



A-BOMB SPY GETS 14 YEARS—Crowd stands outside Old Bailey Criminal Court in London, where Dr. Klaus Fuchs, Britain's third-ranking atomic scientist, pleaded guilty to betraying Anglo-American A-bomb secrets to Russia and was sentenced to 14 years in prison. The trial lasted only 90 minutes.

Voter's Legislative Report

(This is the sixth in a series of articles regarding legislative procedure and organization taken from The Oregon Voter.)

RECORDS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Except as above indicated for joint ways and means committee, no records of committee meetings or procedures are available as public records except the committee reports which are incorporated in the official journal of each house as filed with the secretary of state. That official journal no longer is published in full text, but the gist of each action is set forth in the published volume.

SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

For many years the editor of The Oregon Voter has advocated (1) complete modernization of the rules, (2) the use of strike-out type (this recommendation adopted), and (3) the printing each night of the daily Journal of proceedings of each house, so it may be available the following morning on the desk of each member and also available to the public. At present, the cumbersome calendar is printed each night for distribution to members and the public the following morning. In the 1949 session, upon recommendation by your editor, roll-calls were published in this calendar. Also the Senate's chief clerk, Mrs. Zylpha Burns, on her own initiative briefed the Senate Journal for printing during the night and availability the following morning.

What is needed is not a "brief" of the daily Journal, but its printing in full text, so each member may examine the exact text which will be in the official journal of the minutes of the preceding day's action are approved as printed. Pending such approval as a first order of business each day there would be opportunity for corrections, not only of errors (if any), but of roll-calls. Despite vigilance of desk-clerks, there is almost daily

misunderstanding of votes by members who do not speak up clearly, or who merely nod to the reading clerk, usually to avoid being heard in time to reveal to the entire membership of his house how he is voting.

In recent years there has been no official publication of the entire journal. All that is published by the secretary of state at the end of each session is a brief of each action taken, including significant roll calls in full, and text of protests which members may enter as a constitutional right. Instead of minutes being approved daily, with knowledge of their exact content, they are approved in a perfunctory manner, or not approved at all except by resolution late in the session, resolution adopted without knowledge of their exact content. This practice has led to much misunderstanding of actual text of motions, resolutions, reports and amendments, and much dispute of roll-calls as finally published months after each session. (The Journal of the 1949 session, even in its brief form, has not been published yet.)

By printing each night the full text of the official Journal, with corrections published in the next following printed Journal, the members and the public would have the opportunity to be fully informed as to exactly what had happened on each particular day. Those who kept the daily journal for later reference would be equipped with accurate information either for publication, discussion or for use in litigation. It would not be necessary to issue the Journal after the end of the session as a volume, except in its present brief form, with its lists and excellent indices, for convenient reference as a whole.

Also, daily printing of the cumbersome calendar could be dispensed with. A small daily listing such as was printed for the information of members, would be adequate. If deemed necessary, the big cumbersome calendar could be printed once a

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This practice, daily printing of the entire official Journal, and dispensing with all but a small daily calendar and a complete weekly calendar, has been adopted by more progressive legislatures of the Union, and has proven a great time-saver in its expedition of business. The principal saving of time is in the avoidance of misunderstanding such as causes long delays of attempts to correct legislation if it can be caught in time.

Your editor (of the Voter) also has urged use of the electric roll call. The new capitol is equipped in part for use of this modern device. Roll calls are dreary affairs, as now conducted viva voce (or by nod) too often failing to reveal in time exactly now each member voted. They use up an immense amount of time. By the electric method, each roll call would be in full display before its house until ample time was given for its correction before its final recording, also by an electric device there would set up an unimpeachable record for the Journal. This one device could release members for many hours of committee work, the use of the electric roll call and electric recording of itself could shorten an Oregon legislative session by weeks.

(Tomorrow—Minor suggestions for time-saving. Conclusion.)

Novel Plan To Aid Red Cross Drive Brings Skepticism

Portland, Ore., Mar. 16—(U.P.)—A Portland restaurant proprietor with a novel plan for aiding the Red Cross drive today surveyed the result with skepticism toward certain members of the human race.

Eric Ellis, manager of the Mister Jones restaurant at NE 54th and Sandy boulevard, advertised that he would feed all comers free of charge. But instead of a cash register, Ellis placed a barrel marked with a Red Cross at the door. A sign said that contributions would be welcome—all proceeds going to the Red Cross.

\$571 In Barrel
At the end of the day, Ellis emptied the barrel and took the contents to the Red Cross headquarters. What he found convinced him there were still plenty of good people in Portland, but there also were more than a few fourflushers.

A total of \$571 was taken from the barrel. Also found were: An assorted collection of buttons, campaign badges and trash. Green paper cut in the size and shape of dollar bills and placed in semi-transparent envelopes.

Some Passed Container

Ellis said 1186 persons took advantage of his Red Cross dinner.

"I saw more than one well-dressed man with his wife eat dinner and then walk out without dropping anything in the barrel," Ellis said. "Some waved

designs for crocheting, knitting, embroidery, toys, quilts, children's clothes. Free needlework pattern is printed in book.

their hands over the barrel as though they were dropping money, but no cash fell out of their hands."

Ellis admitted there were "quite a few youngsters who ate a free meal."

OTHER SIDE SPEAKS

Claremont, N. H.—(U.P.)—Newest organization here is "Non-Alcoholics Anonymous." Eligible for membership are the husbands or wives of alcoholics. "We find by group discussion

that we are better able to cope with the problems which arise in an alcoholic's home," an official explained.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday, noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

Roselare, Ill.—(U.P.)—Members of the city council were amazed when Tom Rose stood up at a council meeting and congratulated them for putting up new street signs. He was told that no one ever had complimented the council before.

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