

Aid To Counties in Collecting Child Support From Fathers Considered

Interim Committee Legislation Eyed By Subcommittee

Salem — (U.P.) — The ways and means subcommittee on welfare hopes to set up an interim committee to help counties collect child support from fathers able to pay.

Sen. George Ulett (R-Coquille) told a meeting of county judges and commissioners and welfare administrators here yesterday that the subcommittee plans to introduce legislation to set up the interim committee staffed with an administrator and assistant.

Near Unanimous Approval

A show of hands gave nearly unanimous approval of such a program. But there was a difference of opinion that savings from such a program would enable counties to bring their new budgets down to the level of their budgets for the current biennium.

Sen. Ulett said he believes most people underestimate savings from this source. Mrs. Loia Howard Mason, head of the State Public Welfare commission said savings would be many times the cost.

Present Program Favored

Sen. Ulett's group had sent a list of questions to the county representatives including a query as to whether they wanted general assistance maintenance care and general assistance medical care returned to the exclusive jurisdiction of the counties.

Most of the county judges and commissioners said they'd like to keep the present program. A momentary flare-up came when Sen. Ulett suggested to Nat McDougall Jr., chairman of the Multnomah County Welfare commission that he did not see why Multnomah county couldn't have appraised its welfare situation some time ago and "go after it like the others did and not get yourself in a mess." Multnomah county in recent months has made considerable cuts in general assistance.

Ulett said: "It is definitely up to you to appraise your situation. You are not doing the right thing by your people to pay the full amount and then make drastic cuts."

McDougall said he "opposes the implication that we did nothing."

Mike Gleason, Multnomah county commissioner, said the problem was placed before the State Welfare commission many months before action was taken.

Promotions, New Classes in Juniors

Starting next Saturday a new class in baton twirling will be started in Bliss Heine's Juniors at the Moose hall from 1 to 2 p.m. It is for those who are unable to attend the morning classes. Also starting next Monday another class in baton twirling will be started in the American Legion hall at Central Point from 4 to 5 p.m.

At last Saturday's classes promotions were announced. Advanced to sergeants were Janice Johnson, Verna Hall, Karen Fogel, Nancy Espey, Jennifer Espey, Linda Graham, Anita Brenner, Jackie Glines, Diane Benson and Judy Benson. Sharyn Hamm was advanced to master sergeant. Betty Falk and Lorena Bennett were advanced to second lieutenants. Linda Bishop and Louise Willis to majors; Carolyn Foust to colonel and Sidney Yarnell to major-general. Next promotions will be made the first week in June.

The Juniors' paper department is now building up, with new uses being worked out for shredded paper. It is requested that discarded wrapping paper now be saved and turned in with the other kinds as a new use has been found for this grade of paper. Several tons of shredded paper are now on hand in 100-pound bales.

Linda Christian Plans To Become US Citizen

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actress Linda Christian, estranged wife of Tyrone Power, plans to become a citizen of the United States.

Miss Christian, 31, was born in Mexico, the daughter of a Dutch oil executive. Yesterday she appeared in the U.S. Immigration Office here, took a test on the Constitution, and produced witnesses to testify to her good moral standing in the community.

Miss Christian currently is involved in a dispute with a New York jewelry firm over \$132,000 worth of diamonds given her by a Milwaukee playboy.



OPPOSES MARGARET ROMANCE — Dr. Alfred Blunt (above), Bishop of Bradbury, said that "only solution" to any romance between Princess Margaret and Capt. Peter Townsend would be to "call it off."

Press Makes Appeal To Princess To End Suspense Over Romance

London — (U.P.) — A London newspaper scolded group Capt. Peter Townsend today for his Brussels statements and appealed indirectly to Princess Margaret to end the suspense over their reported romance and possible marriage.

Almost every newspaper carried Townsend's statement of Monday that he has no reason to believe that Princess Margaret has decided to marry him. The story was carried in papers which heretofore have ignored the rumors.

Only the Times refused to break its silence on the reported romance between the Princess and the 40-year-old divorced commoner which has filled the press of the world with speculation for a week.

The Daily Mail, mentioning the romance for the first time,

did so with a front page editorial appealing indirectly to the royal family and Princess Margaret to say what was going on.

"Group Captain Townsend is a man of 40," the Daily Mail said. "He cannot be innocent of the ways of the world or the use which could be made of any ambiguous statements he made about Princess Margaret..."

"We can at least hope that the group captain has spoken his last word in his hurried, unconsidered interviews and that if there is anything more to be said the royal family may be allowed to say it."

The Townsend reference to marriage came in a statement he first gave to reporters outside his apartment Monday and which was issued later through the British embassy where he has served as air attache since

word of the romance leaked to the press two years ago.

Townsend, referring to a statement which said he would be ready to go into exile if a certain lady should demand it, said:

"This statement implies that Princess Margaret has decided to marry me. The Princess had made no such decision known to me nor have I any reason to believe she has made such a decision."

Los Angeles Rams Set Portland Exhibitions

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — The Los Angeles Rams today announced they would play exhibition night football games in Portland, Ore., against the Pittsburgh Steelers Aug. 6 and the New York Giants Aug. 28 in Multnomah Stadium.

Meat Inspection Bill Public Hearing Set

A public hearing on the proposed meat inspection bill now before the Oregon legislature, House Bill 99, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Room 309 of the Capitol, it was reported here today.

A number of local people, including meat packers and others, including the Medford League of Women Voters, have expressed interest in the bill.

The measure is now in the Ways and Means committee for study of its financial aspects. The hearing will be held by a subcommittee of the full committee. Considerable statewide interest in the bill has been expressed. It would provide for compulsory inspection of all meat, which is not now provided for in state law. One objection to the bill which has threatened its passage is the cost of some \$400,000 annually from general fund appropriations.

Timber Taxation Due For Talk at Meeting

A meeting to discuss appraisal and taxation of timber will be held in the county courthouse auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 18, it was announced today. Representatives of the county assessor's office and of the state tax commission will attend, and all timber owners in the county are invited. The assessor's reappraisal of timber with the cooperation of the state commission, and values derived and equalization with adjoining counties, will be explained.

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