

Effective Lobby Fights Democratic Highway Bill

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A congressman said today that pressure from "the most effective lobby I've ever seen" may kill a Democratic bill to expand highway construction.

Rep. Tom Steed (D-Okl.) a sponsor of the measure, said lobbying "by the truck and tire people" has played on House members' distaste for tax increases and turned them against the proposal. The measure calls for a 12-year, \$40,500,000 federal - state highway construction program. It would be financed in part by a hike in taxes on gasoline, heavy duty and bus tires, rubber used in retreading tires and by increased excise levies on trucks, buses and trailers.

The House Public Works Committee met in closed session today to consider reapproving the bill for the second time in a week because

of last-minute changes in the tax plan. Steed said committee reapproval was fairly certain, but he fears the measure will be killed by the full House by a 2-1 margin. Other congressional news:

Minimum Wage: Rep. Augustine B. Kelley (D-Pa.) predicted the House would pass before nightfall a bill raising the minimum wage from 75 cents to \$1 an hour. Kelley, floor manager of the bill, said he expected approval of the \$1 figure despite a joint effort by Republicans and Southern Democrats to peg the wage increase at the 9-cent mark.

Foreign Aid: The Senate Appropriations Committee late Tuesday restored much of the funds the House would pass before President Eisenhower's foreign aid bill. The committee approved a \$3,204,341,750 bill. This total was a net increase of \$565,600,000 over the amount voted by the House but still \$62,300,000 less than the administration originally had asked.

Reserves: A Senate-House conference committee began efforts today to work out a compromise between varying versions of the military reserve bill passed by the two houses. Republicans virtually conceded the committee would follow the Senate's lead and delete part of the bill's compulsory feature which was accepted by the House and sought by the administration. The House bill would require all men in the armed forces since the Korean truce to participate in the reserve force. But the Senate bill would exempt servicemen now on duty and would delay making reserve service compulsory until 30 days after the bill becomes law.

Defense Production: The Senate passed by voice vote and sent to the House Tuesday a bill to extend the Defense Production Act for two years. It beat down a Democratic effort to curtail the government's authority to hire "dollar-a-year" men to advisory roles where policy-making is involved.

Dixon-Yates: The Senate Monopoly subcommittee has invited presidential assistant Sherman Adams to testify at hearings on the Dixon-Yates contract. Chairman Estes Kefauver said the subcommittee wants to know why Adams ordered a three-day recess in hearings on the contract last June by the Securities & Exchange Commission. The SEC passed on financing plans for the power project.

Lev: The Senate Investigating subcommittee dismissed Chicago military capmaker Harry Lev as a witness late Tuesday with a warning that he is under "very strong suspicion." Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) sounded the warning after Lev could not remember how he spent \$20,000 in cash in a two-week period of 1933 during which he is accused of bribing government officials. Lev firmly denied the bribery charges.

Rehearsals in Dress Starting

ASHLAND — Dress rehearsals for the 1933 Oregon Shakespearean Festival season begin their first round Friday on the outdoor stage here.

The rehearsals begin with "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and will run in the same order as the performances.

The first round of rehearsals, Friday through Tuesday, will be closed to the public this year to enable directors to work on cues, staging, music and lighting effects. The second round, beginning Wednesday, will be open to season memberships, out-of-towners who will not be here for the plays, and members of the Stanford University field course in Shakespeare, taught by Dr. Margery Bailey. Meetings for the class, now in its second year, also begin today, and include lectures by Dr. Bailey and company members in addition to observance of rehearsals and performances of the plays.

The rehearsals are in the evenings only and will be in full costume, using all effects that will be used in the shows. Afternoon rehearsals cannot be held in dress because of the weight and warmth of the Elizabethan costumes. The season opens Monday August 1, and the rehearsal schedule is set so that the hard-working cast will have Sunday off.

Festival producing director Angus Bowmer and all of the play's directors have expressed themselves pleased with the polished performances of the actors, most of them new to the Elizabethan stage, after only four weeks of rehearsal. On the directional staff this year are James Sandoe, University of Colorado, "Dream" and "Henry VI, part 3"; Robert Loper, Stanford University, "Timon of Athens" and "All's Well That Ends Well"; and H. Paul Kliss, Magic Ring Theatre, Portland, "Macbeth."

Man Loses Life as He Swims for Girl's Ball

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. (U.P.)—Marlin Brown, of Buffalo, N.Y., noticed a little girl's beach ball being carried away in the upper Niagara River.

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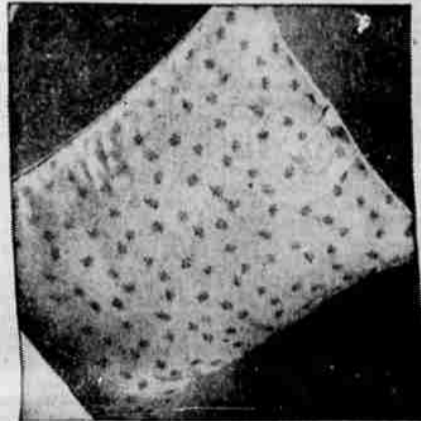
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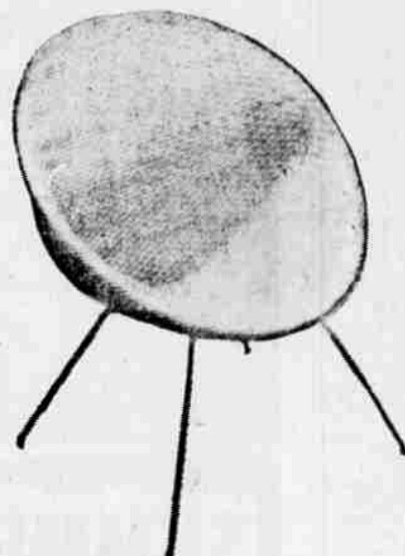
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