

Congress 'Dragging'

Case Raps 'Slow Pace'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Clifford P. Case, R-N.J., said Saturday the Democratic-controlled Congress is moving as slow as molasses in January and at the halfway mark has hardly done anything.

Disputing this, Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana said in an interview he is very pleased with the record being made in the passage of major legislation. He said Case is building up a straw man and knocking it down.

Case said in a television program taped for New Jersey stations that unless the pace is stepped up many things are not going to get done and others, such as civil rights, will be forgotten altogether.

Oil Allowance Foes Attack In Committee

WASHINGTON (AP)—The long-debated oil and gas depletion allowance has come under attack again in the Senate Finance Committee but there appears to be no prospect that it will be reduced this year.

Senators long convinced that the allowance is overgenerous have used the hearings now under way on President Kennedy's tax revision bill as an opportunity to renew their attack.

A check of the 17-member committee Saturday showed that they could hope for no more than four or five votes to reduce the benefit.

Their prospects might be somewhat better on the floor. But Senate votes in recent years have shown that forces seeking to cut back the allowance are short of a majority.

Provisions of Allowance

The allowance permits an oil and gas producer to deduct 27 1/2 per cent of his gross income from this source in figuring his income tax, up to a maximum of 50 per cent of his net income. Supporters of the provision contend it is proper since oil and gas are a wasting asset that is used up as consumed. They also argue that it is essential to encourage continued exploration to keep American reserves at a high level.

Advocates of a reduction have been hoping for some backing from the Kennedy administration and received an indication at the committee hearings this week they may get it later. Kennedy as a senator voted to cut the allowances in 1958 and 1960. Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon told Sen. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., as the hearings opened that the chances are that there will be some suggestions made on the oil and gas allowances.

Studies Not Completed

But he added that the problem is what to suggest as a fair corrective and explained that the Treasury had not completed its studies.

Dillon said any recommendations probably would be included in a second broad tax bill which the administration plans to submit for congressional action next year.

The Treasury hopes to recommend income tax cuts in this measure, and will be looking for offsetting ways to recoup revenue.

Shedd Man Denies Embezzling Charge

PORTLAND (AP)—Francis Raymond Lenaburg, 45, Shedd, has pleaded innocent to a federal grand jury indictment charging him with embezzling \$882 in union funds.

Lenaburg's attorney asked the U. S. attorney's office for more information on the charge, which the government said related to disappearance of funds when Lenaburg was assistant business agent for Local 22 of the International Woodworkers of America in Willamina.

Federal Judge Gus Solomon, who set trial for April 17, said more information would be supplied.

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British anthropologist John F. M. Middleton, visiting lecturer at the University of Oregon this spring, Saturday night

4 Hospitalized At Hanford Atomic Plant

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP)—Four men were hospitalized for observation after what the General Electric Co. called a "criticality incident" at the Hanford atomic works Saturday.

The company said there was no explosion or fire. G.E., which operates the plant for the Atomic Energy Commission, said a criticality incident involves an overconcentration of fissionable material, resulting in a sudden, excessive release of radioactivity.

Hal Lindberg, a spokesman for G.E. said the facility involved was processing aqueous waste in tanks. He said the critical mass of fissionable material was confined to one tank. No equipment damage was observed.

Milt Cydell, information chief for the AEC at Hanford, said 20 men were evacuated from the plutonium metallurgical building, in which the accident occurred, as a precautionary measure.

Cydell said the condition of the four men was "nothing to be worried about." He said a report would be available later on how much radiation they received.

The men were identified as Harold Aardel, F. R. Lohedinek, J. R. Williamson, and Glenn Thoenes, all of Richland. They were hospitalized in Richland.

Premier Absent

TOKYO (AP)—North Korean Premier Kim Il Sung apparently is not attending the Supreme Peoples Congress that opened April 5 in Pyongyang, the New Asian news agency reported Saturday.

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Browsing Room Talk To Deal With Indians

"Origins of American Indians" will be the topic of Luther Cressman's Browsing Room Lecture Wednesday at the University of Oregon.

Cressman, head of the anthropology department at the university, will use slides to illustrate his 7:30 p.m. talk. Don E. Dumond, teaching fellow in anthropology, will lead the discussion following the lecture in the Browsing Room of the Erb Memorial Union.

The lecture is open to the public.

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With High Mountain Policy

Timber Allowances to Shrink

By DAN SELLARD Of the Register-Guard

SAN FRANCISCO (Special)—The federal government's new "high mountain policy" will mean much more attention paid to recreation and more removal of timber from harvest allowances.

This was said here Friday by George Selke, assistant to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, during a speech to the Western Forest Industries

Assn. and during an interview with this reporter.

The policy, which was handed down by Freeman with President Kennedy's approval, sets up a series of classifications of the nation's mountain areas. There is a low-level grass and shrub association; the principal forest, the upper forest and the alpine associations. These run in graduation from sea level to mountain tops.

It is the two high regions—the upper forest and the alpine

area—that are drawing attention because of the policy.

In these two upper regions, Selke and J. Herbert Stone, Pacific northwest regional forester, explained to the loggers, the primary attention is to be paid to recreation, with a minimum of logging. This will be especially true of the alpine belt. Logging will be allowed in the upper forest outside of "landscape management" areas which will be such things as campgrounds, lakes sides, streambanks and much of the land which can be seen from them.

Selke said that the Waldo Lake controversy was a causal factor in enunciating the new policy. The Willamette National Forest had announced a management plan for the lake basin but it was appealed at about the time that Selke went to Washington with the Kennedy regime.

Waldo Lake and other such high mountain areas can now be judged in view of the new policy. He said that decisions will be much easier from now on, although it will take "field decisions" to really put the policy into action.

The Waldo situation, he reported, will be cleared up soon. Since there was a formal appeal of the earlier decision, the new

chief forester, Ed Cliff, must answer the appeal point by point.

Selke is personally acquainted with the Waldo Lake area. He toured the lake basin last August as part of the consideration for development planning.

Selke, 74-year-old former chancellor of the Montana State System of Higher Education who now is a trouble shooter for Freeman, said the Kennedy administration is very much recreation-minded.

The administration is carrying out many of the recommendations of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission (ORRRC). Already a federal Bureau of Recreation has been created. The high-mountain policy is another step.

But there may be a de-emphasis of wilderness areas, he said. The ORRRC was strong in recommending that there be more family-type recreation closer to the big cities of the east and this means there will be less attention to wilderness.

This doesn't mean that any area will be reduced, but rather that for a few years the other type of recreation will get the most federal attention.

Selke also pointed out that if the ORRRC report is followed, there will be more recreation expansion in the east than in the west. A lot of private land must be acquired in the east, he continued, and this will take a lot of money. The west with its huge tracts of public land and lesser population will have to wait.

Not only the President but the Congress, too, is getting recreation minded, Selke said. Constituents are bombarding Washington with letters seeking action and the Congress is going to respond.

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