

\$50 Maximum Jobless Benefit Proposed in Senate Measure; House Gets Capital Gain Bill

Labor-Sponsored Package Would Kill Board

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Measures to abolish the State Unemployment Compensation Commission and replace it with an employment security commissioner, and to increase maximum weekly unemployment compensation benefits up to \$50 a week were before the Oregon Senate today.

The bills were two of three constituting the package of unemployment compensation proposed by the Oregon State Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

The third will deal with a new payroll tax structure designed to finance the program and make income at least equal outgo, something it hasn't done in seven of the past eight years.

Duplication End Sought
A bill introduced by Sen. Phil Brady of Portland is designed to do away with duplication of the unemployment commission and the State Industrial Accident Commission to make for tighter administration, George Brown, political education director for the State Labor Council, said.

The three commissioners now serve on both commissions. Under terms of the bill, the three would continue to serve on the Industrial Accident Commission, but the commission would be divorced from the unemployment compensation setup which would be handled entirely by the employment security commissioner, serving under the appointive power of the governor.

A companion measure would provide for a maximum of \$40 a week during the benefit year by beginning next July 1; \$45 for the benefit year beginning July 1, 1958; \$50 for the benefit year beginning July 1, 1959; and 66 2/3 per cent of the average weekly wage in covered employment for the benefit year beginning July 1, 1960, and thereafter.

25 Weeks Asked
Under the formula proposed, Brown said, only a few would get the maximum of 66 2/3 per cent, with the great majority getting a maximum of 50 per cent.

He said the bill dealing with covered payroll tax rates would be ready for submission this week, probably Wednesday.

The measure dealing with benefits would extend unemployment compensation insurance to employers of one or more persons instead of the present two or more.

Brown said the labor council proposal also called for a uniform duration of 26 weeks for unemployment compensation, whether at the minimum rate of \$15 a week, or the maximum. The present duration is 12 weeks to 26 weeks, depending on earnings.

MEET THE LEGISLATORS



SENATOR DWIGHT HOPKINS

Senator Dwight H. Hopkins (D-Union) is a newcomer to the Oregon legislature, having defeated Republican Charles W. Binger in the Eastern Oregon District embracing Baker, Union and Walla Walla counties.

He is in business with H. L. Wagner & Sons, wholesale seed merchants, as general manager and secretary. He has been on board of directors of Pacific State Seedmen's association, secretary-treasurer and on the board of Merion Bluegrass association, the special turf committee of American Seed Trade association and also on the board of Oregon-Idaho Seedmen association. He was appointed by late Gov. Paul L. Patterson on Chewings and Creeping Red Fescue commission.

Sen. Hopkins was mayor of Imbler one term after serving two terms on city council. He was chairman of March of Dimes in Imbler nine years, is member of Kiwanis club, active in Parent Teachers and member of First Methodist church in La Grande. He is a member of the Union county Chamber of Commerce, an Elk, Mason, Farm Bureau and LaGrande Country club.

Is son of Methodist minister and for a time was a theological student at Methodist school of Southwestern States. Later he moved to San Diego where he was with Consolidated Vallec Aircraft plant, and served as secretary of union local there and then on wage review board.

Sen. Hopkins is an ardent Democrat and a delegate to Democratic National convention in Chicago last year. His interests center around labor, agriculture and business. He is anxious to have an extension laboratory in his part of state.



SENATOR BEN MUSA

Senator Ben Musa, (D-Wasco) is a member of the husband and wife team of the 1957 legislature. His wife Katherine Musa is serving her second term in the house. Sen. Musa, a certified accountant returns to the Oregon senate after a four-year lapse, having served in the 1941-1951 sessions. He defeated former Senator John P. Housnell in the 1956 general election.

Long active in Democratic circles, Sen. Musa some years ago was president of the Young Democrats of Multnomah county before he moved to The Dalles. He also has been secretary of the State Young Democrats.

Born in Boring, Clackamas county, August 20, 1905, he attended grammar school there, spent two years of high school in Gresham and later attended business college and Oregon Institute of Technology in Multnomah county.

For 10 years worked for Portland General Electric company and Portland Traction company, and was deputy collector of internal revenue from 1936 to 1942. Became CPA in 1945.

Member of Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants and American Institute of Accountants. Sen. Musa has been treasurer of Wasco County Red Cross, and Wasco United Fund. He served a year as chairman of The Dalles planning commission. Is past director of The Dalles Chamber of Commerce, and is active in Kiwanis club. He is a member of the Episcopal church. The Musas have two children.

Investors Said Shying Away From Oregon

Bills providing a middle approach on taxation of gains and losses from the sale or exchange of capital assets, recommended by the legislative interim tax study committee were considered by the Oregon house taxation committee Monday.

At present Oregon does not differentiate between capital gains and other kinds of income while the federal government takes only half the gain where the equipment has been held longer than six months.

Interim Committee Views Told Senator Lee Ohmart (R-Marion), in presenting the interim committee views said the investors were shying away from Oregon because capital gains were not given any consideration in Oregon.

"The bills prepared for the interim committee will meet the demand for a capital gains provision, yet avoid the pitfall tax study committee were considered by the Oregon house taxation committee Monday.

The committee's proposal is promised on the logic that it gives capital gains taxpayers a measure of equal treatment with other taxpayers but does not give them a preferable status as found in the internal revenue code.

Sen. Ohmart said that too often legislative tax committees think only of the dollar and cents aspects of a taxation bill but give no consideration to the equity that a bill might provide in behalf of one class of taxpayers as against another.

Accelerated Depreciation Proposal
A pair of bills providing for a schedule of accelerated depreciation with the greatest depreciation credits given in the first several years of the life of the equipment, was also discussed by the committee.

Rep. Allen Tom, (R-Sherman), a member of the interim committee argued in behalf of this bill and cited his purchase of a \$15,000 tractor for his ranch, on which he was not allowed any accelerated depreciation.

"You want the state of Oregon to act as a bank and carry you?" questioned Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coos).
"No," answered Tom, "I think I am carrying the state of Oregon."

Would Aid Younger Men
Tom said that the granting of accelerated depreciation would be of benefit to small businessmen and young farmers just starting out in business.

Members of the tax commission staff said they had no figures on what the state would lose in tax revenue if the two bills were enacted into law, but said "they would be substantial."

The internal revenue service before to grant accelerated depreciation on machinery and equipment in 1953 and the two bills proposed for Oregon would be retroactive to the date of the beginning of the federal program in this respect. Tom Scanlon, representing the Oregon AFL-CIO, was the only person testifying that opposed both proposals, on the grounds that it would be unwise to pass any bills that would reduce state revenues at this time.

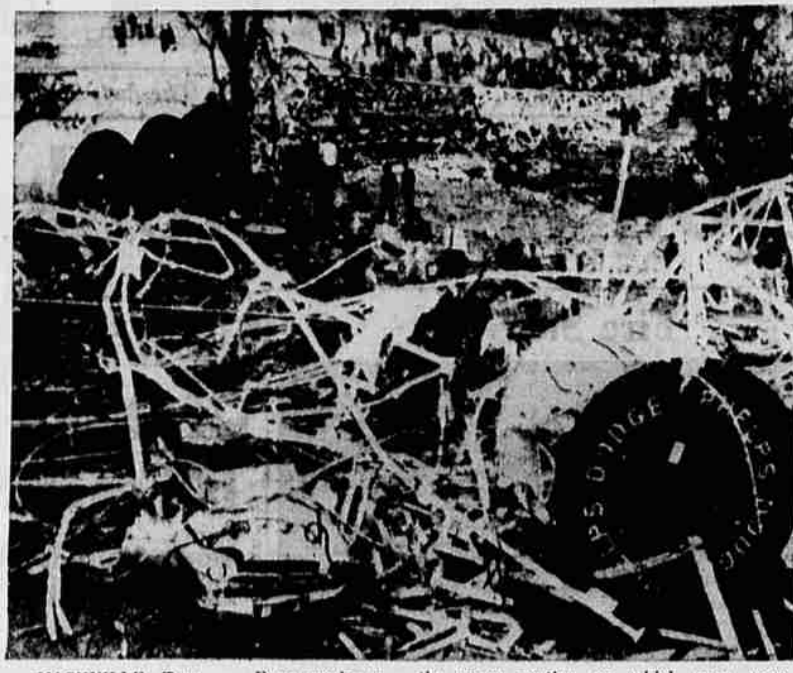
Haiti's Army Keeps Order

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haiti's political leaders were split today over the next step in solving the government crisis resulting from the resignation of Provisional President Joseph Neomours Pierre-Louis.

The general strike that forced the Pierre-Louis out was continuing, but no disorders were reported. The army appeared to be maintaining order.

Senate President Charles Fournier called a special Senate session today to discuss selection of a new acting chief executive.

Twisted Ruins of Death Tower



NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Four workmen were flung to their deaths when this nearly completed television tower crumpled in a maze of twisted steel. The base of the 1,265-foot tower (upper left) fell outward, while the upper portion, on which men were working, landed beside it (foreground). The tower apparently buckled in the middle. Station WSM-TV officials said the cause was not known. (AP Wirephoto)

Hoover Notes Depression Signs; Sen. Smith Seeks Bust Fears

By STERLING F. GREEN
WASHINGTON (AP) — Underscoring comments of former President Herbert Hoover, Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Maine) said today the nation's "fantastic" budget and "Frankenstein" debt contain the makings of economic disaster.

Mrs. Smith prepared her address for the third National Conference on Government Reorganization, Hoover told the same group last night that the country is courting an economic "agony" like the one which afflicted his own administration.

He endorsed a recent declaration of Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey that the rising trend of federal spending, unless checked, will bring on a "depression that will curdle your hair."

"Mine has already been curled once," said the 83-year-old Hoover in a wry reference to the 1929 boom-and-bust, "and I think I detest the signs."

Mrs. Smith said she has asked Humphrey by letter to point to places in the budget where reductions can be made. She said he suggested no specific cuts.

She recalled that Humphrey told reporters there were "a lot" of places where cuts could be made, and contended his statement carries with it "the serious obligation to specify those places instead of placing Congress in the position of guessing as to what those places are."

"To me it is almost a frightening comparison that the federal government today pays more interest on its national debt than it paid for all governmental expenditures in fiscal 1938 — just 19 years ago."

She said the budget provisions include "forces which threaten our financial solvency — forces which if not controlled could set a torch to inflation, which would wreck the financial stability of this government and this nation."

The conference, sponsored by the Citizens' Committee for the Hoover Report, was organized to mobilize public opinion for adoption of the Hoover Commission recommendations by Congress and the administration.

Hoover told the 500 delegates from 30 states, at a dinner session last night, that the country is in "the midst of an inflation movement" which if not controlled will end in a "bump."

"While secretary of commerce, I witnessed a growing inflation movement," he said, adding: "I protested vigorously at its promotion by federal activities. Then I had to live through the agony of its inevitable consequences."

Among means he suggested to cut spending, Hoover mentioned: Greater unification in the military establishment, and the abandonment of "obsolete methods and weapons of defense."

Better pay and promotion policies in the federal career service to cut the present annual job turnover from 500,000 to 200,000.

Elimination of hundreds of business-type enterprises carried on by the government.

MEXICO ARTIST DIES
MEXICO CITY (AP) — Miguel Covarrubias, 53, one of Mexico's most popular and successful modern artists, died yesterday after a brief illness. Death was attributed to septicemia, a blood poisoning.

Mother Drowns 3 Tots in Bath Tub

CHICAGO (AP) — A young mother who, police said, left notes admitting she drowned her three children and then tried to kill herself, was held in a hospital today on a charge of murder.

The bodies of the children, 3-year-old twin girls and a 5-year-old boy, were found by police in the suburban Park Ridge home of Richard M. Puetz, 32, and his wife Beverly, 27.

Earlier, when Puetz arrived home from work he found his wife unconscious. Her head was in the oven of the gas stove in the kitchen and the jets were turned on. Puetz said he dragged her to the rear porch, tried to revive her, and called police and firemen.

After firemen revived Mrs. Puetz with an inhalator, she only cried, "My children!" The children, John and his twin sisters Deborah Lynn and Cora Lynn, were fully clothed when found drowned in the bath tub. Puetz is manager of a women's apparel shop in suburban Evanston.

A warrant charging Mrs. Puetz with murder was issued by Police Magistrate Edward Lundberg on recommendation of an assistant state's attorney. Police Chief Willis Jones ordered a mental examination.

Puetz said his wife had a nervous breakdown recently, but that she had appeared content after returning within the last few days from a visit with relatives in Bonaparte, Iowa.

Deputy Coroner Charles Richards said a note found in the Puetz kitchen read:

"Notice from Beverly Puetz. I drowned the children trying to kill self but having trouble — gas, electricity, etc. Want police to know I did it because I can't handle myself. Been going on for some time. My husband, Dick, has been wonderful and is better of without me and the kids for I have them so mixed up I felt they couldn't be straightened out — nor myself."

Another note, addressed "To Dick," said:

"I hope you can build a new future. I have ruined all this — kids and you — all my own doing. You deserve so much better and I failed you and I couldn't go on."

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4 Die as TV Tower Falls In Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Four men working 700 feet above the ground were hurled to their deaths yesterday when a nearly completed, giant television tower buckled and crumbled.

The tower broke in the middle and both sections collapsed in a heavily populated residential area but miraculously did not strike any houses.

The new 1,265-foot broadcasting tower, which was to have been 1,375 feet when topped with the antenna, was being built for station WSM-TV by the John F. Beasley Construction Co. of Muskogee, Okla.

The four dead, workers for the construction company, were identified as:

Donald Ward Kinnan, 25, Tucson, Ariz.; George Presler, 33, Union City, Tenn.; Ray H. Maxwell, 33, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Robert Lee Kirshner, 30, California, Mo.

Harold O'Neal, 29, of Boonehill, N.Y., a fifth steelworker, was treated for shock. O'Neal had just climbed down from the tower and was inside the transmitter station.

Officials of the construction firm were at a loss to explain the collapse. A new type steel alloy, known as T-1, which officials said was supposed to be three times as strong as regular steel, was being used in the tower.

Theories that the vibrations from a jet plane passing overhead or high winds had collapsed the tower were discounted by the officials.

"I've never seen anything like it and I've been in the business for 34 years," said G. A. Wallenstrom, of Syracuse, N.Y., General Electric Corp. engineer present at the crash.

"We are going to try and find out what caused the tower to fall," he said. "I'm going to do everything I can, but I don't have much hope."

One of the fatally injured workers, Kinnan, was interviewed by a reporter for the Nashville Tennessean a week ago. At that time he said, "I would not drive a race car. Too dangerous. My job's safe because I know what I'm doing. A construction engineer, who declined to identify himself, said it was possible unequal tensions built up on some of the 12 guy wires supporting the tower causing it to topple."

Freakishly, viewers of the WSM channel looking at "Modern romances" were cut in on the telephone call from the transmitter station asking for help.

Viewers suddenly heard an excited voice say, "Oh, my God. Send help! The tower has just fallen down. Help, quick!"

Tom Bids Democrats Keep Surtax Promise

Rep. Allen Tom (R-Sherman) has called on Democratic legislators to "keep their promise to the people of Oregon" and join Republicans in support of H.B. 361, which calls for repeal of the 45 per cent surtax on income tax returns.

"Every person in this legislature has promised to work in behalf of the repeal of the surtax, but no one has done anything," Tom said. "We are now in the 23rd day of the session and the matter hasn't even been discussed with the house tax committee yet. It's time we had some action."

Tom said the Republicans have kept faith with the residents of Oregon. H.B. 361, introduced Monday, he said, has the backing of every Republican in the legislature.

"It calls for the complete repeal of the 45 per cent surtax, with no strings attached," Tom declared. "It's exactly what we promised, but we cannot fulfill that promise without Democratic support."

Tom said H.B. 1, which was introduced by the house taxation committee at the request of Governor Robert D. Holmes, would also repeal the surtax.

But, Tom quipped Speaker of the House Pat Dooley is saying "This bill to repeal the surtax and restore the higher exemptions amends the same section that contains the rate schedule. If anyone wants to refer the bill containing the rate changes to the backing, take the responsibility for killing the bill that repeals the surtax."

"In view of these facts," Tom concluded, "we feel that H.B. 361, which repeals the surtax outright, no strings attached, will be in keeping with the desires of the people of Oregon. We cannot allow the rights of the people in referendum to be eroded by such devious means as those Mr. Dooley referred to."

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