

THE WEATHER

MOSTLY CLOUDY with periods of clearing tonight, Friday, Friday night; chance of a few showers Friday afternoon and evening. Low tonight, 38; high Friday, 62.

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U.S. Fleet Moves to 'Save' Jordan

Corporate Tax Pared To 6 Pct.

House Unit Gives Final Approval To Rates

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR., Associated Press Writer

The House Taxation Committee Thursday softened the blow on corporations as it gave final approval to its personal and corporation income tax program. The House is expected to consider the bills next Monday. The committee voted to fix the corporation excise tax at 6 per cent of net income, instead of the 7 per cent originally proposed. The present effective rate is 5.1 per cent.

'Would Drive Out Business'

Representatives of business and industry told the committee that a 7 per cent rate would drive business out of the state, and influence new industries against locating in Oregon.

Representatives of labor also agreed that a 7 per cent rate would be too stiff.

Fixing the rate at 6 per cent would bring in about 3 million dollars of new revenue.

The personal income tax part of the program abolishes the 45 per cent surtax but incorporates into the bracket structure, boosts personal exemptions from \$500 to \$600, withholds virtually all income taxes from income, and makes slight adjustments in the rates.

The new withholding schedules would go into effect next Sept. 1. The present withholding rate is a flat 3 per cent.

Salary Boost Voted

A Ways and Means Subcommittee voted an 8.5 million dollar boost in salaries of state employees, with employees in lower brackets getting the chief benefit. Under the plan, virtually all employees will get more than \$198 a month.

The Senate Natural Resources Committee voted to continue the study of the proposed Columbia River Compact for another two years. It substituted a resolution for the study for a bill to ratify the compact that already has been drafted.

Under this compact, the states in the Columbia Basin would plan water resource development.

The Senate sent back to committee a bill to provide separate three-member commissions for the unemployment compensation and industrial accident agencies.

The Senate Labor and Industries Committee was instructed to provide for Senate confirmation of the governor's appointments to the Unemployment Compensation Commission.

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BY WAYS, MEANS

\$850,000 Favored For '59 Centennial

By JAMES D. OLSON, Capital Journal Writer

Approval of not less than an \$850,000 appropriation for the 1959 Oregon Centennial Exposition was agreed upon by a sub-committee of the Joint Ways and Means Committee Thursday. Centennial directors requested \$1,000,000. Tony Brandenthaler, president of the Oregon Centennial Commission, said that agreement had been reached for the centennial to be staged on the PI Grounds. Two years are needed for expansion and improvement of the PI buildings for the Centennial. This prevents the Livestock Exposition from staging its show during 1957 and 1958.

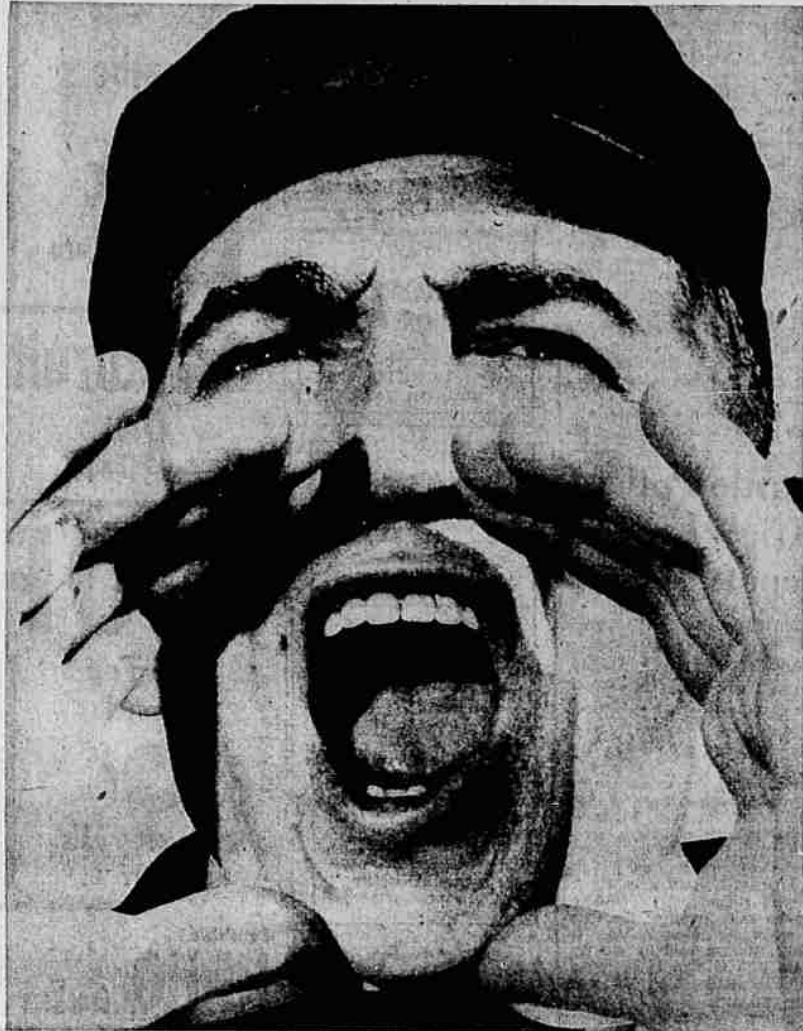
As a result, members of the committee suggested that the PI show be moved to the State Fairgrounds in Salem during those two years, a suggestion that will require approval of the State Fair Commission and PI directors.

Want Assurance

Moreover, the committee members wish to be assured that the livestock show will be resumed in the fall of 1959 with a "full-blown" show.

Brandenthaler assured members of the sub-committee and Rep. Robert Steward, vice chairman of the joint committee, that the money requested from the state should be considered a loan. The plans call for paying the state back whatever is appropriated, plus any profits of the centennial after \$18,000 in private donations already made are repaid.

It's Play Ball for Senators Tonight



"Play Ball" will be the call tonight at Waters Field when the Salem Senators open their 1957 Northwest League season against Yakima. Umpire Murry Logan (above), won't be calling the plays tonight—he worked the Willamette-OCE games Wednesday—so instead will be out at the park to help make the Senators' opener a success. (Capital Journal Photo by Jerry Clausen)

ODM Okays Fast Tax Writeoff on IP Dams

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government Thursday approved federal tax benefits to assist Idaho Power Co. in financing construction of two power dams on the Snake River involved in the Hells Canyon controversy.

The two private power dams which public power advocates oppose in favor of a federal Hells Canyon Dam would cost an estimated 103 million dollars.

Director Gordon Gray of the Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) told reporters Idaho Power will be permitted to write off 65 per cent of the cost of the Brownlee Dam in five years, in depreciation for federal tax purposes.

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Idaho Power may apply the rapid write off to 60 per cent of the cost of the Oxbow Dam project.

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Tentative School Budget Ups Tax 3.2 Mills

By FRED ZIMMERMAN, Capital Journal Writer

A tentative Salem School District budget, which calls for a 3.2 tax millage increase over a year ago, was under consideration Thursday by directors and members of the citizens committee.

Final determination is not expected to be reached before next week.

If the compilations, as prepared by the administration, stand up under scrutiny of the group and estimates of the tax loads of the City of Salem and Marion County prove accurate, it could total up to a levy of 104.3 mills come next fall.

Water Line to Skirt Stayton, Officials Agree

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Picture Could Change

The picture could possibly be changed by legislation now pending at the Capitol. However, there was no tendency, either on the part of the administration or the budget committee, to take under consideration any possible financial benefit to the district.

Including the various funds, such as bond construction, general serial and bond, total estimated

FORMER W.U. COACH

Maple Named Fair Manager

New manager of the Oregon State Fair is Howard Maple, a former Salem resident and presently manager of the Coos County Chamber of Commerce. Maple replaces Leo Spitzbart, fair manager for 22 years, who resigned the position April 15.

Maple, who will immediately take over his new duties on a part-time basis, will be here full-time after June 1.

Announcement of his appointment was made Wednesday afternoon by Jack Travis, chairman of the Oregon State Fair Commission, who also indicated that the board would not now consider the hiring of an assistant manager.

To Walk and See

At the time the commission offered Spitzbart the position for the remainder of this year, they had contemplated hiring an assistant. Since then they had decided to see how things go at the fairgrounds, and probably hire one later, Travis said.

The new fair manager formerly coached at Willamette University and Oregon State College, and from 1943 until 1949 owned and operated the Howard Maple Sporting Goods store here.

A 1929 graduate of Oregon State College, Maple played football there. He played professional baseball for several years after his graduation from college and also played with the Chicago Cardinal football club.

Worked in Bend

After leaving Salem in 1949, Maple operated the Howard Maple Motor Co. at Bend and then managed the Harney County Chamber of Commerce until going to Coos Bay. During World War II, he was in Canada and Alaska with the U.S. Army Engineers as an administrative assistant on the transcontinental Alaska-Canadian Railway survey.

Chairman Travis, who is in Salem until Thursday night to work with Maple, also announced that Farley Mogan of the Oregon State Police would again supervise the parking at the fairgrounds. He has held this position for several years.

The Fair Commission will meet in Salem again May 7.

Jury Convicts Wachsmuth on Lesser Count

EUGENE (AP)—Albert Lewis Wachsmuth, 45, found guilty of second degree murder Wednesday for killing a state police officer, was sentenced to life imprisonment Thursday morning.

EUGENE (AP)—A circuit court jury Wednesday convicted Albert Wachsmuth, 45, of second degree murder in the fatal shooting of state policeman Charles O. Sanders.

The jury of nine women and three men deliberated 7 1/2 hours before bringing in the verdict which makes mandatory a life prison sentence. He took the announcement calmly.

Wachsmuth had been tried on a first degree murder charge. He pleaded innocent by reason of insanity and of temporary insanity. Judge William Fort set May 6 as the date for sentencing.

Sanders was killed the night of Feb. 22 in a gun battle at Wachsmuth's home north of here. Sheriff's deputy Dave Heiner was wounded in the shooting and still is in critical condition.

Police waders to the Wachsmuth home after receiving a call from his wife that he was threatening to kill her.

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Baseball Scores

NATIONAL New York at Brooklyn (night), postponed, rain and cold. Chicago 000 002 010-3 9 4 Cincinnati 130 020 00x-6 6 0 Drott, Hillman (6), Collum (7) and Neenan; Lawrence and Buhl, etc.

Arabs and Reds Told Hands Off

Ike Doctrine Might Soon Get First Big Test

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States sent the 6th Fleet back into Middle Eastern waters Thursday and followed up with an accusation that "international communism" is posing a threat "to the independence and integrity of Jordan."

State Department press officer Lincoln White read a statement which used words employed in a congressional resolution authorizing the use of force if necessary to block Red aggression in the Middle East.

Mum on Details

But in response to long series of questions White declined either to explain the nature of the threat or to say what if anything the United States would do if King Hussein of Jordan requested help.

Under pressure of questioning White did finally comment at a news conference that Syria and Egypt have been reported receiving Soviet arms in the past three months.

The statement itself did not relate the movement of the fleet to the threat to Jordan, but the intent to back up the U.S. position there with a mighty show of force was apparent.

Thursday's statement was a follow-up to a White House warning Wednesday night to Jordan's Arab neighbors against any effort to carve up the little kingdom.

Basic United States policy was laid down by the vacation White House at Augusta, Ga., Wednesday night after President Eisenhower had conferred by phone with Secretary of State Dulles in Washington. The core of that pronouncement was that this country regards "the independence and integrity of Jordan as vital "to U.S. interests and world peace."

Fleet Put in Position

Thursday that statement was backed up by an order to the U.S. 6th Fleet to sail from the western to the eastern Mediterranean. That would put the fleet in position for action if in the President's opinion action became necessary.

The apparent aim was to give young King Hussein a full opportunity to save his country from political collapse with a minimum of outside interference.

For the moment, there was no indication here that Eisenhower (Continued on Page 5, Column 3)

MID-EAST FLASHES

JERUSALEM, Israel (UP)—All Americans, including diplomatic personnel, were evacuated from the Jordan section of Jerusalem today in a sign that serious trouble was expected there.

LONDON (AP)—Britain joined the United States Thursday in saying that Jordan's independence is essential for peace in the Middle East.

CAIRO (AP)—Syrian President Kuwally flew into Cairo today for conferences with President Nasser of Egypt.

Labor Rackets 'Abomination' To President

Eisenhower Thursday called labor racketeering "an abomination which must be eliminated." He said union leaders who abuse power and trust "are not fit to hold union offices."

Eisenhower expressed those views in a statement after a 90 minute conference here with Secretary of Labor Mitchell. The President called for swift enactment of legislation to provide for:

1. Registration, reporting and public disclosure of full data on union health and welfare funds. The administration already has a bill before Congress to take care of that.

2. Public disclosure of all other financial records of unions, including such items as dues collected, the salaries of union officials, and the amount of money in union treasuries.

In his statement the President said the administration has followed "with intense interest" the efforts of a Senate special committee "to bring to light disclosures of corrupt practices and abuses by officers and members of some labor unions." Eisenhower added:

"Labor racketeering, like corruption anywhere, is an abomination which must be eliminated if and whenever it occurs. Any officer and employee of labor—and it appears there have been few—who abuse the power and trust imposed upon them are not fit to hold union offices."

"The American working man and woman deserve from labor leadership high standards of trust and fidelity."

A highlight of the Senate committee's activities so far has been its inquiry into the financial operations of Dave Beck, chief of the AFL-CIO Teamsters Union. Beck declined to answer questions (Continued on Page 5, Column 3)

Forrestal Dashes to 'Hot Spot'

Hussein Hangs on To Power Under Martial Law

By WALTER LOGAN, United Press Staff Correspondent

The powerful United States Sixth Fleet moved into the war threatened Eastern Mediterranean today on urgent pre-drawn orders from Washington.

The super-carrier Forrestal, with the latest jet aircraft aboard, headed the fleet units which upped anchor in French and Italian ports so suddenly that some men on shore leave were left behind.

Washington diplomatic sources described the move as "precautionary" but they left no doubt of the gravity with which officials regarded the power struggle raging inside Jordan and the possibility it could engulf the whole Middle East in war.

As young King Hussein struggled to preserve his government against a leftist led revolt, here were the day's major developments:

—Premier Hussein Khalidi, a moderate, bowed to leftist threats and resigned.

—King Hussein called on former Premier Ibrahim Hashem, a firm friend of the West, to form a new government.

—Hussein ordered his army to take over Jordan's towns and cities, declared martial law, imposed a strict curfew, and made an appeal to his people for peace and order. He also was reported to have ordered Syrian troops out of the country immediately or be forced out by his Iraqi allies.

—Troops from Saudi Arabia and Iraq were reported to have taken up positions shielding the Jordanian capital of Amman from the pro-Communist Palestine section of the country on the west and from pro-Communist Syria in the north.

Test of Doctrine

—The White House in Washington issued a statement Wednesday night that President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles "regard the independence and integrity of Jordan as vital." (Continued on Page 5, Column 4)

2 Gaston Girls Burn to Death

GASTON, Ore. (AP)—Two little girls burned to death early Thursday as a fire destroyed their home in this Washington County town south of Forest Grove.

Their parents and a younger child, a boy, escaped. The victims were Roberta Hiscocks, 11, and Judy Hiscocks, 7, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hiscocks.

Neighbors saw the house in flames at about 3:30 a. m. The bedroom in which the girls were sleeping was so filled with fire no rescue attempt was possible. The parents and the boy fled to safety but the mother was taken to Hillsboro for treatment of shock.

Cause of the fire in the large, two-story frame house was not immediately determined.

News in Brief

Table with 2 columns: Event and Page Reference. Includes items like 'NATIONAL At Least Five Dead', 'LOCAL Truth Will Prevail', 'STATE Saturday Bank Closing', 'FOREIGN U.S. Sends 6th Fleet Into', 'SPORTS WU Gridders State', 'REGULAR FEATURES Amusements', 'Editorials', 'Locals', 'Society', 'Comics', 'Television', 'Want Ads', 'Markets', 'Dorothy Dix', 'Crossword Puzzle', 'Food'.



This long, drab hall, and others like it, is home to one of every 500 people in Oregon. The Oregon State Hospital, spread over 2,000 acres with a population of more than 3,500, is an important part of Oregon's institutional system. Open house will be held at the hospital Sunday. Story and more pictures on Section 4, Page 8. (Capital Journal Photo)