

Control Board Asked to Split Bids on Building

Master General Contract Opposed by Plumbers, Electricians

The Portland Master Plumbers association Tuesday requested the board of control to split all building projects to give plumbers and electrical contractors an opportunity to submit separate bids.

At present the state calls upon general contractors to bid on the entire building project and sub-let the plumbing, heating and electrical work.

Roscoe Watts, secretary of the plumbers' association, told the board that his group felt the present policy of the board led to too much "peddling around" by the general contractors resulting many times in a poor grade of workmanship and materials because of the low price the sub-contractors are forced to submit.

Extra Costs to State

However, Roy Mills, secretary of the board, said that the proposed splitting of the contracts would result in extra costs to the state and would increase the architects' fees inasmuch as the standard contract for the architects requires an extra four per cent in fees if more than one contractor is engaged on a project.

The state board of higher education has been splitting its building contracts and members of the board of control instructed Mills to investigate the results obtained by the other board and report back. No other action was taken on the proposal.

Vets Cemetery Costs

Condemnation proceedings to acquire 96 acres in Portland for use as a portion of the proposed Veterans National cemetery was ordered by the board after Secretary Mills had reported that the 11 owners of the property had submitted figures that he considered too high.

The average asking price made was \$700 an acre and Mills felt that condemnation proceedings would result in the state obtaining lower prices.

The government has stipulated that the state must furnish the 96 acres involved before the cemetery will be established.

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College Board To Move Offices

Portland, June 14 (AP)—The state board of higher education voted, 6 to 3, to move the board's administrative offices from Eugene.

Salem was mentioned as the possible new site, but time and place of the move will be decided after a study by a committee consisting of R. E. Kline, George Silverton, Leif Finseth, Dallas, and George F. Chambers, Salem.

The action was taken at the annual budget meeting of the board which approved allocations of just over \$15,000,000 in annual operating funds to 14 institutions, divisions and services of the system.

Thirty percent of the funds for the fiscal year starting July 1 comes from other than state tax sources, announced R. E. Cabell, Portland, chairman of the finance committee.

The proposal to move the board's office, which includes the office of Chancellor Paul C. Becker, evoked spirited debate with three members objecting to expressing intent before a committee reports. Mrs. Cheryl S. MacNaughton, Phil Metcher and Finseth said the matter had not been discussed in previous meetings. They voted no.

President Edgar W. Smith and others said it had been discussed many times informally, Chambers adding that the move is strongly favored by many members of the legislature, and was discussed frequently during the recent session.

Gen. Ike Eisenhower Speaks Out Politically For the First Time

Read his ideas on the American way of life, as outlined in the recent Columbia University Commencement Address. (Produced in two parts).

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Justice Kelly of Supreme Court Passes at 78

Ended today the life of the long and distinguished judicial career of State Supreme Court Justice Percy R. Kelly, 78. Justice Kelly, a member of the supreme court since September, 1930, and before that circuit judge for 19 years, died at a local hospital following an extended illness.

A resident of Oregon since coming to Albany with his parents to Albany when a young boy, Justice Kelly was born in Arlington, Iowa, July 13, 1870. He was educated in the public schools of Iowa and Oregon and in 1887 received his bachelor of science degree at Albany college.

Practiced in Albany Justice Kelly read law in the office of the late Hon. Charles E. Wolverson in Albany and was admitted to the Oregon bar in 1892. He practiced law in Albany until 1911 when he was elected circuit judge for the Third Judicial district of Oregon. During the time that he practiced law in Albany Kelly in 1898 served as senator from Linn county; from 1899 to 1903 was deputy district attorney and was city attorney for Albany in 1909.

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Ask T-H Repeal Not 28 Changes

Washington, June 14 (AP)—Senator Humphrey (D., Tenn.) told the senate today the 28 changes in the Taft-Hartley act sponsored by Senator Taft (R., Ohio) would be a "betrayal of American workers."

He said they don't go far enough to constitute "repeal" of the law as pledged by the democratic party last fall.

Resuming a long senate speech Friday, Humphrey said the idea that Taft's program would fulfill the will of the people "insults the intelligence of our citizenry and vulgarizes the values of our democracy."

He said the people want the Taft-Hartley act "annihilated, not rehabbed, polished over, or covered up by a changed, attractive new look."

Humphrey contended Taft's proposals would leave three-fourths of the present law on the books.

Senator Lucas of Illinois, the democratic leader of the senate, told reporters the 54 democratic senators will hold another conference soon, maybe Thursday, to discuss labor legislation.

A plan which would close the door tight against use of injunctions to block strikes imperiling the national welfare is being worked up by Senator Morse (R., Ore.).

Group Burial Set

Washington, June 14 (AP)—Group burial services for the 248 servicemen killed when the cargo ship Serpens exploded off Guadalcanal Jan. 29, 1945, will be held tomorrow at Arlington National cemetery. The disaster was termed one of the worst in coast guard history.

Workers on London's surface and underground rail lines have threatened to begin a slowdown unless they are granted a ten shilling (\$2) a week pay raise.

Robbers Net \$200 in Nickels At 2 Polk County Taverns

Two Polk county taverns netted robbers around \$200 in nickels in break and entries Monday night with state police investigating the similarity of the two robberies hinting that both jobs may have been committed by the same person or persons.

The "Y" cafe at the junction with the Independence and Salem-Dallas highways was the heaviest loser. Ervin York, owner, placing his loss at \$144. B. M. Foley, operator of the Eola Inn on the Salem-Dallas highway, has not determined the exact amount taken but places it between \$40 and \$50.

York discovered his loss shortly after opening at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. Entrance had been made through a basement window and the money taken from cigar boxes which had been hidden. The coin was from music boxes and pinball machines which had been rifled.

The robbery occurred two months to the day from the time that a safe was removed from the "Y" cafe with several hundred dollars taken. The safe was later found in the Luckiamute river and four young men sent to the penitentiary for five years each for their participation.

Foley says he was closed since midnight Sunday as the Eola Inn sits down Mondays. He discovered his loss when he opened



Death Takes Justice—Supreme Court Justice Percy R. Kelly, who Tuesday morning died at a Salem hospital following an extended illness.

Ike Opposes School Aids

Washington, June 14 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower appeared today to have gone a long way toward torpedoing one of President Truman's "must" bills before congress — federal aid to education.

A critical letter by the general, now president of Columbia university and acting chairman of the military chiefs of staff, plunged school aid advocates into gloom. It started talk among some lawmakers about the possibility that Eisenhower intends to make his political weight felt.

In a letter to Rep. Gwinn (R-NY), Eisenhower opposed federal school aid grants to all of the states, a proposal already approved by the senate and now pending in a house labor subcommittee.

He said he favors helping only states that can't raise enough taxes to support a high level of education and then only "under formulas that would permit no abuse, no direct interference of the federal authority in education processes and no opportunity to expand the flow of federal money into areas where need could not be clearly demonstrated."

New Trouble on British Roads

London, June 14 (AP)—Britain's month-long waterfront strike ended today but there were signs of new trouble on the state-owned railroads.

Striking stevedores went back to their jobs at Bristol and Avonmouth, ending a walkout that had tied up nearly 100 ships along the west coast.

The men had quit work in protest against being assigned to unload Canadian ships involved in a strike of the Canadian seaman's union. Troops finished unloading the last Canadian ship today, and the men went back to their jobs.

In London, meantime, railway executives and union leaders met to map plans for heading off a "slowdown" scheduled for July 4.

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Morse Opposes Any Reduction Of Cherry Tariff

Washington, June 14 (AP)—Senator Morse (R-Ore.) asked the state department today if it intends to reduce the tariff on cherries from Italy and France.

"If there is any intention of negotiating for such an outrageous cut in the tariff," he said in a letter to the department, "I want to know it now before this reciprocal trade treaty debate starts in the senate."

Morse said that eastern buyers are offering low prices for Oregon cherries, telling growers they anticipate a 50 percent cut in the import duty and saying that such action will result in flooding the U.S. market with Italian cherries.

Cutting Cherry Price Morse told the department he had just returned from a week in Oregon, during which he conferred with cherry growers.

Last year he said eastern buyers, who provide the chief market for Oregon cherries, paid growers 12 cents a pound.

This year, he said, they are offering five cents a pound for Royal Anne cherries and 4 1/2 cents a pound for the black variety of Oregon cherries.

He said the growers say it costs them three cents a pound to pick cherries and one cent a pound to haul them to market. This leaves them a profit of only one cent on the Royal Annes and 1/2 cent a pound on the black variety.

Means Bankruptcy "This means," he said, "the Oregon cherry growers will suffer tremendous financial losses this year and a greater number will go bankrupt."

Morse said that if there is no likelihood of a tariff reduction the department should make a statement to that effect so that eastern buyers "can be prevented from using the state department in this matter in their negotiations with the Oregon cherry growers."

Morse said it was very important that he have a quick reply "because northwest cherry growers are entitled to protection from the assumption of state department action."

Previously Rep. Holmes (R-Wash) and Rep. Horan (R-Wash) also protested against any cut in the duty on Italian cherries.

Pickets Force Mines Closure

Pittsburgh, June 14 (AP)—Pickets patrolled the nation's coal fields today, forcing some non-union mines to close as the "stabilization holiday" entered the second day.

John L. Lewis ordered the hard coal of the 480,000 soft and hard coal miners. He said it was in their interest.

In another development completing the cycle of UMW moves for new contracts in all divisions of the coal producing industry, Lewis made public at Philadelphia today a letter asking for contract talks in the anthracite coal fields. There was no indication of what the UMW demands will be.

The present anthracite agreement has no expiration date, and does not contain the "willing and able" clause under which the UMW said it ordered the nationwide shutdown. Lewis' letter to Ralph E. Taggart, chairman of the anthracite operators wage agreement committee asked discussions on "wages, hours, rules, practices, welfare, health, safety" and virtually every major phase of the current agreement.

Taggart's office said he was out of town and could not be reached for comment. Industry sources said it was likely the UMW request for a meeting would be approved. There are some 80,000 workers in the eastern Pennsylvania anthracite field.

Meantime, Lewis, with one contract session over headed for another. His lieutenants are slated to resume negotiations today with southern bituminous mine operators at Bluefield, W. Va.

Bond Issue Offered

Portland, June 14 (AP)—A million dollar Port of Portland bond issue will be offered for sale tomorrow to finance long-range runways for transoceanic aircraft at the municipal airport here.

The port commission yesterday approved the 8,800 foot runway plan, already adopted by the C.A.A. Other improvements are planned with the bond revenue.



Chosen "Miss Salem"—Miss Connie Cross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Cross of 2370 Fairgrounds road, who has been selected to represent the city of Salem at the "Miss Oregon" contest at Seaside, July 21-23. "Miss Salem", who is 21 years of age is five feet six inches tall and weighs 120 pounds. She is on the staff of Miller's store. Winner of title of "Miss Oregon" will complete for the title of "Miss America" at the contest at Atlantic City later in the summer.

Ratzlaff to Resume Bus Service to Coast

John Ratzlaff, operator of Pacific Coast Lines buses, will resume operations between Salem and Newport on June 17, it was reported Tuesday, but on a curtailed basis.

Ratzlaff plans to make two round trips daily, but will use only one bus. The first trip will leave the Salem terminal at Pacific Trailways depot at 7 a. m. and the second will leave Salem at 4 p. m.

Upon arrival at the coast immediate return will be made. The bus will leave Newport about 9:45 a. m. and 6:45 p. m.

After Ratzlaff had received a permit from the public utilities commission to operate the line and had operated only a few days, he withdrew from the field because a permit had been granted the Roy M. East lines, which would cover the same territory between Salem and Valley Junction.

From that place the East buses go north to the Tillamook beaches, while the Ratzlaff buses make a south run to the Lincoln county beaches. East buses, however, make connections at Valley Junction with Greyhound buses making stops at Lincoln beach points.

When he started his operation Ratzlaff was using two buses. In the hearing before the public utilities commission on his application for a permit he had strong support from beach points as well as from the Salem area.

112 4-H Club Girls Go to Corvallis

One hundred and twelve 4-H club girls of Marion county left at 12:30 Tuesday afternoon for Corvallis and the annual 4-H club summer school session sponsored by Oregon State college which extends from June 14 through June 24.

All of the boys and girls have earned their way by merit to this prize-plum of the year for them, their expenses being sponsored in each case by some club, organization or community as a reward for outstanding work done in their projects.

They will be divided up among 17 sorority and fraternity houses for their living quarters and are chaperoned by County Club Agent Anthol Rhiney, Miss Anne Bergholz, county extension agent, and Mrs. Katherine Weddle of Stayton.

Methodists at Ashland

Ashland, June 14 (AP)—The annual Oregon Methodist church conference opened here today, to continue through Sunday. Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, Portland, conferred with his four district superintendents on appointed transfers. The appointments for the coming year will be announced Sunday.

Feeling Runs Hot and High In Pay Fight

Mayor Wins Battle With Committee and Roble on Salaries

Feeling ran high and hot at the city budget meeting Monday night over the question of salaries for policemen and firemen.

Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom, aided mainly by Sephus Starr, battled Fire Chief W. P. Roble and the special committee on salaries, and won out in his contention that policemen should be paid \$20 more a month than firemen to offset the difference in the amount the city pays into the firemen's and the police pension funds.

The decision, however, was tentative, for adoption of the budget estimates and the mayor's plan was with an understanding that the city council is obligated to make a readjustment if it later finds there is a discrepancy.

Alderman Albert H. Gilie, chairman of the special committee, said emotionally after the vote:

"I don't want to be unkind, but I regard this as only a subterfuge, and I see no possibility that the council will later take any other action."

Special Report Scores

It looked as if the committee was deadlocked on the question when it first voted down a motion by Gilie to adopt the special committee's recommendations, and then voted down to adopt by Mayor Elfstrom to adopt the budget estimates. Then the committee tabled the firemen-policemen matter until everything else was out of the way.

Through the special committee lost that fight it exerted plenty of weight on the budget as a whole and got approval of cuts totaling \$23,213, mainly in salary items. The shaving, however, does not reduce the \$1,658,355 budget, but is added to the emergency fund, giving it a total of \$35,091.

The committee completed its action on the budget and dated the public hearing for Monday night, July 11.

The special committee's first attack was on salary items in the state engineering department where it recommended a cut of \$5000 without specifying the employees or individual amounts. Discussion indicated this was illegal, so the result was obtained by transferring a computer, whose salary was put at \$3000, and an office assistant at \$2580 for the general fund to the millage account and making a reduction of \$5580 in an \$11,500 labor item.

Other Changes Made

Some of the other things done by the committee were: Adopted all other fire department items except \$5500 for a fire station in Kingwood annexation.

Took away City Manager Franzsen's auto expense allowance of \$500 a year.

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Recaptured Convict On Trial for Escape

Robert Earl Lee, convict who on May 12 walked away from the state prison farm and was arrested about a week later at Scotis Mills after laying out in the woods for seven days, went on trial before a jury in Judge George R. Duncan's court.

His attorney, John Steelhammer, named by the court, advised the jury that Lee's defense would be on the ground of temporary insanity suffered at the time of his escape. It is understood evidence would be put in to indicate there had been insanity in the defendant's family.

Lee was serving a term for eight years from Lakeview on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon and had a comparatively short time to go to be eligible for parole, it was stated.

Water Service Restored to Kingwood After Main Break

Services were restored to the Kingwood Heights section early Tuesday morning after a West Salem water department crew worked most of the night to repair a break in a water main carrying water from Salem.

A leak in an eight-inch main section of Wallace Road and Edgewater street about 9 o'clock Monday night. Water bubbled through cracks in the pavement before it was discovered and the main line from Salem shut off.

The intersection leak partially flooded the Savings Center store but did not damage the property. Some residents along Edgewater street from the bridge to Kingwood avenue were also affected. While the Blue Lake cannery felt the drop in pressure, operations were not hampered because the mains supplying the cannery are also tied into the Bassett street line and also the plant shut down about 2 o'clock this morning.

To Test Liquor Law

Portland, June 14 (AP)—Safeway Stores, Inc., yesterday filed suit to test an Oregon liquor control commission order prohibiting the grocery chain from storing beer and wine in central warehouses for redistribution to its stores, to determine whether such storage violates the state liquor control act.

WEATHER

(Released by United States Weather Bureau)
Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Clear tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Lowest temperature expected tonight 50 degrees; highest Wednesday, 65. Conditions will continue favorable for farm work. Maximum yesterday 52. Minimum today 47. Mean temperature yesterday 52 which was 1 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a. m. today 0. Total precipitation for the month 13 of an inch which is 43 of an inch below normal. Willamette river below at Salem Tuesday morning, 0.

Big 4 Agree to Face Saving Secret Session

At Soviet Request Meeting Called to Wind-up Negotiations

Paris, June 14 (AP)—Big four foreign ministers agreed today to a Russian request for another secret session at which to seek agreement on a face-saving formula to wind up their futile conference Thursday.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky asked that the public meeting of the council scheduled for this afternoon be cancelled and the ministers meet in secret instead. The western ministers, trying in vain to keep their own face-saving formula secret, agreed.

Gag on Delegation

Secretary of State Dean Acheson went to extreme lengths to gag his delegation. He cancelled a press conference which was to have been his first since he came to Paris. He ordered each member of his delegation to answer all press inquiries with "no comment."

The order for secrecy was so effective that the U.S. delegation delayed for hours announcing that the regular meeting of the ministers had been cancelled and a secret session would be held.

Vishinsky had been seeking delays since Friday. It now appeared reasonable to conclude that he had new instructions from Moscow which would determine whether this conference on Germany would dissolve in anger or adopt a working arrangement in anticipation of another council meeting in New York next fall.

Already Packing Up

The western delegations already were packing up. The last session of this conference was expected to be held tomorrow night or Thursday. Thus the British and French ministers can attend a Brussels pact conference in Luxembourg Friday and Saturday.

The afternoon meeting will open as a secret session with only the four ministers and a limited number of aides present. Later it might become a public meeting of the full council, with proceedings made public afterwards.

It was understood the compromise plan calls for continued study of the German problem by the foreign ministers' deputies after the present conference adjourns this coming Thursday.

Berlin Strike to Be Continued

Berlin, June 14 (AP)—Western Berlin railway workers voted six to one today to continue their strike rather than knuckle under to a communist threat of reprisals.

Only a three-fourth majority was needed to assure continuation of the 24-day-old strike which has become in effect a "little blockade" of Berlin.

The striking union announced the results of day-long balloting as follows: For continuation of the strike, 12,626. Against continuation, 2,085.

The plan which was voted down was worked out by the United States and had the approval of the other three occupying powers—Britain, France and Russia. The workers voted after Soviet-licensed newspapers renewed threats of reprisals against the strikers.

The strike is directed against the Russian-controlled railway system. The compromise plan on which the anti-communist strikers balloted was sponsored by all four occupation powers.

Despite predictions by union leaders of a favorable vote, there was concerted resistance. placards were installed at polling places urging workmen to turn down the compromise and vote to continue the strike.

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