporters he couldn't discuss whether his call concerned the Senate controversy over the selection of Wilson to be secretary of defense.

Broadcasters on Alert SALEM (AP)—Forty-three commercial broadcasting stations in Oregon have made mechanical changes which would permit them to broadcast information during air raid alerts. These stations would change their broadcasting frequencies during alerts to 640 or 1240 kilocycles. The plan will be in effect throughout the country by March 1.

High Waters Idle Woods, Dam Crews

By JAMES G. WELCH Register-Guard Staff Writer

Dam building was at a standstill and lumbering was slowed to a walk Wednesday as an aftermath of the high water last weekend.

A nearly complete shutdown of the Hines Lumber Co. operation at Westfir alone put nearly 600 men out of work. Nearby at Oakridge the 100-man Pope and Talbot woods crew was out and downstream at Lookout Point Dam some 250 workers were out.

Many smaller operators also were forced to shut down along the Willamette River, about a third of the

Senate Okays All of Cabinet Except Wilson

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower's Cabinet selections—except for Charles E. Wilson to be secretary of defense—won Senate approval Wednesday, clearing the way for them to begin running their departments.

A voice vote approved them. Prospects as to Wilson were still clouded with doubt because of the controversy over his big financial interest in General Motors which has billions of dollars in defense contracts. He is a former president of GM.

In a flurry of senate debate, Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore) asserted that Eisenhower should not go through with his plan to nominate Wilson for his official family although word from the White House was Eisenhower still had this intention.

"BEHIND 8-BALL" "He's behind the eight-ball before he starts," Morse said of Wilson. "He's bound to be suspect on any matter directly or indirectly involving General Motors."

The Cabinet appointees confirmed were: John Foster Dulles of New York as secretary of state.

George M. Humphrey of Ohio as secretary of Treasury.

Herbert Brownell Jr., of New York as attorney general.

Arthur E. Summerfield of Michigan as postmaster general.

Douglas McKay of Oregon as secretary of the interior.

Erza T. Benson of Utah as secretary of agriculture.

Sinclair Weeks of Massachusetts as secretary of commerce.

Martin P. Durkin of Illinois as secretary of labor.

OBJECTS TO MCKAY The Senate voted on the nominees "en bloc"—that is all at one time—with a shout of ayes. However, Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.) announced before the vote that he wished to be recorded as opposed to confirmation of McKay. He said he differed with McKay's views on public power, and admission of Alaska as a state.

Similarly, Sen. Young (R-ND) said he wished to be recorded as opposed to Benson. He said he feared Benson wanted to lower government price supports for farm products.

As to Wilson, the administration was searching around for some formula which might overcome senate objections to his being defense secretary.

King Quashes Tacoma Rumor

Eugene's city manager, Oren L. King, Wednesday quashed rumors that he has applied for appointment as Tacoma, Washington's first city manager.

Explaining that the rumors probably started because of a trip he made to Tacoma Monday, King said flatly that he is not interested in the Tacoma job.

Tacoma, he said, had just adopted the city manager form of government and now has a field of 99 candidates for eight city council positions and the mayor's office.

The purpose of his trip was to explain to a meeting of these candidates the relationships between a city manager and the elective officials of a town. Previously, King said, a University of Washington political scientist and a city finance expert have talked to the Tacoma candidates about the manager system.



THIS WAS THE SCENE on Capitol Hill as General Eisenhower took the oath of office as 34th President of the United States administered by Chief Justice Fred Vinson. At left is Mr. Truman.

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