

Anticipated Deficit in Oregon Budget Shrinks by \$3,000,000



STRATEGY HUDDLE—Adm. Felix Stump (left), U. S. Naval Cmdr. in the Pacific, is shown talking over last minute strategy with Nationalist China's Gen. Chiang Kai-shek on the island of Formosa. The two mapped out final plans for the evacuation of invasion-threatened Tachen Islands. Man in center is Col. Wu Shih-kwau, an interpreter.

Du Pont Anti-Trust Case To Be Appealed

Washington—(U.P.)—The government announced today it will appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court the decision against it in the involved, six-year-old Du Pont anti-trust case.

Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr., said that a notice of appeal has been filed in Chicago.

Last Dec. 3, Federal Judge Walter J. Labuy dismissed the government's case against Du Pont.

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HOME BURNED
Portland—(U.P.)—Explosion of a circulating oil heater burned out a Portland residence last night. Firemen carried two sleeping children to safety. Another occupant of the building, Mary I. Hood, escaped uninjured.

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Underestimates Of Revenue Found By Committeeman

By BILL FORCE
United Press Correspondent

Salem—(U.P.)—Oregon's anticipated deficit of \$45,000,000 shrank to \$42,000,000 today after Rep. Loran Stewart (R-Cottage Grove) uncovered \$3,000,000 in underestimates of revenue by just two state agencies.

Stewart, chairman of the House Taxation Committee, leveled a blast of criticism at the super-conservative estimates of how much money will be taken in during the 1955-57 biennium. He made a table-thumping demand for realistic rather than conservative revenue estimates.

Increase From OLCC
He succeeded in obtaining an increase of well over \$2,000,000 from officials of the Liquor Control Commission when they revealed their revenue expectations on a realistic basis. Earlier, the insurance commissioner had agreed to increase his estimate of revenue by \$750,000.

Jack Elliott, accountant for the liquor commission, told the committee he had been asked by the state budget division for a conservative estimate. Stewart replied that he did not intend to imply criticism of the departments but he pointed out that Oregon taxpayers were entitled to a more realistic view of their financial position.

Asked To Justify Drop
Stewart uncovered the variance in revenue estimates by close questioning of Elliott and Liquor Administrator William H. Baillie. He asked them to justify a drop in revenue of more than \$1,000,000 even though the commission had completed its capital investment of \$1,250,000 for the new Milwaukee warehouse. Elliott attributed the drop to an expected further drop off in sales but soon admitted the loss would not be as great as shown by the revenue figures.

The liquor commission also came under fire from Rep. Walter Pearson (D-Portland) for building what he called "that unconstitutional warehouse" at Milwaukee. Pearson suggested that liquor revenues would have been fatter for the current biennium if the commission had not invested in the new facility just south of Portland. He asserted that it was unnecessary.

Critical of Proposal
Baillie and Elliott, in turn, were critical of the proposal in the Democratic tax program for an eight per cent increase in liquor prices charged consumers by the commission. They said it would place Oregon in an unfavorable competitive position with neighboring states and would likely decrease sales even more than in the past six months. They also rejected as "not economically feasible" Pearson's suggestion that liquor stores around the state be kept open until midnight so that the state might collect revenues Pearson said was now going to "bootleggers."

Rita Hayworth, Mate To Resume Film Work
Hollywood—(U.P.)—Actress Rita Hayworth and her husband, crooner Dick Haymes, both planned film work today following their return here from Nevada where they had recently lived in seclusion.

The couple, awaiting Haymes' appeal of a deportation order issued by the local immigration office, moved back into Hollywood yesterday and set up housekeeping in an apartment.

Miss Hayworth is scheduled to return to work at Columbia Studio.

Eisenhower To Honor Boy Scouts on Tuesday
Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower will pay special honor to 12 Boy Scouts and Explorers Tuesday for their outstanding service in conservation work.

He will present the youths signed certificates of merit in a White House ceremony. They include Robbie Langley, Milton-Freewater, Ore., and Lee Talbert, Taft, Calif.

Mysterious Further Developments Waited in Harvey Matusow Case

By LYLE C. WILSON
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Washington—(U.P.)—The Justice department today awaited some mysterious

developments in the strange case of Harvey Matusow. Matusow is the turn-coat Communist, who now says he lied about Red connections of Owen Lattimore and many others who have been indicted or even jailed as subversives or perjurers.

The official word around the Justice department was—no comment. But to friendly ears it also was whispered that some further developments were expected in about a week and that it would be foolish for the department to get into the act now.

Two Hard Facts
Moreover, the department would not know at the moment on what counts of perjury to seek to indict Matusow. The question is whether Matusow was lying in 1952 and 1953 when he testified before the McCarthy committee and elsewhere that certain individuals and organizations had Communist connections or whether he is lying now when he says he lied then. It is as confusing as that, perhaps.

There are two hard facts. More may develop. First, Matusow now denies some of the testimony over a period of two years in which he tagged upwards of 180 persons as Communists. Second, this denial casts some degree of shadow over the testimony of all former Communists who have been acting as more or less professional witnesses in exposing alleged

former pals before federal investigators and juries.

Was Matusow Planned?
The most important impact of Matusow's turn about would be on other former Communists who have been willing witnesses and on the opinion of the public with respect to their credibility. If Matusow's switch could swing public opinion heavily against Whittaker Chambers or Louis F. Buñuel, for instance, the whole past pattern of the so-called Red hunt in this country would be scrambled, with considerable political consequences.

Matusow is the author of a book "False Witness" soon to be published. The United Press was told that the book contains a passage about a Communist school for witnesses. These Com-

munist were taught the dramatics of persuasive lying, according to the book. The most skilled could be planned to tell such stories on the witness stand as would serve Communist interests.

Chairman Francis E. Walter of the House Un-American Activities committee told the House Thursday there was no doubt that Matusow had been planted by the Communists to make his accusations and then to destroy credibility of other anti-Communist witnesses by denying them.

Non-Farm Work On Coast Mounts
San Francisco—(U.P.)—Non-farm employment in Pacific Coast states showed a slight increase during December 1954 over the same month in 1953, according to the U. S. Department of Labor.

The department reported 5,146,200 persons were employed in non-farm seasonal work in mid-December. It was an increase of 60,700 over November 1954 and 16,300 over December 1953.

California showed a gain of 63,700 over the previous month, but Washington and Oregon dropped 600 and 2,400 respectively from November levels. Both states, however, were more than 8,000 ahead of year ago levels.

Manufacturing employment in the three-state area was off slightly.

A "national forest" is a forest or watershed reservation which is administered by the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture.

Western Pacific Strike Threat Grows

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Threats of a strike by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers against the Western Pacific Railroad grew today as negotiations to settle a wage dispute remained deadlocked.

The Brotherhood took a strike vote last November and the National Mediation Board was assigned to study the dispute last month.

However, no agreement has been reached and Arthur F. Kummer, assistant grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood, said, "We're not going to talk to the railroad any more."

The dispute, centering on a demand by about 30 engineers for a pay hike, could be delayed under the Railway Labor Act. President Eisenhower would have to appoint an emergency board to attempt a settlement during a "cooling off" period.

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