

Federal Gambling Tax Said Illegal



OPENS OREGON CAMPAIGN HERE—Gov. Earl Warren of California is shown at left above here yesterday as he opened his presidential campaign for Oregon's 18 Republican delegates at a dinner in the Jackson hotel. Also in the picture, left to right, are Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, chairman of the Jackson county Republican central committee; Jorgen Jorgensen, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, and Rodney Keating, vice-chairman of the county Republican central committee. (See Story on Page 4). —(Brainard photo)

Philadelphia Court Decides Against Fee, Registration

Supreme Court Appeal Expected

Philadelphia—(U.P.)—The U. S. District Court here ruled Tuesday that the \$50 federal gambling tax and registration of bookmakers and numbers is unconstitutional.

The decision by Judge George A. Welsh is expected to be appealed directly to the U. S. Supreme Court by the government.

Welsh ruled against the stamp fee and the furnishing of information to the International Revenue Bureau in an opinion sustaining a motion for dismissal of a criminal information against Joseph Kahriger, 36. Kahriger is one of 16 persons charged with failing to register as gamblers.

Judge Welsh's decision commended the "high purposes" of the act, but termed illegal the provisions calling for payment of the \$50 stamp fee, registration with the collector of internal revenue, listing the place of business and posting there the government certificate showing that the registrant is engaged in gambling.

Listing Objectionable

Welsh also said the listing of names of employees is objectionable because it makes gamblers informers for the state.

The decision held that the 10 per cent tax on gross income of gamblers, also included in the law's provisions, is constitutional "though it might be unwise."

The decision was the first interpreting the legality of the law by any U. S. District Court.

Kefauver, Taft Eye Ohio Primary In Delegate Race

Miami, Fla.—(U.P.)—Sen. Richard B. Russell won the first two rural precincts reporting Tuesday in his Florida preferential primary battle against Sen. Estes Kefauver. Russell got 20 votes and Kefauver 1.

Washington—(U.P.)—Sens. Estes Kefauver and Robert A. Taft banked on Ohio voters Tuesday to boost them back into the lead in the race for delegates to the Democratic and Republican presidential nominating conventions, respectively.

Democrats voted in two other states—Florida and Alabama. Kefauver wins Maryland's 18 delegate votes Tuesday—faced his biggest test Tuesday in Florida where the Tennessee was pitted against Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) in a "popularity" contest. Florida, which has 24 votes at the Democratic convention, actually will not choose delegates until May 27.

Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., R-Mass., national leader of the Eisenhower campaign, told a rally in Portland he hoped Oregon "would send to the national convention 18 delegates who would vote for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower on the first ballot and every other ballot."

In Political Picture Oregon, he said, has gained its place in the national political picture because its primary comes late and because for 30 years it has been a primary in which the popular choice of the party voters carried with it a solid bloc of delegates.

Lodge referred to the eight candidates who filled by petition, thus escaping the pledge which would bind them to support the candidate who receives the highest vote in the primary.

Lodge said Eisenhower has been the subject of attack by those who first demanded he come home and campaign and by the same people who now want to know why he doesn't stay on the job.

Stassen Sets Speech Stassen, another candidate for the Republican nomination, will make the first speech of his Oregon campaign at Portland's Reed college Thursday.

He is booked for a speech at the Portland Junior Chamber of Commerce May 14 and Jefferson high school later the same day. On May 15 he will deliver another speech at Salem.

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No Identification Made on Baby Blanket

Jackson county sheriff's deputies "failed to find anyone to identify the blanket and hot water bottle" yesterday in an effort to discover the missing infant son of Russell Graham, Shady Cove.

The child has been missing since April 22 when the body of its drowned mother was found on a sand bar in the Rogue river. The blanket and hot water bottle were discovered Sunday by Fisherman Phil Motchenbacher, Shady Cove, and an attempt is being made by the sheriff's office to identify the articles.

Members of the immediate family are out of town at present, the office pointed out, making the identification difficult.

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WEATHER	
FORECAST: Generally cloudy with occasional light rain this evening. Partly cloudy with a few showers Wednesday.	
Low tonight 40, high Wednesday 65.	Temp.
Highest yesterday 67	47
Lowest this morning 47	32
To 4:30 a.m. today	32

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END OF OIL STRIKE NOT IN SIGHT

Workers Agreeable To Reduction to 18½c in Demands

Strike Unaffected By California Action

Washington—(U.P.)—The Wage Stabilization Board urged union officials Tuesday to call off a nation-wide strike by 90,000 oil workers and summoned union and industry leaders to a board meeting next Tuesday.

Denver, Colo.—(U.P.)—Union officials representing 90,000 striking oil workers denied Tuesday that a new settlement reached in California presages nationwide agreement ending their six-day-old walkout.

Although the union lowered its wage demands from 25 cents an hour to 18½ cents, hopes for large-scale settlement were generally not encouraging.

O. A. Knight, president of the CIO Oil Workers International Union, said the strikers would be agreeable to the lowered figure as a basis for settlements.

However, Knight said the "reported settlement in California has nothing whatsoever to do with the current nationwide strike of oil workers."

But there were a few encouraging signs on the negotiations level.

James J. Spillane, regional director of the U. S. Mediation and Conciliation service in Chicago, said union leaders in the Chicago area had given indications of their willingness to "bargain on a raise between 18 and 22 cents an hour."

West Coast airlines here announced today that their morning and evening flights will be cancelled, effective tomorrow. An airline spokesman said the cancellation is due to the oil strike.

The northbound plane is leaving at 7:45 a.m. and the plane arriving at 9:25 p.m. are the flights cancelled, the announcement said.

Other flights arriving at 1:10 and 4:40 p.m. and leaving at 2 and 5:30 p.m. are not affected.

Oil distributors in Medford said this morning that they have so far felt no effects from the strike, and that for the time being they expect to be able to service their customers without difficulty.

Steel Production Returning to Normal

Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—Steel production in the nation's mills neared normal Tuesday as CIO United Steelworkers awaited the next move by union leaders in the stalemated wage controversy.

Across the nation blast furnaces and open hearths were back in production from the country's biggest producer, U. S. Steel, with its far-flung plants, down to its smallest operations.

U. S. Steel said all of its blast furnaces scheduled for production were in operation and all open hearth departments had started making steel.

Communist Desire For Truce Doubted

Panmunjom, Korea—(U.P.)—Gen. James A. Van Fleet said Tuesday that "apparently the Reds don't want an armistice." A Communist spokesman said the truce talks "appear to be entering the most crucial deadlock since they began."

Van Fleet, commander of the 8th Army, said his soldiers "can outfight them or outwit them."

The gloomy statements from both sides were made as senior delegates at Panmunjom after a 15-minute meeting with no indication of progress toward solution of the three major deadlocks holding up an armistice.

BASEBALL

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FIRST PHOTO! HOBSON SURVIVORS—This motor whaleboat from the USS Wasp, with five survivors from the USS Hobson, pulls alongside the Wasp in mid-Atlantic to transfer the rescued seamen. These survivors are: Richard A. Nelson, Waterville, Me.; Harry K. Manning, Charleston, S.C.; Marion A. Sawmill, Lincoln Park, Mich.; Francis W. O'Connor, Dorchester, Mass.; and Von D. White, Elkland, Mo. Members of the whaleboat crew are: Stewart A. Kingsbury, Wilmette, Ill.; Charles T. Painter, Phoebus, Va.; John R. Webber, Newport, Pa.; Joe Growski, Jere, W. Va.; Bernard R. Lepera, West Reading, Pa.; and Samuel J. Huffman, Flint, Mich. (U. S. Navy photo)

Survivors of Wasp-Hobson Ship Collision Tell Tales of Bravery

New York—(U.P.)—The crippled aircraft carrier Wasp steamed into port Tuesday with 61 shaken survivors who told tales of horror, courage and rescue in the mid-Atlantic collision which sent the destroyer minesweeper Hobson to the bottom with 176 men.

Most of the rescued crewmen were asleep the night of April 28 and did not see the Wasp knife into their smaller escorting warship. And the officers and men

who saw the crash from the Hobson's flying bridge hinted they were requested to withhold their eyewitness accounts until they testify before a naval board of inquiry.

Had Plenty to Tell But the men who were plucked from the oil-covered waters that closed forever over their trapped shipmates had plenty to tell of the heroism, bravery and seamanship of Wasp crewmen who saved them from the worst

peacetime disaster in modern naval history.

Lt. William A. Hoefler Jr., of Thomaston, Ala., the surviving senior officer aboard the Hobson, said he was standing on the bridge with the ship's commander and several junior officers when the Hobson rolled "almost 90 degrees" under the impact of the Wasp's bow.

Standing on Windshield "I thought I was standing on the deck," he said, "until I turned a flashlight down at my feet and discovered I was standing on the windshield."

"The sea swept up on us in a moment and I found myself washed out alone. I tried to find the captain, but neither I nor anyone else ever saw him again."

The Wasp limped into port and anchored in Gravesend Bay at 8:30 a.m., completing a 1,500-mile journey from the scene of the crash, 700 miles off the Azores.

The battle-famed carrier had a 75-foot saw-toothed rip in its bow which on several occasions on the slow trip home forced the ship to travel stern first to keep out heavy seas.

But the Wasp swept into its emergency berth bow first, flags flying, and its Marine band playing a rousing version of "Anchors Aweigh."

Tears Flow After dropping anchor, Wasp Capt. Burnham C. McCaffree, with tears flooding his eyes, spoke words of sympathy to his assembled crew and the Hobson men.

McCaffree said that he was unable to offer a full and detailed story on why the Hobson and the Wasp collided. He said that any comments on the cause must be postponed to spare "needless anguish" for the "parents, wives, children and sweethearts of those who were lost."

Anchorage, Alaska—(U.P.)—Alaska's \$100,000,000 military construction program was paralyzed Tuesday as AFL carpenters went on strike to support demands for a wage increase.

City Council Expected To Hear Pleas From Citizens For Daylight Saving Time

A delegation of Medford citizens is expected to request that the city council take action on calling daylight savings time at the regular council meeting at 7:30 p.m. today, according to city officials.

The expected action follows a change yesterday from experimental "summer working hour" schedules to regular store hours by most Medford merchants.

It has been pointed out by city officials that any action by the council would be purely advisory. A number of concerns have

indicated that they would not change to daylight time until it is legalized throughout the state by a proclamation by Gov. Douglas McKay.

Regularly scheduled council business today includes a continued hearing over the rezoning of two sections of East Main street property. The proposed rezoning would change the property from a residential to a limited commercial area.

The hearing, which was originally begun early this year, concerns the area between Cottage and Myrtle streets on the south side of East Main street and between Genesee and Geneva streets on the north side of East Main street.

Other business includes a continued hearing of paving of South Peach street from 13th street to Dakota avenue and hearings on trunk water main construction, according to City Superintendent Robert Duff.

Two more Oregon cities lined up with those going on fast time Tuesday, while another decided to remain on standard time.

Klamath Falls decided to go on Daylight Saving time at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday while Hood River will go on fast time June 1. The Dalles decided to remain on standard time.

Philippine Army In Search for Huks

Manila—(U.P.)—The Philippine army sent out a strong unit Tuesday to search for 50 Huk guerrillas who killed nine persons and wounded seven others in an ambush on three military vehicles 60 miles east of Manila.

An army spokesman said the ambushed unit was able to kill four Huks and probably killed a fifth.

The Huks are Communist-led outlaws.

Pear Bureau Selects Portlander Manager

Portland—(U.P.)—Fred J. Stratmann, Portland, Tuesday was named manager of the Oregon-Washington-California Pear bureau.

Other officers named included: H. B. Murphy, Medford, fourth vice president.

BULLETINS

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Nearly half the 500 prisoners in the San Francisco County jail in San Bruno rioted Monday in a protest over food. Sheriff Dan Gallagher disclosed Tuesday. One trusty was beaten up, and as a result two prisoners were put in solitary confinement.

Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate Armed Services Committee Tuesday called Defense Secretary Robert A. Lovett and Secretary of State Dean Acheson to testify in secret Thursday on the \$6,900,000,000 foreign aid program.

Ammunition Said Plentiful For Fighting Men in Korea

Washington—(U.P.)—The Army said Tuesday that "ammunition is plentiful" in Korea, although hand grenades and some types of cartridges are being rationed to frontline troops.

Communications From Tokyo Officials made public a special communique from Far East Command headquarters in Tokyo on the ammunition situation. They said the communique was issued to answer press reports of an ammunition shortage, and that it arrived at the Pentagon, "by coincidence," just after Gen. J. Lawton Collins testified before a Senate appropriations subcommittee Monday.

Collins, Army chief of staff, told the subcommittee that cer-

tain types of ammunition "have been rationed in Korea because production still does not equal normal battle expenditures and World War II stocks either have been exhausted or approached exhaustion."

Testimony Not Contradicted The communique did not contradict Collins' testimony, but it gave a somewhat different explanation for the ammunition rationing, and emphasized the overall adequacy of supplies. It said:

"Ammunition is rationed, but allocations are considered adequate in the present tactical situation. It is rationed to save money and maintain an ammunition reserve. That is a normal military precaution."

Smokeless Heaters Not Yet Effective, Fruitmen Here Say

"Smokeless orchard heating is unfortunately not yet a reality," according to a statement issued by a representative of the Jackson County Fruit Growers League.

The statement was issued in response to recent criticism of smudge smoke this year.

"We have been interested in smokeless orchard heaters for many years," the spokesman said. "The present so-called smokeless heater has been used in Los Angeles county more than anywhere else and the results have been disappointing. These heaters still give off 50 per cent as much smoke as the conventional type heater now used in the Rogue river valley."

"As growers, we are just as much interested as other citizens of the valley in the eliminating of smudge smoke. The replacement of present orchard heaters would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars at this time," he said. He pointed out that growers hesitate to spend this sum and still have the people of the valley faced with smudgy curtains and walls.

This year was described as "unusually bad" regarding the amount of smoke. The quantity of smoke in the sky in the morning is "tremendously increased by long hours of heating the night before," it was explained.

"We have heated for longer hours on two nights this year than we have during any time of the past 10 years," he pointed out.

The league representative concluded with the statement, "We are continuing our efforts to develop a satisfactory, smokeless orchard heater. Meanwhile, we must unfortunately continue to heat our orchards in order to save the fruit crop which each year means \$10 million to the income of the Rogue valley."

Vancouver, Wash.—(U.P.)—James Edward Neal, 38, of Ocean side, Calif., Tuesday was named city manager of Vancouver.

Raging Utah Flood Waters Cut Highways, Slow Trains

Salt Lake City—(U.P.)—Utah's raging spring runoff floods cut two major highways Tuesday, threatened a third, endangered two mainline railroads and drowned a boy who tried to ford a swollen stream.

The victim, first in the 10-day crisis brought on by the rapid melting of a record mountain snowfall, was Robert Spaun, 17, Ogden.

Waters Cut Highway Highway 30, the main route from northeastern Utah into southwestern Wyoming, was cut in several places by the ramming Weber river which isolated the community of Morgan and forced declaration of a state of emergency in Davis county.

The Ogden stockyards were closed by the flood.

Highway 189 was cut in Provo canyon, where authorities warned all residents to evacuate. Their lives were endangered

Warren To Address Oregon Press Club In Portland Tonight

By UNITED PRESS

Gov. Earl Warren of California was scheduled to address the Oregon Press club's annual awards banquet Tuesday night as Oregon's political pot reached the boiling point.

An Eisenhower rally in Portland, two speeches by Warren in

Central Point School Bond Sale Announced

Central Point—United States National bank, Medford branch, is the successful bidder on a \$195,000 Central Point schools bond issue, it was announced here today by H. P. Jewett, superintendent of schools. The bid was submitted jointly with Blythe and Company, Portland.

The successful bid calls for an average interest rate of 2.397 per cent, Jewett said. Short term bonds maturing in 1954-56 will draw an interest rate of four per cent, the bulk of the issue maturing in 1957-1959 will draw 2½ per cent and bonds maturing during the last four years of the issue will draw 2½ per cent, he stated.

The bond issue will cover additions to Crater high school and Central Point junior high school. Construction bids will be called May 27 and work is expected to start early in June, the school superintendent said.

Allied Planes Attack Enemy Railroad Traffic

Seoul, Korea—(U.P.)—Wave after wave of Allied fighter-bombers swept over North Korea Tuesday in a daylight effort to paralyze rail traffic around Suncheon, a vital junction in Northwestern Korea above Pyongyang.

Jets and propeller-driven planes of four fighter-bomber wings roared into the Suncheon valley, cratering the tracks in 118 places in a five-mile stretch east of Suncheon.

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The Denver & Rio Grande Western railroad through Spanish Fork Canyon and the Union Pacific through Weber canyon were still operating on all major tracks, but speed was reduced as flood waters cut into roadbeds.

In Salt Lake City, mountain runoff streams continued over their banks and more than 200 families were homeless from flood waters spread over parts or all of 50 blocks.