

Medford Attorney Assists In Legislative Bill-Writing

Salem—Edward Branchfield, Medford attorney and a member of the law firm of Roberts, Kellington and Branchfield, is in Salem for a two-week period, helping draw up bills for members of the state legislature.

Branchfield's work is part of the program of the Oregon State Bar association, which provides this service at each legislature. Lawyers from throughout the state do the work on a voluntary basis, without compensation and pay for most of their own expenses.

The work, in addition to bill drafting, includes providing legal opinions requested by legislators on questions which come before them. The Bar attorneys work closely with the Legislative Council, which performs much the same function.

His office is in the suite set aside for the Bar, on the fourth floor of the Capitol. He assumed his duties Monday, and plans to return to Medford March 7. He is staying at the Marion hotel.

Branchfield was admitted to the Oregon Bar in 1942 and has practiced in Medford since 1946. He is past president of the Southern Oregon Bar association, and



EDWARD BRANCHFIELD Helps in Bill-Drafting

has been active in community and veterans affairs. Among his positions are membership on the Medford school board, and chairmanship of the advisory committee to the state department of veterans affairs.

Bonn Police Guard Against Trouble on Rearmament Debate

Bonn, Germany — (U.P.)—The lower house of parliament began final action on the West German rearmament pacts today. Passage was believed assured despite a serious split in Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's coalition government.

Solons Protest Freighter Transfers

Washington — (U.P.)—Three Oregon congressmen protested today against possible transfer of 75 reserve fleet freighters from Astoria, Ore., to Olympia, Wash.

Sens. Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger and Rep. Edith Green, all Democrats, wrote Earl M. Hughes, vice-president of the Commodity Credit Corp. that the transfer would increase the number of jobs at Astoria where the unemployment situation already is "critical . . . alarming."

Government costs would go up thousands of dollars a ship, they also said.

The ships are being used for storage of grain held by the government in the price support program.

Hundreds of police ringed the building long before opening of the debate to guard against Communist demonstrations. They were joined during the night by 500 reinforcements from neighboring cities and strengthened by two riot squads armed with water cannon.

A heavy snow began falling outside the Parliament building and there was no sign of trouble makers as the debate began.

Police throughout the industrial Ruhr were ordered to halt any demonstrators enroute to Bonn after the government received reports the Communists

might attempt a mass march in keeping with Moscow's orders to halt German rearmament at any cost.

Rehearing Denied In Coos Bay Case

Salem — (U.P.)—The Oregon Supreme Court yesterday denied a rehearing in the case of the Coos Bay Lumber Company vs. the CIO International Woodworkers of America local at Coos Bay.

In that case, the high court had held that employers were required to withhold deductions

The debate began under Adenauer's stern warning that any opposition by the coalition parties to the four-treaty rearmament package would mean a government crisis.

The four inter-locking ratification bills be voted on separately cover the following treaties:

1. The one making the West German Republic a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Western European Union.
2. One restoring sovereignty to West Germany.
3. One providing for the stationing of Allied troops in West Germany after ratification.
4. The unpopular treaty on the Saar signed in Paris Oct. 23 by Adenauer and former French Premier Mendes-France.

Today's debate was on second reading of the treaties, and a vote was expected perhaps by Friday.



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