

Oregon's Political Parties Continue To Battle Over Senate

Portland—(U.P.)—It's not all sweetness and light between Oregon's two political parties yet over which one is going to organize the evenly-divided state Senate and elect its president.

Saturday it appeared that Republicans and Democrats in the evenly divided chamber had found some common ground on which to work in their efforts to reach a compromise for organization of the senate.

But yesterday, Walter Pearson, the Democratic candidate for president of the Senate, kicked the pins from under the Republican thinking on the subject and asserted that a Democratic proposal of compromise had been misinterpreted by a Republican spokesman.

The week end's activities started out with a three man Republican negotiating committee meeting here Saturday to discuss a Democratic compromise proposal.

Floor Fight Promised

Sen. Rudie Wilhelm, chairman of the group, said the Democratic proposal would give the Democrats chairmanship and control of the ways and means, taxation and education committees. Control of the rules committee would go to whichever party elected the Senate president.

Republicans would get their choice of three committees then, with the two parties alternating choices from there on until the entire list of 20 had been filled.

But Pearson said yesterday that the Republican thinking on the subject was wrong—the whole Democratic proposal was on the assumption that presidency of the Senate also would go to their party.

"If the Republican's don't accept that point, we will withdraw the offer, fight it out on the floor, and they will get the committee positions they are assigned to," Pearson said.

Gill GOP Choice

Wilhelm earlier had interpreted the proposal as a possible avenue for handling details of the organization and then, after they were completed, the two parties could turn to settling the matter of who will preside over the evenly split Senate.

Republicans are backing Sen. Warren Gill, Lebanon, for the post and at this point show little indication that they would withdraw his candidacy without a fight.

The situation developed after the Oregon electorate balanced the Senate with 15 Democrats and 15 Republicans in the November election.



READY TO CRUSH HUNGARIAN PATRIOTS—This photo was made by a Hungarian photographer a few days ago at the risk of his life. It shows a Soviet Army tank depot in a Budapest suburb where hundreds of tanks are kept in readiness to crush any rebellion. A refugee officer from Hungary's secret police said his nation is now under the most ruthless police rule of its Communist history.

Sheep Outnumber Citizens In the Texas of Australia

Karratha, West Australia—(U.P.)—This is Texas with an Australian accent, only bigger.

And here in the vast emptiness of Australia's "outback" the emphasis is on sheep—millions of them—not cattle.

West Australia is the largest of the Australian states, about three times the bulk of Texas, and the sheep outnumber the citizens about eight to one. When you get north of the Tropic of Capricorn things in West Australia get even more lopsided in favor of the woolies, as there are only 9,000 white folks compared with some 3,500,000 merinos.

Nobody knows exactly how many sheep there are on their own stations, let alone the state of West Australia. On the neighboring station of Minderoo more than 1,000 stocklers were rounded up on the 556,000 acres after shearing was completed of the 19,000 animals known to be in pasture.

Bill Leslie, the owner of Karratha, sheared 18,000 sheep here this year, and his 300,000 acres have carried as high as 42,000 merinos.

No Train Routes

Karratha lies 1,100 miles north of Perth, 700 of them dusty, crochoked and rutted. The closest telephone is 400 miles south, and you won't be bothered with train whistles because the line ends at North Hampton, more than 600 miles away.

Some nudging their way along the treacherous Indian ocean coast are the main source of supply to this isolated area, while the airplane solves the travel and communication problems.

"We truly love the sheep's back," explained the stubby-fingered, middle-aged Leslie. "Some times the 'lavin' is good, and sometimes it's mighty bad."

"Sheep," he went on with an expansive wave of his hand, "built all this—after paying off the banks who owned it and me, too, for more years than I like to remember."

The area taken in by the hand sweep included some 55 windmills, a couple of hundred miles of light fence, the settlement of Karratha with its rambling, heavy-stoned ranch house, barns, shearing sheds, electric plant, workers' quarters, gardens, putting grey lawn and airfield.

Bill took a frayed-edged ledger from the rolltop desk in his "office" and pawed through the neatly tacked pages to illustrate the fortunes and misfortunes of sheep raising in Australia.

"Here," he said, pointing to

the year 1930, "we got \$15 a bale for our wool, and I—along with most other station owners—paid for the privilege of working in the 115-degree temperatures, dodging hurricanes and living a day-to-day existence. The only reason the banks didn't take us over was because they had so many station properties nobody would buy them."

Then the finger ran down the page to 1951.

"That was the year," chuckled Leslie. "The fear of another world war put the price to an all-time high. We got \$325 for the same bale they paid us \$15 for in 1931."

With each merino producing some 10 pounds of wool a year, the fortunes of the sheep stations are at the mercy of nature.

On the adjoining station of Mardie—54 miles south—Bob Sharpe lost 15,000 sheep and the roof of his home in the space of one night when a hurricane clouded the area.

"I guess we're the greatest gamblers in the world up here," Leslie mused. "We make it one year, lose it all back the next and then maybe win again the third year. If we could just be certain of getting a good wool price as we are of getting hurricanes, droughts, floods and kangaroo invasions, life here in the 'outback' would be lots simpler, but probably not near as interesting."

Guardsmen Give Cash, Food in Drive

About 40 cans of food and \$10 in cash was collected by Headquarters company, 186th Infantry regiment of the Oregon National Guard, Medford, last week during the company's annual Christmas drive.

The food and money will be given to a needy Medford family for Christmas, according to Capt. S. J. Fagone, company commander.

Fagone said Maj. James J. Anderson, armory superintendent for the Oregon military department, has indicated to him that Medford National Guard troops will move into the new \$400,000 armory by the first of March, if its construction progresses as planned.

Members of the armory board are Fagone, president; 1st Lt. Bert Reibe, board member; 1st Lt. Donald Ivy, recorder; and 2nd Lt. Richard Greer, custodian.

Recent promotions, according to Fagone, are Private Raymond Cox, Dan Kellington, Wilcey Winchell and Raymond Hilton to private first class.



SEARCH ENDS IN HOSPITAL—Nurse Kathryn Howland comforts Clo Ann Weigner, 17, in Denver General Hospital. Clo Ann had been kidnaped from her parents home in Daly City, Calif., at gun point by her 16-year-old husband, Michael, who had just escaped from a California state mental hospital. While fleeing a police dragnet, both Michael and Clo Ann were injured in an auto crash at Denver and both are in serious condition.

Truck-Bus Collision Results in Suit Here

Lorraine A. Meyer, Talent, is plaintiff in a \$3,541 suit filed in circuit court here on behalf of her minor daughter, Dolores A. Meyer, against James W. Stevens, Fort Jones, Calif.

The complaint states that on Feb. 8, 1956, Stevens was the operator of a car that struck a pick-up truck stopped behind a school bus that was picking up children near Phoenix.

The plaintiff charges that Stevens was driving at an excessive speed, failed to keep control of the car and failed to slow down to avoid the crash.

According to the complaint, the girl suffered abrasions and contusions to her left thigh, knee and hand. The plaintiff is asking judgment in amount of \$3,500 and \$41 general damages.

Neff, Frohnmayer and Lowry, Medford attorneys, are representing the plaintiff.

Japan Averages 17.5 Traffic Deaths Daily

Tokyo—(U.P.)—An average of 17.5 persons were killed and 265 injured every day in 316 daily traffic accidents in Japan, during the past year, metropolitan police reported today.

There were 120,000 traffic accidents, a 140 per cent increase over last year, the report said.

Two More Hungarian Refugees in Portland

Portland—(U.P.)—Two more Hungarian refugees were scheduled to arrive here today, in time to spend Christmas with relatives in the Portland area and set up new homes.

Fish are born without scales, sprouting them from beneath their skins later.

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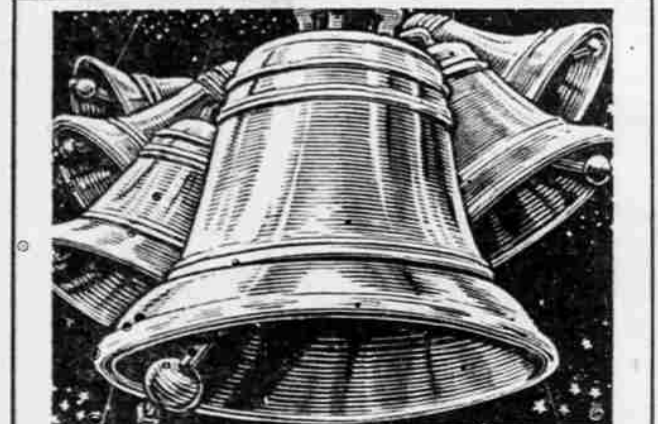
London—(U.P.)—Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru flew here today from Ottawa for talks with Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden on commonwealth relations which were badly strained by the Anglo-French invasion of Egypt.

The British action in the Suez Canal crisis was condemned by India and it was believed Nehru would ask Eden for closer consultations in the future in hopes of closer commonwealth actions in meeting world crises.

The British press, which gave extensive coverage of Nehru's talks with President Eisenhower and his talks with Canadian leaders, was filled today with Christmas items. Newspapers devoted only a paragraph or two to Nehru's arrival.

Minnesota has nearly 20 million acres of forest land, about one third of the state's area.

Minnesota will celebrate its centennial of statehood in 1958.



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To all our friends and patrons, a very Merry Christmas and many, many more to come!

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