

Eerie Calm Before Storm Evident in State Legislature

Several Signals Of Turmoil Ahead Seen in Hearings

Salem — (U.P.) — An eerie calm has settled on the surface of the Oregon Legislature, but veteran lawmakers who have been here for several sessions see it as the calm before the storm.

There are several storm signals of the big blow ahead: Shortness of nerves and tempers at some committee meetings and hearings. Flare-ups at some of the after-hours hotel pow-wows.

Plenty of Dynamite
One senator observed as he entered the rotunda of the capitol, "There is plenty of dynamite around here but so far no one has furnished the dynamite caps."

The calm — that saw at least two days in the floor sessions of the Senate last week produce not a single discussion — only explanations — is expected to be short lived. The storm will come when the really controversial measures reach the floors of both houses.

Taxation Problem
Taxation and Ways and Means promise to produce one of the great struggles of the session. The Joint Ways and Means Committee is faced with the task of tailoring Oregon's budget to its income, and the millions of dollars in surpluses the past few sessions have had to work with are gone.

The state is faced with a deficit of some \$45,000,000 without a building program and some \$65,000,000 if just the board of control and higher education system priority projects should be adopted. The Taxation Committees, headed by Rep. Loran L. Stewart, Cottage Grove Republican, and Sen. Rudie Wilhelm Jr., Portland Republican, must find the revenue to finance the program ways and means.

To Study Liquor
A forerunner of one of the storms—liquor legislation—will come Wednesday night. The Senate Committee on Alcoholic Traffic, headed by Sen. John P. Hounsell, Hood River Republican, will study a proposal of Sen. Robert D. Holmes, Gearhart Democrat, for a one-man paid liquor commissioner to replace the three-man liquor commission, and another of Sen. Joseph K. Carson Jr., Portland Democrat, for a three-man full time paid commission. The commissioners now are not paid.

Other hearings through the week will deal with such debate-producing matters as: A proposal for a five-man highway commission to replace the present three-man commission; PUC regulation of reduction as well as increases in railroad freight rates; unemployment legislation including proposed higher unemployment compensation benefits.

Calendars Light
Calendars were light in both houses today. The senate had up for final action a measure to give disabled war veterans \$1500 property tax exemptions and a bill to require state permits to take minerals from ocean beaches.

The House had up for final action a measure to prohibit issuance of certificates to those who have been convicted of felonies or of minor crimes involving morals, and a bill to have the state board of health jurisdiction over farm labor camps.

Local Students Win At Speech Tourney

Fifteen senior and 13 junior high school students from Medford took part in the annual high school speech tournament at Linfield college February 17-19. The students were accompanied by DeVere Taylor, speech instructor at senior high school, and Don Darneille, junior high school speech instructor. Dan Kellington, senior, won first place in the interpretive acting division and Joe Burns, ninth grader, first place in the junior division, after dinner speaking. Young Burns and David Frohnmayer of junior high school second place in the junior division debate and Bruce West, sophomore, won third in junior division personal interview.

Reaching the finals were Greg Milnes, sophomore, serious reading competition, and Joe Burns, impromptu speaking. Six hundred students from 40 schools were entered in the tournament.

GOP Cries 'Politics' Over Demo Tax Cut Proposals

Washington—(U.P.)—The Democratic-controlled Congress signaled the start of an income tax-cutting drive today in the face of administration opposition and angry Republican cries of "politics."

The legislation — which Democrats plan to push through the House Ways and Means Committee without public hearings — would cut everybody's income taxes, starting next Jan. 1. It would save every taxpayer

\$20 and an additional \$20 for each dependent on next year's taxes.

Democrats hoped to push the bill through the House by Friday. There is opposition from at least one key Democratic senator—Chairman Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) of the Senate Finance Committee. But Democratic leaders were hopeful of getting the legislation to the White House within 38 days.

House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack (Mass.) replied that "any time anything is done for the average person Republicans oppose it and cry politics."

Tax-Cutting Initiative
The Democratic strategy obviously was aimed at seizing the

tax-cutting initiative from President Eisenhower for political advantage in the 1956 presidential campaign. The strategy evolved after President Eisenhower said he hoped to recommend an income tax cut when Congress returns next January.

Mr. Eisenhower pointed to his forecast of a \$2,400,000,000 deficit for the fiscal year starting July 1 as evidence that "we cannot afford any tax cuts now." The Democratic plan would cost \$1,400,000,000 in revenue for a full year but it would add only \$700,000,000 to the forecast deficit since it would apply only to the last half of the fiscal year.

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.) — Tomorrow is the day when the confusion, generally fairly organized hereabouts, gets out of hand.

It's Washington's birthday and an excuse for local merchants to unload junk off their shelves to the gullible, don't give a darn public.

It's billed in the public prints as the Washington birthday sales.

It's a fascinating scene. But a lot of right-thinking people have cried across the years that there ought to be a more dignified manner of celebrating the birth anniversary of our first leader than offering ladies pink panties for eight cents, or four cents per pantleg.

It is said to have started in the long ago when one merchant, finding himself with an overload of ladies panties and other things, decided to cash in on junk. He did and gathered himself a bundle of long green.

The merchant, who couldn't afford a legal staff at the time, forgot to copyright his notion (it can't be done, anyhow) and before you could chop down a cherry tree the sales became a tradition.

If you have never seen the mauling and hauling and pulling of hair on 22 February, it's worth the plane fare from far off places, just to stand by at a safe distance and take a look.

You have to get up early, or stay up late. There is one character who each year advertises muchly used typewriters for 99 cents. A line in front of this shop forms about four the afternoon before. The clown has only three for sale, but by the time it starts to rain (and generally it does around 9 o'clock the night before) the sale is 40 or 50 daring ones are lined up, carrying coats, holding umbrellas and with thermos jugs of coffee sticking out of their top coats.

It's neighbor fighting neighbor, devil take the back-most and what does the first three wind up with, a 99 cent typewriter. Weigh it for junk and maybe you'll get your dough back, and you can subtract that for what your sleeping time is worth.

But we started out to talk about pink panties, which are much more interesting than the keys or carriage return of a silly old chatterbox.

Panties are, as always, for sale at eight cents a pair, grab bag, for size, and if they don't fit, the exchange window is closed

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Thousands of men with reducible hernias — just like yours — are back to work on a full-time basis thanks to the wonderful safety and comfort features of the modern lightweight truss we will fit to your measurements. Yes—ruptured men work in safety and comfort because this truss lifts and holds the hernia securely—and does it with a touch so gentle it's scarcely felt at all. So why let rupture and the painful pressure of a poorly fitted truss dock your pay check? See your Doctor then see us today for a perfect fit in a perfect truss. No Appointment is necessary. Come in Anytime.



on 23 February. So there you are!

Seven inch television sets, with special magnifying specks pitched in run all the way up to \$1.10.

You don't try things on. Shoes are in boxes. If they give your corns a fit, they might make a nice present next Christmas for the man who picks up the banana peels and apple parings.

And oh, yes. One store has advertised "men's pants—one-half off." That's always interesting.

HOME WORK
Norfolk, Conn. — (U.P.) — Contractor Gerald Mulville took some time off to putter around his own home, fell and broke a wrist.

In an effort to make it veto-proof, Democrats decided to take the tax cut on as an amendment to an administration bill to postpone for another year a \$3,000,000,000 cut in corporation and excise taxes automatically scheduled for April 1.

Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee charged the Democrats with "improper tactics," and "political demagoguery" and said they were putting politics above the country's welfare.

LEGISLATURE IN RECESS
Salem—(U.P.)—Both houses of the state Legislature adjourned for the weekend Friday after reversing an earlier decision to begin Saturday sessions this week.

Democracy Prospects Declared Brighter

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Justice William O. Douglas of the U.S. Supreme Court believes democracy's prospects are far brighter than most Americans think.

Speaking before several hundred listeners at the Westside Jewish Community Center last night, Douglas said the competition between democratic and Communist forces "is not going to the Communists, as so many people fear."

"The great work being done by Prime Minister Nehru in India is stemming the Communist tide, rolling back their forces," he said. "They are doing a brilliant job for democracy in Burma, too, and our prospects are extremely bright in Viet Nam."

Use Tribune Want Ads

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY SALE

Prices chopped down throughout the store

We Cannot Tell a Lie . . .

Everyone makes mistakes (how many can you make, huh?) . . . well, here they are anyway. We haven't been able to pass them off on anyone and they're ruining the looks of our bright new Spring merchandise. WE CANNOT TELL A LIE . . . so here are the bare facts.

Unwelcome Perennials	The Undercover Story
ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS that have been popping back into stock for the past 3 spring seasons. Values to 2.50. Take 'em for 25¢-50¢	SLIPS, HALF SLIPS and GOWNS which we haven't been able to slip on to the public. They're real bargains (honest) for 1/2 price
Vintage Crop . . . Women's Apparel	NYLON HOSIERY: How can one make a mistake buying hosiery? They all look alike. We apparently did. Values to 1.65 59¢ pr.
Just the right amount of . . . wrong styles. Just the right amount of . . . wrong colors. Just the right amount of . . . ? What is wrong with them? They've been aging for eons on our racks and tables and we feel it's just about the right time to get rid of them.	Two Mistakes From Childrens Wear
UNIFORMS that don't seem right for women in white. Slightly soiled (after 2 years.) Values to 8.98 2.49-4.29	CORDUROY JACKETS: Even the kids dislike these. Girl's sizes 8-14. Red or green. Regular 7.50 3.00
RUMMAGE TABLE of jersey blouses, sweaters and cotton blouses, chuck full of our mistakes. Values to 8.98 3.00	RAIN SLICKERS: We can't be weather prophets, too. These are made of an everglaze fabric in red or yellow. Sizes 6-14. Reg. 7.98 4.88
FORMAL SKIRTS: Three that didn't get to a party. Real wallflower types. Regular 9.98 3.00	"Boo Boos" From Men's Wear
CITY SLICKERS: Three of them that didn't get wet. They were the rage two years ago. Regular 10.98 3.00	TIES that didn't even sell at Christmas time. Our buyer must have been in a bad mood when he chose these. Reg. 1.50 69¢
REVERSIBLE COATS: Thank goodness there are only six of them. Combination tweed and rayon. Regular 39.95 15.00	T-SHIRTS that have been roosting around here for months. Supposed to be a buy at 3.95 but we're beginning to doubt it 2/3.19
MATERNITY DRESSES One piece style in an obnoxious print pattern. Our buyer thought they were darbs. Reg. 4.98 2.19	SLACKS which might fit the bill for a "Hard-Time Party". Small and large sizes only. How about taking them off our hands for 3.98
Regular 3.98 MATERNITY SKIRTS 2.00	SPORT SHIRTS: Wrong styles, colors, fabrics sort of thing again. We'll lose money but it's worth it if you take them for 1.98
HOUSE DRESSES in a revolting little plaid pattern. You won't want to be seen out of the house in these. Reg. 5.98 3.00	JACKETS: The heavy type. You won't get much use out of them now unless you're planning a trip to Alaska. Values to 17.95 for 4.98 & 7.95
PLASTIC JACKETS in white. Well, they were white but they're supposed to be washable. Regular 10.98 3.00	REVOLTING little collection in assorted styles, fabrics and colors. Values to 13.95. Take them for 3.95 & 5.95
SKIRTS in dressy and tailored styles. All of the wrong colors, styles and fabrics apparently. Values to 14.98 5.00	YOU'LL FIND LOTS OF MISTAKES IN OUR BOY'S DEPARTMENT SO TAKE A LITTLE TRIP TO OUR LOWER FLOOR TOMORROW AND LOOK FOR OUR SPECIALS!
SWEATERS: We don't dare mention the famous makers name. They're cardigan styles. Regular 12.98 8.00	Attic Bound Specials
JACKETS: These are by another so-called famous maker. You wouldn't pay the regular price of 22.95, so here they are for 14.00	DENIM SPREADS, twin size, drab colors. Reg. 9.98 each 12.98 pr.
SQUARE DANCE DRESSES: We don't know why these 3 are still hanging so forlornly on our rack. Regular 14.98 3.00	SHOT GLASSES in boxed set. (Only 10.) Reg. 1.00 49¢
SEE OUR MARTHA WASHINGTON SALE RACK OF DRESSES	RUBBER MATS (only 4) handy for the kitchen Reg. 1.00 29¢
Fallen Arch Department	DISH DRAINERS in stunning blue. (Only 2) Reg. 3.98 99¢ ea.
TWO STRAP CASUALS: 30 pair that we can't foist off on anyone. They were the rage before we stocked them. Reg. 5.49 pr. 2.99	CARVING BOARDS (only 3). Well and tree design. Reg. 3.98 1.69
BLACK SUEDE WEDGIES: New arrival for Spring '54. Mid-hi heel. Another buyers mistake. Regular 9.98 pr. 4.99	FISH PLANKS (only 2). Something fishy here. Reg. 3.00 99¢
GALOSHES: 6 pr. (sizes 4 to 5 1/2.) RUBBER BOOTS: 5 pr. (size 5 only). They're not pretty but certainly protective. Values to 4.98 1.49	JEWELRY BOXES (only 2). Beautiful cut glass. Reg. 4.98 1.39
Housewives Dilemma	UPHOLSTERY SQUARES. Picked over assortment. Values to 12.95 yd. 37¢ ea.
SURFACE-KLEEN: Wax remover and color restorer. Reg. 1.10 25¢	PLASTIC CHAIR COVERS (never get rid of these). Reg. 3.98 1.00
SURFACE-NU: A liquid rubber for appliance surfaces. Reg. 90c 15¢	ONION 'N GARLIC POWDER, famous West Indies make. Reg. 75c 33¢
STA-RITE: A conditioner for white porcelain. Reg. 98c 15¢	HAND WHIPS (only 4). Beat eggs in a jiff. Reg. 1.10 29¢
CHROME-KLEEN: Cleans and brightens. Reg. 69c 10¢	CERAMIC BARGAIN TABLE: Vases, figurines, etc. Values to 15.98 2.99
GLASS CLEANER in bottle with spray adapter. Reg. 69c 10¢	DINNERWARE SET (only 1 set). Veriniware pattern. Reg. 30.00 14.95
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