

# Senate Committee Recommends Against Passage of Sales Tax for Oregon

## Vote Scheduled On Controversial Issue on Tuesday

Salem — (U.P.) — The Senate Tax Committee headed by Sen. Rudie Wilhelm of Portland decided to give the full Senate a chance to vote on the sales tax, but voted 4 to 3 after an all day session yesterday to recommend against its passage.

The Senate votes today to have the bill reprinted with the amendments made by the Senate Committee yesterday. The issue will be voted on tomorrow.

**Sugar Coating**  
The measures were amended to take out what the opposition called "sugar coating." One of the problems facing the committee was the estimate of tax experts that the sales tax would not raise enough money in the first year of the next biennium to offset an anticipated deficit.

To correct this, the committee knocked out \$15 per census child which would have gone to the counties and the basic school fund under the House version of the sales tax package. Part of this was for construction in distressed school districts.

Under the Senate version, the counties would still get \$10 per census child.

**Second-Year Surplus**  
Tax commission statisticians estimated that under the Senate version the state would end the first year of the next biennium \$5,000,000 in the red, but with a \$6,000,000 surplus in the second year.

Other Senate amendments would exempt cigarettes from the sales tax if the cigarette tax goes into effect and would also exempt transient lodgings such as hotels and motels.

Forty-five per cent surtaxes on income taxes would not go into effect if the sales tax is passed.

If the sales tax is adopted and approved by the voters, the income tax exemptions would be raised from the present \$600 per person to \$1200 for each husband and wife and \$600 for each child.

## Senate Subcommittee Conducts Hearings on Hells Canyon Dam

Washington — (U.P.) — A Senate Interior subcommittee begins the second phase today of hearings on a bill to authorize the government to build the controversial Hells Canyon dam.

The bill was introduced by 30 Democratic senators but it has met with passive resistance, if not outright opposition, from the Eisenhower administration.

**Technical Testimony**  
The subcommittee held hearings earlier in the year in Idaho. Members said the sessions here would be devoted mostly to technical testimony. Four Interior department officials and two from the Army Engineers are

among witnesses scheduled to appear.

The bill would authorize the \$350,000,000 Hells Canyon dam on the Snake river on the Idaho-Oregon border, a smaller power plant on Scriven creek in Idaho and transmission lines to tie the plants into the government's Bonneville power system.

The project was sponsored by the Truman administration but a House committee refused to approve it. Interior Secretary Douglas McKay officially dropped the project two years ago.

The Idaho Power Company then applied for a Federal Power commission license for three low dams in the canyon. Drawn out hearings on the application have been completed but the FPC examiner who heard the case has not made a recommendation yet.

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), is chief sponsor of the bill for the

government dam, along with Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) who made a campaign issue of it last year.

## Knowland Attacks Any Attempt To Appease Commies

Chicago — (U.P.) — Sen. William F. Knowland, carrying his campaign against the administration's Formosa policy into the heart of the Midwest, has denounced any attempt to appease the Communists by "carving up an ally."

The Senate minority leader put in a busy day yesterday as he delivered warnings in speeches at Loyalty Day observances here and in Burlington, Wis.

The speeches hammered home his criticisms of President Eisenhower's willingness to negotiate a cease fire with Red China in the Formosa Straits.

**Compared with Yalta**  
He compared such a cease fire meeting with the Yalta conference and said "The history of these conferences has been that it is always the free world that gives up territory and surrenders human beings to the control of the Communists."

The Californian said that he knows of no "legal, moral or constitutional rights for the heads of two great states to sit down and carve up an ally, either in Eastern Europe or Asia."

The famed swallows of southern California's mission of San Juan Capistrano are cliff swallows, one of the few western birds that live close to man. Square-tailed, they build globular mud nests under eaves.

Clarke School for the Deaf at Northampton, Mass., and New York City's Lexington School for the Deaf, both founded in 1867, started the movement in America to teach deaf children to speak and read lips, the oral method of education.



**PACIFIC QUEENS**—At the crossroads of the Pacific in Honolulu three international beauties get together and match charms. Left to right: Mae Biemes, Hawaii's "Poster Girl," Glenys Wood, Australia's "Girl of the Golden Beaches" and Ann Adam, "Miss Alaska Statehood of 1955."

## Steelworkers May Frame Demands for Big Pay Increases

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — The United Steelworkers' wage-policy committee was expected today to frame demands for a substantial pay increase when it meets here May 11-12 to plan strategy for 1955 wage talks with the nation's steel makers.

Union sources gave no hint of what their demands would be, but industry forces expected a money demand of not less than 10 cents an hour for the 1,200,000-strong union whose members currently average \$2 an hour.

**Whopping Demands Predicted**  
The industry predicted whopping demands because steel production appeared headed for the second best year in history with output at nearly 96 per cent of practical capacity. Industry leaders have predicted, on a basis of first quarter reports, that production this year might hit a peak second only to the record

production of 1953. The steelworkers won a 12½ cent hourly boost in 1954 when the industry's operating rate had skidded to slightly more than 60 per cent. The increase includes a five cent hourly wage hike, with the remainder going for additional pension and insurance benefits.

**Wage Clauses Reopened**  
USW President David J. McDonald called the meeting of the 170-man group Saturday, three days after the union notified 96 basic steel and ore mining firms that wage clauses in its 1954 agreement were being reopened. Two-year agreements reached last June specify that only wage provisions may be revised this year.

Negotiations must begin within 30 days after notification of reopening and the union would be free to strike if no agreement is reached by June 30.

## Former Husband of Mrs. Smith Unable To Help in Quiz

Portland — (U.P.) — The second husband of Marjorie Kermit Smith, attractive Portland widow accused of planning the bomb-slaying of her husband, was questioned by police yesterday but said he could shed no light on his former wife's activities.

Michael L. Brant, who married a southern Oregon girl on April 16, said he had not seen Marjorie for four or five years. He returned Sunday from a honeymoon in California, Nevada and New Mexico.

**Married in Vancouver**  
Brant married the accused widow in Vancouver, Wash., in 1949 four years after she was divorced from her first husband, Merrick F. Hershey of Sacramento, Calif.

Smith's confessed slayer, 45-year-old Victor Laurence Wolf, has accused Mrs. Smith of engineering her husband's death so that they could collect \$21,000 in insurance.

She has been charged with first degree murder, but has emphatically denied the charge.

## Pope Proclaims St. Joseph Day

Vatican City — (U.P.) — Pope Pius XII proclaimed May Day the feast day of St. Joseph the Workman in a speech yesterday to 300,000 workers and pilgrims in St. Peter's Square.

The Pope's announcement, made at the most impressive Vatican ceremony of the year, stole the spotlight from Communists who had long claimed the May Day for themselves.

He warned workers against the "discordant and alluring voices directed at you from different quarters, some to ensnare your souls, some to debase you as men, or to defraud you of your legitimate rights as workers . . ."

And he said it was a "monstrous lie . . . that the church is allied with capitalism against labor."

The Pope, in a 23-minute address in which he warned labor to stiffen its resistance to Communism, was borne through St. Peter's Square on his golden gestatorial chair for the first time since his collapse last December.

## Veterinarians May Treat Casualties

Washington — (U.P.) — Veterinarians should prepare now to treat human casualties in the event of a national emergency, the Federal Civil Defense Administration advises.

Immediately following an attack, veterinarians will be expected to aid physicians in treating shock, burns, surgical casualties, administer medication and blood and assist in the care of radiation casualties. For this work, they are urged to register for American Red Cross first-aid training courses.

Protection of food animals against disease and the effects of atomic, biological and chemical warfare also has been delegated to the veterinary medical services in a civil defense emergency. Veterinarians also will inspect meat, poultry and other foods of animal origin, the FCDA said.

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**POLICE COURT**  
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## California Town Gradually Becoming Covered by Sand

Seaside, Calif. — (U.P.) — Seaside has proved an ironic name for this town as day-by-day there is more seaside and less town.

Unnoticed, tiny grains of sand are tumbling down from the lofty dunes behind this village on the rim of Monterey bay, encroaching on the inhabitants and their properties.

To date the invasion of particles has buried a sycamore tree, sifted through a house so that only the roof remains in sight, covered an automobile and submerged a mythical street under 50 feet of sand.

**Started 30 Years Ago**  
The ever-increasing wave started more than 30 years ago when a brick factory on the north side of town was torn down. For more than 20 years the sand covered more and more property, but a sudden growth of brush halted it for a time.

Residents say the brush was a perfect retaining wall until 10 years ago when maneuvers by Army tanks along the dunes killed the plants. From then until now the relentless sand has pushed on.

No that someone hasn't tried to stop it.

Richard Mercier but a retaining wall behind his home on Spruce st. The sand just backed up until it was high enough to flow over it. Now, Mercier said, it's shifting his whole house on its foundations.

Ellsworth Amos lost an auto under the sand. "I sold the car but had to take it back because the buyer didn't make the payments," Amos said. "But I couldn't find it. A few months later I discovered it had been covered by the dunes."

City officials point out that if Third st., which shows only on county maps, actually existed, it would be under 50 feet of sand. Eight years ago Mr. and Mrs. Howard Harding were proud of the handsome sycamore that grew in their backyard. Today only the dead topmost branches are free of the dazzling white sand.

Mrs. Harding tried fighting the sand by growing a lawn. She admits that it slowed the wave's progress but not for long.

**Implacable Menace**  
"We try to keep the children from playing on the dunes because every movement sends a little more sand down on top of us," she said.

The sand has become an implacable menace. It seeps under

doors. It trickles through windows. No weatherstripping is tight enough to keep it out. On windy nights it finds its way into beds and clothing, and food has a continually inescapable grittiness.

The residents' quiet desperation has been growing with the soft wave—but not as fast. As Mac Rowe, a reporter for the Monterey Peninsula Herald pointed out, Seaside townspeople "have been fighting hopeless individual battles."

The only solution seems to be a community sponsored project to replant the whole stretch of dunes. So far none of the residents has been able to inspire a concerted counter-attack.

New York Harbor boasts 24,000 annual arrivals and departures of ocean-going vessels discharging and picking up cargo and passengers, more than any other port in the world. Each month 1,000 ships sail away.

Italy's population density is about 412 per square mile.

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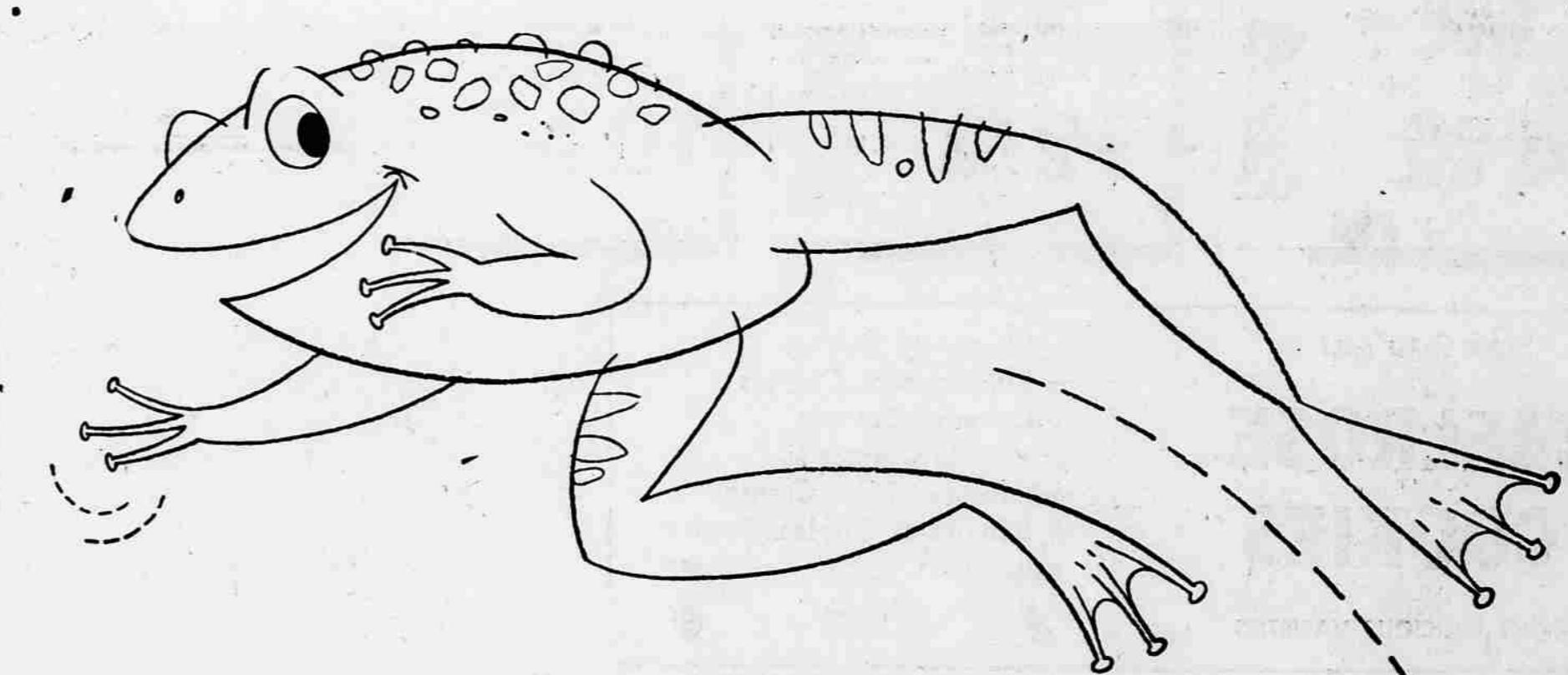
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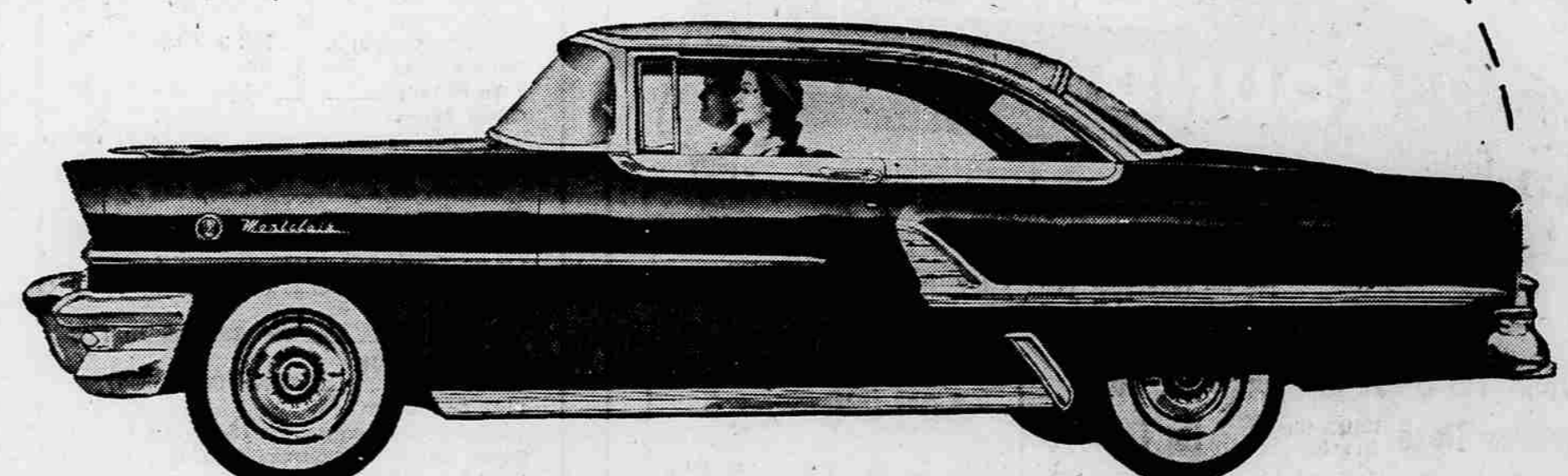
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