

Congressmen Scorn Budget Control Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—A House appropriations subcommittee Thursday rejected as "impracticable and unworkable" an administration proposal to improve congressional control of the budget.

The plan was advanced first by Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey in 1955. One of its major proposals was that Congress withhold final action on all appropriation bills annually until sometime in June of each year.

At that time a final tabulation would be made showing the effect on the budget of all appropriation and revenue bills tentatively approved up to that time. Congress then would enact an "amendatory" appropriation bill, altering amounts previously voted in individual bills so spending wouldn't exceed income.

The subcommittee that turned down the proposal was headed by Rep. Mahon (D-Tex.). It conducted brief hearings in 1955 but did not submit its report to the full committee until Thursday.

The subcommittee said it agreed that the annual appropriation bills do not give Congress "full opportunity for effective exercise of its will on the broad dimensions of government spending," but added that alternative proposals have disadvantages and offer no improvement.

Portland Bus Fares Go Up

PORTLAND (AP)—A threatened stoppage of Portland's mass transportation system was averted Wednesday. A fare increase, approved by the City Council, did it.

A few weeks ago Rose City Traction Co. issued an ultimatum saying it would stop its bus operations if it were not given a rate boost. The council then said no, but Wednesday the increase was approved.

The new schedule, which goes into effect Sunday, sets a flat 20 cents for a single fare, eliminating the tokens that now sell three for 50 cents. The weekly pass will go up 25 cents to \$3, but school children will still be able to ride at the present rate of 10 cents.

H. L. Clark, company president, indicated the firm is ready now to negotiate a 20-year franchise, but he said any fare provision in a long-term franchise would have to be "flexible."

DFC Awarded Posthumously To X2's Pilot

EDWARDS AFB, Calif. (UP)—The Air Force has awarded the distinguished flying cross posthumously to Capt. Milburn G. Apt, 32, test pilot killed in the crash of the Bell X2 rocket plane here last Sept. 27.

The medal cited Apt for piloting the experimental plane to a speed "well beyond that ever attained by man" in spite of "extreme hazards and unknown aircraft characteristics." Apt unofficially was reported to have exceeded 2,000 miles an hour on the fatal flight.

Apt's widow, Faye, was presented the award at a formal ceremony here Wednesday. Mrs. Apt and her two children moved to Phoenix after Apt was killed on the experimental flight. The Bell X2 crashed in desert near here shortly after having been released from the belly of a bomber high over this Air Force base.

Snell Heads Motor Assn.

PORTLAND (AP)—Charles E. Snell of Portland was elected president of the Oregon State Motor Assn. Wednesday.

William Walsh, Coos Bay, was continued as vice president and Ray Conway, Portland, was re-elected secretary-manager.

The association urged passage of a bill which would provide an additional \$1 on driver license fees to finance courses in driver education in all high schools.

It also approved making jail sentences mandatory for persons driving while their licenses were under suspension.

Forest Personnel Shifts Announced

PORTLAND (AP)—John B. Smith, assistant to the Willamette National Forest supervisor, has been promoted to the regional fire control office and Oscar M. Hahn, Willamette Forest engineer, is being returned to the regional headquarters.

J. Herbert Stone, regional forester, announced these changes Thursday. He said Smith previously was with the Umpqua, Fremont and Willamette forests. Hahn had been a bridge engineer in the regional office before his Willamette Forest assignment.

Bermuda residents pay no income taxes, have no public debt, the former Joan L. Bale, Salem.

Granger Urges More Farmers Enter Politics

PENDLETON (AP)—The farmer is a member of a constantly shrinking minority in American life and needs to act to protect his interests.

Roy Battles, Washington, D. C. assistant to the national Grange master, told a dinner meeting of the Pacific Northwest Farm Council Wednesday night that farm decisions are being made increasingly by non-farm people and that in many areas farm taxes are being determined by non-farmers.

The farm population in 1940 was 23 per cent of the national population, he said, but in 1956 was only 13 per cent. By 1975, Battles predicted, farmers will make up less than 6 per cent of the total population.

He urged that farmers get into politics and work with legislative committees to protect their interests. He cautioned them to watch reapportionment of legislators which threaten to weaken his representation.

And on the positive side, he said development of a "food philosophy"—an awareness of the value of thinking about food's contribution to the individual's well-being—is needed.

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