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## Curb On Prices Truman's Plea At Convention

### President Declares Economic Depression May Become Reality

New York, April 21 (UP)—President Truman warned today that the much-predicted economic depression might well become a reality unless labor and industry take "prompt" steps to halt the "sharp and rapid rise in prices."

In a major address here on both domestic and foreign issues, the president asked business to lower prices where profits are excessive, urged labor to use moderation in wage demands and appealed to farmers to make an all-out effort to produce more goods.

Records Shattered  
President Truman, speaking before the annual luncheon of the Associated Press, said America was shattering all records for peacetime production but that soaring prices were forming the "one cloud" that is "shadowing our economic future."

"Some say this cloud is certain to burst," the president said. "They are sure of a recession or depression. I do not share their belief that either of these is inevitable."

"I believe that we, as a nation, can prevent this economic cloud-burst. But it requires prompt, preventive steps."

President Truman told the assembled editors that it was a responsibility of the press to make clear to the American people the problems faced in maintaining prosperity.

## Future at Stake

This, he said, affects not only our own immediate welfare but our efforts to pursue the policy of aiding other freedom loving peoples whose war-born impoverishment has made them "easy targets for external pressures and alien ideologies."

"Many of these peoples are confronted with the choice between totalitarianism and democracy," he said. "By providing economic assistance we can enable these countries to withstand the forces which so directly threaten their way of life and ultimately, our own well-being."

## Communion Rail Scene Of Attack

New Orleans, La., April 21 (UP)—Stabbed four times with a pocket knife by an unemployed ex-marine after he had completed distribution of communion at a high mass in the church of the Immaculate Conception here, the Rev. James Courtney, S. J., today was given "better than an even chance" to recover by doctors at Mercy hospital after a "satisfactory" night.

The condition of the 47-year-old Jesuit priest was described as "very good" following receipt of blood plasma. Officials at the hospital, who received enough offers of blood "for an army" from persons of all faiths, said no transfusion appeared necessary.

Assault Is Sullen  
Police meanwhile continued their efforts to get from Don L. Laurentz of Houston, Tex., sullen former serviceman, an explanation for the attack. But the stocky 27-year-old Laurentz, believed to have arrived in New Orleans four days ago on a merchant ship, only stared at the questioners at the police station. He did, however, admit that he was a non-Catholic. Police Lt. Warren B. Phillips described him as "a nondescript psychopathic case of some sort."

The attack occurred as Father Courtney, celebrant of the 11 a. m. (CST) services, had completed distribution of communion at the altar rail. Laurentz got up from his seat and attacked the priest.

## Portland Couple Killed In Crash

Harrisburg, Ore., April 21 (UP)—A Portland couple, Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Murphy, were killed here early today when their car collided with an Oregon electric freight train.

Train conductor W. H. Dunham said the Murphy car hit the side of the train at a high rate of speed. The car was dragged 500 feet and totally demolished.

## New King Of Denmark Heads Nation In Mourning Father

Ruler of Danes Dies Following Popular Reign Of 35 Years; Cabinet Offers Resignation

Copenhagen, April 21 (UP)—King Frederik IX, 48, led his 4,000,000 subjects today in mourning for his father, King Christian X, who died last night after a popular reign of nearly 35 years, spanning two world wars.

The new king and his queen, formerly Princess Ingrid of Sweden, drove to Christiansborg Chapel alone early today and received holy communion.

Prime Minister Knud Kristensen was to make the formal proclamation of Frederik's succession from the balcony of Christiansborg Palace at 4 p. m. and an 81-gun salute will be fired and all churches will ring their bells. The cabinet offered its formal resignation but was asked to remain in office.

## King of Denmark



Frederik IX, king of Denmark, today led his nation in mourning the death of his father, King Christian X, who died last night after a reign of 25 years. The new king of the Danes is pictured here.

## Car Overtakes But 7 Aboard Escape Injury

Redmond, April 21 (Special)—Seven occupants of a car driven by Albert Bodda, of White Salmon, Wash., escaped serious injury when the vehicle overturned on the Dalles-Chehalis highway near Primeville Junction yesterday afternoon.

The right rear tire of the car blew out throwing the car into the ditch on the right hand side of the road and overturning it.

Mrs. A. Bodda and Mrs. Delbert Bodda, the latter of Bend, received cuts about the legs while the other occupants, Albert and Delbert Bodda and Robert, Cynthia and Sylvia Bodda, children of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Bodda, were uninjured except for bruises.

## Veteran Saves Life Of Child

Renton, Wash., April 21 (UP)—An unknown army veteran today was credited with saving the life of 2½-year-old Jacqueline Bellmore, whose father found her floating unconscious in Lake Willardness near here yesterday.

The ex-soldier administered artificial respiration to the child until she opened her eyes, and then he wandered off before anyone got his name.

Hogan firemen and Dr. James D. Hogan raced to the lake and kept the girl alive with oxygen. She was taken to New Renton hospital.

## Crackers Barred At Atom Plant

Richland, Wash., April 21 (UP)—Fearful lest some sort of chain reaction might start, police today warned boys that shooting of firecrackers was prohibited after reports of crackers being thrown at the Hanford atom bomb plant.

Mechanical pumpers chugged throughout the night to empty a partly demolished tank of naphtha which was spreading its volatile fumes over the city on a south wind.

## Bend Weather

Bend and vicinity—Fair tonight and Tuesday; high temperature today, 62; low tonight, 24; high Tuesday, 69.

## Property Levy Bill Receives Snell Signature

### Tax On Timber For Research Funds Also Gets Final Approval

By Eldon Barrett  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Salem, Ore., April 21 (UP)—Gov. Earl Snell today disposed of all remaining legislation placed on his desk by the 44th Oregon legislature, vetoing two bills and signing 50 others. Among the bills signed today were measures to tax timber for research funds and provide for a county property levy up to 4½ mills to meet welfare requirements.

The property tax levy is deemed necessary so that Oregon can have a uniform method of raising welfare funds and thus qualify for federal matching money for public assistance purposes.

Taxes Required  
Counties not needing a 4½ mill levy will be required to tax according to their needs. Counties such as Multnomah, which cannot care for their public assistance requirements by a levy of 4½ mills will receive state funds to make up the difference.

The bill also puts the state-county welfare ration on a 70-30 basis with the state supplying 70 per cent of the funds and counties 30 per cent.

The timber tax bill calls for a 5-cent levy on every 1,000 board feet of timber harvested in the state, except the first 25,000 feet cut by a company each year.

Research Funds Provided  
Revenues raised by the timber tax bill will be used exclusively for research. The measure originally called for a 20-cent-per-thousand tax. It later was reduced to 10 cents and then a compromise in the senate and the tax down to 5 cents and earmarked it exclusively for research.

Another measure calling for a constitutional amendment to permit a bond issue to raise \$300,000 for forest rehabilitation will be submitted to the people.

Salary Is Provided  
A bill taking justices of the peace off the fee system and putting them on a regular salary received the governor's signature.

## 24,000 Poderosa Pine Planted

Silver Lake, April 21 (Special)—Ranger Donald L. Peters and his men of the Silver Lake district today launched a program of reforestation on the Fremont national forest. The project calls for the planting of 24,000 ponderosa pine seedlings in the McCarthy butte area southwest of Shevlin.

The area being reforested covers about 60 acres. It was burned over in the fall of 1945, when fires got out of control while flames were being burned.

The job of planting the 24,000 trees will take about a week or 10 days.

## Jaycee Directors To Hold Meeting

A meeting of all retiring and new directors and officers of the Junior chamber of commerce will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 p. m. in the Bend chamber of commerce office.

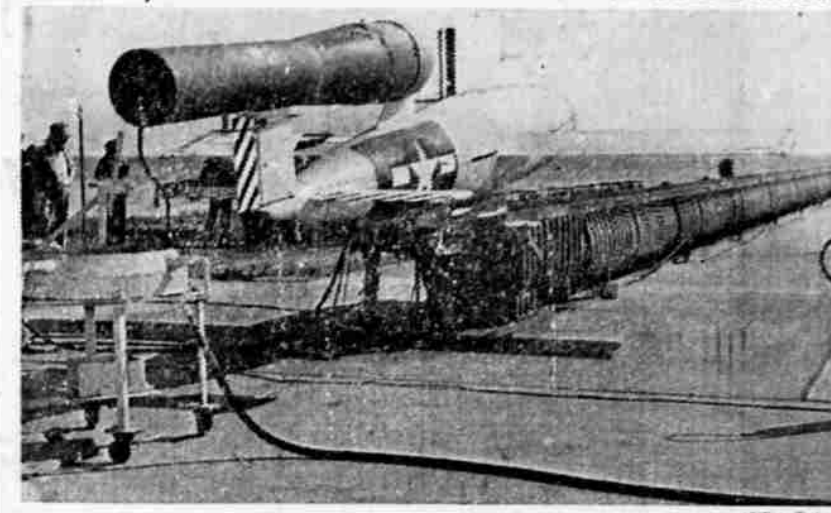
Club officers also announced today that the club would resume its regular noon meetings on Wednesday at the Pine Tavern. While the Pine Tavern was closed for remodeling the group held evening meetings at Norway hall.

## Paisley Masons Confer Degrees

Bend Masons who attended a special meeting of their home lodge at Paisley April 19 were Steele Gowdy, Virgil Henkle and Earl Small. At this meeting the third degree was conferred upon the following five candidates: Virgil Henkle, Bend; Donald Peters and Dan Schumacher, Silver Lake; William Lane and George Newman, Paisley.

Delegations from Masonic lodges in Salem, Ashland, Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Silver Lake and Tillamook were present for the occasion. Afternoon and evening sessions were held.

## Navy Demonstrates What's New In Buzz Bombs



Tolled aboard its launching catapult, Navy's KUV-1 Loon, modified version of German V-1 buzz bomb, is ready for demonstration for the press at Naval Air Missile Test Center, Point Mugu, Calif. The Loon, capable of speeds in excess of 425 mph, having range of 150 miles, has been radically improved by the Navy with addition of radio control, giving it surprising accuracy at distances of nearly 100 miles. Equipped with pulse jet type engine, the missile is capable of being launched from runways, catapults or rockets, giving it the flexibility of either land or shipboard launchings.

## Carpenters End Bend Convention, Elect Officers

The Oregon State Council of Carpenters closed its three-day convention here yesterday after electing officers for the coming year and taking action on a large number of resolutions and other official business.

The council voted down a recommendation of its resolutions committee to make an effort to control the prices that contractors charge for services.

Delegates complained that the present high prices are charged to labor whereas the cost particularly of small jobs is completely out of line with labor rates. However the convention refused to take any action on the ground that it is violation of the anti-trust law for employers and employers to fix prices through mutual action or agreement.

Resolution Defeated  
Another resolution was defeated which would have required the state offices of the council to be located at Eugene. At present there is no state headquarters although the executive secretary, Frank Easterdahl, lives in Coos Bay.

William Niskanen, state representative from Deschutes county, addressed the convention Saturday and urged that labor unions assume the responsibilities that go with its status and the advantageous position conferred upon it by law. He said that the Oregon labor record had been good but that in some other areas "certain unions have indulged in reprehensible practices which have not been the pattern nor the rule but which have been serious enough to call the whole labor movement into question."

Niskanen warned that public opinion cannot be escaped and that public opinion will largely be the result of the quality of performance labor unions turn in.

Another convention speaker was Paul Gurske, chairman of the state industrial accident commission, who also represented (Continued on Page 5)

## 400 Coming Here For AFL Sessions

The Oregon State Federation of Labor will meet in Bend commencing June 9, it was announced here today following a meeting of federation officers the past week end.

The convention, which will be the week following the big state grange convention, will bring more than 400 delegates and labor officials to the city, it was stated.

Preliminary arrangements were being made today by J. T. Marr, of Portland, executive secretary of the federation.

Other Meetings Set  
Meetings of the state barbers association, state building and trades council, state culinary alliance and teamsters joint council of Oregon will be held on Saturday and Sunday preceding the federation convention. All of these are A. F. of L. affiliates.

Many of the officials and delegates who will attend the June convention were here the past week end for the meeting of the state council of carpenters.

## Navy Takes Wraps Off Sky Bomb; Weight Is Three Tons

Missile Effective at 150 Miles; Change of Direction in Flight Possible, say Experts

By Frank H. Bartholomew  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Port Mugu, Calif., April 21 (UP)—The navy revealed today that it has the greatest guided missile in the history of warfare. It was a three-ton flying bomb officially called the KUV-1. The 700 naval and civilian scientists and personnel of this heavily guarded air missile test center call it the loon.

Here are some of the things it will do:  
Increases the effective heavy bombardment range of the navy from 25 miles, the extreme figure achieved against Japan to 150 miles.

Radio controlled, it can change its course in flight to seek out its target with deadly accuracy. Its speed is in excess of 425 miles per hour; its weight 6,000 pounds; its cost \$15,000.

Invented by Germans  
Seventy-five correspondents, photographers and newsreel cameramen watched a demonstration last week of the radio-controlled bomb. The navy permitted them today to describe what they saw.

The Germans invented the bomb and coupled it with a pulse jet engine invention stolen from the United States. The result was the V-1 buzz bomb, 5,500 of which were fired across the English channel and almost wrecked London. Now the U. S. navy has taken the German composite and made it many times more effective by equipping it for remote control by radio.

The loon is subsonic, as was the V-1; that is, its speed is less than that of sound. Whether or not the navy is working on a loon designed to parallel the German V-2, which was supersonic is a matter Captain A. B. Scoles, director of tests, refused to discuss.

Drugs, where arrangements may be made for reserved seats, at the Deschutes Federal building and at Eriksen's stationery store. They may also be obtained from gleemen or at the door, it was announced.

## Threat Of Steel Strike Passes

Pittsburgh, April 21 (UP)—The threat of a major steel strike this spring, with its disastrous effect on other industries, was eliminated today by the negotiation of a 15-cent hourly wage increase for the employees of the "big steel" industry.

The unprecedented two-year agreement, which is retroactive to April 1 and runs until May 1, 1949, was reached yesterday by President Philip Murray, president of the CIO and the United Steel Workers, and officials of the U. S. Steel corporation.

Increase Provided  
The agreement provides for a wage increase of 12½ cents an hour, or \$1 a day. The remainder of the raise will cover elimination of inequities by hiking hourly wage rates and improvement in vacations. The matter of wages may be reopened after one year by either party. The contract will be approved by the 175-man wage and policy committee of the steel union today and will be signed tomorrow.

The contract also reduced southern pay differentials and established a severance pay program in the industry.

In return for the new contract concessions, the union dropped its \$500,000,000 portal-to-portal pay suit against the corporation.

## Reclamation Funds Sliced By Congress

### However, Deschutes Will Get More Than Amount Requested

Washington, April 21 (UP)—Swinging its sharpest economy axe to date, the house appropriations committee today chopped 43 per cent off the funds asked by President Truman for the interior department.

It voted to give the department \$183,649,313 for fiscal 1948 instead of the recommended \$322,531,220.

By Rosemarie Mullany  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Washington, April 21 (UP)—The house appropriations committee today recommended that congress slice about 38 per cent from President Truman's budget for western reclamation projects.

Instead of the \$130,942,000 sought for fiscal 1948 reclamation construction, members proposed a grant of \$55,258,600. This would cut \$75,683,400 from the budget request, which reclamation spokesmen called a "curtailed program."

Holdover Mentioned  
The committee reported in justification of the slash that \$85,826,767 would be left over from fiscal 1947 because of the president's still-standing "freeze" order on public works.

Members also recommended banning use of general treasury funds for reclamation construction. The budget bureau had proposed to use \$86,000,000 from the general fund for that purpose. The committee reduced the estimate to \$39,900,000 and proposed withdrawing that sum from the reclamation revolving fund.

From that fund, the president's budget had planned to take the difference between the total request and the \$86,000,000. The committee would grant only the difference between the \$39,900,000 and the final figure of \$55,258,600.

Fund Source Limited  
Resources of the reclamation fund are limited to revenues collected from the projects themselves and from sales of timber, oil and other western resources. In the past it has accounted for less than one quarter of the money spent to build reclamation projects.

"It is hoped that in the very near future a way can be found to finance all such projects from this fund," said the report.

One obvious way, discussed during hearings, would be to raise present rates on public power produced at the projects.

Two Projects Considered  
Only two projects would be permitted during fiscal 1948 to draw on general treasury funds. They would be the Fort Peck and Missouri basin projects, not considered as strictly reclamation projects by the committee.

Money for two others, Boulder dam and the All-American canal, comes from a special Colorado river dam fund.

The total asked by the department for the reclamation bureau, including maintenance and salaries as well as construction, was \$145,932,200.

Although none of those projects was recommended for anything near the funds requested in the budget, some smaller projects got the full amount requested.

## Bend Elks' Ball Team Takes Shape; Prospects Are Good

Prospect for the 1947 Elk baseball team are excellent. Jack Gordon declared today, following the first team workout yesterday afternoon at the new municipal baseball field.

Players found the new field in fairly good condition following the spreading of a clay infield. The field should be in excellent shape for the opening of the state league season on May 25, when the Elks will meet Lebanon.

Paul Gehrman, former coast leaguer, heads the list of pitchers turning out yesterday, with Cliff Piliand and Jim Farmer, both veterans of former state league Elks teams, also ready to take over mound duties. Catchers on hand yesterday were Wally Kremers and Les McConnell.

An excellent outfield is expected to be formed from George Walker, Joe and Bill Decker, and Red Donahue. The Decker brothers are from Prineville and both are considered to be among the best hitters in Central Oregon.

The infield turnout included Bill Hatch, Bob Douglass, Joe Fanelli, Bill Mayer, Willard Fernau and Jack Gordon.

A number of other players have planned to turn out for the team, Gordon said, but were unable to be at the practice session yesterday.

Practices will be held Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 5 p. m. if weather conditions permit. If weather is good next Sunday and enough players turn out a practice game will be held on an intrasquad basis.

New uniforms are on order for the club and will be here well ahead of the opening game.