

New constitution blocked by 3 votes in Senate

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Weather

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Going up

Living costs still skyrocket

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The cost of living continued at a record high of 106.2 per cent during April, the Labor Department reported today.

Ewang Clague, head of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, said food prices dropped three tenths of 1 per cent but the decline was offset by increased prices for housing, used cars, newspapers and clothing.

The consumer price index was 1 per cent higher than a year ago, reflecting increased costs for food, housing and recreation. All major types of goods and services except transportation shared in the over-the-year advance.

Clague said the decrease in average food prices in April resulted largely from drops in the prices of meats, eggs and dairy products. The price of meat was the lowest since 1957, he said.

Meat, poultry and fish prices dipped 2.4 per cent. Beef and pork prices led the way with a drop of about 3.5 per cent.

However, prices for fruits and vegetables increased. Fresh fruits climbed 4 per cent and fresh vegetables 1.6 per cent. Clague said this was largely a continuing result of frost which destroyed southern fruit crops last winter.

The price index for food during April stood at 104.3 per cent. This meant it cost a housewife

\$10.43 to buy a basket of groceries that cost \$10 in 1947-49.

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The price of goods and services in Portland, Ore., reached a new high in April, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics said today.

The bureau's all-items index for Portland reached 106.2, up 0.5 per cent over January of this year and 2.2 per cent over April of a year ago.

The over-the-quarter increase was general except for food and medical care. Food dropped 0.8 per cent in the January-April quarter and medical care 0.2 per cent. Transportation accounted for the biggest increase, 2 per cent.

Document seems dead for session

SALEM (UPI) — The slow movement of a new constitution toward the voters of Oregon was halted in the Senate today by three votes.

Senators voted 17-13 in favor of the document. It needed two-thirds, or 20, to pass.

The action seemed to spell the final, and unsurmountable, obstacle for the constitution this session.

Its supporters, however, felt the long work on the document by a commission and then by legislative committees was not completely lost.

The draft remains. It was possible its strongest advocates in the state would try to seek a constitutional convention. If not, legislators said the proposal would get more attention, and probably be further revised and sent on to the voters at the 1965 legislature.

The document went down to defeat in the Senate over its provision for a strong executive branch headed by a governor as the state's single elective executive officer.

Earlier, the Senate rejected the document over legislative apportionment. A compromise swung eight votes to it today, but others switched away from it to spell its defeat.

Only 12 out of 30 senators voted for the document last week.

Eight senators voted against it because it contained the "apportionment plan of Sen. Anthony Yturri, R - Ontario. Their votes could have made the difference.

Then the Senate agreed to rescure the document and return it to committee, where the "Yturri plan" was modified. Both sides then said they would vote for it this time.

Most of the rest of the Senate votes against the document were based on the article providing for a strong governor as the sole statewide elective executive officer. The document also provides for a "watchdog" secretary of state.

These votes were not expected to change.

With Senate passage, the constitution would still face one more major hurdle before being sent on to the voters next May: The resolution of differences with the House.

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POPE JOHN XXIII
82-year-old pontiff gravely ill

Doctors fear for life of church leader

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — The Vatican announced today that Pope John XXIII is suffering from an "abnormal growth" in the stomach, which medical sources said probably means he has cancer.

Vatican sources said the 81-year-old Pope's condition was "critical" and there were fears for his life.

An official communique said the Roman Catholic pontiff is continuing to suffer internal hemorrhages resulting from the "ectoplasia gastrica" or "gastric heteroplasia" which has afflicted him for about a year.

Ectoplasia is a Greek word meaning "abnormal growth." Medical sources said the "gastric heteroplasia" could mean the Pope has stomach cancer.

Wording Kept Vague

The wording of the communique appeared to be deliberately vague, but it was as close as the Vatican has come to saying that the aging Pope's ailment is cancer.

Medical authorities were cautious in interpreting the wording of the communique, but said from what they have read they have no doubt the Pope has cancer.

The chief librarian for the British Cancer Research Council in London said the term applied to the Pope's illness "could mean cancer but not necessarily so."

"Technically," he said, "it means the development of abnormal tissues, but also the development of normal cells in the wrong place."

"Neoplasia, on the other hand, would mean 'new growth' and definite cancer. The Vatican's use of 'heteroplasia' could be a euphemism."

Could Mean Anything

Dr. J.G. Bennette, secretary of the British Association for Cancer Research, another leading cancer expert, said:

"Gastric heteroplasia might be anything. It could mean cancer. Equally, it could not."

When the Pope first showed signs of his illness last November, the Vatican described it as "stomach trouble" and said the bleeding he suffered had caused severe anemia.

The ailment forced the Pope into bed, and it generally was considered at the time to be a bleeding ulcer. But since then, there have been numerous reports that his trouble really was cancer. The Vatican neither confirmed nor denied the reports.

Last Tuesday, the Pope suffered a relapse, with severe new hemorrhaging. He was forced to cancel all his audiences, and it was announced that he was undertaking a nine-day novena in preparation for Pentecost, June 2.

His condition worsened, and he was given frequent blood transfusions.

Was Close to Death

A crisis reportedly occurred last Sunday morning, and he was presumed close to death. He rallied temporarily, but his over-all condition continued to decline.

His doctors held an emergency consultation at his bedside in the Vatican palace this morning. Afterwards, the communique was issued.

It said the Pope had been suffering from his gastric (stomach) condition for about a year and added that he had enjoyed a respite from it until it returned in more severe form a few days ago.

Demos switch debt strategy

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senate Democratic leaders changed their strategy today for pushing passage of a bill hiking the national debt limit before the Treasury breaks through the present legal ceiling.

In an 11th hour move, following a White House conference, leaders decided to seek passage of the House - approved \$309 billion debt limit bill, instead of a Senate Finance Committee version.

Woman, 90, seen victim of blaze

Tillie Yeager, 90-year-old Bend resident of many years, was found dead Monday at her home at 742 W. 12th Street, apparently the victim of a fire that ignited her clothing. It is believed that the tragedy occurred Saturday.

The charred body was discovered by a neighbor, Charles Wilson, who promptly notified police. Mrs. Yeager was lying near a kitchen wood stove, in which she apparently had started a fire. All of her clothing, including portions scattered about the kitchen floor and pieces of garments found caught under the stove lid, was burned.

Police Chief Emil Moen said it was almost incredible that the house had not burned. The kitchen linoleum floor was considerably scorched by flames.

Mrs. Yeager had been seen by neighbors Friday, police said, but her Saturday newspaper was still on the front porch.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Niswonger - Reynolds Funeral Home, with burial to follow in Pilot Butte Cemetery. The Rev. Richard Knutzen, First Lutheran Church, will officiate. Pallbearers are M. F. Griffin, Ray Curtis, Martinus Anderson, Charles Wilson, Emil Nordeen and Norman McCool.

Mrs. Yeager was born May 7, 1873, in Saginaw, Mich. One nephew survives, Lewis R. Moore of Daly City, Calif.

Voters to decide death penalty

SALEM (UPI) — Oregon voters will be asked to decide in November, 1964, whether they want to abolish the death penalty.

A pair of measures to do this cleared the legislature today when the House accepted a House-Senate conference committee report.

One of the measures, a constitutional amendment, would remove the entire question from the state constitution, which now provides for capital punishment, and make it a matter of statute.

It is this measure that will go to the voters.

The other measure, a bill that needs the governor's signature, would change the penalty for first degree murder from death to life imprisonment. The convicted person would have to serve at least 10 years before becoming eligible for parole, and then would be subject to parole for the rest of his life.

Four persons currently are under death sentence in Oregon. None would be affected by today's action.

Report on Red rockets issued

MOSCOW (UPI) — The Soviet Union, in tests designed to boost its manned space program, has fired rockets nearly 7,500 miles into the central Pacific Ocean, Tass said today.

The Soviet news agency said the final stages of the rockets hit their target areas "with a high degree of accuracy."

The tests were carried out May 18 and 25, Tass said. It did not say how many rockets were fired.

Senate committee okays 3 per cent sales tax plan

SALEM (UPI) — The House voted 31-29 today to approve the compromise income tax program.

The House was to vote on the companion measure, a 4-cent a pack cigarette tax, this afternoon.

The income tax measure now goes to the Senate.

Approval came on a near party line vote.

Opposing the measure were Reps. Atiyeh, Bazzett, Bennett, Bonesteel, Branchette, Chapin, Chinard, Dallenback, Deering, Dickinson, Dooley, Elder, Filcraft, Gallagher, Hagan, Hand, Howard, Hunt, Jones, Lang, Maher, McKinnis, Meek, Montgomery, Musa, Orr, Ouderkirk, Rogers and Robert Smith.

SALEM (UPI) — The Senate Tax Committee Monday approved a 3 per cent sales tax measure which would be referred to the voters at the November, 1964, election.

The vote was 6-1, with Sen. Vernon Cook, D - Gresham, the lone dissenter.

The move was designed to ease opposition to the Senate - House conference committee revenue compromise.

Conferee Sen. Glen Stadler, D - Eugene, said he now felt the Senate would accept the conference report because the voters would be given a chance to express their views on a sales tax.

House Minority Leader F. F. Montgomery, R - Eugene, said the sales tax measure will "make the conference package palatable in the House."

Montgomery said several House Democrats told him they would vote for it.

House Republicans have favored a sales tax, but passage of a bill had been blocked by House Democrats.

Exemptions Listed

The measure approved by the Senate committee Tuesday would exempt food, drugs, feed, seed, fertilizer, and raw products used in manufacturing.

The measure was proposed by Sen. Walter Pearson, D - Portland. He said a sales tax would raise \$180 million a biennium.

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Half of this would be used to offset property taxes, 25 per cent would be used to offset personal income taxes, and the balance would go into the general fund.

As Senate-House tax conferees met Monday to approve their compromise income-cigarette tax program, Montgomery said he had been approached by "some House Democrats who asked that a sales tax referral be made a part of the compromise revenue package."

When Rep. Richard Eyman, D - Marcola, said there was not enough time remaining to draft a sales tax measure, Stadler said voters could be asked to make a policy decision at the 1964 election.

"This would give the 1965 legislature a mandate from the people," he said.

Senate Tax Committee members voting for the sales tax measure were Stadler, Pearson, Boyd Overhulse, D - Madras; Robert Elstrom, R - Salem; Donald Husband, R - Eugene; and Anthony Yturri, R - Ontario.

Overhulse and Elstrom, members of the tax conference committee that was unable to reach a compromise, had suggested that a sales tax referral be included as part of the revenue package.

Three-way — In an action typical of a session's final days, the controversial "three-way" workmen's compensation bill was revived and sent to the House floor.

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Unsavory behavior

Top Russian sacked for part in sex parties, corruption

MOSCOW (UPI) — The dismissal of First Deputy Minister Dmitry D. Koryolov from the Russian Republic Ministry of Trade on charges of corruption and participation in sex parties was disclosed today.

The newspaper "Soviet Trade" also reported the arrest of another ministry official, Isai Filarent, chief of the economic department, and the dismissal of his accomplice, Konstantin Kozlovsky, the ministry's party secretary.

The account said the ministry's party committee decided to oust Koryolov from the Communist party for "unsavory behavior and moral degradation."

He was one of the highest Soviet officials recently charged for

such criminal abuses.

The Soviet news agency Tass reported last July 25 the execution of 16 persons, including the former section chief of the Soviet Finance Ministry K.T. Degtyarev, for bribery and embezzlement.

"Soviet Trade" claimed the latest affair centered around Koryolov's attempts to secure a trade job for an alleged big-time embezzler, Joseph Klempert.

Klempert's name was brought up in January by the newspaper "Trud" for amassing large sums of money and acquiring a "mansions" in one of the old quarters of Moscow called the Arbat.

"Soviet Trade" claimed that Koryolov, Florent and Kozlovsky all had tried to exert influence on various trade officials in the Russian republic but were refused on grounds that Klempert, a historian by profession, was not qualified to hold down a trade job.

In particular, two officials and Communist party members, identified as Karnaikov and Kudryatsev, "showed firmness and did not yield to blackmailing," the newspaper account said.

The abuses were discussed at the ministry and its party committee. Throughout, the first deputy minister tried to assert his innocence.

Despite this, the newspaper said, an investigation "established that the first deputy minister was a crony of Klempert's and frequented Klempert's mansion where he participated in orgies and sexual parties."

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