Pensioners Seek to Block Publicity Bill in Senate

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Old age pension organizations put their last hope on the Senate Tuesday in their effort to block the welfare roll publicity and relative responsibility bills.

The House voted 44 to 15 Monday to open the welfare lists to public inspection, and then passed 50 to 8 the bill to put teeth in the law that requires parents and children to support the needy.

Both measures probably will be considered Wednesday by the Senate.

The new relative responsibility bill would increase the payments required of relatives, let the Welfare Commission find out from the Tax Commission how much the relatives earn, and permit the commissions to require payment.

The Joint Ways and Means Committee, which introduced both bills, says they will reduce welfare costs.

The fate of the 20 million dollar state building program rested with the House Tax Committee after Sen. Dean Walker, Independence, chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, said that only 10 million dollars is available for building.

Walker told the tax committee that unless it finds 10 millions more of revenue, the building program would have to be cut in half.

This program calls for $9,500,000 worth of new college and university buildings, $6,700,000 of state institution buildings, and the proposed $3,500,000 hospital in Portland for aged mental patients.

Johnnie Ray Sobs in London

London (AP) — Johnnie Ray, American sobber of songs, opened Monday night at the Palladium theater without his own imported drummer beating out the rhythm for his mournful cries.

The dispute was the latest variation of an old theme: The appearance of foreign musicians in Britain without specific union permission. Ray's American drummer, Sammy Fede, had to abide by union rules and not appear with the British band which played for the singer. However, the Labor Ministry is working on Fede's permit to play.

The Palladium orchestra's own drummer, Len Johnston, tapped out the beat for the partially deaf singer while Hardie Ratcliff, general secretary of the British Musicians' Union, hammered out the familiar argument.

"The union had not been consulted in advance," Ratcliffe said. "We will not have it assumed that foreign musicians may wander into a British orchestra freely."

It was decided that Ray's show would go on, but to the tune Ratcliff was calling.

Power House Bids For Big Cliff Dam

Bids will be opened at 2 p.m. June 1 by the U. S. Army Engineers in Portland for equipment, installation of equipment and construction of a power house at Big Cliff re-regulating dam on the North Santiam river.

Col. Thomas P. Lipscomb, Portland district engineer, announced that the bids will be sought about April 21. All work must be completed by June 1, 1954.

FARMS SUE ALUMINUM CO.

Portland (AP) — A federal court suit filed by Fairview Farms asking $368,572 damages from Reynolds Metals company was on file here today. The complaint alleged the farms had suffered losses from fumes of the company's aluminum plant near Troutdale.

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Polio Medicine Ready May 1

Gamma globulin for poliomyelitis prophylaxis will become available about May 1, according to information received by Dr. Willard J. Stone, county health officer.

The first shipment has been received by the state board of health from the office of defense mobilization.

The use of gamma globulin for polio will likely be restricted to direct household contacts of new cases. Commercial supplies are being bought up by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. This organization and the American Red Cross are turning over their entire supply to the office of defense mobilization for allocation to the states through their state health departments. Basis for allocation in this category is not yet known.

Dr. Stone in his report to physicians and surgeons, says he has been informed that the material is "scarce and expensive, prepared in a large part from blood donations through the American Red Cross and financed by public funds or donations. Each pint of blood donated will yield, when processed, only 6cc of gamma globulin. No charge should be made for the product itself. It is furnished without charge to the physician administering it." The physician's charge would be for his services and overhead.

In connection with the use of gamma globulin in connection with measles modification or prevention, it is pointed out that the allocation of the material to Oregon was made on past reports of measles cases. Current reporting of measles, German measles and hepatitis will be considered in determining the relative amounts to be distributed to various communities.

Senate Group OK's New Post

Washington (AP)—The senate government reorganization subcommittee unanimously approved Monday President Eisenhower's plan to make the federal security agency a cabinet level department, but pigeon-holed a move to speed the effective date.

The president's proposal will go into operation automatically May 12 unless the senate adopts a resolution rejecting it.

A speed-up move was launched in the house which adopted a resolution approving the plan. If the senate also adopted this resolution, the plan could go into effect 10 days later.

The senate subcommittee decided, however, against taking any action on the house resolution.

Camp Adair Subject Of Albany Forum

Albany—Sig Unander, state treasurer and member of the state board of control, will be principal speaker during a Chamber of Commerce forum Wednesday at noon at the Hotel Albany, Chet Wheeler, forum chairman, announced Monday. Subject for discussion will be use of Camp Adair as a site for an intermediate penal institution. Members of service clubs and the Chamber of Commerce are being invited to attend the luncheon.

A bill calling for operation of such a penal institution at Camp Adair already is pending in the state legislature.

Woodburn Sets Special Election

Woodburn—A special election has been called by the Woodburn city council to be held Friday, March 27, to amend the city charter for a continuing levy, not to exceed six mills, to cover operation and maintenance costs of the Woodburn fire department and for a bond issue to purchase a new fire truck.

The proposed levy would raise up to $8100 annually outside the 6 per cent limitation. The bond issue amendment would authorize financing up to $15,000.

Reasons for the levy, cited by the council, are to cover expenses of the dispatcher system to receive and relay fire calls, which was made necessary by the change-over to dial telephones, which costs about $8000 per year, one-half now being paid by the city and the balance by the rural fire district. If the problem is not solved by this single election the continuance of the dispatcher system and adequate fire department financing would require the expense of a special election each year to authorize a levy in excess of the 6 per cent limitation.

The bond issue of $15,000 for a new fire truck is proposed due to the fact that the city now has only two fire trucks, both out of date and over 20 years old, and is forced to rely almost exclusively on the two modern trucks of the rural fire protection district under a contract between the city and the district. This contract may be terminated upon 90 days notice.

Ballots will be cast in each of the four precincts in the city of Woodburn and hours will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Only voters registered in the precincts may vote. The voting places are the city library, the city hall, the Lutheran church hall and the Methodist church.

SPRING SEEDING FORCED

Portland (AP) — Poor seeding conditions last fall have resulted in a 4 per cent increase in major spring crop plantings in Oregon, the Federal Crop Repotring Service said Monday.

Condition of Queen Mary "More Grave"

London (AP)—Queen Mary's condition has become "more grave," a medical bulletin announced Tuesday afternoon.

The bulletin, posted at the gates of the 85-year-old queen grandmother's residence, said:

"There has been a serious weakening of the heart action which gives rise to increasing anxiety."

McKay Nears Major Decisions on Power

Washington, (AP) — Secretary of Interior McKay expects to make three decisions within the next few months which may set the course this administration will follow with regard to public power development.

The secretary told a House Appropriations subcommittee that the subject is "ticklish," that the decisions to be made are controversial, and are those upon which this administration will stand or fall on the idea of power.

The problems to be decided, as named by McKay in testimony made public Tuesday, are these:

1. The question of disposing power developed at the Clark Hill Dam in South Carolina through the Georgia Power Co. or by direct sale to some 37 rural electrification cooperatives.

2. The question of the surcharge which private utilities linked up in the Pacific Northwest Power pool are passing on to their customers because of costs arising from generating electricity in steam plants during periods of shortages.

3. The matter of controversies such as have risen before the Federal Power Commission in connection with the proposed Hells Canyon Dam on the Snake River in Idaho.

PICKET FREIGHTER

Seattle (AP)—The freighter Sea Veteran was picketed late Monday by CIO Marine Engineers in protest against what the union said was the pending transfer of the ship to Panamanian registry.

Bill by Coon For Recreation

Washington (AP) — A bill introduced Monday by Rep. Sam Coon R., Ore., would permit Congress to authorize appropriation from National Forest revenues for development of recreational sites.

The bill calls for appropriation of 5 per cent of the money from the timber sales for 10 years. Counties could draw on the fund to develop recreational sites in national forests.

Coon said, "I think this bill would afford a chance for the local people to move into the recreational program of the National Forest lands and have some capital with which to put the recreational resources in good shape so that they can in time assume full responsibility for maintaining and operating these recreational areas and resources."

He added that counties throughout the U. S. now are spending about five times as much as the federal government for recreational developments.

If relieved of recreational problems, the Forest Service could devote more time to its other functions, he said.

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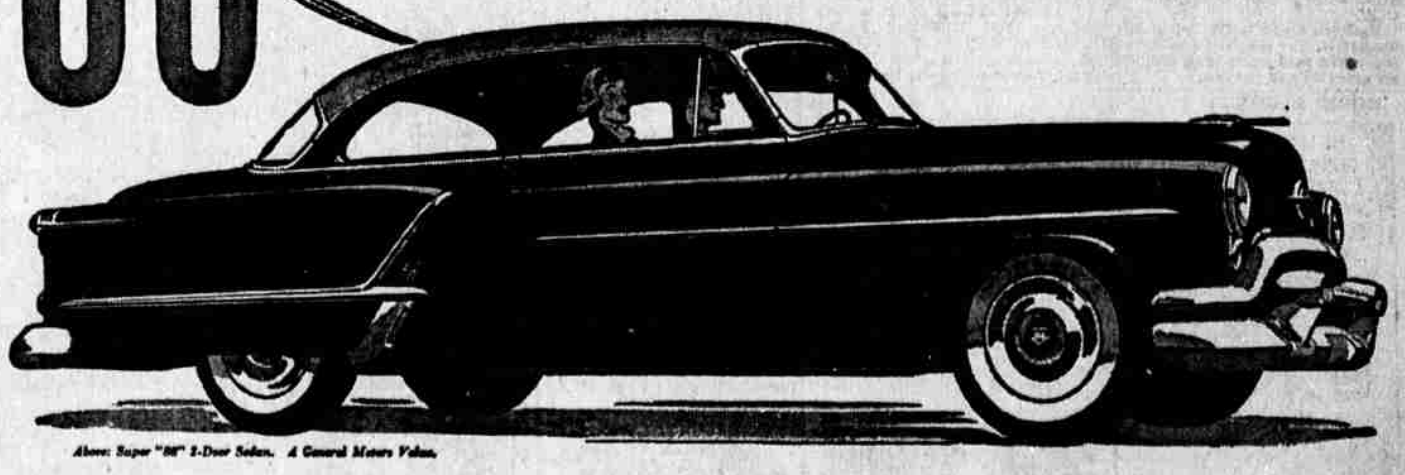

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