

# House Okays Textbook Bill, Takes Up Revised Key Plan

## Minimum Salary For Teachers Hiked \$400

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.  
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The free textbook bill, which had provoked a religious argument, was approved by the House Thursday with only seven dissenting votes. It goes back to the Senate for consideration of minor House amendments.

This bill raised the issue of whether the school districts should give free textbooks to pupils of private and parochial schools. But the bill actually has little to do with that question.

Students of all elementary schools—public, private and parochial—now get free textbooks, provided the schools can meet state standards.

### Half Not Standard

Because about half of the schools in the state now are not standard because of overcrowding, they are in danger of losing their free books.

The bill would continue to provide free books for these non-standard schools.

Some parochial schools have been deprived of their free books in the past two years because of a failure to meet the standards. Under the bill, they would get them again.

The bill has had a stormy history in the Legislature because opposing religious groups fought over the issue of whether parochial schools should continue to get the free books.

In the House, however, no opposition was expressed.

### Teacher Raises Approved

The House passed and sent to the Governor a bill to boost minimum teacher salaries \$400 a year. The new minimums would be \$3,400 for teachers without college degrees, \$3,700 for those with bachelor degrees, and \$4,000 for teachers with master's degrees.

The bill would provide salary increases, beginning July 1, 1958, for 43 teachers without degrees, \$15 with bachelor degrees, and \$6 with master's degrees.

The bill also completed legislative action on a bill to remove the limit on the number of headlights an automobile can have. The limit now is two, but some new models have four.

Under the bill, a car could have any number of headlights, should the trend to more of them continue.

## Parents Take Up Son Hunt

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The search for Thomas Stanley, 20, who disappeared here more than a year ago, was renewed Thursday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Stanley, Milwaukee, Ore.

They came here to confer with police. No clue has been found, they said.

On March 1, 1956, young Stanley finished his work shift as a telephone cable splicer, but did not return to his YMCA room on the Embarcadero. Nor did he pick up a pay check due him the next day.

## Mao to Alter Russ Alliance

HONG KONG (AP)—The leader of a Japanese Socialist delegation to Communist China said Friday that Mao Tse-tung told him he expects the "dissolution" of the Chinese-Soviet military alliance.

It was believed, however, the Red Chinese chairman meant only a revision of the military clauses of the 1950 treaty of friendship, alliance and mutual assistance, and particularly clauses providing for mutual help should Japan again take the warpath.

Mao also could mean a replacement of the Chinese-Soviet alliance by the collective security system for Asia which Peiping Premier Chou En-lai proposed during the Socialist visit. Chou suggested that it include Red China, Russia, Japan and the United States.

## John Roosevelt For Nixon in '60

MERIDEN, Conn. (AP)—John Roosevelt, youngest son of the late president, says he will make an effort to obtain the 1960 Republican presidential nomination for Richard Nixon.

Nixon is a strong and able leader, Roosevelt told a group of Republicans Thursday night.

Roosevelt, a Republican, said, however, that the GOP "is losing ground with the people." As proof he offered Democratic control of Congress and recent Democratic gains in governorships.

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## PLAN FOR SEVENTH WIFE LANDS BIGAMIST IN JAIL

CHICAGO (AP)—A 47-year-old machine salesman, who believes he has six wives but isn't sure, and planned to make it seven, was in jail Friday, facing a charge of bigamy.

Two of the wives Warren L. Yemm has been living with met for the first time Thursday when they identified him in a police station as their husband. The two women exchanged no words. He stared silently at them.

"You see how difficult it would have been," he said, "if I married another at this time. Three wives in one town are too many."

One of the two current wives, the former Beverly Simmons, 31, a typist, said she still loved Yemm and would remain at his side.

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LYNN, Mass. (AP)—An estimated 20,500 General Electric workers in Lynn and Everett were idled Friday by a strike called in a dispute over three grievances.

The walkout began Thursday night. Scores of strikers immediately began picketing duty around the six GE plants involved.

The strike came after what an official of local 201 of the International Union of Electrical Workers termed a breakdown of negotiations which began last January.

Affected by the strike are some 6,000 employees in the sprawling River Works, Lynn, 4,000 in the West Lynn Works, 1,000 in the Everett plant, and lesser numbers in two other GE plants in Lynn and Everett.

## A-TESTS RISK SMALL

## Libby Minimizes Schweitzer Fear

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dr. Willard F. Libby says the radiation risk from testing of nuclear weapons "is extremely small compared with other risks which persons everywhere take as a normal part of their lives."

Libby, a member of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, made that public reply Thursday to Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the medical missionary who won the 1952 Nobel peace prize.

A statement by Schweitzer broadcast in Norway earlier this week had said that further creation of radioactive elements by atom-bomb explosions must be considered "as a catastrophe for the human race, a catastrophe that must be prevented under every circumstance."

He said radiation from previous explosions "represents a danger to the human race," and added that further explosions "will increase this danger to an alarming extent."

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## No District Now Will Be Badly Hurt: Rogers

By DICK HUMPHREY  
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The controversial key district bill was unanimously voted to the floor of the House late Thursday with the favorable recommendation of the House Education Committee. It was substantially changed from the Senate version of the bill so as to be more acceptable to Portland and eastern Oregon.

Senate bill 64, which already has passed the upper House, calls for a new method of distributing to school districts money from the state basic school support fund.

House Education Chairman Joe Rogers, Independence Democrat, said the new formula would work no matter how much of a raise was made in the basic school support fund.

"This bill has been amended so it won't hurt any school district badly," Rogers added. Purpose of the bill is to equalize costs of education throughout the state.

The House Education Committee held more than a half-dozen hearings on the bill before the chief objections to it were removed. At the last hearing, Rep. John Mosser, Portland Republican, amended the bill so that distribution of school money would be based on 50 per cent assessed valuation and 50 per cent key district mileage.

Portland Losses Less  
In the original Senate bill, distribution of money would have been based on the ability of school districts to meet education standards set by Portland, the key district.

The amended bill would go into effect at the start of the next school year.

The State Department of Education has estimated that if basic school support were raised to \$90, Portland would lose about \$900,000 a year under the amended bill. It would have lost some \$2,750,000 in state aid under the Senate version of the bill.

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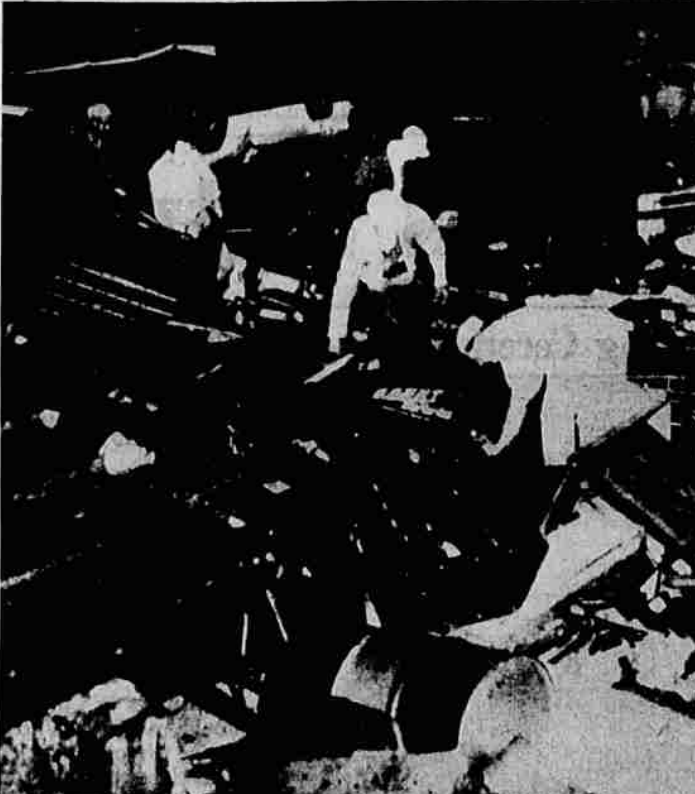
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COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP)—The waters and shorelands of Lake Coeur d'Alene were searched Friday for the Rev. Andrew Pearl Daughters, 36-year-old Pasco Wash., minister who disappeared Thursday.

A small boat used by the Episcopalian minister was found Thursday at Mica Bay. The boat's bottom had been holed in several places, apparently when pounded against jagged rocks by heavy waves.

Officials theorized Rev. Daughters was lost while rowing near shore on a trip to inspect a church camp four miles from Mica Bay.

## Mine Wrecks Israeli Train

JERUSALEM, Israel (AP)—An Israeli freight train struck a land mine a mile west of the Jordan border today and four cars were derailed.

No casualties were reported. The derailment occurred near Jerusalem on the main line from Tel Aviv. Departure of the morning passenger train from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv was canceled, and police with dogs set out to try to pick up the trail of those who planned the mine.

In Tel Aviv, a military spokesman charged that Syrians opened fire from across the frontier on an Israeli border patrol north of the Sea of Galilee.

The spokesman said Israelis returned the fire and withdrew without casualties. It was the 12th shooting exchange between Israelis and Syrians reported since March 20.

## Schrunk Asks Cut In Look-Up Charge

PORTLAND (AP)—Portland Mayor Terry Schrunk Thursday appealed to Gov. Holmes for aid in lowering the 20-cent rate the state charges the city to look up each motor vehicle registration.

The state Department of Motor Vehicles instituted the rate some time ago. Schrunk said it would increase the city's expenses by \$7,500 to \$10,000 a year.

Schrunk said the city has no objection to "a reasonable charge" such as the flat \$200 monthly which was formerly in effect.

## Racket Threat Cited to ANPA By Top Prober

NEW YORK (AP)—Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) says Senate probes have turned up evidence of racketeering in labor and industry which could lead to "a gangsterism economy."

McClellan, chairman of the bipartisan Senate Rackets Committee, spoke last night before the annual dinner of the Bureau of Advertising of the American Newspaper Publishers Assn. The ANPA's 71st convention ended early in the day.

The senator said the work of his committee, after a yearlong investigation, has "barely begun."

"Racketeering is a threat to liberty," he said. "It is criminal, and it has no place in our civilized society."

"If left alone, unchecked and unrestrained, with the momentum it has already gained, we could be heading for a gangsterism economy in America. That must not occur. The responsibility rests upon all of us to prevent it."

"I believe that it can be prevented, and I have an abiding hope and faith that it will be done."

McClellan said the committee will continue its exposure of wrongdoing in both labor and management fields until Congress has enough information to "clean up the mess."

Evidence thus far, he said, has revealed a "close pattern" of graft, corruption and ties to the underworld.

## News Cost Shared

SACRAMENTO (AP)—The Assembly Agriculture Committee has approved a bill which would appropriate \$6,000 to help establish an agricultural marketing news service in the Klamath Basin in conjunction with Oregon and federal officials.

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