

Work Starts on State Sales Tax Draft

Adenauer To Plan Strategy Against Berlin Blockade

Berlin (U.P.)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer will fly to Berlin later this month to plan strategy to crack the Communists' "little blockade," the West German government announced today.

West Berlin Mayor Otto Suhr appealed directly to Adenauer to intervene as the Communists stepped up their war of nerves against the free part of the city.

U. S. High Commissioner James B. Conant arrived in Berlin today by train from the West German capital in Bonn for a three-day visit. He planned to discuss the threatening Berlin situation with U. S. officials although his visit was planned before the blockade began.

Suhr already had conferred with Conant before calling on Adenauer today.

Visit Expected
April 26 to 28

Government officials said Adenauer probably would visit Berlin from April 26 to 28 with some cabinet members to discuss with members of the city government ways of lifting the Red blockade. He must be back in Bonn by April 29 for a meeting with French Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay.

While Suhr was working to relieve the economic pressure against free Berlin, the East German Communists said workers throughout the surrounding Soviet zone were demanding stronger "security measures" against the "West Berlin terror and sabotage center."

Alleged Demands
The alleged demands were bannerlined in the official East German Communist party newspaper Neues Deutschland (New Germany).

The prominence given the demands, combined with a Communist press and radio campaign against West Berlin, was seen here as a sign the Reds were planning new steps to interfere with traffic between free sections of the city and the West.

"Workers in Berlin and the German Democratic Republic demand security measures," Neues Deutschland said.

"The workers completely approve the opinion of the government of the German Democratic Republic and of the Democratic (Communist east) sector of Berlin from underground activity carried out from the West Berlin provocation center against the German Democratic Republic."

Mercy Plane Back From Mexican Trip

Dr. Raymond Smith, 1015 Reddy st., became the 340th patient carried by a Mercy Flights plane yesterday, when he was returned to his home from Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico, in a 16½-hour trip.

Dr. and Mrs. Smith were vacationing in Mexico when the dentist suffered a stroke on Feb. 2. He was hospitalized at Mazatlan until yesterday.

Pilot George Mulligan and Co-Pilot Grant Bourquin left here at 5:30 a. m. Tuesday, arriving in the Mexican coastal city at 8:30 p. m. They left yesterday morning at 7:30 a. m., arriving home a few minutes before midnight. The only delays en route were due to customs and border inspections, and other on-ground difficulties with official and service personnel.

Miss Hazel Swayne, R.N., attended Dr. Smith on the flight home. He stood the trip nicely. It was reported Mrs. Smith also was aboard the plane.

The round trip of 3,500 miles is the longest patient flight made by planes of the non-profit ambulance corporation since it was organized nearly 5½ years ago, and is the first across an international border.

Medford Schools Slated To Receive \$215,617 in O&C Fund Distribution; Money To Pay Off Indebtedness

The Medford public schools will get \$215,617.62, or almost one-third of the \$685,859.07 in converted O&C money to be divided among the county's 23 school districts.

Payments of the funds to the school districts was authorized this week by the county budget committee and the county court. Distribution will be based on the 1954 school census, taken last fall.

The money comes from the county's share of a \$5,171,623.39 disbursement from the Oregon and California Controversial Lands fund. The county's share was \$815,047.88, and the balance of that total has been absorbed by other budget requirements.

First Class Districts
The county's three first class school districts, Medford, Ashland, and District 6C, will get more than half of the funds to be distributed. Ashland's total

County's Doctors Endorse Vaccine Program for Polio

New York (U.P.)—The National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis announced today that it would follow the two-shot anti-polio vaccine method recommended by Dr. Jonas E. Salk for the year 1955.

Under the plan, the first two inoculations of the Salk anti-polio vaccine would be separated by an interval of two to four weeks. The third and final shot in the series would be given not earlier than seven months later but before the 1956 polio season.

The Jackson County Medical Society last night went on record as endorsing the Salk polio vaccination program which will start here next week.

The society also voted to advise the Jackson county health department that the member doctors are willing to donate their time to aid the administration of the free vaccine in the schools of the county. They pointed out that the vaccine is being paid for by donations to the March of Dimes.

In the same resolution, the doctors went on record as urging all member physicians to adopt the nominal fee of \$10 for administration of the vaccine to their private patients, in the series of three shots recommended by Dr. Jonas Salk, developer of the vaccine, as soon as it becomes available for private distribution.

Pharmaceutical companies have previously announced that the vaccine would sell for \$6 for enough for the series of shots. The additional \$4 would represent the charge by the doctors for administering the three shots in series.

Poison Death Plan Of Fong Prosecution

Portland (U.P.)—Prosecutor Howard Lonergan told the jury today the state would attempt to show that Diane Hank, 16, died of poison given her at the home of Wey Him and Sherry Fong. The Fongs are on trial here for first degree murder.

Lonergan said that during the evening of Jan. 6, 1954 the last day the Hank girl was seen alive, she paid a visit to the Fong home. During the evening, he said, Diane in a telephone call to her mother said Sherry Fong had given her a bottle of vitamin pills. A bottle containing two kinds of vitamin pills was found in the fold of her jumper when Diane's body was found near Washougal, Wash., the next morning, he said.

"By this bottle was Diane poisoned, and the labels changed to tell a different story," Lonergan told the jury.

Salem (U.P.)—Gov. Paul L. Patterson has declared a week of May 1-7 as "Conservation Week" in Oregon.

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Rebel Buddhist Troops Attack Indochina City

Assault Breaks
Tinderbox Truce

Saigon, Indochina (U.P.)—Rebellious warlord troops aided by Communist deserters attacked a government-held city 58 miles southwest of Saigon with mortars at dawn today.

The early morning assault by troops of the dissident Hoa Hao Buddhist sect broke the tinderbox truce in free Viet Nam and threatened a new outbreak of the in-and-out civil war.

The high command said the regular South Viet Nam army immediately launched a cleanup drive against the rebel troops led by Gen. Ba Cut whose mortars shelled Sadeck's central district.

The wounded were evacuated to Saigon aboard a South Viet Nam Red Cross plane. Collins Delays Trip
The U. S. Embassy said President Eisenhower's special envoy, Gen. J. Lawton Collins, postponed indefinitely his planned April 20 departure for Washington.

Collins helped win the uneasy truce between American-backed Premier Ngo Dinh Diem and the religious sects who oppose him because of their own political ambitions.

Russell DeForest Resigns as Deputy In DA's Office

Russell W. DeForest has resigned as deputy district attorney for Jackson County, District Attorney Walter Nunley announced today.

DeForest, a member of the firm of DeForest and Hansen, has served as a half-time member of the district attorney's staff since last November, with the salary for the position being paid by the state. Prior to his temporary appointment the post had been vacant for several months.

DeForest said that he was resigning in order that he might devote more time to his own practice.

Appear at Hearing
Nunley and County Judge Rodney Keating recently appeared before the Joint Ways and Means committee of the state legislature to request that Jackson county be given two deputies at a salary of \$4,200 each per year.

Nunley noted at that time that Jackson county has had only one deputy for the past 20 years, and during that time, the populations of the county has increased by about 63 per cent.

that two of the districts, Dewey and Kenwood, do not operate schools and under present state law will have to be consolidated with another district or districts.

School bond payments due during the coming year in Jackson county amount to \$393,500, and interest will be approximately \$142,934.59, or a total of \$536,434.59.

Most recent figures on total bonded indebtedness for the county's school districts show these figures: Jacksonville, \$160,000; Griffin Creek, \$76,000; Ruch, \$65,000; Phoenix, \$216,000; Ashland, \$1,050,000; 6C, \$631,000; Eagle Point, \$236,000; Lone Pine, \$46,000; Talent, \$215,000; Rogue River, \$102,500; Applegate, \$18,500; Elk-Trail, \$38,500.

Medford, \$2,366,000; Prospect, \$188,000; Shady Cove, \$62,500; Butte Falls, \$21,000; West Side, \$65,000, and Howard, \$39,000.

One problem which remains to be solved, however, is the fact that four of the districts, Dewey, Evans Valley, Pinehurst, and Kenwood, have no bonded indebtedness. Members of the county court indicated this morning that they are attempting to find some method by which the four districts will be given the money.

Another problem is the fact

Oregon Congressmen Flooded With Mail on Military Training Program



SUICIDE FOILED—Andre Tremblay, Montreal grocery boy who threatened to kill himself because of a shortage of \$20 in his collections, is lowered down girder of bridge by rescuers into hands of the police. He had

climbed high on the Jacques Cartier bridge, which spans the St. Lawrence river, and was rescued by his friend, Deni Mailloux, a truck driver (plaid shirt). (NEO photo)

Meat Inspection Appears Dead

Britain Will Invite America To Share In Atomic Secrets

London (U.P.)—Britain soon will invite the United States to share some British atomic secrets and to send scientists to observe British nuclear tests for the first time since the war, informed sources said today.

British officials warmly welcomed President Eisenhower's approval Wednesday of an agreement to share atomic information with members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The sources said an agreement among the United States, Britain and Canada permitting exchanges of certain atomic information will also be concluded "in the near future." The agreement which is now being negotiated will provide "lots of scope," the sources said.

The plans for Britain to hand over some of her most closely guarded secrets to the United States is described in London as the first fruit of the amendment of the U. S. McMahon act last year. The 1946 law prohibited the U. S. government from giving much atomic information to other nations.

Sharing Permitted
The pact signed by Mr. Eisenhower Wednesday permits sharing of information on atomic

weapons but not the transfer of the actual weapons or data on how to manufacture them.

The United States cut off its flow of atomic information to Britain following the arrest and conviction of British scientists Klaus Fuchs and Alan Nunn May for giving atomic secrets to Soviet Russia.

Corsi Invited To Air Grievances
Washington (U.P.)—A Senate subcommittee summoned ousted immigration expert Edward J. Corsi today to air his grievances against his old friend John Foster Dulles and the administration's refugee program.

The refugee subcommittee got off to a fast start Wednesday with quick closed-door questioning of State Department Security Chief R. W. Scott McLeod. It continued the pace today by calling Corsi to back up his charge that McLeod "sabotaged" the refugee law. McLeod has denied the accusation.

Chairman William Langer (R-N.D.) said the inquiry probably will move into public hearings Friday. He said the subcommittee will try "desperately" to end the investigation this week.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York (U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrial 422.46 up 0.89; 20 railroads 156.87 off 0.68; 15 utilities 64.68, off 0.18, and 65 stocks 153.10 off 0.09. Sales today were about 2,890,000 shares compared with 2,820,000 shares yesterday.

Joint Committee Refuses To Vote Money for Plan

Salem (U.P.)—A state meat inspection program appeared to have been dealt a death blow here today when the Joint Ways and Means Committee refused to appropriate money for the plan.

The committee defeated by a 7 to 7 vote a move by Sen. George Ulett (R-Coquille) to table the bill. It then rejected a motion by Rep. Alfred Corbett (D-Portland) to appropriate \$100,000 to set up a limited pilot program of meat inspection on the state level.

Sent Back to House
Final vote on the bill sent it back to the House floor with the recommendation that it be referred back to the House Livestock Committee. Without funds, however, there was little the House committee would be able to do with the bill.

Sen. Ulett said he opposed the full program because 75 per cent of all meat sold in Oregon is already inspected, either federally or by cities. He asserted that there were few places in Oregon where inspected meat could not be bought if the consumers wanted it.

New Budget Request Seen
He said even a limited pilot program would result in a new request for a large budget to put the full plan into operation in two years.

Members of the meat packing industry had volunteered to submit to doubled license fees to finance state compulsory meat inspection but Ulett said even that would fall short of the full cost.

Col. W. H. Paine Taken Ill, Is Hospitalized

Col. W. H. Paine, 84, of 56 North Orange st., collapsed and was taken to Community hospital yesterday evening, and is now under treatment for an acute respiratory condition, it was reported this morning.

His doctor said his condition today is "satisfactory," and that he is responding well to treatment. Colonel Paine, a retired Army officer, was active throughout yesterday, and his illness was unexpected. He is one of the area's best-known citizens.

It was announced today that a meeting of the United Spanish War Veterans and auxiliary, scheduled for Saturday at 1 p. m. in honor of departmental officers, has been cancelled because of Colonel Paine's illness.

Portland (U.P.)—The 1955 March of Dimes campaign in Oregon set a new all-time high of \$680,000, John J. Gurian, state chairman, said today. The 1954 figure was \$653,000.

Weather
FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Cooler with local frost tonight. Low tonight 30. Warmer Friday. High 60.
Highest Yesterday 33
Lowest this Morning 37
Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today, Trace.

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Formula Would Offset Income, School Taxes

Delegation Split On General Issue; Ellsworth Silent

Coon, Edith Green To Vote Against

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Washington (U.P.)—Oregon congressmen are getting hundreds of letters from voters in the state on the question of universal military training — one of the most controversial issues in Congress in recent years — as the forces on both sides of this question rally for a showdown vote.

As of now the Oregon delegation is split on the general issue, with two members opposed to UMT outright, one in favor of it and a fourth not publicly committed.

Spearheaded by Legion
Spearheaded by the American Legion and its ladies auxiliary, those who favor UMT — or national security training as the Legion prefers to call it — have been burying congressional offices under an avalanche of letters and postal cards urging the lawmakers to vote for it.

Some offices report they are also getting considerable mail against UMT, some from church groups, while others indicate they are getting only a trickle from those who want the solons to defeat any such conscription plan.

Rep. Sam Coon (R-Ore.), and Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.), are determined to vote against UMT.

Coon Opposed
"As of now I am against it," Coon declared. "I just don't see any real need for it. That doesn't mean that at some future time I might not feel there is a need for it, but right now I'm opposed."

"In an extended compulsory reserve and universal military training program," Mrs. Green explained, "I see the blueprint for a garrison state."

The only Oregon representative on the other side of the fence is Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.), who is on the House Armed Services Committee which has been wrestling with various reserve training schemes for some weeks. Just prior to the Easter recess they agreed on a plan which would give young men the choice of being drafted for two years or enlisting in the new training program for six months of active training duty plus 7½ years of reserve training, in which he would be subject to call to active duty at any time.

Ellsworth Silent
Oregon's fourth representative, Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Cre.), has not expressed his view on the issue as yet.

The arguments expressed by Oregon voters in their appeals for support or opposition follow a pattern to a great extent, particularly those in favor of UMT, many of whom have simply signed their name to a stereotyped letter or card.

Some call UMT the "best insurance for peace" and say "an unprepared nation is a vulnerable nation."

Departure From Policy
From the opposition come reminders that "conscription is a departure from our basic American policy" or arguments that "larger armies are not the answer in the atomic age" and "we must not let the military gain control of our young men."

Congress has always in the past rejected UMT. In 1952 when it last came up, the best proponents of UMT could get through was approval of a commission to study the problem. Last year the commission recommended a lottery to determine which boys would be drafted for two years duty and which would have six months training followed by reserve status.

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Wehmeir and Lopate; Littlefield, Friend (2), King (4), Wade (8) and Atwell.

Salem (U.P.)—A sales tax subcommittee went to work today to find a formula that would make a 3 per cent sales tax, if approved by the voters, act as a partial offset both to personal income taxes and school taxes at the state and county level.

Rep. Earl Hill (R-Cushing), father of the original sales tax plan first presented at this session of the Legislature, said no one had shown him how revenue from such a tax could be divided. His proposal had called for use of sales tax money exclusively for school support at the county level, with none of it going to the general fund of the state.

Members of the House Taxation committee, moved to action by what appeared to be a friendly attitude in the Senate Taxation committee for a 50 per cent increase in personal income taxes, went to work on a sales tax plan that would attempt to relieve the burden on income taxpayers.

Voters Would Decide
Rep. Loran Stewart (R-Cottage Grove), chairman of the House Taxation committee, said he had long favored a tax plan patterned after California's system of a combined sales and income tax in which lower income groups were granted an exemption from the income tax but contributed to state financial needs through the sales tax.

Upper income groups in that state pay both taxes.

A three-way split in sales tax revenues for relief of school finances on the state and county level, and of income taxes on the state level—is the problem facing the subcommittee headed by Rep. Ed Cardwell (R-Sweet Home) and including Rep. C. Allen Tom (R-Rufus) and Rep. Ward Cook (D-Portland).

If their plan gets through the Legislature, it would be the voters, presumably at a special election next fall. One suggestion proffered in the taxation committee would put to the voters the suggestion that a sales tax be imposed for the aid of both state and county treasuries and that the present income tax rates be left unchanged.

Oregon Education Association spokesmen here said they had received a five-to-one expression of support for a sales tax from parent-teacher groups concerned for the long range needs of school districts faced with steadily growing enrollments. Numerous school districts have already reached the limit of their bonding capacity for new buildings.

Acceptance Expected
Cecil Posey, executive secretary of the OEA, said he believed the people of Oregon would accept a sales tax this year if they were informed of the desperate state of Oregon's budget.

Sen. Lee Ohmart (R - Salem) told the Senate Taxation Committee it would have to plan to raise 35 million dollars next biennium and still impose a cigarette tax for 10 million dollars more to meet the estimates of need shown by the budget appropriations bills now being reported out of the ways and means committee.

The revenue program, without a sales tax, would still fall short of meeting the full building program that went before the ways and means committee today.

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Kelly Asks Extension In Hile Case Appeal

Medford Attorney Edward Kelly has filed a motion with the Oregon supreme court seeking an extension of time for filing of briefs in the Hile murder trial, according to District Attorney Walter Nunley.

Kelly is attorney for James Norman Jensen, 25, Larkspur, Calif., who has been sentenced to die in the state gas chamber for the April, 1954 hatchet murder of Mrs. Fern Hile.

Kelly has filed notice of appeal to Jensen's conviction for the slaying. He has asked that the deadline for completion of briefs for the appeal be extended to May 18.

Oppenheimer En Route For Lecture at Eugene

Seattle (U.P.)—Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, atomic scientist, is scheduled to arrive at Seattle-Tacoma airport at 7:40 a. m. Monday en route to Eugene, Ore., where he will lecture at the University of Oregon.

Dr. Henry Schmitz, president of the University of Washington, refused earlier this year to invite Oppenheimer to lecture at Washington.