

Oregon Oil Exploration Activity Declared To Be Highest in State's History

Bevan Appeals To Laborites To Defeat Expulsion Demand

London—(U.P.)—Aneurin Bevan's left-wing faction of the British Labor party appealed today to the Labor members of Parliament to defy and defeat the demand for his expulsion for insubordination.

The call was sounded in the Tribune, weekly organ of the Bevan-led left wing as elements of the conservative press openly urged Prime Minister Winston Churchill to call a spring election while the Socialists are split wide open.

Asked To Resist Pressure

A full front page article in the Tribune called on the 293 Labor members of Parliament to "resist insane pressure" from right wingers allegedly trying to

"... In particular he has campaigned against the plan to re-arm West Germany and the insistence that no talks with Soviet leaders should take place until that fatal step was taken. Silence Right Wished

"A few right wing leaders of the party... have long wished to silence him. They feared, and fear more than ever today, the growing response to his appeal in the constituency Labor parties, in the trade unions and in the country as a whole."

"Now," the article said, "some

of those same persons have resolved to press for the kill, disregarding the threat to the future of the Labor movement and as press reports indicate, against the advice of Mr. Attlee, the leader of the party."

Attlee already was reported to have rebuffed party attempts to make peace between him and Bevan before Churchill can call general elections. The conservatives must call one by next year, but they can name their own date.

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Caution Requested In Discouraging Tax Legislation

Salem—(U.P.)—There is now more active oil exploration under way in Oregon than ever before in its history and the state should move cautiously in any form of legislation that might discourage that activity, according to Hollis Dole, acting director of the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

Dole reported to the House Taxation Committee yesterday that at least 10 major firms are now seeking oil deposits in the state and he opposed a bill for a two or three per cent severance tax on oil even before the resource is discovered.

Might Change Criteria Oregon has just recently reached its turn on the ladder of priorities of oil companies in their exploration program, Dole said, and he feared that a new tax might change the criteria of that priority.

Faye Bristol of Rogue River, president of the Oregon Mining Corp. told the committee that Oregon is on the verge of its most profitable exploitation in the mineral field. It would be a disservice to the state to hamper this progress, he said.

Most Heavily Taxed William Hedlund of Portland, attorney for Western oil companies, testified that oil companies now are paying one eighth of all taxes collected in the nation and are the most heavily taxed of any other single industry. He said the revenue measure now before the House Taxation Committee constituted double taxation and was discriminatory.

Several sand and gravel companies also opposed the bill.

HELPFUL JUDGE Milford, Conn.—(U.P.)—A town court judge imposed a \$9 fine on John Turner, 23, for a traffic violation and then lent him the money to pay the penalty.

International Control Group Seen Necessary To Avoid A, H Bombs

An international organization which can make decisions stick is needed to prevent destruction of nations by atom and hydrogen bombs.

That is the suggestion of Dr. Robert Newell, head of the department of radio biology at Stanford university school of medicine. Dr. Newell, addressing Medford Kiwanis club yesterday, said, however, that he did not have the "solution" as to how such an organization can be formed.

Speaking at the service club's luncheon at Rogue Valley Country club, the doctor declared that the present world government situation is "international anarchy." He brought out that there is no present authority whose rulings cannot be resisted. That in the end means war and destruction for the winner as well as the loser, Dr. Newell stressed.

Describing some of the terrors of the bombs, he termed the picture "desperate," and stated that "the atomic bomb is so bad we can't afford to put up with it." Dr. Newell declared that, if he

had the power, he would take all the plutonium and uranium and dump it in the bottom of the ocean, would destroy the piles of atomic energy and would put atomic energy "on ice" until the anarchy of the world is settled.

No Real Protection There isn't any protection, really, from a bombing, he said. He mentioned traffic jams which may arise when a large city is bombed, saying that a person might walk away from the area but couldn't get far enough to get away from the "fall out." A person might get away from being killed right away, but would be among those who "might" have a chance of survival.

Dr. Newell stated that an individual far enough away from a bomb blast to not get the shock waves won't be hurt by gamma and neutron rays.

The doctor, who observed the "Operation Crossroads" aerial and underwater atomic blasts in the Pacific, said that the sight was overpowering.

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY United Press Correspondent

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Marlon Brando, a four-time Oscar nominee for heavy dramas, is taking singing lessons today with the hope of becoming a "real singer."

Every day the actor, famed for torn-shirt-and-scorching roles practices the scales for his first musical comedy part in the movie version of the Broadway hit, "Guys and Dolls."

"It's a big relief," admitted Brando after a crooning session at Goldwyn Studio. "I got so tired of playing those parts where you get up at seven and slap somebody across the face with an alligator."

"I'm sick of playing a naughty boy. In this picture the mood will be lighter. I think there'll be less shaking, too."

With Maestro Brando studies with a maestro from MGM who, as the actor says, "gave Jane Powell a voice and taught Howard Keel."

"I'd never sung before, never seriously, strictly bathtub style," Brando went on.

"I'd like to be able to really sing. I've always thought it

would be fun. Classical? Perhaps."

"A lot of musicals you don't need a voice to sing, anyway. Walter Huston was in musicals, and," he said, lapsing into Brandoese, "he couldn't sing his way out of a wet piece of kleenex. Performance is the thing."

One of the torn-shirt films Brando has tired of, "On the Waterfront," won him an Academy Award nomination, and he is a hot favorite to pick up an Oscar March 30. But Brando observed casually, "Everybody talks about it like you go to jail, or something if you don't win."

"It would be pleasant to win," he said. "But I'm just as happy to have been nominated by 13,000 people. Only 1,300 cast the final vote."

Polite to Ladies Hollywood's new "singing star" is soft spoken and polite around ladies of the press. During the interview he carefully lit my cigarette, helped me on with my coat and impulsively gave a passing newsboy a large tip.

After Brando collected a foreign press award recently in a tuxedo, I expected him to be wearing one of those charcoal-and-pink outfits. However, he looked like the old Brando in a T-shirt, sport jacket and scarf. He frowned that talk about his wardrobe is "irrelevant."

But observers claim they see a new Brando. He is appearing on Ed Murrow's "Person to Person" TV show April 1, and also was in a tuberculosis drive film.

To dispel rumors, he insisted he still plans to marry Josanne Berringer, "sometime this summer."

Mexican Air Crash Victims Badly Burned

Mascota, Mexico—(U.P.)—Authorities reported today the 26 victims of Mexico's worst plane crash were burned beyond recognition and that it probably would take days to identify them.

The Mexico City newspaper Ultima Noticias speculated the plane crash may have resulted from "sabotage or mutiny aboard" by four Mexican "dangerous forgers and drug traffickers" being flown to Guadalajara for trial.

The bodies, including those of four Californians, were brought down last night from fire blackened El Cabor, a 9000-foot peak of the western Sierra Madre near Mexico's west coast.

The 23 passengers and three crew members were killed Tuesday afternoon when a twin-engine Mexican airliner crashed into the peak and exploded 20 minutes after it left the coastal resort town of Puerto Vallarta.

Two-Day Break in Stock Market Prices Seen As Routine Reaction To Long Upward Trend

New York—(U.P.)—Stock market operators said today the sharp two-day break in prices may be part of a routine reaction to the long upward trend in stock levels.

Heavy selling which began Tuesday knocked the total value of securities listed on the New York Stock Exchange down \$5,000,000,000, about three per cent of the \$175,500,000,000 total value of stocks listed on the exchange.

Experts pointed out that reaction to a rising market sometimes brings on a break of up to 10 per cent.

Some Wall Street operators

said the drop might have occurred even without the stock market study being conducted in Washington by Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) and his Senate Banking Committee.

They said some statements made by Fulbright and by witnesses probably triggered the drop or at least provided an excuse for it.

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