

Renewal Studied on Behind Iron Curtain

Washington—(U.P.)—Congress soon must decide whether to re-instate in foreign aid legislation a provision to help underground activity in Iron Curtain countries.

The House Foreign Affairs and Senate Foreign Relations Committees have left the provision intact in the foreign aid program for fiscal 1953, which begins July 1.

However, the State Department and U.S. delegates to the United Nations have insisted that this country never has used the provision and doesn't plan to use it.

Attacked Kremlin

The amendment, sponsored by Rep. Charles J. Kersten, R-Wis., has been bitterly attacked by the Kremlin. It earmarked \$100,000,000 to help persons who fled from behind the Iron Curtain

and "for any selected persons who are residing in" Russia or other European Communist nations.

The House and Senate committees approved the same provision for the 1953 program, plus a carry-over of unspent funds. This government has used only a few million dollars of the fund so far—to establish camps to care for escapees.

Other congressional developments:

McGranery—Sen. William E. Jenner (R-Ind.) accused James P. McGranery, general-designate, of "evasive and contradictory" testimony in presenting his views on constitutional powers to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Sen. Homer Ferguson (R-Mich.) said he would wage a floor fight against the nomination, but some Republican senators conceded privately they could not block Senate confirmation.

Crops—Chairman Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) said the Senate Agriculture Committee would give former Assistant Attorney General Alex Campbell a chance next week to answer charges he relayed payments from a Louisiana warehouse firm to ousted Agriculture Department official Jack Cowart. Campbell promptly accepted the invitation and said he would tell the committee "the facts."

Military Pay—Sen. Blair Moody (D-Mich.) introduced a bill to give servicemen in combat a \$45 monthly pay bonus. The combat pay provision was knocked out by a Senate-House conference committee earlier this week when it approved a compromise military pay bill.

Veterans Pensions—The Senate approved and sent to the White House two bills increasing

FBI Head Starts 29th Year on Job With No Ceremony

Washington—(U.P.)—J. Edgar Hoover began his 29th year as director of the FBI Saturday.

There were no ceremonies to mark the anniversary. The top G-man was at his desk as usual before 9 a.m., directing the agency he helped build into one of the world's greatest law enforcers.

As he recalled the day when he took over the FBI, the 57-year-old bachelor admitted that he "gaped" when then Attorney General Harlan Fiske Stone told him he was the new director.

"There would have been a greater gasp if I had known then the magnitude of the job it was to become in later years," he told the United Press Saturday.

"I took the job on one condition—that it would be free of politics. Stone scowled and said that was the way it was going to be.

Hoover had his way. He started out by eliminating all political appointees from the ranks of the Bureau of Investigation, as it was known until 1935. He has kept it clean of politics ever since.

Registration Open For Queen Aspirants

Registrations for queen contestants for the 10th annual Rogue River Roundup June 14 and 15 are now open, according to Jackson County Mounted Sheriff's posse show committee members, sponsors of the roundup.

Judging of queen contestants will take place Sunday afternoon, May 18, at the posse grounds at 1:30. It is imperative that contestants register as soon as possible, committee members pointed out.

Young women between the ages of 16 and 20 inclusive are eligible. They are required to live in Jackson county and ride a mount owned by themselves or families. Junior troop members are eligible but Ladies Mounted troop members are not. Contestants may not be close relatives of troop or posse members, the chairmen added.

Judges will be members of out-of-town riding groups.

Jackson Claims Russians Could Cripple America

Washington—(U.P.)—Rep. Henry M. Jackson of Washington says the Soviet Union now has enough atom bombs and bombers to cripple most if not all of America's major industrial areas.

Writing in the May issue of

veterans' disability and pension benefits by an estimated \$202,000,000 a year.

Rules—Sen. William Benton (D-Conn.) introduced a resolution to set up a 10-member commission to streamline Senate rules. Benton said present rules are so complex that at times only "a handful of our respected and long-tenured senators" are able to handle legislation on the floor.



RETURNED TO SCENE OF CRIMES—Harvey Bistany (right), arrested in Providence, R. I., and questioned concerning the Brooklyn killing of Arnold Schuster and recent Greater Boston bank holdups, arrives in Boston with Detective L. George Killen for further questioning.

Full Impact of Bus Strike Felt by Pacific Northwest

Portland—(U.P.)—The Pacific Northwest Saturday felt the full impact of the bus strike which started Thursday. No new negotiations were scheduled in the tieup of three major bus lines in five western states by the AFL Motor Coach Employees union.

No emergency relief was in sight as many would-be bus passengers sought other means of transportation. Only one of the operating bus lines, not involved in the tieup, extended service, Continental Trailways

State Highway Stand Adopted by Conclave

Washington—(U.P.)—The National Highway Users conference has adopted a resolution paralleling the stand of the Oregon Highway Users association against special taxes on motor vehicles.

The conference, sponsored by trucking associations, national automobile groups and farm associations, Friday adopted a resolution saying that any registration fees and gasoline taxes should be levied against car and truck owners.

Oregon delegates to the conference said the resolution was almost identical with a proposed initiative being circulated there by the Highway Users association.

The resolution said that "the highway users share" of highway costs should be confined "to registration fees and motor fuel taxes, which should be reasonable and equitable in amount and incidence."

The nationally-distributed Civil Defense Memorandum, Jackson urged the rapid development of an effective civil defense organization to offset Russian military gains.

Jackson said he would support President Truman's request for \$800,000,000 for civil defense purposes.

State's Librarians Conclude Annual Session at Ashland

Ashland—Members of the Oregon Library association concluded their annual meeting here Saturday, after a day and a half of business sessions and recreational and social gatherings.

The librarians, nearly 200 of them from all sections of the state, met for an opening banquet at Elks temple here Friday evening, with Mrs. Pauline C. Howard, acting librarian of Reed college, Portland, as toastmistress.

Speakers included Eric Allen Jr., city editor of The Medford Mail Tribune and President of the board of trustees of the Medford Public library, who spoke on relationships between librarians and the press; Dr. Laurence E. Tomlinson, librarian of Lewis and Clark college, Portland, who described the American Heritage project of the American Library association, and Dr. Arthur Kreisman, of Southern Oregon college, who reviewed "This American People," a book on America's heritage by Gerald Johnson.

Saturday Program

Section breakfasts were held Saturday, followed by business meetings and a noon luncheon. Speakers were Miss Lesley Heathcote, president of the Pacific Northwest Library association; a report on the Shakespearean festival and Vining repertory company by Prof. Angus Bowmer, and a discussion of "Visual Southern Oregon History," by Mrs. Myrtle P. Lee, curator of the Jacksonville library.

Afternoon sessions included panel discussions, with Miss Eleanor Stephens, state librarian, as moderator. Later groups toured the valley, including Jacksonville, the SOC campus, the Medford library, and Lithia park.

A box supper at which colored films of the Rogue valley were shown concluded the meetings in the evening.

Harry Shields, general passenger agent for the line, said it might be possible to arrange the service.

The Charleston, South Carolina, earthquake of 1886 claimed some 100 deaths and was felt in the Mississippi Valley region.

Cattlemen Open Meet Monday in Prineville

Prineville—(U.P.)—The 39th annual Oregon Cattlemen's association convention opens here Monday with a "Cattlemen of the year" award highlighting the agenda.

It will be the first time the award has been made in Oregon. Herman Oliver, veteran John Day cattleman, will make the presentation at the annual convention banquet Tuesday night.

Speakers will include Gov. Douglas McKay, Nelson Crow, of Los Angeles, publisher of the Western Livestock Journal, and Marshall Dana, assistant to the president of the United States National bank.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds at noon Saturdays.

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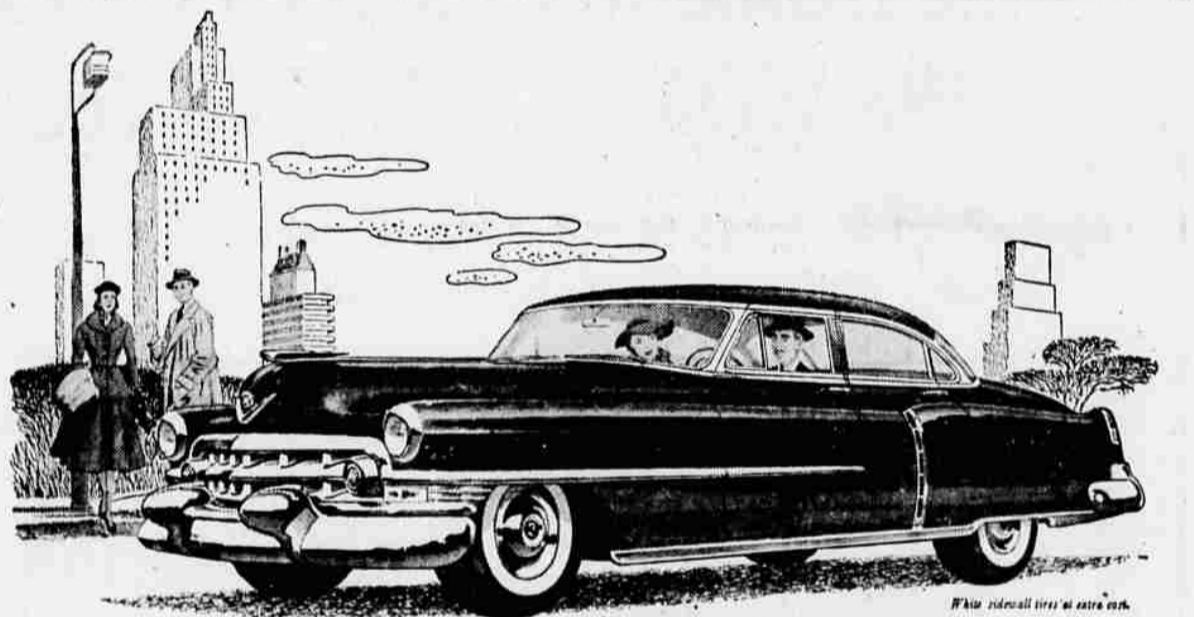
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