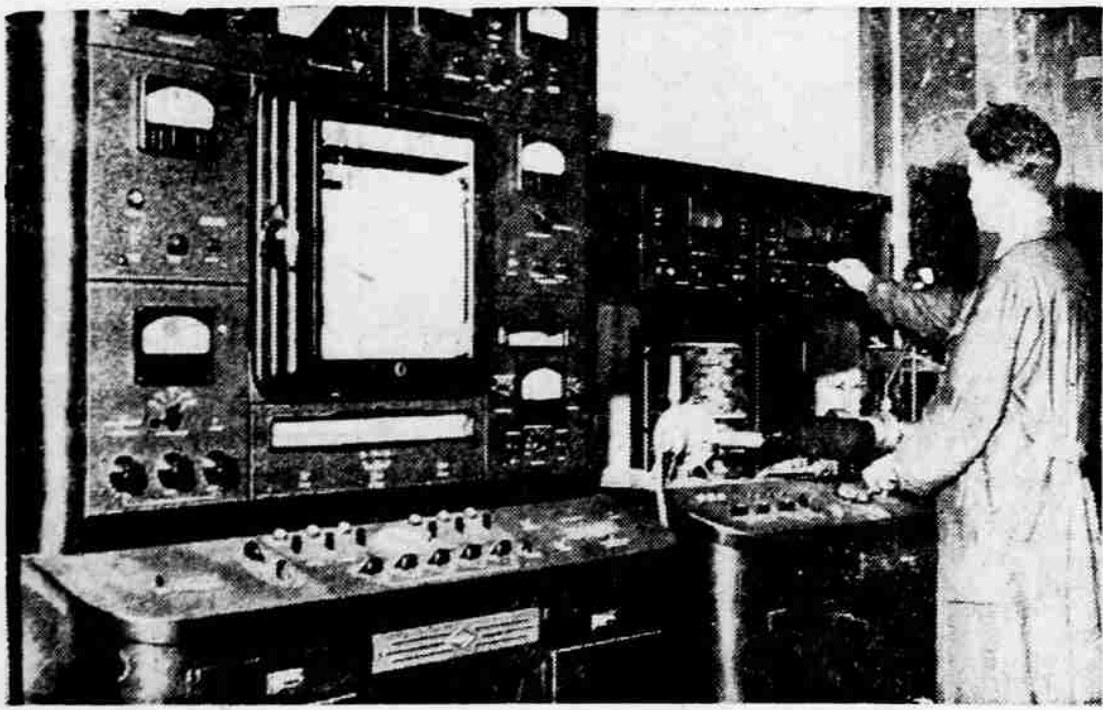




RUSSIAN EXHIBIT—Soviet scientists have entered the International Atomic Science Exhibit in Geneva. Among many devices they show is this "Masspectometer."

Last Session of Congress Tops In Benefiting Federal Workers

By A. ROBERT SMITH
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Washington—The first session of the 84th Congress enacted more legislation benefiting federal employees than any session in the history of Congress—from pay raises to allowances for uniforms.

Some observers point out that it all started when congressmen raised their own salaries 50 per cent, from \$15,000 to \$22,000, and then galloped on to provide pay boosts for postal, civil service and "blue-collar" workers of the government.

Congress also boosted from \$3000 to \$10,000 the total dual compensation retired military personnel can draw in retirement pay and civilian salary or wages. This is expected to permit retired members of the armed services to take better paying positions in civilian life to supplement their annuities from Uncle Sam.

The lawmakers also took care of thousands of civilian employees hired during the Korean conflict and later denied civil service career status.

The productivity of the first session of this Democratically-controlled Congress was considered remarkable in view of the traditional practice of deferring benefit bills until the second session, which falls closer to election time when congressmen hope to be remembered affectionately at the polls by those who gained by the legislation they enacted. Here is what they accomplished this session:

Pay raises—virtually everyone in government but top executives got a pay boost, including classified, postal and military personnel, congressmen and congressional employees and federal judges. And funds were appropriated to allow for "blue collar" increases based on area wage surveys.

Career status—congress whipped through in the last week of the session legislation blanketing into civil service status some 50,000 indefinite employees who were hired "off the street" when civil service registers had been depleted during the Korean war. To be eligible they must have worked at least three years with a satisfactory record, have been on the job since Jan. 23, 1955, have passed a competitive exam or an appropriate test of non-competitive nature within the

next year, and be recommended for civil service status by the federal agency they work for.

Retirement increases—legislation was approved increasing the annuities of government retirees, both civil service and foreign service. Those on the civil service rolls as of last June 30 would be granted an increase of 12 per cent on the first \$1500 pension and an 8 per cent hike on the amount over that figure up to a maximum of \$4104. It would not raise any annuity over \$4104. Those retiring after July 1 this year would get smaller increases, and those retiring after Dec. 31, 1957, would get none of this increase.

Dual compensation—congress passed legislation that had been proposed for years, raising the ceiling on outside earnings of retired military personnel. It would boost that ceiling from \$3000 to \$10,000, which is the maximum total income retired persons may have from both annuities and civilian pay.

Surety bonds—for years Congress has considered but never acted on bills to relieve the more than a million government workers whose jobs require them to be bonded. The bill enacted authorized their federal agencies to pay for blanket bonds to cover their employees, lifting the costly personal responsibility from the individual worker.

Insurance—the government was authorized to take over the 135,000 life insurance policies held by employee beneficial associations, which cannot compete with the government's own low-cost group life insurance scheme which went into effect last year.

Uniforms—a bill was passed to extend the annual allowance of up to \$100 to all workers who must wear uniforms on the job.

Harris To Resign As Head of Crime Lab

Portland — (U.P.) — Dr. Homer H. Harris is resigning as head of the Oregon state police crime detection laboratory at the University of Oregon medical school, it was announced yesterday.

The resignation is effective Sept. 1. No successor has been named.

A joint announcement by Dr. D. W. E. Baird, dean of the medical school, and H. G. Maison, superintendent of state police, said the resignation was accepted "with sincere regret."

Dr. Harris will remain associated with the medical school as an assistant clinical professor of pathology. He will enter private practice of pathology in Portland this fall.

Over \$500 Raised in 40-8 Ford Project

More than \$500 was raised for the nurses training fund of Voiture 165, 40 & 8, Medford, in the drawing for the voiture's Model T Ford at the 40 & 8 convention in Redmond recently.

Tickets were given away with donations to the nurses training fund. Mrs. George Taylor, Redmond, held the winning number. Her husband is an employee of the Houk Motor company, Ford dealers in Redmond.

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Diem's Palace Bombed by Terrorists

Saigon, Indochina — (U.P.) — Unidentified terrorists last night bombed and severely damaged the South Viet Nam Palace of Justice in an apparent attempt to assassinate pro-American Premier Ngo Dinh Diem.

The powerful bomb exploded while the Premier and other high officials were driving by the palace, only a few yards from the scene of the blast. The palace was badly damaged, but police said there were

no casualties.

Authorities said the bomb apparently was aimed at the official motorcade which was passing the palace after a ceremony at the nearby Town Hall.

A comet's tail is often more than 150,000,000 miles long.

Pea Harvest Worker Killed Near Pendleton

Pendleton — (U.P.) — Charles L. Quinton of Long Beach, Calif., was crushed to death Sunday by the bed of a dump truck.

Investigating officers said the accident occurred at about 8:30 p.m., in a pea field about 17 miles northeast of here. Quinton apparently had crawled between the bed and the frame of the truck to investigate a mechanical failure when the raised bed came down on him.

Quinton, 43, was living temporarily at Milton-Freewater.

Dead line Sunday Classified in at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

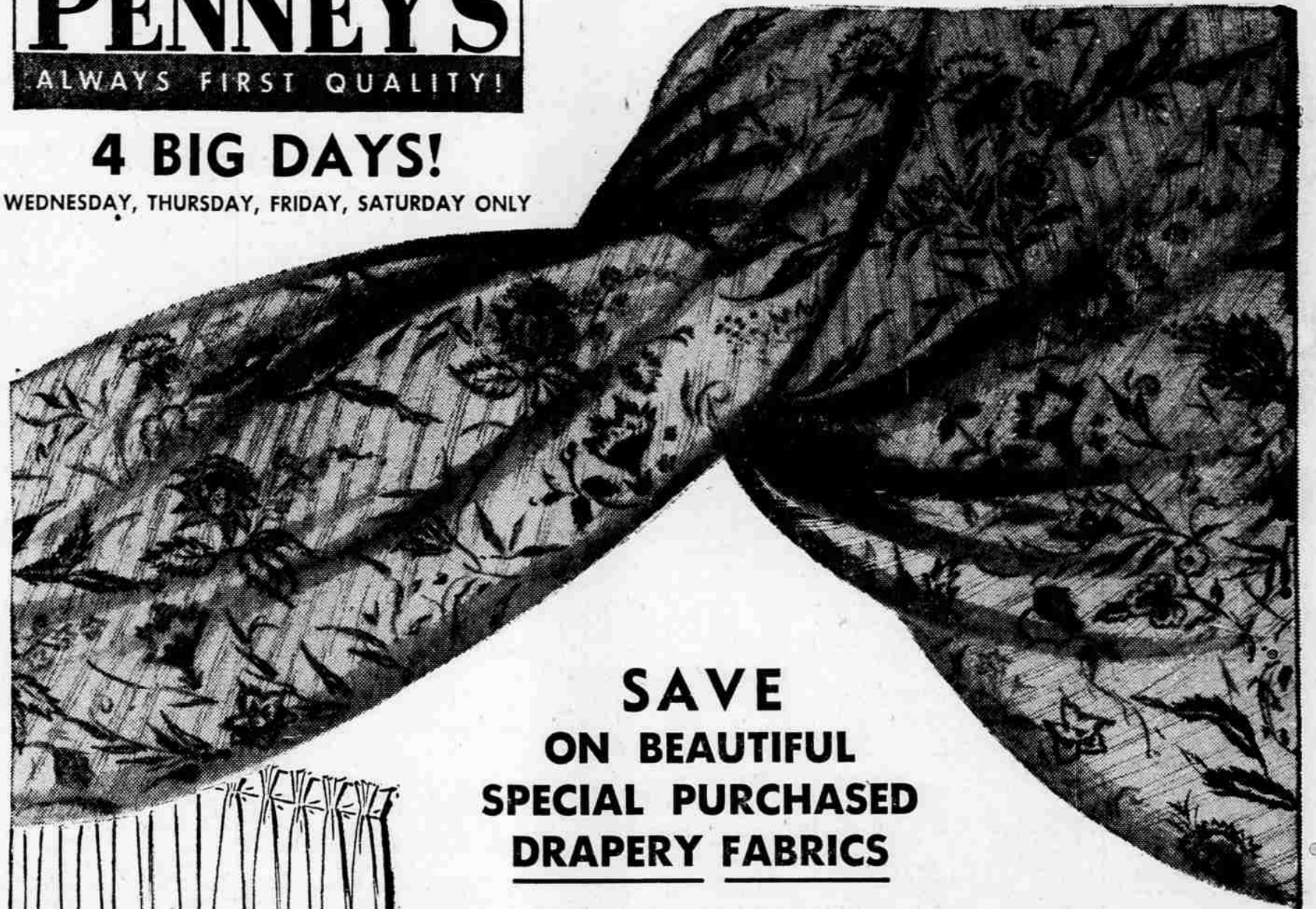
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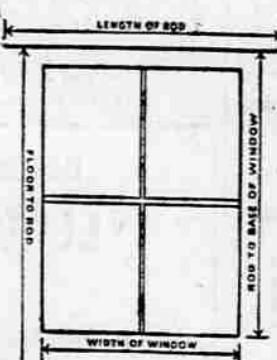
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