

Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Member of Congress From Oregon

After many months of discussion, the house ways and means committee produced a tax bill. It reduces a number of the more irritating "war excise" taxes. To make up for revenue thus eliminated, the committee provided for some additional taxation, the heavy burden of which will fall on large corporate incomes. There is little doubt that the bill will pass both house and senate and be signed by the president. It should be noted that this tax bill does not actually reduce or eliminate taxes—it will raise substantially the same amount of money as is being levied now. The new bill shifts the places from which tax collections are made and it will seem like a mild relief. But the people, the consumers, will continue to pay the taxes—indirectly.

WHEN THE appropriations bill is finally completed by the senate and cleared through conference and final passage by both houses, I believe it will contain some really good news for the people at Charleston on Coos Bay. Meanwhile, I am able to report that the engineers anticipate the availability of funds for beginning work on that project soon after the middle of July, and are even now completing plans and designs for the bulkheads and some other construction there. When I visit Charleston and Coos Bay this fall, I shall enjoy telling the whole rather involved story of our struggle to secure this appropriation.

THERE IS A saying to the effect that an elephant never forgets. Apparently the democratic donkey has a long memory too. Two years ago President Truman decided he wanted a balcony on the south portico of the White House. The Truman plan to change the architecture of the White House was presented to the federal fine arts commission, composed of nationally-known and qualified experts in the art, architectural and engineering fields. The commission unanimously disapproved of a balcony being located in the middle of the south portico of the White House.

White House officials made no secret that the president was plenty "burned" over the commission's decision and, disregarding the advice of the experts, went ahead and had the balcony made a part of the White House, already crumbling from old age and decay. Since then a major repair job has been started on the executive mansion.

This week the terms of four members of the fine arts commission who opposed the president's balcony expired. The president refused to reappoint any of the four, replacing them with new members.

ROBERT L. McCORMICK, research director of the citizens committee for the Hoover report, says his organization is very much opposed to two of President Truman's latest proposals for reorganization of the executive departments. McCORMICK was assistant to Herbert Hoover during the operation of the reorganization committee.

McCORMICK declared that the president's two recent proposals regarding the reconstruction of

finance corporation and the creation of a department of health, education and security are "in conflict with the recommendations of the Hoover commission."

The president wants the RFC transferred to the commerce department. The Hoover commission said the RFC should be transferred to the jurisdiction of the treasury department.

The reorganization plan creating a department of health, education and security also is "at variance" with the Hoover commission recommendations. McCormick said that the president's plan would put the health service under the jurisdiction of the social security administrator, while the Hoover commission urged that the health service be set up as an independent United States Medical Administration, taking in the medical activities of the armed services and the veterans' administration.

Gold Hill

Gold Hill, June 27—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hendrickson and baby daughter have moved into the R. and W. Washburn apartment. The former residents, Mr. and Mrs. James Early are now living in the Wilbur Martin tenant house.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Robbins are now living in the Leonard Olson house on Second avenue.

Fourteen children who will enter school in September were taken to the pre-school clinic held in the Community Methodist church on June 19 and were examined by Jackson county health officer, Dr. A. E. Merkel. Mrs. Melford who has been chairman of the clinic was assisted by Mrs. Delos Walker and Mrs. Melvin Burnett. Four babies were also given a check up by the doctor at the meeting.

Mrs. Maude Coy Robinson has been elected to teach in the junior high in Medford during the summer session. Registration will be held Monday morning, June 26 and classes will end July 28.

While attending summer session of the Boston University, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sage will attend the wedding of Mrs. Sage's brother, James Kostrelos on June 24. Mr. Sage and family will return home for the beginning of school in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McDougal are in Seattle where he is attending the summer session at Washington university. He will teach in the local high school next year. He was elected to replace Miss Geneva Davis who resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Huntley are the parents of a girl born June 20, at Sacred Heart hospital in Medford. The baby weighed 5 3/4 pounds.

Miss Dena Jones returned to Corvallis Saturday night, where she was taking part in 4-H summer session work. She arrived Saturday noon to attend the wedding of Leona Holderness.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Morrison and children of Cascade, Ore., visited Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Jones over the recent week-end.

Wendall Jones spent several days in Grants Pass with his brother-in-law Woodrow Neely and children while Mrs. Neely went to Portland on a business trip. Wendall returned home Thursday.

Mrs. John Essman and children from Olympia, Wash., who

Relief in Sight For Flood-Harried Pacific Northwest

By United Press

Relief was in sight today for flood-harried Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia as forecast of river levels in the Columbia basin indicated the turning point had been reached and streams would begin to subside.

In Vancouver, B. C., the dominion water resources board said the Fraser and Columbia rivers rose Saturday night but had been dropping since. The level of the Columbia at Trail, B. C., was reported at 42.1 feet. The Fraser river at Mission, B. C., dropped .2 to below 23 feet in four hours Sunday and the Columbia at Revelstoke, B. C., was down more than a foot to 18.3.

Kootenai Drops
The surging Kootenai in northern Idaho showed a drop of 1.1 feet in 24 hours at Bonners Ferry.

River Forecaster Elmer Fisher said in Portland the lower and middle Columbia wouldn't go down as rapidly as hoped, but added that the river would crest at 25.3 feet at Vancouver, Wash., and begin a gradual decline Monday night.

Fisher said a slow decline would continue through Thursday with an accelerated rate starting next week-end.

have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Bailey, left Thursday to visit in Sacramento, Cal., a few days. They will return here before returning to their home in Olympia.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Reid of Inglewood visited Mr. Reid's sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Stewart, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. While here they visited Oregon Caves and Crater Lake. The couple is visiting throughout the Pacific Northwest to Vancouver, B. C., and when they return to California will visit Yosemite, Sequoia National parks and other places of interest.

Teen-age activities night was held at the school gym June 20 with a number of young people enjoying different games. Mrs. John Steiber and Mrs. D. H. Stewart of the B. P. W. club assisted the group. Next week, Mrs. Kenneth Palmer and Mrs. T. Z. Smith will be the assistants. Mrs. Joe Blair and son Raymond were Gold Hill visitors June 18. They are former residents of Gold Hill.

Clarence Shaver of Ashland was a business visitor here June 23.

Mr. and Mrs. James Keyes and children have moved from the Reed apartment to a new home on Blackwell Hill.

Lester Thompson and Joe Morgan attended the janitors' conference in Klamath Falls last week. Janitors from Grants Pass joined the men here and they made the trip in the Gold Hill school bus driven by Morgan. They returned home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark and two sons and daughter of Hobbs, N. M., are visiting their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davis on Galls Creek. Mrs. E. A. Edwards went to Monterey, Cal., by plane to attend the graduation of her

Steps Taken to Develop Ground Observer Systems in Northwest

(Editor's note—This is the second of three articles on Oregon and national civil defense planning.)

By Lorry I. Lokey

Salem, Ore., June 27—(U.P.)—Nearly six months ago a number of U. S. governors, including Gov. Douglas McKay of Oregon, were asked by Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson to set up adequate air raid warning services.

Critical targets in Oregon and Washington have since been assumed to include the major northwest cities of Seattle and Portland, the Hanford atomic works, northwest forests and our dams, which provide all our power. Enemy attack could come as sabotage; bacteriological (germ) warfare; chemical (gas) warfare; and atom bombing.

Observers Needed
Johnson said ground observers were needed in addition to a radar screen because recent radar tests brought out weaknesses in the "watchdog."

Because Johnson's letter did not say how to develop a ground observer system, the public criticized the request. However, state defense leader Louis E. Starr of Portland estimated that 6,000 Oregon volunteers would be needed at the outset, with observation posts set up first across the northern half of the state.

Despite public criticism, here is what has happened to civil-

ian defense to date or is pending on federal level:

1. Five detailed advisory bulletins have been issued to governors in order to get the civil defense program started on a sound footing.

Courses Given

2. Scores of first-level technicians have received, or now are receiving, training courses in radioactivity. One course began last week at Reed college in Portland. Meanwhile, colleges, such as the University of Oregon, have been receiving atom field research grants.

3. Mock atom bomb "attacks" will be made July 17-21 on Seattle and later on Chicago in order to give us an idea how to use present resources and to give us data to complete a practical national civil defense plan. Washington, D. C., already has been "attacked."

One of Oregon's five defense deputy directors, Jack A. Hayes, said Seattle, under the leadership of Mayor William Devin, is one of the better prepared cities for coping with disasters. Hayes said he understood the "attacks" involve personnel in hospitals, police, communications, and other facilities solving problems on what to do when an atom bomb does stipulated amount of damage to resources:

To Distribute Guide

4. The aforementioned basic defense plan will be distributed September 1 as a guide to the creation by Jan. 1, 1953, of a modern, flexible, and practical civil defense program to meet all types of 20th century warfare. Much of this plan will refer to the mock atom bomb "attacks" on the three U. S. cities, and the plan will be the basis point for overall planning until the whole operation is completed Jan. 1, 1953.

Meanwhile, the timetable for training key personnel and the general public includes:

Until May 15, 1951—Medical, radio, chemical and other first-level technicians.

Until May 15, 1952—Second-level personnel, such as dentists, doctors and nurses.

Until Jan. 1, 1953—The general public if the war threat still looms.

On state level defense prep-

No Uniformity Seen On July 3 Closings

Medford shoppers will find some of their favorite shopping centers closed on Monday, July 3, but numerous stores, especially chain stores will observe only the July 4 holiday itself.

Several department stores, "dime" stores, numerous food stores, and some drug stores have indicated they will remain open while a number of apparel shops and shoe stores have announced they will close.

Lumber mills in the area also are following no set policy. Most, however, will observe the holiday with shutdowns varying in length from two days, July 3 and 4, to week-long vacations beginning June 30.

WEATHER

By United Press

Northern California: Fair today, tonight and Wednesday except occasional high cloudiness extreme north and local fog on coast; slightly warmer over interior today; west to northwest winds 10-20 MPH off coast except southerly 8-15 MPH Cape Mendocino northward.

Northfield, Minn. (U.P.)—St. Olaf College announced that it will abandon a requirement that all students of Norwegian descent take at least a one-year course in Norwegian language, history or literature.

grandson from grade school recently and returned home by bus bringing three grandchildren with her for a visit during part of their vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cameron, delegates to the Grange convention at Ontario, and John Gray, grangemaster, who also attended, returned to their homes Saturday following the session.

Solomon Approved As District Judge

Washington, June 27—(U.P.)—The senate judiciary committee yesterday approved the appointment of Gus J. Solomon, Portland, Ore., as United States district judge for Oregon.

Solomon's nomination now goes to the senate for confirmation.

Approval of Solomon by the senate committee was delayed after charges were made that he had associated with communist organizations. He denied the charges.

Solomon, a democrat, was endorsed by Oregon's republican senators, Wayne Morse and Guy Cordon.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 3:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

The Grange

Eagle Point Grange third and fourth degree team will put on the work on July 18 instead of July 6 as previously announced.

FOR POSTERITY

Fort Lewis, Wash. (U.P.)—Records of Army life here, 1950 style, have been buried for posterity at the base of the post flagpole. A 5 by 10-inch brass box, described as waterproof, bombproof and rustproof, was buried containing present records.

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