

Portland State Bill Passed 24-2 in Senate

Lane Senators Oppose Measure

SALEM (AP)—The Oregon Senate voted 24 to 2 Friday to make Portland State College independent, with authority to grant degrees. The bill goes to the House.

Portland State now is an extension center of the state division of higher education, with 2,300 day students and 3,100 night students.

The only opposition votes were cast by Sen. Truman A. Chase and Donald R. Husband, both of Eugene, which is the location of the University of Oregon.

BACKED BY WILHELM

Sen. Rudie Wilhelm Jr., Portland, author of the bill, asked for its passage to supply the needs of Portland students who can't afford to go out of town to college.

"We need more trained minds to meet the problems of the world," he said.

Answering arguments that the bill might be unconstitutional because no institution can be located outside of Marion County without a vote of the people, Wilhelm cited an attorney general's opinion that it is constitutional. This ruling held that Portland State is not a separate institution, but is a branch of the Board of Higher Education.

Husband argued that the state can't afford another institution, asserting "there's plenty of room for more students in existing schools. The quality of the education would be reduced because the money would be spread too thinly."

TAX PROPOSAL

The Board of Higher Education, which supports the bill, estimated that Portland State might grow larger than either the University of Oregon or Oregon State College.

A proposed constitutional amendment to permit the Legislature to put emergency clauses on tax bills was introduced in the Senate by 33 representatives and 21 senators. That's more than enough to pass it.

This measure would make it possible for the Legislature to pass new taxes without having them postponed by a referendum. If the Legislature approves, this resolution would be on the November, 1956, election ballot.

New House bills would add a sixth member to the Oregon Development Commission, and exempt city transportation systems from paying the gasoline tax.

Oil Seekers Double Land Under Lease

Applications for oil leases on public lands in Western Oregon totaling approximately 50,000 acres were filed with the State Land Office in Portland this week.

The lands range from the Siuslaw Valley to as far south as Elkton.

The applications were filed by four persons—E. P. Henson, Pat Murta, C. E. Selby, and Mrs. C. E. Selby, of Portland.

Over 100,000 acres of public land are now either under oil lease or filed upon in Western Lane, Lincoln, Coos and Douglas counties.

Additional acreages of private land are also under lease.

A spokesman for the land office said Friday morning that the latest filings were in large blocks, which may contain some private lands which will be excluded before the leases are granted.

Whether the latest leases were filed on behalf of large oil companies can not be determined from the applications since it's a practice for representatives of the companies to file under individual names.

Several major oil companies, including Sinclair and Standard, have been identified as among those interested in Oregon oil leases by Manning Barber, former Eugene realtor who is now specializing in oil leases.

Commies Blamed

SEOUL (AP)—South Korea said Friday the Communists were responsible for Thursday's shooting of a light U. S. Army plane near the Korean demilitarized zone in which a soldier was killed and an officer wounded.

Pieck Suffers Stroke

BERLIN (AP)—The West Berlin newspaper Telegraf said Friday East German President Wilhelm Pieck, 79, was reported to have suffered a stroke and a severe heart attack.



(AP Wirephoto)

IT'S HAMBURGERS AGAIN—Comic Lou Costello and Anne, his wife of 21 years, hold the hamburger-shaped cake which they and their guests ate at the pair's anniversary party Thursday night in Palm Springs, Calif. Costello, who can afford filet mignon, also served real hamburgers to the guests for sentimental reasons. When the Costellos married in South Attleboro, Mass., in 1934, Lou was a \$50-a-week burlesque comic, and the couple's wedding dinner was hamburger sandwiches—with onions.

Rebellious Convicts Release 11 Hostages

BOSTON (AP)—Four long-term desperadoes surrendered meekly Friday in ancient Massachusetts State Prison, turning over their weapons to a civic committee, which gave them no "bargain or deal."

The convicts at the same time released five guards and six fellow inmates they had held hostage in the solitary cell block since early last Tuesday.

U. S. Living Costs Drop

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government reported Friday that lower food prices in December brought the nation's living costs to the lowest level since May, 1953.

The report showed prices of living cost items at the end of the year 1954 were one-half of one per cent below the level at the year's start. It was the first time since 1948 that the government living cost index had shown an over-the-year decline.

Substantially lower prices for eggs, pork chops and poultry led the December decline.

The index, kept by the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics, dropped three-tenths of one per cent to 114.3 per cent of the 1947-49 base period average.

While prices declined generally during 1954, especially since July, the drop was gradual and moderate. December's 114.3 index was about one per cent below the record high level of 115.4 in October, 1953.

Mrs. Arness Joy Wickens, acting labor statistics commissioner, reported that rents have recently been displaying a tendency to go down. She said modest declines have been reported in a fairly large number of instances.

Mrs. Wickens declined to predict the January price trend but said she would guess there would not be "much change."

Food prices have dropped 3.7 per cent since July. The December decline was six-tenths of one per cent.

Girl, 8, Writes Eisenhower, Gets 'Ham' Erased From TV

CHICAGO (AP)—Eight-year-old Renee Denicola, distressed because her favorite television programs were being interrupted by a "ham" radio operator, complained directly to President Eisenhower and got prompt action.

In a childish scrawl, Renee penciled:

"Dear Mr. President: I am 8 years old and I wish you would help me. I am having so much trouble with a ham station interfering with my TV programs. I can't get any picture and all I hear is 'CO, CO.' He's always on. You're the best President we ever had. I love you very much. Renee Denicola."

Edwin D. Canham, editor of the Christian Science Monitor, and a member of the seven-man committee, said the only thing promised the rebellious convicts was to do "everything in our power to work with state officials to get something so that these convicts would have some hope for the future."

The civilian committee, formed only Thursday night, met with the convicts early Friday morning and again during the day. The second meeting ended with the committee announcing it's "all over."

Six fellow inmates, who did not take part in the disturbance but were held captive with the guards, also were let out of the solitary confinement cell block.

NO ONE HARMED

None of the guards or prisoners was harmed.

The four rebels sawed their way out of their cells early Tuesday. They seized the guards after failing in an attempt to scale the prison walls by a hastily-fashioned makeshift ladder.

In their early demands they asked for an automobile to take them to freedom. Later they reiterated many complaints about the ancient prison which has been condemned many times and soon will be replaced by a modern structure nearly ready for occupancy in Norfolk, 15 miles from Boston.

SERVING LONG TERMS

The convicts, all serving long terms are:

Theodore "Teddy" Green, 39, bank robber and jail breaker; Walter Balden, 38, robber-gunner; Joseph Flaherty, 32, rapist; and Fritz Swenson, 31, slayer of a Boston policeman.

They kept up their stubborn resistance for nearly 82 hours. This fell short of the 100-hour record for such an uprising, set in 1952 at Jackson, Mich.

Restrictions Eased

PANAMA (AP)—Panama's national assembly Thursday night relaxed the state of siege imposed after the slaying of President Jose Antonio Remon 19 days ago. But it authorized police to continue making arrests without warrants until Jan. 31.

JUDGE AGREES WITH DEFENDANT

DETROIT (AP)—"What do you do for a living?" Federal Judge Frank A. Picard asked Miller D. Summerour, 42, of Detroit after Summerour pleaded guilty Thursday to a charge of bootlegging. "I'm a plasterer your honor," replied Summerour. "You certainly are," snapped Judge Picard.

Guatemalan Revolt Fails; Reds Hunted

GUATEMALA (AP)—The government pushed a roundup of Communists and supporters of ex-President Jacobo Arbenz Guzman Friday after beating down an uprising aimed at unseating anti-Red President Carlos Castillo Armas. At least 100 persons already were under arrest.

Government troops held Guatemala City and other strategic centers in an armed grip. Castillo Armas announced that 10 persons were killed and an undetermined number wounded in a brief clash Thursday between loyal forces and rebels seeking to capture Aurora Air Force Base, outside the capital. He blamed the Communists and Arbenz's supporters.

STATE OF SIEGE

The anti-Red government—in office less than seven months—promptly declared a state of siege—modified martial law. But authorities announced they were in control throughout the country.

Machine gun carrying soldiers mounted light guard on military posts and strategic points. A 10 p.m. curfew went into effect in the capital.

A presidential decree said the state of siege was necessary to snuff out the "subversive groups" which "in connection with Communist elements disturbed public tranquility and by an armed action tried to overthrow the legally constituted government."

MOST SERIOUS

Press censorship was ordered but so far no checks were placed on foreign correspondents' dispatches.

The outbreak was the most serious attempt thus far to unseat the anti-Communist President, who gained power last June when he led a revolt that drove out Arbenz's Red-supported government.

The ousted President recently went from his exile residence in Mexico to Switzerland, where he was granted Swiss citizenship because his father had been born in that country.

Police Arrest Firebug's Kin

PORTLAND (AP)—A fire was set in the Capitol Theater here Thursday night, and early Friday police jailed Gerald Raymond Kidd, 24, older brother of a confessed firebug.

Last fall three costly blazes were set here and Richard Ray Kidd, 20, admitted setting them. He was found innocent by reason of insanity and was committed to the state hospital.

The theater blaze Thursday night was in a pile of clothing in a rest room. It was put out by a theater employe and a fire marshal questioned and told he could watch the movie while the investigation was continued. Instead, he left and was picked up later.

Bail was set at \$10,000 and he was held, too, for the federal parole board. His police station file lists many bookings, ranging from traffic offenses to robbery.

Britisher Quoted By Peiping Radio

TOKYO (AP)—Peiping Radio Saturday quoted the captain of the sunken British freighter Edendale as saying Nationalist planes swept down to 200 feet of his ship in Swatow Harbor and "deliberately bombed" it although it carried conspicuous British markings.

Britain Friday protested the sinking of the 1,717-ton freighter in Wednesday's raid in Swatow. The Nationalist Defense Ministry on Formosa said it was investigating the sinking.

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Reds to Let Relatives Visit Jailed Americans



(AP Wirephoto)

OLD MARINERS' CHURCH MOVES—Leaving the site on the waterfront it has occupied for 108 years, the six-million-pound stone Old Mariners' Church is inched on steel rails and rollers out to Woodward Ave., a Detroit thoroughfare, on its way to a new east side location. The job will take about three weeks and was undertaken to make room for highway and building improvements along the Detroit River.

Eisenhower's Evacuation Plan Blow to Hopes of Nationalists

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Nationalist China, shaken by the loss of Yikiangshan, got another jolt Friday.

Press reports that President Eisenhower was considering asking congressional approval for the use of U. S. air and sea power in a possible evacuation of some Nationalist offshore islands came as a real shock.

Top Nationalist authorities might have been told in advance the President was turning the matter over in his mind. In any event, they refused comment.

But junior officials familiar with the top thinking indicated these views:

1. The Nationalist government might disagree with Eisenhower on the wisdom of a withdrawal, but President Chiang Kai-shek and other leaders realize the White House is activated by the best of motives.

2. If there is a withdrawal, much as the Nationalists oppose it, it will be the result of a friendly understanding and not through American pressure.

The idea of pulling out from the threatened Tachens, 200 miles north of Formosa—and now within artillery range of the Reds on Yikiangshan—is extremely distasteful to the Nationalists.

A Defense Ministry spokesman declared, "So far we have no plan

to evacuate any of our island outposts. All of them will be defended at all costs."

But even if the Nationalists agree to give up the Tachens, they might insist on holding at least some of the more important of their other offshore outposts as a prestige factor.

Unofficial quarters here are afraid a pullout from the Tachens without a fight might touch off a chain reaction in the United States. It might lead, they fear, to U. S. efforts to put Formosa under a United Nations trusteeship, possible admission of Red China to the United Nations and

eventual U. S. recognition of the Peiping regime.

In Washington, intelligence reports that at least two Communist submarines may be operating in the Formosa Straits was reported Friday to be involved in high level discussions of possible U. S. moves in the Chinese fighting.

This was reported by a Congress member who attended Thursday's briefing by Secretary of State Dulles and Adm. Arthur Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The legislator declined to be quoted by name.

His information was that the submarines had been turned over to the Chinese Communists by Russia.

The report as to Communist subs was said to be a factor weighing heavily on congressional leaders sounded out as to how they would view a possible special request by the President for authority—if such a step became necessary—to use U. S. air and sea power to aid evacuation of Chinese Nationalist troops from some of the islands off the Red China coast.

Secretary of State Dulles reportedly advanced the possibility of such a request at the State Department briefing Thursday.

There are reported to be 20,000 Nationalist Chinese regulars in the Tachen Islands. There are also Nationalist regulars on other islands close to the mainland.

Cease Fire Plan Muled

LONDON (AP)—Britain and the United States kept in close touch Friday on possible moves to bring about a cease fire in the China war.

A Foreign Office spokesman said Britain has the explosive Formosa situation "under very active review and with the American government in particular."

The spokesman said Britain, the United States and New Zealand still are discussing their plan to ask the United Nations Security Council to try to bring about a halt to the fighting between Red China and Chiang Kai-shek's Chinese Nationalists.

A-Sub Makes Second Dive

GROTON, Conn. (AP)—The nuclear-powered submarine Nautilus, which made its first dive Thursday, repeated the history-making performance Friday, this time for Navy photographers who were prevented by rough weather from filming the first event.

The Nautilus went under Thursday at 1:30 p.m., and remained submerged for one hour, according to a Navy announcement. Lt. William H. Layman, San Diego, the diving officer, took it down.

The submarine rescue vessel, Skylark, which has attended the Nautilus at all of its trial operations, circled nearby. A Navy helicopter hovered overhead. The sea trials began Monday.

French Delay Debate On African Problems

PARIS (AP)—The National Assembly voted by 519 to 109 Communists Friday to postpone immediate debate on France's North African problems and get back to work, as urged by Premier Pierre Mendes-France, on the national budget.

Nationalists Attack Communist Shipping

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—The Chinese Nationalists, fearful of new Red invasion moves after the fall of Yikiangshan, attacked shipping along the China coast with waves of planes Friday, claiming at least 21 small craft sunk, another possibly sunk and more than 12 damaged.

Report by Nationalist air force headquarters of the new blows came after the defense ministry conceded that all resistance by 720 Nationalist guerrillas on Yikiangshan had been wiped out.

Resistance ceased on the island, the ministry said, at 9:12 p.m. Thursday night, 61 hours 12 minutes after Chinese Red invaders landed behind pulverizing naval and air bombardment.

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The bustling broadcast, heard in Tokyo, stressed the importance of the Yikiangshan action in Red China's "campaign to liberate the coastal islands and ultimately Taiwan itself."

Most Families Undecided On Invitation

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—Red China, in a surprise move with overtones of propaganda, announced Friday the relatives of 17 Americans jailed there are welcome to visit the prisoners.

The Americans were associated with U. S. armed forces in the United Nations command that spearheaded the Korean fighting against Red China.

The U. N. also announced the offer, saying it grew out of the recent Dag Hammarskjold mission to Peiping. The U. N. secretary general sought to free American prisoners held in China.

TO VISIT JET ACE

Most of the relatives interviewed immediately after the announcement said they were undecided or did not intend to accept the invitation. However, the Iowa parents of a jet ace said they will leave as soon as arrangements can be made.

The announcement made by Peiping and at the United Nations here said:

"Premier Chou En-lai, during his talks with Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, indicated that the government of the People's Republic of China would provide facilities for relatives to visit those United States personnel who have been convicted and whose cases were under investigation, if they should wish to do so, and that the Red Cross Society of China would make all the arrangements necessary."

NO SAFETY GUARANTEE

Later, a U. N. spokesman said Hammarskjold "has no doubt that those members of the families wishing to visit China to see their men . . . will be safe."

This statement evidently was made because the United States cannot guarantee the safety of its citizens traveling in countries with which it has no diplomatic relations.

American passports ban any travel to Communist countries (except Yugoslavia). This ban is

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Solon Thinks 800 GIs Held

CHICAGO (AP)—Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) says he believes Red China holds "something over 800 other GIs" in prison besides the 15 American airmen they acknowledge holding.

In a speech to the Cicero Manufacturers' Assn., Thursday night, the Senate minority leader said: "We have strong reason to believe they hold more than the 15 they acknowledge holding."

The men showed up neither in the Little or Big Switch prisoner exchanges following the Korean truce in 1953. Knowland said. Names of the imprisoned Americans, he said, were learned from Red propaganda broadcasts, other released POWs and Pentagon reports.

Knowland said a compilation of the various reports led him to the strong belief the Red Chinese held "several hundred other GIs in prison enclosures." He later set the figure at "something over 800 other GIs."

Rebel Force Said Trapped

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SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP)—The Costa Rican general staff announced Friday the capture of the rebel stronghold of La Cruz and the nearby town of Puerto Soley on the Pacific Coast. It added that the rebels were now caught in a trap, with loyalist troops closing a pincers from the north and south.

The announcement came on the heels of unofficial reports that the rebels were withdrawing toward the Nicaraguan frontier.

The action was at the edge of the newly proclaimed buffer zone between Costa Rica and Nicaragua. Neutral ground and air observers of the Inter-American Peace Commission were patrolling a belt 18 miles long in the area to keep the rebellion from touching off a war between the two neighboring countries.