

Senate Votes 16-14 to Retain Anti-Picketing Law in Oregon

Move to Reconsider Planned By Opponents Next Week, Conciliation Bill Wins

The Oregon anti-picketing law, passed in 1953, will stay on the books unless labor can pick up two more votes in the Senate. The Senate voted 16-14 late Friday against repealing the law. But a move to reconsider will be made next week. The vote came after an hour of dramatic debate.

Francis for Repeal
Sen. Carl Francis, Dayton, was the only Republican who voted for repeal. Sens. Harry Bovin, Klamath Falls, and Dan Thiel, Astoria, were the only Democrats who opposed repeal.

Bovin and Thiel will be under heavy pressure to change their votes. The law forbids unions from picketing for the purpose of influencing workers to join a union. It also sets up a state labor examiner to conduct elections to determine bargaining agents.

The repeal move had been approved by the Democratic-controlled House, but when it got to the evenly-split Senate, it was a different story.

Ohmart Move Repeals
After the defeat of the repeal, Sen. Lee Ohmart (R), Salem, moved to indefinitely postpone, but that failed 15-15. Had his motion passed, it would have taken a two-thirds vote to revive the bill.

Sen. Phil Brady (D), Portland, for many years president of the Portland Central Labor Council, said the 1953 law "brought back the law of the jungle by returning to government by injunction. It is just a spite law."

Ohmart said that the Labor and Industries Committee, which voted for repeal, never even read the law. "Prior to the passage of the law," Ohmart said, "tyranny prevailed. This law just gives the

British Leader Resigns Over Cyprus Issue Chessman Picked for Highway Commission

Marquess of Salisbury Protests Release Of Archbishop

LONDON (AP)—The Marquess of Salisbury's resignation protesting release of Greek-Cypriot Archbishop Makarios focused attention today on a cabinet rift over the government's handling of the explosive Cyprus issue.

The announcement that Salisbury had quit his cabinet post as leader of government forces in the House of Lords came last night. Prime Minister Macmillan's office reported that Queen Elizabeth II had accepted his resignation as Lord President of the Council.

Salisbury also quit as political controller of Britain's atomic energy development. Macmillan's statement said the Earl of Home, commonwealth relations secretary, will take over as Lord President and the Prime Minister himself will assume the atomic energy post.

Action Backed
Informed sources said Salisbury was backed by some other ministers in his opposition to the release of Makarios.

Salisbury, 63-year-old former foreign minister, was believed to have been one of the masterminds in the Conservative Party's efforts to find a successor for Sir Anthony Eden as Prime Minister. Macmillan was named to the post Jan. 10, two hours after Salisbury had spent 60 minutes talking with the Queen.

In announcing his resignation, Salisbury sent the Prime Minister a strong note scolding Makarios' release as "neither wise nor timely."

Robert B. Chessman, 36-year-old publisher of the Astorian - Budget and manager of Astoria radio station KAST, was named Friday to the three-man State Highway Commission by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

Chessman, who will be the first representative from the First Congressional District in eight years, succeeds Ben R. Chandler of Coos Bay whose term expires March 31. Chessman's term will be for three years.

Been There 11 Years
Chandler, who presided as chairman of the commission for the last time Thursday and Friday, has been one of its members for 11 years. He had announced he would not be a candidate for reappointment.

The new commissioner, a registered Independent, is a native of Oregon, having been born in Astoria, Feb. 18, 1921, and except for time out for war service and schooling, has been a resident of the Columbia River city ever since. Following graduation from Astoria High School he attended the University of Oregon for one year.

Chessman's appointment presents an unusual father-son pattern. His father, Merle R. Chessman, a former state senator from Clatsop County, and publisher of the Astorian - Budget until his death, served on the commission from 1943 to 1946.

The new commissioner joins Charles H. Reynolds, La Grande, whose term expires March 31, 1958, and M. K. McIver, Portland, whose term expires March 31, 1959. Both Reynolds and McIver are Republicans.

Guard Member
Chessman was a member of the Astoria National Guard Co. 1.



ROBERT CHESSMAN

when it was mustered into federal service in 1940. He served five years in the army, two years of it in Australia and New Guinea in World War II.

He was married to the former Dorothy Pythila of Astoria in February, 1942, and they have two children, Robert and Gayle.

In addition to membership in a number of civic organizations, Chessman belongs to the Astoria lodge of Elks, the Finnish Brotherhood and Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Chinese Deny Planes Downed

TAIPEI (AP)—Chinese Nationalist air force headquarters today denied Chinese Communist claims to have downed two Nationalist Thunderjets this week off southeast China.

The Reds claimed they shot down one plane Tuesday and another yesterday, both off the coast of Kwangtung.

"The Reds," an air force spokesman said, "have developed the habit of claiming a kill every time their aircraft guns open up. Their latest claims are nonsense."

SEAWOLF JOINS FLEET

Second Atom Sub Placed in Service

GROTON, Conn. (AP)—The Navy welcomed its second atomic powered submarine—the Seawolf—into the fleet Saturday as evidence of a "new approach to this vitally important problem of developing the best possible nuclear propulsion."

Rear Adm. Frederick B. Warder said at the commissioning ceremony that the new craft will be used to "develop and demonstrate new operational concepts and techniques to the limit we wish to exploit her."

This apparently was a hint at the limits in operational power that have been placed upon the submarine because of the unique means used to transform into power the heat generated by its atomic furnace.

Warder, director of undersea warfare in the office of chief of naval operations, also took note of technical difficulties which delayed the commissioning of the 330-foot long ship.

The Seawolf, which displaces 3,260 tons, was built here by the Electric Boat division of General Dynamics Corp.

The Navy had said previously the Seawolf would operate in partial power because its super heater system had been cut off to prevent tube corrosion by liquid sodium that is used as a heat transfer agent.

The delay in commissioning the new sub was caused by efforts to overcome difficulties with the liquid sodium, which is in the jacket surrounding the nuclear power plant.

The Nautilus, America's first atomic sub, is equipped with a water-cooled jacket. The Nautilus now is being refueled for the first time since it was launched two years ago.

SERGEANT SHOOTS CHILDREN
SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—Police said a crazed army sergeant shot and killed his four children Friday night, then committed suicide.

Northwest Cannery to Elect New Officers

GEARHART, Ore. (AP)—Officers of the Northwest Cannery and Freezers Assn. were to be elected Saturday at the closing session of the organization's annual business meeting here.

Some 120 food processors from Oregon, Washington and Idaho were here for the meeting, which opened Friday.

C. R. Tulley of Portland, executive vice president, discussed promotion activities and transcontinental freight rates in his annual report.

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Demos Not Too Enthused About Sweetland's Proposal on Taxes

By JAMES D. OLSON
Capital Journal Political Editor
Sen. Monroe Sweetland's proposal to remove the exemption in the state income tax law for federal income tax payments, is not being received with any enthusiasm by some of his fellow Democrats in the Legislature.

There is little doubt in most legislators' minds that when the final tax program for the 1957-59 biennium is completed by the House Tax Committee, it will include a substantial increase in income tax rates, both personal and corporate excise taxes.

To add the amount of money taxpayers save through allowance of exemptions to the amount of federal taxes paid, would be an added burden on taxpayers, a burden that income taxpayers will resent.

Parties Pledged
Both political parties are pledged to repeal the 45 per cent surtax, imposed by the 1955 Legislature. In doing this, about 40 million dollars of revenue to the

state will be lost. It must be made up. And the only source available is through income taxes.

In addition more money must be raised if the Legislature adopts many of the programs before it, including quite a number urged by Gov. Robert D. Holmes in his inaugural address.

As a result, the biennial budget will likely be closer to 290 million dollars than the 265 million placed as a budget ceiling by Democratic legislative leaders.

Who will pay the increased income tax rates? Certainly not persons with large incomes. Figures taken from the returns made in 1956 on incomes for the previous year tell the story.

A total of 83,229 persons, whose income ranged between \$4,000 and \$50,000 a year, filed returns and \$7,550 earning between \$5,000 and \$6,000 brought in \$7,649,000 to the state coffers.

Taking a look at the higher income brackets, one finds that only 717 persons, with incomes between \$50,000 and \$100,000, filed returns. When it comes to persons with incomes of \$400,000 or more in Oregon, they are few indeed. Only 25 taxpayers were in this class, paying a total of only \$2,054,000.

May Remove Exemption
It will not only be the personal income taxpayers who are likely to feel the impact of increased rates. There is talk from informed legislators that an effort will be made to remove the exemption now allowed on personal property.

If this is done, it will strike hardest on stores and other business establishments that carry heavy inventories.

In addition, it is almost certain that private utility excise taxes will be upped, the only question being how much the increase will be. Now the private utilities pay 4 per cent of their net income in excise taxes with a 50 per cent offset on property taxes.

There is a bill in the Tax Committee to increase this tax to eight per cent with the same offset. No action has been taken on the bill to date.

Details of the House tax program will not be revealed until the committee, or the Democratic majority of it, comes up with its ideas.

This is not expected until about April 15 to 20. After such a program passes the House, it will go to the Senate Tax Committee, and based on past experience, it will be given quite a going-over there.

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