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Secretary of State's Subdivisions Operate At Substantial Saving

Salem—(U.P.)—Despite the tremendous increase in the volume of business following the boom of business and population of Oregon, the office of secretary of state's several divisions showed a savings of \$604,483.71 for the biennium ended last June 30, by employing 34 fewer employees than authorized by the Legislature.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry has issued a tabulation showing that while the Legislature authorized a budget of \$5,062,319 to employ 807 persons, only \$4,457,835.20 was spent to employ 773 workers in the several divisions.

To Continue Practice

And the secretary said: "The economy practiced during the last two years to bring about this saving will be continued and strengthened wherever possible."

Substantial savings were made in the division of adults, due in part to the fact that it was found difficult to hire competent auditors at the salary scale offered by the state. Several other departments have found similar difficulties in getting competent men for important auditing posts because of the more attractive salaries paid by private industry.

35 Auditors Authorized

The Legislature authorized employment of 35 auditors but only 32 were on the payrolls, resulting in a saving of \$166,734 in this division alone.

Another \$86,881.76 was saved in the secretary of state's office in the Portland state office building during the two years. And \$32,327.15 was carried over

in the budget for capital maintenance and care of grounds in the capitol area.

Work Consolidated

Newberry said in many of the divisions it had been possible to consolidate work through installation of labor saving devices and other innovations making for more efficient operation.

As an example he pointed to the motor vehicle department, where a saving of \$245,798.97 was made in salaries and wages where a far greater volume of work was performed than had been thought possible, with the resultant savings, largest in any division.

Assistant Secretary of State William E. Healy, who compiled the figures, said they represented "actual dollars and cents savings."

Noisy Muffler, Empty Billfold Brings Trouble

Corvallis — (U.P.)—This is what happened because Niclaus John Bardenhagen, 20, had a noisy muffler on his car and an empty billfold.

He was arrested by Corvallis police and charged with creating excessive noise.

His wife and a friend, James Melton Clark, 24, went to Philomath to get \$10 bail money for him. Clark was arrested for driving without a license and held by state police for previous traffic violations.

Mrs. Bardenhagen drove back to her husband in Corvallis, but she was arrested for driving with only learner's permit.

Russian Papers Failed To Play Up Hydrogen Bomb

Moscow—(U.P.)—Foreign observers searched the Soviet press today for some supplementary remark about Soviet possession of the hydrogen bomb which Premier Georgi M. Malenkov announced so dramatically and unexpectedly.

But the Soviet was one of the few if not the only country in the world whose newspapers did not proclaim the news which must have had a far-reaching impact everywhere else.

Had to Search Print

Moscow front pages simply bannered one headline, "Session of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR." Under it was "speech of G. M. Malenkov, president of the council of ministers of the USSR."

Readers then had to look through three and one-half pages and tens of thousands of words of solid print analyzing the Soviet Union's internal economic situation and a brief discussion of foreign affairs before discovering the calmly worded statement about the bomb.

Courageous Women Subdue Viper

Vale — (U.P.)—A snake in the grass almost broke up a meeting of the local women's club.

The viper sent some 15 women scurrying from an outdoor meeting on the lawn of Mrs. George McLaughlin. Two of the most courageous clubwomen, however, stood their ground. One pinned the rattler with a shovel and another decapitated it with a hoe.



DULLES REPORTS ON KOREA—Secy. of State John Foster Dulles (right) confers with President Eisenhower on the Korean peace situation shortly after his return from the Far East, where he met with South Korean President Syngman Rhee and observed the prisoner exchange. Dulles talked with the President for 70 minutes in the summer White House at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colo.

Portland Records 34th Traffic Death for '53

Portland — (U.P.)—A Ridgefield, Wash., man became Portland's 34th traffic fatality of 1953 Monday when he was struck by a truck.

The victim, Lloyd Groat, 53, walked in front of a truck going about 10 miles an hour, the driver, Ray Valdez, 26, Salem,

said. Groat was dead on arrival at Portland General hospital. Physicians said he apparently died of shock.

The greatest known depth of the South Atlantic ocean is 26,575 feet.

Atomic Weapons Seen Biggest Part On Russian Budget

Washington—(U.P.)—American officials estimate the Soviet Union is raising its military budget about 25 per cent this year with the biggest share of the increase probably going for development of atomic weapons.

The category of atomic weapons would include the hydrogen bomb, but these official sources declined to speculate whether Russia actually has the H-bomb. Based on Close Analysis

The appraisal of Russian military spending, given to newsmen by sources which insisted on remaining anonymous, was based on close analysis of the new Soviet budget. Soviet Premier Georgi Malenkov's analysis of the new Soviet budget, Soviet Premier Georgi Malenkov's Saturday speech claiming the U.S. monopoly on the H-bomb is broken, and probably other intelligent sources.

Defense Spending Cut

The budget itself, announced last week, claimed a reduction in Russian defense spending for the 1953 calendar year from \$3,000,000,000 to 110,000,000,000 rubles, a cut of about three per cent.

But U. S. officials said Malenkov actually disclosed in his address to the Supreme Soviet that the Russians spent only 108,000,000,000 rubles in 1952 for announced military purposes and the publicized 1953 expenditure therefore, will amount to an increase.

The famous Leaning Tower of Pisa was started in 1174 A.D. It finished in 1350 A.D.

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