

Dorman Rapped for Part in Preparing Bill Shifting Board of Control Funds

Salem—(U.P.)—Harry S. Dorman, director of the State Department of Finance and Administration, was criticized at the State Board of Control meeting yesterday for taking part in preparing a bill to transfer control of betterment funds in the various state institutions from the Board of Control to his department without consulting members of the board.

Gov. Paul L. Patterson said he first learned of the bill last Friday and said he was "very much concerned."

Dorman Apologizes

"I talked with Mr. Dorman and he has apologized," the governor said. Dorman later told the United Press he was sorry he had been "off base" and the criticism at the Board of Control meeting was fully justified. Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry said no person in his department would be permitted to present any legislation affecting the department without his knowledge.

State Treasurer Sig. Unander called attention to the fact that the bill—Senate bill 190—on the face of it stated that it was "introduced by the Ways and Means committee at request of the Department of Finance and Administration" and said he was opposed to it in its present form.

Committee Objects

Gov. Patterson told the board he had talked with Sen. Howard Belton (R-Canby) chairman of the Senate Ways and Means

committee, and found that the committee objected to use of unbudgeted funds in the betterment funds for capital outlays over and above the budgeted amounts for such projects.

Dorman told the board he had the bill drafted at "the specific request of the ways and means committee."

Unander suggested that certain limitations might be placed on expenditures from institutional betterment funds but said the Board of Control should continue to administer such funds.

William Ryan, coordinator of state institutions, said use of betterment funds many times

has "saved the state's bacon in emergencies."

The money in betterment funds is derived from profits gained in operations of farms, laundries and other industries in the larger institutions and from sale of furniture and various articles by inmates in the smaller institutions.

Chains Slash Prices on Coffee Housewives Hope for Price War

Chicago—(U.P.)—Chain stores across the nation cut coffee prices as much as 16 cents a pound today and housewives hoped a price war was brewing.

The slashes dropped coffee prices to their lowest levels in two years in the big supermarkets. Coffee experts said more wholesale price cuts may be in the works.

So far, the cheaper coffee was restricted to food chain brands. National coffee brands which are not processed by the chains had not yet announced whether their prices will go down.

\$1.50 Last August

Only last August, a tight Brazilian coffee market sent prices zooming up to \$1.50 a pound. There have been price drops since then, but the big break followed a Brazilian currency reform and heightened competition from Mexico and other

South American countries.

Prices began to skid in New York early this week and spread from coast to coast today as the big chains posted new price tags.

The A & P Food Stores, the biggest chain in the nation, ordered a cut of 12 cents a pound, bringing the price down 40 cents from last August's peak and pegging them at the 1953 level.

Under the new price schedules, A&P coffee sold for from 79 to 89 cents a pound.

The biggest chain, Safeway Stores, topped A&P's cut by dropping prices as much as 16 cents a pound.

Price War Looms

The National Tea chain sent its prices down as much as 14 cents. The Kroger chain ordered prices lowered 10 and 12 cents a pound, while 12 cents a pound was the average cut at

the Jewel Tea Stores.

Not all parts of the country were getting the same break from the coffee salesmen. The New York area appeared to be having the best luck and there were already signs of a price war.

The Grand Union Company, with 300 markets in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Vermont, and Massachusetts, started the price cutting with a 10-cent drop Monday.

Other cuts through the nation were 10 to 12 cents a pound at the Best Markets and Food Fair chains in Philadelphia, five to 10 cents at the Colonial Stores, Kroger and Big Apple Stores in Atlanta and 12 cents at the Big Bear Stores in Columbus, O.

Portland—(U.P.)—Retail coffee prices tumbled 5 to 8 cents

Civil Service Job

Vacancies Announced

Applications are being accepted by the United States Civil Service commission for positions as highway engineer, highway bridge engineers and illustrator. It was announced today by Chester W. Silliman, local representative for the commission.

The highway engineers and highway bridge engineer positions pay \$4,205 to \$5,940 a year. Illustrators qualified for general illustrations work are needed for positions paying \$3,410 to \$4,205 a year.

Application blanks and further information may be obtained from Silliman at his office in the Medford post office building.

today on nationally advertised brands as a result of the devaluation of Brazilian currency.

An official for one retail chain said the price cuts were in anticipation of a drop in the wholesale market. Most Portland stores have been selling coffee below wholesale as loss leaders.

The cuts brought coffee prices to between 85 and 88 cents a pound. Wholesale prices for carload lots was 98 cents a pound.

One retail spokesman said more drastic price cuts were reported elsewhere in the state in Eugene, for example, where the commodity has been selling at a normal markup, prices dropped 18 cents a pound.

WEATHER: By United Press

Northern California: Generally fair but local fog and low clouds this morning.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday: 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Ruch School Bids Exceed Estimates

Ruch — Construction bids and gymnasium at the Ruch school. But out of bids by 10 original estimates have caused a bottleneck on work toward new school rooms here, it was reported at a Parent-Teacher meeting last week.

Voters of the Ruch school district last October approved a bond issue of \$33,000 for construction of a new classroom

school. But out of bids by 10 contractors, the lowest basic bid was for \$37,000. School board members stated that a possible solution to the problem may be a reorganization of the architect's plans to eliminate a basement, stage, and heating plant in the gymnasium.

The two lowest bidders, My-

ron Corcoran Construction company, Medford, and Hampton Platt, Salem, will be asked to submit new bids, it was reported.

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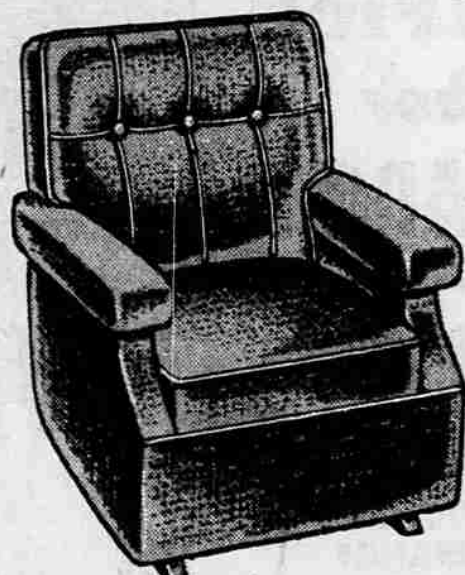
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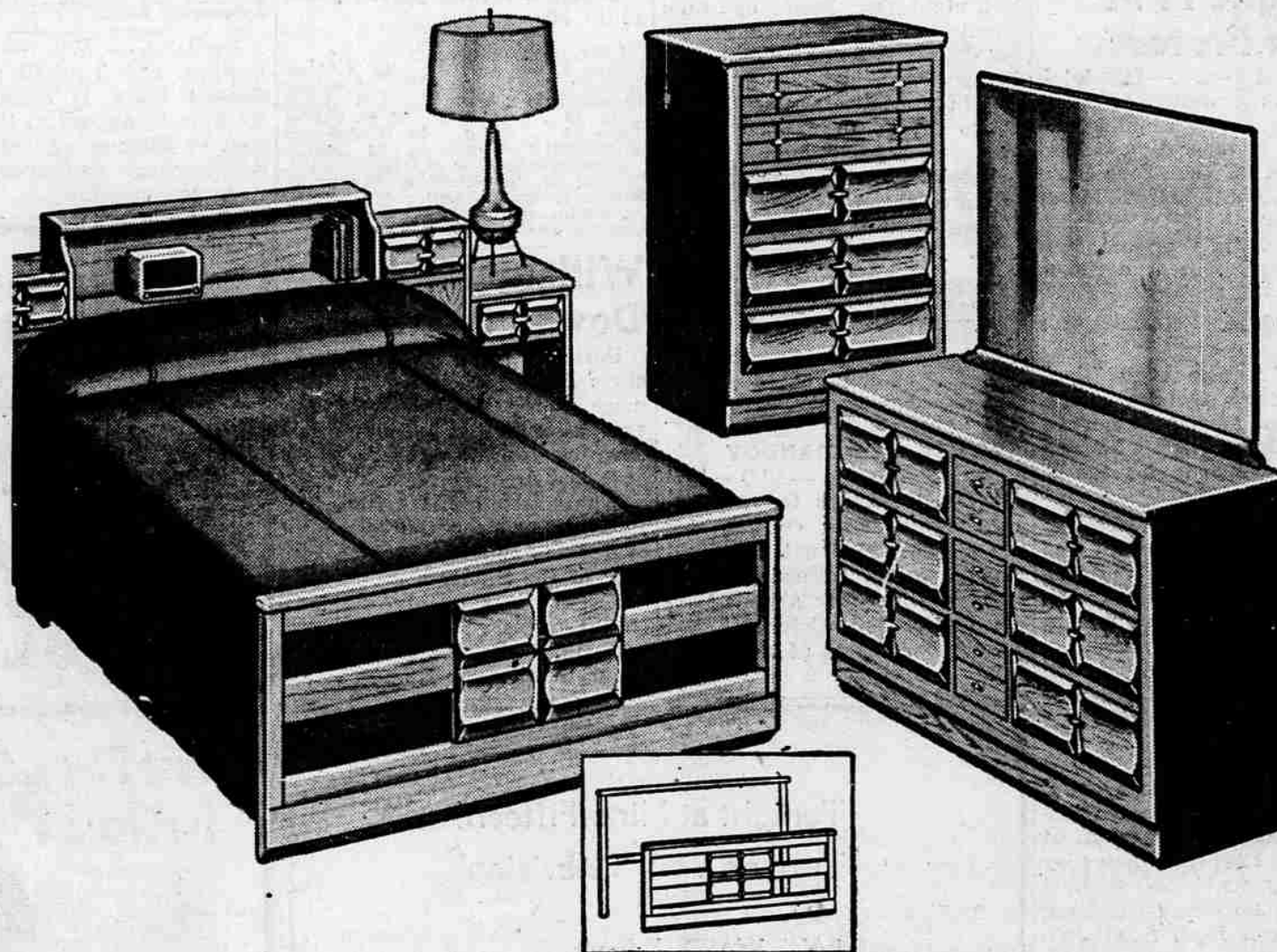
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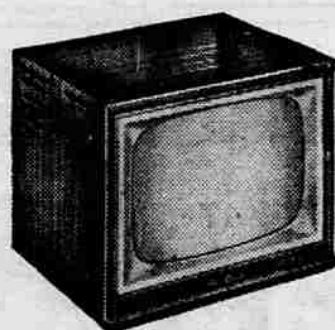
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