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## A Strong Challenge

SECRETARY ICKES attempted a bombshell into the Sprague for governor camp on his visit to Oregon this week. He vociferously criticized the editorial policy of Mr. Sprague's newspaper, the Salem Statesman.

But possibly Mr. Ickes had not read an editorial in the Salem Capitol Journal, opposition newspaper, appearing on the 18th instant. The Capitol Journal is pronouncedly independent, has been more than forebearing with New Deal policies.

The particular issue, carrying the editorial referred to, also contained full text of Ralph Moody's goon investigation, from which conclusions drawn anent Al Rosser, et al, were the following:

"That Rosser had absolute control of all moneys, signed checks, or issued checks that had been signed in blank for him by Swift, the union president, and made no adequate accounting for his expenditures to his subordinate officers, the Committee of 27, the Executive Committee, or union members.

"That auditors employed by the state in an attempt to account for the moneys expended by Rosser found receipts for 1937 amounting to \$222,000 and expenditures to \$209,000 of which expenditures \$65,000 was for salaries.

"That many payments were of questionable nature such as the purchase of a gas gun for \$257.50, payment of doctor bills, political contributions and many other disbursements of a similar nature. Disbursements totalling \$42,000 could not be explained at all."

This same Rosser, says the Capitol Journal in the same issue—quoting an excerpt of a letter from Rosser to Nan Wood Honeyman, congresswoman—strongly endorsed the appointment of Henry S. Hess to succeed Judge McNary on the federal bench when the latter resigned. Dave Beck and Daniel J. Tobin, Rosser's bosses, did likewise.

The editorial concludes:

"Failing to secure the judgeship of Mr. Hess, the labor leaders secured the withdrawal in the primary campaign of democratic candidates opposing Governor Martin for the governorship in favor of Mr. Hess, not until then a candidate. The AFL chiefs united for the time with the CIO in a common front, and with the aid of Secretaries Ickes and Perkins and the national administration, the nomination of Hess was put over. As governor he would be even more available to the labor bosses than on the bench.

"Mr. Hess is the hand-picked candidate of the labor terrorists and they are drawing on the 'war chest' the rank and file put up without knowing how it is spent, to elect him governor. They probably figure that if they can defeat the farmers' labor bill and elect Hess, they can resume their reign of terror with impunity and all Oregon pay tribute."

These quotations, mind you, are from the Salem Capitol Journal, the opposition newspaper in Mr. Sprague's home town. The source of their utterance and their portent should be cause for concern, even to Mr. Ickes.

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## STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Martin's Silence
- Want Fair Exhibit
- King, Queen Invited

By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem—Republican leaders who have been waiting patiently for Governor Martin to throw a stink bomb into the camp of the Hessians appear doomed to disappointment. The governor, it now appears, will be content to remain in his tent to which he retired after his defeat in the May primaries, from which vantage point he will watch the battle being waged for the two candidates for the position which he will vacate next January.

The batch of eggs on which the governor announced that he was setting and which many expected might prove to be a verbal blast directed at the Democratic candidate, hatched this week into a very comprehensive report of his investigation and prosecution of "goon" terrorism cases by Special Prosecutor Ralph E. Moody. The only political significance to be found in that report must be arrived at through a connection between Hess, the Democratic candidate, and the labor element responsible for the acts of terrorism which rocked Oregon to its very foundations a year ago.

Again last Saturday when the governor spoke at McMinnville, dedicating that city's new municipally owned power plant, his remarks were entirely devoid of any thing that might be interpreted as a slap at Hess or a boost for his opponent, Charles A. Sprague.

The governor's silence, however, should not be mistaken for a reconciliation to his defeat or to any fondness for Mr. Hess and his supporters but rather to his sense of political sportsmanship which dictates that a defeated candidate should take his medicine regardless of how bitter it might be, without making too much fuss about it.

Governor Martin has again found it necessary to warn campaign managers against soliciting state employees for contributions. Requests for funds, the governor charged, have been accompanied by threats in case of non-compliance.

Release of the tax ratios by the State Tax commission reveals but few changes in the rate of assessment in the several counties over the ratios of last year. Coos, Jackson and Morrow counties are shown to have increased slightly their ratio of assessments to true cash values while five other counties—Curry, Lincoln, Sherman, Wallowa and Wheeler—showed slightly reduced ratios.

The State Emergency board is meeting in Salem today (Thursday) to consider a request for an appropriation of \$18,000 to finance an agricultural exhibit in the Oregon display at the San Francisco World's fair. The amount requested represents the unexpended balance in the appropriation for participation in the New York fair from which Oregon has withdrawn because of a controversy over the allotment of space to this state. The request for the appropriation is being sponsored by the Board of Control following appeals from representative citizens who feel that the rest of the world should know something about the kind of crops this state produces.

The old pioneer who perches atop the capitol building is expected to emerge from his hiding within the next few days, all resplendent in a new suit of gold leaf. The statue has been enclosed in a canvas screen for the past two weeks while workmen were engaged in applying the gold.

One of the most elaborately decorated documents ever to go forth from Salem went out this week in the form of an invitation to the King and Queen of Great Britain to visit this state upon the occasion of their tour of Canada next summer. The invitation bore not only the great seal of the state of Oregon, but the seals of the city of Portland and the Portland chamber of commerce and the signatures of Governor Martin, Mayor Joseph K. Carson and Leslie

M. Scott, president of the Portland chamber.

Both Court street and Summer street in front of the new capitol are now open to traffic after being closed for several weeks while undergoing reconstruction.

The state prison underwent its annual inspection at the hands of the Marion county grand jury this week. No report has yet been made on the jury's findings at the institution.

Patrons of the Mountain States Power company in the Willamette valley will save in excess of \$46,000 a year as the result of a new and reduced tariff filed by the company with the public utilities commission at Salem this week. Savings to individual users, numbering some 3400, are estimated at \$40,000 a year under the new schedule while municipalities will save something like \$6300 a year on their light and power bills. The company serves a number of communities in Polk, Linn, Lane, Marion and Benton counties.

School districts are not liable in damages for injuries sustained by a pupil who is being transported to or from school in a bus operated by the district, according to a ruling by Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle.

W. R. Alvin, appraiser for the State Land board from Salem, was a business visitor in the city Monday.

Photographs and personal greeting cards for Christmas. Rose Leibbrand, Humphreys Drug Co. 33-5p.



### PROGRESSIVE IN IDEAS CONSERVATIVE IN FINANCES

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- Protect labor in its rights, oppose violence and coercion.
- Foster industry and increase employment more jobs for workers.
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Ed. Adv. Robt. O. Boyd, Sec. Sprague for Governor Hdq., Pacific Bldg., Portland

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Morning Service	11:00 a. m.
C. E. Society	6:30 p. m.
Evening Services	7:30 p. m.
Choir Practice, Wednesday	7:30 p. m.
Midweek Service, Thursday	7:30 p. m.

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Worship Service	11:00 A. M.
Epworth League	7:00 P. M.
Evening Worship	7:00 P. M.
Tuesday: Boys' Club	7:00 P. M.
2nd Tuesday, Missionary Meeting	2:30 P. M.
Wednesday: Choir Practice	7:30 P. M.
1st Wednesday, Ladies Aid Business and Social Meeting	2:30 P. M.
All other Wednesdays: Sewing Group meets.	
Thursday: Prayer Meeting	7:30 P. M.

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