

Democrats Propose Bills To Improve Labor Relations

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Salem — (U.P.) — A majority of the Democrats in the House yesterday introduced companion bills they said would improve labor-management relations in Oregon and promote industrial peace.

One would wipe the anti-organizational picketing bill off the state books and the other would require appointment of a labor conciliator.

Headed by Corbett

Rep. Alfred Corbett of Portland headed the sponsoring group of 21 Democrats on the labor conciliator bill. It would create an office of conciliator with authority to offer immediate mediation services on request of either party to a labor dispute. He could also act on his own initiative if he deemed it in the public interest.

The controversial law which was passed by the 1953 Legislature banning picketing a firm's premises to force its employees to organize was the target of the repeal bill introduced by Rep. Robert Klemsens of St. Helens and 18 other Democrats. The section of the law dealing with picketing was ruled unconstitutional by circuit courts and the Oregon Supreme court now has it under study on appeal.

Affirmative Procedure

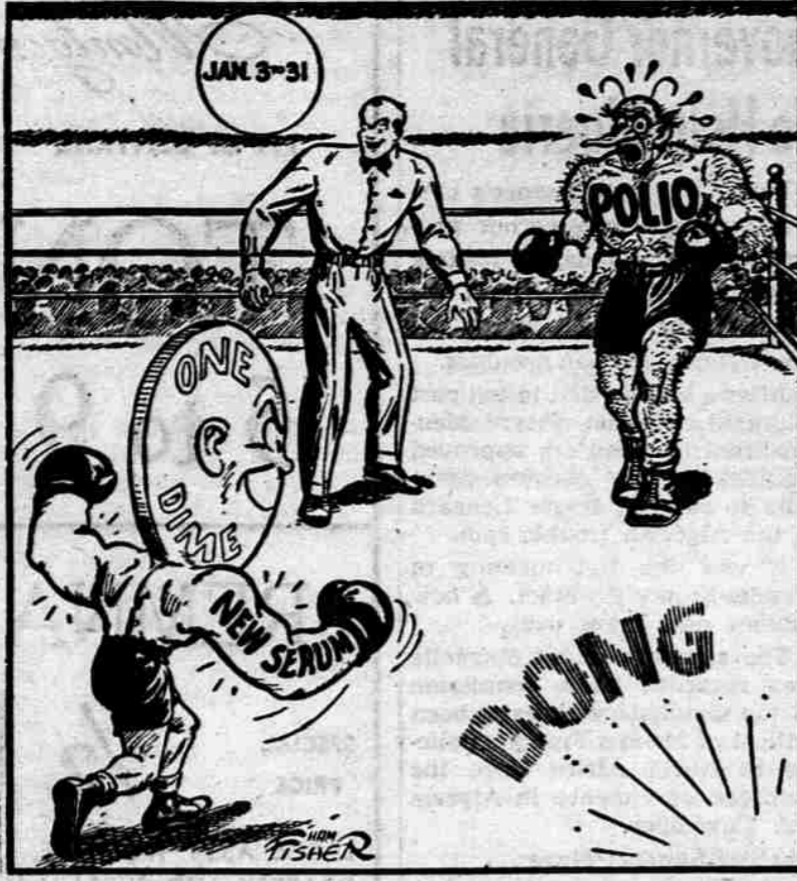
A statement released by the sponsoring Democrats said "we have proposed an affirmative procedure for strengthening conciliation services as an alternative to the negative approach of the anti-picketing bill. House Bill 663, passed by the 1953 Legislature."

The House Judiciary committee introduced two bills involving drunken driving. One pertained to court procedures and evidence admissible in civil or criminal proceedings where drunk driving is an issue, and the other would eliminate narcotics from the scope of the present law on drunk driving.

HOMESTAKE GOLD

Lead, S.D.—(U.P.)—Nearly one-fourth of all the gold produced in the United States and Alaska comes from the Homestake gold mine here. The mine, which has been producing gold since 1877, gave up more than 534,000 ounces of gold in 1953 when the entire production of the United States and Alaska was 1,958,291 fine ounces.

TIME FOR A KAYO? by HAM FISHER



BOB CONSIDINE, National Sports Chairman for the 1955 March of Dimes has appealed to sports editors, promoters and athletic directors for help in the impending victory over polio and urges local March of Dimes campaign directors to contact and work with them during the drive.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

Portland—(U.P.)—Cattle 350. Mixed good-choice 1032 lb. fed steers \$22.50, lightly sorted at \$20; commercial good short fed steers \$21.50; utility heifers \$11.50-14.50; canner-cutter cows mostly \$7.50-8.50, few \$9; utility cows \$11; utility-commercial bulls mostly \$13-15, cutters down to \$11.

Calves 50. Good-choice vealers mostly \$20-25, individuals high choice \$26-27; utility calves and vealers \$9-13, culled down to \$6.

Hogs 100. Choice 1 butchers 178 lbs. \$19.50; choice 3 around 200 lb. down to \$18.50; choice 160 lb. \$18.75; choice 330-450 lb. sows \$15.50-16.

Sheep 200. Choice fed woolled lambs \$19.50-20; good-choice No. 3 pelt 81 lb. lambs \$18; choice 70 lb. feeder lambs \$17, 50 lb. down to \$15; good-choice ewes \$6-7.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

Portland—(U.P.)—Eggs—To retailers: Grade AA large, 50c doz.; A large, 46-47c doz.; AA medium, 46c; A medium, 44-45c; A small, 39c; cartons, 1-3c additional.

Butter—To retailers: AA grade prints, 66c lb.; cartons, 67c; A prints, 66c; cartons, 67c; B prints, 64c.

Cheese—To retailers: A grade cheddar, Oregon singles, 42½-43½c; 5-lb. loaves, 46½-49½c. Processed American cheese, 5-lb. loaf, 39½-40c lb.

Poultry, Rabbits—To growers (No. 1 quality f.o.b. Portland): Fryers 2½; 10 4 lbs., 25c lb.; at farm, 24c lb.; roasters 4½ lbs. and up, 25c lb. f.o.b. Portland, 24c at ranch; light hens, 11-12c; heavy hens, all wts., 14c lb.; old roosters, 10c lb.

Dressed Chickens—No. 1 dressed to retailers: Fryers, 34-35c lb.; roasters, 38-39c; light hens, 22-23c; heavy hens, 26-27c; cutup fryers, all wts., 47-48c lb.; whole drawn, 42-43c.

Turkeys—To retailers: A grade hens, ready to cook, 48c; N.Y. dressed, to 43c lb.; A grade toms, oven-ready, 40c; Beltsville A grade hens, oven-ready, 40c; Beltsville A grade toms, oven-ready, to 52c; Beltsville toms, 49c lb.

Rabbits (average to growers, f.o.b. killing plants)—Live white, 3½-4½ lbs., 18c up; 5-lb. lbs., 14-16c; colored pelt, 4c under; old does, 8-10c lb.; a few higher. Fresh dressed fryers to retailers, 54-57c; cut up, 60-63c.

Wall Street

New York — (U.P.) — Industrial stocks again crossed the 400 level in their average today in the most active trading since Jan. 10.

The upturn was around the best of the year and it was accounted for mainly by a sweeping rise in steel and other defense issues.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks:

American T & T	175
Anaconda	37½
Chrysler	67
Curtiss Wright	19½
General Electric	48½
General Motors	99½
Montgomery Ward	81¼
Penn. R. R.	24½
Penney, J. C.	85¼
Radio	40½
Southern Co.	19½
S. Oil of Calif.	76½
Texas Gulf Sulphur	38½
Transamerica	39½
Tri - Continental	26¾
United Aircraft	89½
U. S. Rubber	41¼
U. S. Steel	79½
Youngstown	78½

Portland Cash Grain

Portland—Prices as reported in the USDA market news service: Wheat, No. 2 soft white, \$79 a ton bulk, prompt delivery f.o.b. Portland; No. 2 white oats, 32-lb. test, Coast delivery, \$58 ton; Portland delivery, \$53.50 ton; No. 2 Western barley, \$53.50 f.o.b. Portland; Coast delivery: Soybean meal, \$93.50-94 ton, cars, prompt delivery; Portland, standard millrun prompt shipment, \$45 ton, cars prompt delivery; No. 2 yellow corn, \$66.50-67 ton f.o.b. Portland.

Wholesale hay prices: No. 2 green alfalfa, baled f.o.b. Portland, \$35 trucks; 87¢ rail.

Portland cash grain, Tuesday close:

Soft white	\$2.37
Soft white, no rex	2.37
White Club	2.37
H. R. winter, 11 per cent	2.29
do 12 per cent	2.48

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 8:30 previous day

Man Jailed, Fined Following Accident

Jack Bruce Patterson, 31, of 1407 Saling st., was jailed last night after the car he was driving left the Jacksonville highway west of Bybee corner, and broke off a telephone pole, according to state police.

He was charged with being drunk on a public highway, officers said. Patterson appeared in district court this morning, entered a plea of guilty, and was fined \$100 plus \$5 costs by Judge Rawles Moore, who then suspended \$75 of the fine. The accident report indicated he suffered a slight scalp cut, and that the vehicle he was driving was extensively damaged and was towed away. The accident happened at about 9:50 p.m.

A convertible driven by William Darrel Mason, 20, Central Point, and a pickup driven by Thomas Frank Ambrose, 70, of 870 Ross lane, collided in front of the Ross lane address at about 4:45 p.m. yesterday, officers said. Ambrose was cited for failure to yield the right of way following the accident. No injuries were listed, and damage was said to have been minor.

Eden Sees Peaceful Formosa Settlement

London — (U.P.) — British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons today he believes the Formosan crisis can be settled peacefully "if all the governments concerned work for it."

Eden broke a long British official silence to give the House of Commons the government's view on the subject.

He paid high compliments to President Eisenhower for his defense message to Congress in what Eden called a "dangerous situation."

The foreign secretary said "force is not the solution of this delicate and difficult situation." He added that only the "peaceful process of negotiation" will proceed.

Long Beach Quake Damages Oil Wells

Long Beach, Calif.—(U.P.)—A deep tremor in the Long Beach harbor area yesterday which knocked out 12 oil wells and affected production in others may have caused damage and losses up to \$1,000,000, preliminary surveys showed today.

The jolt, caused by rock slippage about 2,000 feet underground, occurred at 4:24 a.m. A similar tremor in 1949 disrupted production in 147 wells.

Wells affected by yesterday's slippage were producing between 400 and 500 barrels a day. Costs for redrilling range up to \$80,000 a well and in some cases will take 45 to 65 days to get holes back into production.

The disturbance was felt only locally.

Indianapolis, Ind.—(U.P.)—A bill prohibiting "reckless boating" and requiring licensing of marine drivers has been introduced in the Indiana legislature.

Forrest Bradfield Rites At Grants Pass Thursday

Grants Pass — Funeral services for Forrest Lee Bradfield, 70, of route 1, box 343, Gold Hill, will be held at L. B. Hall funeral home here at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, with the Rev. D. F. Barnett of the Hope Presbyterian church, Rogue River, officiating. Cremation will be at Hillcrest crematorium.

The deceased, who died Tuesday in a Grants Pass hospital, was born at Atla, Ia., on March 17, 1884, and was a member of Liké Oak Grange.

Survivors include his wife, Lorene, and two sons, Forrest, Gold Hill, and John, Salem.

Record Timber Cut In Northwest Area

Portland — (U.P.) — A record volume of timber was cut from the 18 national forests of the Pacific Northwest region during 1954, according to Regional Forester J. Herbert Stone.

Stone said the 2,585,000 board feet of timber cut during the year was an increase of 130,000,000 board feet over 1953, the previous record year.

Oregon and Washington national forests produced an income of nearly \$35,000,000 in 1954. Largest cuts occurred during the last three months of the year, when logs were most needed to meet shortages caused by the summer-long lumber strike.

Mercy Plane Carries 314th Patient Today

Henry E. Renfrow, 36, of 106 Ajax st., was the 314th patient flown by Mercy Flights plane today to Vancouver, Wash. He will be admitted at the Veterans Administration hospital.

Pilot of the plane was Gene Koozer, and accompanying Renfrow on the trip were his wife and his nurse, Mrs. Lester Gilman.

Renfrow, a civil service employee with the Camp White fire department, has been at Sacred Heart hospital as a medical patient since last Dec. 3.

Daily Weather Report

FORECASTS

Medford and vicinity: Some high clouds tonight and Thursday. A few patches of morning fog. Low tonight 25. High Thursday 46.

Western Oregon: Fair except extensive valley fog tonight and Thursday. Little temperature change. Low tonight 32-40, except about 25 southern interior. High Thursday 44-54 except 34-40 in fog areas.

LOCAL DATA

Temperature a year ago today: Highest 38; Lowest 33.

Total monthly precipitation 91 inch. Deficiency for the month 1.12 inches.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1954, 5.83 inches.

Deficiency for the season 4.88 inches.

Relative humidity 4:30 p.m. yesterday 54%; 4:30 a.m. today 93%.

Observations Taken At 4:30 A.M.

129 Meridian Time	
Boise	High Low Prec.
Boston	32 14
Chicago	38 29
Denver	49 22
Eureka	51 33
Grants Pass	47 39
Havre	34 21
Klamath Falls	51 33
Los Angeles	69 49
Medford	51 27
New York	52 38
Omaha	27 12
Phoenix	63 44
Portland	46 37
Reno	46 20
Salt Lake	53 37
San Francisco	57 36
Seattle	47 34
Spokane	46 31
Washington, D.C.	44 27
Yakima	36 24
Tomorrow	
Sunrise 7:31 a.m.	Sunset 5:17 p.m.

President's Message Said 'Intervention'

Moscow — (U.P.) — The Soviet newspaper Pravda charged today President Eisenhower's message to Congress on Formosa was "brazen intervention" in Red China's internal affairs and an attempt to prepare an invasion of the mainland.

The official Communist party newspaper printed its sharpest attack on American policy on Formosa in an article about Mr. Eisenhower's message to Congress Monday. The article was written by V. Borovski.

"On 24th January," Pravda said, "President Eisenhower sent a special message to Congress de-

manding powers to use American armed forces for ensuring the so-called security of Formosa and the Pescadores; in other words for open armed intervention in the domestic affairs of China."

FULL DRESS

Springfield, Mass. — (U.P.) — Motorists driving into John Joffe's service station to get gasoline did a double-take. Joffe waited on his customers while in full formal dress, including top hat. He explained that he dressed up to celebrate the sale of his millionth gallon of gas.

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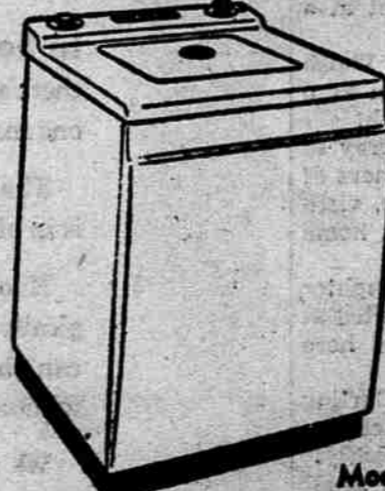
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