

Ed Sullivan Sued After Auto Accident

New Haven, Conn.—(U.P.)—Ed Sullivan, television master of ceremonies and newspaper columnist, has been named co-defendant in a \$200,000 damage suit stemming from an auto accident last summer in which Sullivan and three others were injured.

The suit was filed Tuesday in Superior court by Ralph Cacace, former watchman on Sullivan's estate in Southbury, Conn.

Also named in the suit was Joseph Palmucci, 24, Ansonia, whose car collided with one driven by Sullivan, shortly after midnight Aug. 6 at nearby Seymour.

Cacace and Sullivan's son-in-law, Robert Precht, were riding with the columnist who was driving home following a television show in New York. All three, along with Palmucci, were hospitalized for several weeks.

TOO MUCH MOON SHINE

Choshi, Japan — (U.P.) — A fire tower lookout spotted a red glow in the sky last night and shouted to the station below, "a fire, to the east!" Three engines, sirens screaming, tore out toward the red glow. They kept after it until they reached the Pacific shore. There was the moon's weak red glow on the horizon.

Rep. Duncan Reports on First Two Weeks Of Legislature; Committees Hard at Work

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Salem, Jan. 26—(By Mail)—The Oregon State Legislature has been working now for two



weeks. To many people it might seem that the time has been wasted because of the delay in organizing the Senate. The House and its members have actually been hard at work. Committees were announced almost immediately. At the present time, some 289 bills have been introduced in the House (compared to only 95 at this time last session). Many of these have already been referred to House committees, and the labor of considering the merits of each bill has commenced. It is necessary that the committee consider the objectives to be accomplished, whether or not a particular bill will do the job either with or without amendment, and what its overall effect

upon our government and economy will be.

I have been appointed a member of the Ways and Means Committee and chairman of the House Judiciary committee. Al Littrell has been appointed vice-chairman of the Commerce and Utilities Committee and a member of Forestry and Mining, and Highway Committee. Many important bills have already been referred to these committees by the Speaker of the House, Patrick Dooley.

Ways and Means is a committee made up of both Senators and Representatives. The House Chairman is Robert Stewart, Democrat, of Portland. Ways and Means holds the purse-strings of the state, and must pass on each measure introduced which appropriates money. One hundred nine such bills are now before use. Economical operation of state government is to be demanded. But additional services are also demanded, and some are so essential that we cannot afford not to spend the money for them. In this category are education and proper care of our mentally ill. There is, unfortunately, no prospect of lower taxes. The shape of the tax and its incidence still remain to be determined.

Senate Deadlock

There are those who say that the Senate has wasted two weeks; others have commented that many hostilities and prejudices have been aired and, to some extent, dissipated, and that it is far better for the two parties to have met head-on and had it out at once than for these enmities to plague the progress of legislation throughout the session. Only time will tell whether or not this latter comment is so. Certainly it would seem that men of good will could quickly settle their differences of opinion and get down to the business of government.

It is an example, perhaps, of over-zealous political partisanship which fails to recognize that political parties exist only to furnish good government and are not an end in themselves. Personal political ambition also figured heavily in the dead-lock as is usually the case in any

political dispute. Both Republicans and Democrats must accept their share of whatever blame is to be assessed; and to both must be ascribed respect for having the courage of their convictions.

Most people seem happy with the ultimate choice of Boyd Overhulse for Senate President. All in all, the "show" was a graphic display of democracy in action, with all of its defects and advantages magnified by the spanglars of public opinion.

Two Measures

Only two matters have come up so far for final action by the House. One was House Memorial I, directed to the United States Congress and concerning the termination of the Klamath Indian Reservation. This memorial asked that "stop-gap legislation" be enacted by Congress to defer the termination and provide for a period of rehabilitation for the tribe and gradual liquidation of its assets. The memorial was passed with no opposition. I might explain that memorials have no legal effect. They are merely requests of statements of opinion.

There was also a resolution up for "third reading"; i.e., final action. This particular resolution provided for an amendment to the rules of the House to permit the House to elect a pro tem speaker in the absence of the Speaker. This, also, was easily passed.

Bills In Libraries

Many matters will be taken up in the weeks to come. Copies of all bills and the calendars have been sent by the Jackson County Delegation to the libraries in Ashland and Medford, where they may be consulted by anyone who is interested. The advice and comments of all are invited, as it is only by hearing from those most affected that we here in Salem can properly represent you. Do not hesitate to write or stop in with your questions or comments, whether you think them important or not. They may have a strong effect on the ultimate shape of legislation.

It has been estimated that it costs about \$600 for each bill passed by the Legislature. Bills should not be introduced unless there is a real need; but once that need is established, it is

our job to try to achieve results.

Attorney Ed Branchfield is rendering valuable assistance as an attorney volunteering his services in drafting legislation. Mrs. Harlan Bosworth and Dr. and Mrs. Scott Heatherington have visited us. George and Jean Brown, Ed and Mary Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sheehan, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Friel, Donna Straus, Bob and Marge Boyer, and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Holmes attended the Governor's Ball and the inauguration. The latter was a most impressive ceremony. I was gratified to be appointed to the committee to escort the Supreme Court Justices to the rostrum, particularly so since one of the respected members of the Court is my former law partner, Justice William McAllister.

My family is well established here in Salem. Nancy and Angus are attending their respective schools, and Marjane is serving efficiently as my secretary. She says "yes sir" and "no sir," at the Statehouse; after 5 o'clock, however, she reassumes the traditional position of authority which most wives occupy. She and I will continue to keep you advised of our experiences here in Salem.

British Minister To Fly To Ottawa

Washington — (U.P.) — British Defense Minister Duncan Sandys planned today to interrupt military talks for a flying visit to Ottawa.

He was scheduled to return here Friday to continue discussions with government officials. Sandys said Tuesday after an hour-long meeting with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that the United States and Britain are in full accord on military strategy.

He did not go into detail but his statement apparently means the United States and Britain have agreed that the two countries should place increased emphasis on air-nuclear weapons as a means of reducing heavy man-power costs. Britain has long favored such a shift in emphasis.

Elizabeth Taylor's Divorce Said Near

Mexico City — (U.P.) — Authoritative sources here predicted today screen star Elizabeth Taylor and her British actor husband, Michael Wilding, would be granted a mutual consent divorce in the immediate future by a Mexican court.

The same sources said Miss Taylor's marriage to Mike Todd, Broadway and Hollywood producer, would follow within a few days after the decree.

No delay in the divorce proceedings was anticipated. Both Miss Taylor and Wilding declared their mutual desire for a divorce either personally or through lawyers before the court at the resort town of Cuernavaca.

Lending support to the reports was the arrival in Acapulco of singer Eddie Fisher and his actress wife, Debbie Reynolds. They said they were just vacationing but indications were they had come for the Taylor-Todd nuptials.

UAL Mainliner Has Trouble at Pendleton

Pendleton — (U.P.) — A United Airlines mainliner with 35 passengers aboard made a safe landing here after developing engine trouble 15 minutes after its take-off yesterday afternoon.

The four-engine plane was on a flight from Portland to Spokane via Pendleton.

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