

# State Tax Study Plan Up Again in Oregon's Senate

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(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Salem, Ore., Feb. 6 (UP)—Senate joint resolution No. 2, which in its present form calls for the formation of a tax study commission, and permits the retaining of a firm of nationally recognized tax experts, comes to the floor of the Oregon senate again today.

The resolution, introduced early during the session by Sen. Coe A. McKenna, is in almost identically the same form as when it first was introduced, when the senate refused to accept it, but it is understood that Gov. Earl Snell, who first requested it, had persuaded many members to accept it as it is now.

The provision which the senate originally objected to was that permitting the hiring of a tax firm.

**Study Continued**

The house military affairs and postwar planning committee was continuing study today on the bill which would set up a department of veterans affairs, after hearing strong affirmative arguments yesterday.

Carl Frellinger and Herbert Templeton, both members of the veterans service committee in Portland, urged the committee to enact "some sort of centralized organization" to care for returning veterans.

They supported the bill as it is, but suggested that the \$80,000 appropriation should be considerably larger and that there should be an emergency clause to make the bill law immediately.

The bill provides for the appointment of a \$5000-a-year director, an advisory board of three, all veterans, and empowers the director to set up his organization to furnish effective and efficient aid to returning fighting men. Some objection was noted to the proposal that the members of the advisory committee be members of the three largest veterans organizations.

**Berg Opposes Measure**

Only opposition to the measure came from Max Berg, Cottage Grove American legion commander, who said that he thought the existing set-up with the Red Cross and veterans organizations doing the work was satisfactory.

He could see no benefit to small, outlying communities in the bill, he said, and objected to the appropriation of money for a job "already being done."

Committee Chairman Harvey Wells, Portland representative, said that "without doubt," the job of veterans affairs director could become one of the largest in the state before very long.

Five other bills concerned with veterans welfare were due for "do pass" recommendation in the house today. They included provisions for making service community houses available to those to be inducted as well as men already in service; civil service preference for veterans; preference for veterans in state employment; free recording of discharges, and the automatic extension of military leaves for state officers in service who are re-elected, and qualifying them.

**Milk to Be Topic At League Session**

Improvements in the milk situation in Deschutes county since the start of the sanitation study will be reviewed at a meeting of the Bend Women's Civic League Friday at 1 p. m. in the Pine Tavern, Mrs. J. F. Arnold, president, announced today. Guest speaker will be Glen W. Thompson, sanitarian for the Deschutes county department of public health. A report will also be made by Mrs. C. P. Becker.

All interested in the milk problem have been invited to attend this meeting.

**FIREMEN'S FRIEND**

Indianapolis, Ind. (UP)—Bill Oberling, a lunch-stand operator, is a favorite with the firemen, for whenever they have a large fire to take care of, he loads his car with sandwiches and hot coffee to give them while working—all "on the house."

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# Navy Batters Japs in South China Sea



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For the first time as task force of Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet entered the South China Sea to send this Japanese shipping reeling under the might of carrier-based aircraft. In this smashing action, 41 ships were sunk, with 28 enemy vessels damaged. The haul included a light cruiser, destroyer escorts, oilers and cargo ships as Navy planes sent their bombs into four convoys along the French Indo-China coast. U. S. Navy photo.

# Smoke Rings From Smoked Nips



(NEA Telephoto)  
A huge white ring and a fat, black doughnut of smoke blow hundreds of feet into the air over a Japanese oil barge bombed at its pier in Lapog Bay on Luzon's west coast by U. S. Navy carrier-based planes. Note the reflection of the giant smoke ring in the water. U. S. Navy photo.

# Wear and Tear on Buttonholes Heavy in Capital, Scribe Says

By Frederick C. Othman  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Feb. 5 (UP)—Before I get around to Cal Johnson of Belleville, Ill., I must report that this town is full of lobbyists of all shapes, but mostly portly.

There are more of these lads buttonholing congressmen than there are congressmen. This results, obviously, in serious wear-and-tear on buttonholes.

The association of peanut butter grinders is represented here. So are the lead pencil makers, the soda pop bottlers, the sugar cane choppers, the flour mix manufacturers, the broccoli dealers, the fiber box builders, the artificial leg whittlers, the ice cream freezers, the stone crushers, the jelly preservers, the wire cloth weavers, and the narcotics researchers.

This is only the beginning. The movies, the postal clerks, and scores of other organizations have their capital glad-handers. Dozens before the federal courts.

of ex-congressmen practice law. So much for an introduction to our friend from Belleville, Calvin D. Johnson, who used to be, until last month, a congressman himself. He lost out by 2,000 votes to Melvin Price, a democrat, and you know what happened?

Some of the republicans from his district sent Johnson back here as a congressman-without-portfolio and set him up in business to represent them in their multitudinous dealings with the government. The district produces coal, kitchen stoves, furnaces, iron castings, butter churns, apples and other items too numerous for Johnson to mention. His employers consist of a dozen of the leading manufacturers.

"The original idea was to get 25,000 people to put up \$1 each to send me back to Washington," Johnson reported. "But I vetoed that. I didn't think it looked right. So now I am representing these businessmen, doing for them about what I used to do when I was a congressman."

He said he was no lobbyist. He'll leave the lawmaking to Rep. Price (who was, unfortunately, out of town and unavailable for comment) and stick to dealings with the alphabetical agencies.

"The idea is that whenever one of these concerns wants to do anything, it has got to get in touch with Washington," he said. "It used to be they'd have to send a man on a railroad train is no good to anybody. With me here, all of these people are close to Washington as well as the nearest telephone. I handle their priorities, their travel, their freight, that kind of thing. It is a new idea, but I see no reason why it shouldn't work out."

Before he became a congressman, Johnson was building contractor. He's the man who went to Alton, Ill., and stole a railroad (or at least the rails) for a war plant he was building in Granite City. "I trucked out those rails in the dead of night and by the time the WEB caught up with me," he said, "I had most of em spiked down. The government man was sore. He said I was in danger of going to jail. I said I had to have 'em to get this war plant going. I said anyway people who stole bread went to jail, but people who stole railroads went to congress."

Nearly 52,000 doctors of the 185,000 in the United States are now in the armed forces.

**County Is Sixth In Paper Drive**

Deschutes county continued in sixth place in the state in the salvage of waste paper for the war effort, members of the Bend Junior chamber of commerce, in charge of the city's salvage campaign, were notified today by state salvage headquarters. The report showed that this county contributed 37 tons of salvage paper in January, representing a donation of 37½ pounds per person.

The shipment of 37 tons in January was the largest single shipment since last August, and brought the county's total contribution to 373 tons, the report indicated.

Don Higgins and George Thompson, co-chairman of the Jaycee paper salvage campaign, today again urged residents to save all waste paper and securely bundle it for another city-wide pickup to be announced later.

**Uses Listed**

Giving an idea of the urgency for saving old paper, the state headquarters revealed today some of its important uses as follows: An ambulance requires 52 pounds of paper for shipment abroad; all army clothing and equipment are shipped in water-proof paper wrappers; each processing charge for a 155-millimeter shell takes three-fifths of a pound of paper; it takes 25 tons of blue-print paper to make a battleship, and huge amounts of paper are used by the Red Cross for blood-plasma containers.

Romania has been Europe's principal producer of natural gas as well as petroleum; Transylvania has large natural gas deposits.

# Man Faces Death; Orders Disobeyed

Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 6 (UP)—Political, rather than religious, convictions against war impelled Pvt. Henry Weber, 27, to disobey orders of his Camp Roberts, Calif., officers and brought about his sentence to be hanged, his wife, Grace, said today.

The army was aware of Weber's beliefs against killing before his induction last July, and, in fact, one officer advised him to object whenever ordered to carry a gun, she said.

The condemned man, meanwhile, was held at the Camp Roberts guard house pending final review of his general court martial sentence, allegedly precipitated by a refusal to drill with his squad. Camp Roberts officials said the sentence was imposed for violation of the 64th article of war, which includes assaulting or willfully disobeying a superior officer.

**Study Is Asked**

(In Washington, Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, D., Mont., demanded a senate military affairs committee investigation of conditions "under which a man was sentenced to death by hanging for refusal to drill.")

Mrs. Weber, mother of their three-year-old son Wayne, told reporters she had received no official notification of her husband's death sentence.

Weber, she said, was not a conscientious objector and had not requested assignment to a conscientious objector camp. However, he frequently expressed his convictions against killing his fellow-men, she said, and informed army officers of his beliefs when he registered and when he was brought up for his physical examination. He asked to be assigned to a medical unit, she added.

**Officer Gives Advice**

"When he reported for induction, he told the officers about it, and they checked back with his draft board," she said. "Then an officer advised him:

"Well, there doesn't seem to be much we can do. If I were you, I'd object every place you can. When they order you to carry a gun, object."

"It seems he's only following orders and they're going to hang him for it."

Weber, a former shipyard foreman and logger, was born in Wisconsin and resided in Vancouver since childhood.

**Temperatures Given**

Maximum and minimum temperatures for January, 1945, follow:

	Maximum	Minimum
1	48	20
2	50	24
3	48	23
4	49	32
5	42	36
6	53	36
7	52	28
8	51	35
9	53	34
10	53	30
11	48	28
12	52	41
13	56	29
14	52	30
15	44	32
16	38	31
17	40	29
18	40	24
19	32	25
20	36	13
21	33	7
22	35	8
23	39	8
24	47	13
25	38	19
26	23	19
27	28	12
28	38	7
29	26	17
30	27	20
31	35	19

# January Weather Mild, Also Dry

January temperatures were well above normal, but precipitation was far below the 40-year mean, observers in charge of the Bend weather station revealed today, after tabulating data for the past month. January, the observers say, is usually the coldest month of the winter season, but this year it was warmer than the preceding December.

Nine times during the month the temperature reached 50 degrees or above, and the maximum for the 31 days was 56 degrees. Lowest temperature of January was seven degrees above zero, recorded on two different days.

**Mean Mark High**

The mean temperatures for the month was 32.9 degrees, compared with the long-time normal of 30.8 degrees. Precipitation amounted to only .69 of an inch, a departure of minus 1.19 inches for the 40 year normal. Five inches of snow fell in January, and two inches of this total remained on the ground at the end of the month.

A minimum temperature of 32 degrees or below was recorded on 23 different days. Only four clear days were charted in January. There were six days on which the sky was partly cloudy, and on 21 days the sky was overcast.

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**Log Laden Truck Rolls Into Dam**

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# Bend OPA Staff To Hold Meeting

A meeting of the entire Bend war price and ration board staff at which wives and husbands will be guests is to be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the local OPA office, part of the Deschutes county library building. Speakers will include Dale Lindsey, price liaison officer from the Portland OPA office, and Carl Rasmussen, manager of the local pine experiment plant.

The gathering will be partly in the nature of a social meeting, and refreshments are to be served.

# Nippon Snipers Active in Manila

By Robert Crahb  
(United Press War Correspondent)

Manila, Feb. 6 (UP)—Japanese suicide snipers in the area north of the Pasig river were firing at anything that moved today, apparently on the theory they were going to die anyway and might as well do as much damage as possible.

In an hour and a half I witnessed two street fights, saw a demolition action, and encountered several snipers.

There were dead Japanese, Filipino guerrillas and civilians in the streets.

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other loaded logging trucks and the Ochoco Lumber company's bus were parked on the side of the highway until morning and the men were brought to town by a company pickup and cars. The truck, owned by R. A. Thompson, logging contractor for the Ochoco Lumber company, was badly wrecked. The logs are still in the dam waiting to be salvaged.

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