

# Shippers Oppose Bill Providing for Control Of Railways' Service

## Tax Holdback Study Opened By House Unit

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Study of a more realistic method of withholding state taxes got under way here yesterday at a hearing before the House Taxation Committee on House bills 24 and 234.

House bill 24, sponsored by Rep. William Grenfell Jr., Portland Democrat, provides for withholding state income taxes according to a system of graduated salary brackets.

House bill 234, drawn up by the State Tax Commission, provides for withholding on either a straight percentage basis or on a bracket basis. It follows federal withholding law.

Tom Scanlon, representative of the Oregon State Labor Council, told the committee that in setting up realistic withholding, first consideration should be given to the employee. He favored a graduated system rather than a percentage system as being more accurate.

However, he said that if taxes were withheld on a percentage basis, the percentages should be set on the side of overwithholding rather than underwithholding.

Grenfell said that under his bill large periodic payments of taxes would be avoided.

David J. Wied, Jefferson farmer, told the group that withholding on a bracket basis for farm laborers, particularly berry and bean pickers, would be extremely difficult. He said the present withholding of straight percentages was better.

The taxation committee passed favorably on six relatively minor tax measures and tabled three others.

One of the tabled bills would exempt fraternities and sororities from payment of personal property taxes.

Another tabled bill would have set up tax conservation and supervision commissions in all Oregon counties. Committee members felt the state was not ready for such legislation until a thorough study could be made.

Shippers and receivers of railroad freight from all parts of Oregon voiced opposition Wednesday to Senate Bills 274 and 275 at a hearing before the Senate Committee on Commerce and Utilities. The two bills would give the public utility commissioner control of railroad services.

Favoring the bill were legislators from southern Oregon, who admitted they were aroused over the loss of passenger service south of Eugene. But they contended that the need of control over railroad services by the public utility commissioner was necessary.

Nelson M. Hickey, traffic manager for the Western Paper Converting Co., Salem, and also chairman of the Pacific Northwest Advisory Board, composed of 578 Oregon shippers, said the proposed legislation has no counterpart in the entire nation.

"We'd Discourage Industry" "If we have not already placed barriers to prospective industry within the state," Hickey said, "surely this act will serve to discourage any prospect. The states of California and Washington impose no such stifling or harassing legislation as this act proposes."

Sen. Phil Lowry, Medford, one of the authors of the bill, said he felt the carriers should be subject to reasonable control and similar testimony was given by Reps. Robert B. Duncan (D), Medford, Al Luttrell (R), Medford, and Sen. Dan Dimick (D), Roseburg.

Frank Van Dyke, former speaker of the house from Medford, spoke as a representative of the Medford Chamber of Commerce in favor of the bill.

SP Service Good Van Dyke told the committee the large lumber operators and fruit growers have been given good service by the Southern Pacific although the great majority of people in Jackson County are "outraged over the cancellation of passenger service without our people having an opportunity to offer a protest."

Harold Holmes, president of the Medford Pear Growers Assn., was opposed to the bill, saying that nothing in the proposed legislation would enhance the pear industry.

Holmes said that the pear shippers get very good service from the railroad even on extremely short notice and asked that railroad service to shippers of perishable goods be exempted from the bill.

R. W. Gray, another Medford pear grower, also opposed the bill as did W. A. Richards, general

manager of the Northwest Grain Growers Assn.

Richards said passage of the bill would virtually kill the shipment of wheat to Astoria for export abroad. He said that last year the association shipped six million bushels of wheat out of Astoria, shipments that many times were made up over night.

Fulton Opposed A. C. Fulton, representing the Port of Astoria, expressed fear that passage of the bill would disturb the parity rates Astoria enjoys. Moreover he opined that the bill would give too much power to the public utilities commissioner.

"Why it's more power than that given to the ICC," Fulton said. Clifford Ferguson, head of the transportation division of the public utilities commissioner, who said he had been requested to testify by Sen. Lowry, declared that he was not advocating passage of any bill.

He added, however, that he felt that the public utility commissioner should be given control over rates, schedules and services of railroads, otherwise all power should be taken from him.

## MEET THE LEGISLATORS



REP. CHARLES A. TOM

Rep. Charles A. Tom, (R) Rufus, is serving in his third House session. He is a large scale wheat and cattle rancher who operates three farms totaling 6,000 acres.

As a legislator, Rep. Tom followed his father, who served in the House in the 1925 and 1927 sessions. Rep. Tom has served as Farm Security Administration supervisor in Wasco county, has been chairman of Sherman Weed Control Committee and is now president of Oregon Weed Control Board. He also is chairman of the Rufus school board and is secretary-treasurer of Sherman County Country Club.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946, gaining a commission as a lieutenant. He was born September 7, 1912, at Rufus. He received a BS degree at Oregon State College in agricultural economics, and a Master's degree at Cornell.

Rep. Tom married Lorraine Nichols and they have two daughters. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, Shrine, Eastern Star, Oregon Wheat League, American Legion and Parent-Teachers Association.

In this session he is serving as vice chairman of the House Education committee and is a member of the Ways and Means Committee.



REP. FRED MEEK

Back for his second session in the House is Fred Meek (R), Portland, who has operated a pharmacy since 1934. He acquired the Meek Building on Belmont street in 1943.

He is a grandson of the illustrious Col. Joe Meek, scout and guide of 1840 and Oregon's first U.S. marshal.

He is past president of State Pharmaceutical association and a member of the OSC Dad's club, Oregon Pioneers, Masonic bodies, Oregon Historical Society, East Side Commercial Club, Portland Chamber of Commerce and Methodist church.

Rep. Meek was born in Craigmont, Ida., June 26, 1904. He attended Hillsboro High school and later Oregon State College where he earned a degree in pharmacy. He is married and has two daughters and two grandchildren.

Meek was a Republican precinct committeeman for many years and ran unsuccessfully for county commissioner in 1952. He was first elected to the House in 1954.

In this session he is serving on Elections and Reapportionment, Public Health and Welfare and Fish and Game committees.

# Reds to Build Syria Refinery

WASHINGTON (UP)—Syria has rejected a bid from an American firm to build an oil refinery in Syria in favor of an offer from Communist Czechoslovakia, informed sources said today.

The decision went against strong advice from the United States government.

However, American officials were not too surprised Syria paid little heed to U.S. advice. In recent years Syria has been doing an increasing volume of business with Soviet-bloc nations.

Syria, which is now dependent on neighboring Lebanon for its refined petroleum products, called last fall for bids on construction of a refinery in Syria. Several American firms were interested as well as outfits in Britain, France and Czechoslovakia.

Procon, Inc., a New York construction firm, was apparently the most interested of the American companies. The firm was reported to have spent between \$50,000 and \$80,000 on planning in connection with submitting a bid.

Last Saturday, Syria awarded the contract to Czechoslovakia. U.S. officials said Syria claimed it chose Czechoslovakia over the American firm because it could get more for its money. American authorities think political reasons actually were the principal factor.

Czechoslovakia is reported to have agreed to build the refinery for about \$15.4 million. Terms of repayment are not known here but are reported "favorable."

The oil to be run through the refinery comes from Saudi Arabia and Iraq in three pipelines which run across Syrian territory. Syria is entitled to a share of the oil shipped through these lines.

The Syrian refinery is designed chiefly to produce oil for Syrian domestic use. However officials said some refined products may be left over for export — presumably to the Soviet bloc.

## Police Rookie Rises Despite Lack of Height

TOLEDO, Ohio (UP)—Nearby Sylvania has a new police chief. Toledo lost him by inches — or a fraction thereof.

Chief Arthur F. Cole failed the physical when he first applied for police work in Toledo. He was one-fourth inch under the height requirement.

He considered giving up, but applied at Sylvania. He was put on as a rookie, made sergeant in eight months, and was named chief three years later.

# Reds Free American After 8-Year Ordeal

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—"A dream come true," was the way Frank E. Stevens described his return to Oklahoma after eight years of what he described as virtual imprisonment by the Communists in Romania.

Stevens, a former resident of Lexington and Ardmore, Okla., arrived here by plane Wednesday with his Romanian-born wife, Annetta, and their two daughters. They will visit Oklahoma relatives.

The 74-year-old Stevens, with the U.S. Office of Strategic Services during World War II, has been in Europe since the end of World War I. He said he was correspondent for the London Times, Reuters, NBC and other news services in Romania for nearly 40 years.

Stevens said he has been trying to get out of Romania since 1947. He said he and his family had been virtual prisoners of Red police, being allowed only limited freedom, but denied access to the American legation for about eight years.

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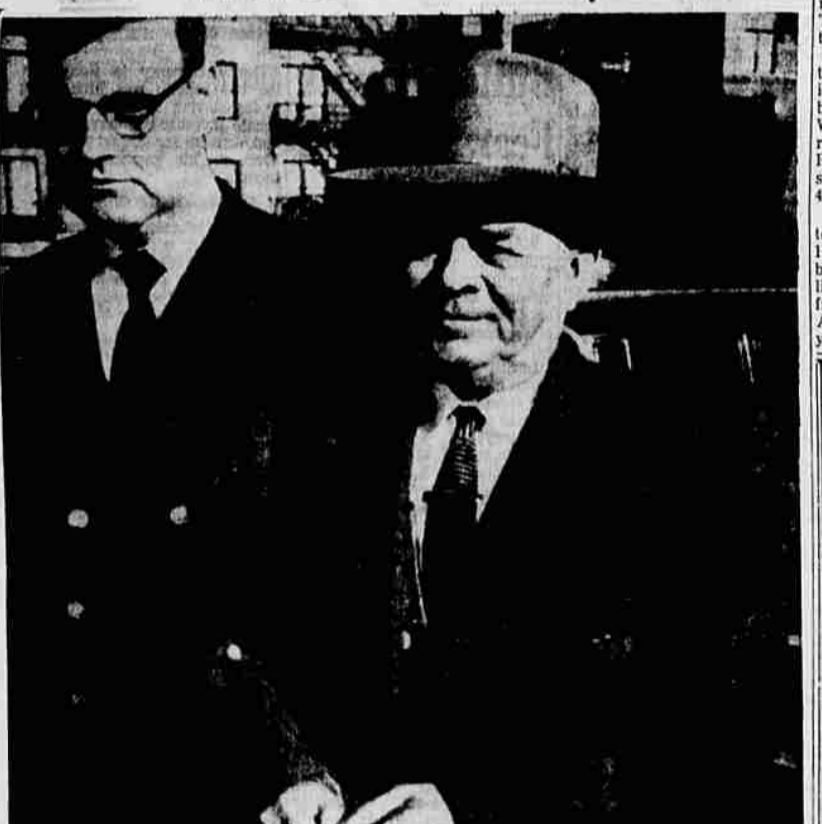
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## After 28 Years: Guilty



PATERSON, N.J. — James (Cock-eye) O'Leary shown at courthouse here with officer John Schultz, was found guilty yesterday of murder in the second degree in connection with the gangland slaying of Passaic hi-jacker 28 years ago. (AP Wirephoto)

## Jury Convicts Car Dealer of 1929 Slaying

PATERSON, N.J. (UP)—A 63-year-old Jersey City used car dealer was convicted Wednesday of second degree murder in the gangland slaying of a rival bootlegger 28 years ago.

O'Leary and the three others were indicted and released in bail which later was rescinded. However, the indictments lay forgotten until last December when Passaic County Acting Prosecutor Charles S. Josten discovered them while cleaning out some files.

O'Leary now faces a maximum of 30 years in prison.

## Whale Heads Up Columbia

ASTORIA (UP)—A 40-foot whale was reported heading in the wrong direction yesterday.

The whale was reported by the Coast Guard to be heading up the Columbia river. A cutter nearby had a collision with the mammal. A northward migration of whales off the Oregon coast has been reported in recent days.

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