

71 DIE IN NURSING HOME FIRE;

WRECK SETTLED

Legislators Face Busy Schedule as 6th Week Starts

Number of Problems Due Further Study

Salem (U.P.)—A number of problems, including the big one of taxes, will be up for further study as the Oregon Legislature starts its sixth week here today.

The Senate Taxation Committee has set a public hearing for Thursday on a Republican-sponsored bill to make it impossible for the state to levy a property tax. Sen. Warren Gill, Lebanon, a sponsor of the bill, appealed for bi-partisan support, but a dispute over the bill was expected at the hearing.

To Air Controversy
The Hells Canyon controversy also will get another airing Wednesday night when the Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee holds a public hearing on a memorial urging federal construction of the high dam. The memorial has already passed the House.

Ready for introduction in the Senate is a bill to set the ad valorem tax ratios of utilities 30 per cent higher than on other classes of property.

Scheduled for House introduction is a bill by Rep. Guy Jones, Salem, to make the state's indecent literature law more enforceable. Jones said he was removing "unenforceable" restrictions against bloodshed, violence and similar themes.

To Examine Interest Rates
The House Committee on Financial Institutions will examine the problem of interest rates charged on motor vehicle sales contracts Tuesday. It is considering legislation setting out interest rates that may be charged on long and short-term contracts.

A bill appropriating \$516,283 for a permanent meat inspection program will be examined Tuesday by the House Agriculture Committee.

The last Legislature authorized a pilot inspection program for those covered by federal inspection procedures.

Playwright Indicted On Contempt Charges

Washington (U.P.)—A federal grand jury today indicted Arthur Miller, playwright husband of Marilyn Monroe, on charges of contempt of Congress.

The jury returned a similar indictment against Otto Nathan, New York University professor and executor of the estate of the late Albert Einstein.

Miller will be arraigned on the two-count indictment March 1. He faces a maximum penalty of 90 days in prison and \$2,000 fine.

Miller in a statement issued through his attorney said he would seek dismissal of the indictment on grounds that refusal to answer "irrelevant questions" of a congressional committee "is not punishable."

Oregon Nominated as Wildlife Commissioner

Thomasville, Ga.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower today nominated Arnie J. Soumela of Oregon to be the first commissioner of fish and wildlife in the Interior Department.

Lowry, Littrell Sponsor Bill Giving PUC Power To Order Railroad Service

Salem (U.P.)—Bills were introduced in the Legislature today by two Jackson county Republicans to give the public utilities commissioner the power to order "reasonably adequate" service in all areas now served by railroads.

Under present law, the commissioner must first hold lengthy hearings before he can suspend changes in rail service. Sponsors by Lowry, Littrell

Sponsors of the bills were Sen. Philip Lowry and Rep. E. A. Littrell. Lowry said the Southern Pacific's halt of passenger service on its Siskiyou line south of Eugene in August, 1955, pointed up the need for the legislation.

"The pressing need for this legislation has been shown several times in Oregon," Sen. Lowry said. "In August, 1955,

"I'm Fine. Of Course, Every Once In A While I Go Like This—"



Combined Tax Levy in City Among Lowest

Medford has the lowest combined tax levy among cities in the state with a population of more than 10,000, according to an analysis of 1956-57 budget levies made by the bureau of municipal research, University of Oregon.

The combined tax levy is 62.8 mills. The report also showed that Medford's city levy of 18.7 mills is 3.5 mills below the average city levy of 22.5 mills for all Oregon cities.

In the 10,000 to 25,000 population group, Medford's city tax is 6.1 mills lower than the average of 24.8 mills. City officials pointed out that because of annexations, some areas of Medford have acquired a different tax base than older portions of the city.

About \$24,592,895 out of \$25,026,206 of the assessed valuation of Medford bears a 62.8 combined tax rate, it was reported.

Bonded Indebtedness
City officials said \$86,792 of the assessed valuation in the southeast Medford area pays a 4.6 millage levy to the Phoenix school district for bonded indebtedness at the time of annexation to Medford.

About \$20,464 of the assessed valuation in the Wilson Park and Jefferson school area, formerly a part of the Kings Highway water district, pays a 17.4 millage levy for indebtedness to the district.

President To Shorten Vacation in Georgia

Thomasville, Ga.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower plans to cut short his Georgia vacation and fly back to Washington because of the Middle East situation, United Press learned today.

Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerty did not deny that the President is planning to fly back to Washington early, possibly tomorrow, but indignantly denied any reports that a residual cough bothering the President had anything to do with the plans. If he goes, Hagerty said, it will be only because of the "international situation."

Norton received a one-year sentence on a charge of non-support, Dunbar received a one-year sentence on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences and Zachary received a one-year sentence on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Tacoma—(U.P.)—Funds invested by Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. in expanded facilities last year reached the highest level in the firm's history, the company has announced.

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Israel Withdrawal Negotiations Said Near Stalemate

Firm Guarantee of Security Demanded

Washington (U.P.)—Negotiations between the United States and Israel on the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Egypt were near a stalemate today.

Israel Sunday rebuffed the latest U.S. attempt to arrange a withdrawal, demanding firm guarantees that its security and shipping rights would be protected once Israeli forces pulled out of the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Aquaba area.

President Eisenhower replied, in effect, that the United States was not prepared at this time to grant Israel any more assurances than it already has offered.

Plan Called Secure
A withdrawal under the American plan, the President said in a statement at his Thomasville, Ga., vacation retreat, would provide Israel "a greater source of security... than an occupation continued contrary to the overwhelming judgment of the world community."

The President also made public Sunday a memorandum on this country's two-point plan for arranging an Israeli withdrawal.

In return for such a withdrawal, the United States promised that it would work to have United Nations forces move into the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Aquaba area. It also said it would declare that it considered the gulf an international waterway open to the shipping of all nations, including Israel.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban held their third discussion on the American plan in 48 hours Sunday afternoon. Dulles relayed the results of their talk to the President at Thomasville.

Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerty described the results to newsmen as "negative."

No definite time was set for another meeting—a development which, coupled with the President's strongly worded statement, indicated that the two countries were far apart.

Increase in Oil Prices Criticized
Washington (U.P.)—Major oil companies had "no business" raising prices on gasoline and fuel oil, Sen. John A. Carroll (D-Ohio) said Sunday.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) also criticized the companies for deciding they "can fool the American people into thinking" the price boosts were justified.

Carroll, a member of the joint Senate subcommittee investigating the increases, said they "may have been needed by some independents."

But he denied that major oil companies were forced to raise prices because of higher operating expenses and rising labor costs.

Carroll said that one purpose of the Senate hearings is to show the need for "greater responsibility" on the part of firms which "control" a vital commodity.

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Call for Dockmen Expected Soon Under New Pact

Agreement Reached In Sunday Meeting

New York (U.P.)—The International Longshoremen's association will to decide today on when to call dockers back to work under the terms of a new three-year agreement reached in negotiations Sunday night.

Representatives of the 45,000-member independent ILA and the New York Shipping Association announced the agreement which ended a five-day walkout by longshoremen in Atlantic coast ports from Maine to Virginia.

It was not likely that longshoremen would return to work before late today at the earliest.

To Work Out Contracts
Subcommittees of the union and shippers were to meet in the federal mediation offices today to work out contracts covering carpenters, checkers and other crafts in the ILA.

There was a possibility that the union might advise the longshoremen to return to the docks without waiting to work out all contract details and he necessary formal membership vote on ratification.

The contract, retroactive to Oct. 11, 1956, provides a 32-cents-an-hour package wage increase. Longshoremen will get 18 cents an hour over the current \$2.48 hourly rate the first year and seven cents in each of the two succeeding years. It expires Sept. 30, 1959.

Negotiations in the tugboat strike in New York, meanwhile, were reported to be making encouraging progress toward settlement of the 18-day-old walkout by 4,000 members of the National Maritime Union AFL-CIO.

Jensen Sentenced To Die April 5
Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna today sentenced James Norman Jensen, 27, Larkspur, Calif., to die in the state gas chamber on Friday, April 5.

This was the third time Judge Hanna pronounced this sentence on Jensen, who was convicted by a jury nearly three years ago of the first degree murder of Mrs. Fern Hile, Medford housewife.

Jensen's attorney, Edward C. Kelly, appealed the case to the state supreme court, which upheld his conviction. Jensen was returned to Jackson county and sentenced to die on Sept. 21, 1956.

Kelly then appealed the case to the U.S. Supreme court and won a stay of execution for Jensen until the U.S. court investigation could be completed. After the appeal was denied by the high court, a petition for rehearing of a motion and a petition to set aside the denial of the first petition were also filed with the U.S. court. The second petition was denied earlier this month.

Suez Salvage Work At Virtual Standstill
Ismailla, Suez Canal Zone—(U.P.)—United Nations salvage work on the Suez Canal was at a virtual standstill today. Two tiny Egyptian vessels sailed the full length of the canal Sunday and small cargo vessels now ply between Port Said and Suez with cargo but two major wrecks still block international shipping.

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Traffic, Airplane Crashes Fatal To 8 Persons in Oregon

By UNITED PRESS

At least eight persons died accidentally in Oregon during the week end, six as the result of traffic mishaps and two in a plane crash.

In addition, two Seattle teenagers were killed when a car slammed into the Washington side of the Interstate Bridge near Portland at a high speed.

Harold Dean Roys, 24, Albany, was killed last night when his car crashed into the rear of a loaded hay truck two miles east of Lebanon. Police said the impact of the crash knocked the truck and its load of baled hay an estimated 200 feet.

In Albany Saturday, three-year-old Stephen Lee Farmer was killed when he was struck by a backing car in a food store parking lot.

Motorcyclist Killed
David Delbert France, 22, Dufur, was killed Saturday afternoon when the motorcycle he was riding and a car collided on The Dalles-California highway about five miles south of its junction with Highway 30.

Injured fatally in Friday night accidents were Norman Sabin, 28, Klamath Falls, who died when he was crushed under his car after a jack gave way, and Clarence Elston Cabbage, 32, Portland, whose parked car was struck by another vehicle while he was putting license plates on his car.

State police said Leo F. Blanton, Powers, died Saturday from injuries suffered Friday when a log truck load spilled on top of his truck.

Plane Wreck Kills Two
The plane crash, near Condon, claimed the lives of Leo B. Helling, 55, Portland insurance man, and Sgt. David R. Reed, 29, an Air Force man who was stationed near Condon.

A stolen car fleeing from police crashed into the Interstate bridge north of Portland early Sunday, killing two Seattle youths. Police said the car was clocked at 110 miles an hour while it was being chased. The State Patrol identified the victims as Timothy Wade Fisk, 19, and Dean E. Watson, 16. The 1956 Lincoln Continental was demolished beyond recognition.

Get Acquainted Meeting
The banquet tonight will be preceded by a "get acquainted" meeting at 6 p.m. for students, their parents, city and county officials and distinguished guests.

On Tuesday students will report to the offices of the officials with whom they will work for the day at 9 a.m. At noon, officials and student counterparts will be guests at lunch in the Elks club and from 2 to 5 p.m., students will tour various interest spots in the city and county.

Students will conduct a city council meeting in the city hall at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday following a regular official city council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The annual Student Government day program is sponsored by the Medford Elks lodge.

Polls Open Today In District 6C

Central Point—Polls will be open between 2 and 8 p.m. for school district 6C patrons to vote on two separate bond issues totaling \$235,000 to finance classroom addition and athletic field improvements at Crater High school.

Polling places will be at the Hanby elementary school gymnasium in Gold Hill, at the Sams Valley school and in the Crater High school music room.

Legal voters who have lived in the school district for the past six months and who registered at least 30 days preceding the election are eligible to vote.

United Nations Takes Up Debate on Cyprus

United Nations, N.Y.—(U.P.)—The United Nations took up the Cyprus issue for the third time in three years today and the bitter debate was expected to strain the Western alliance in the critical Mediterranean area.

Britain, Turkey and Greece, NATO allies who are deep in arguments over the future of the island, are prepared for at least a week of debate in the General Assembly's main political committee.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York (U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 467.40, off 0.67; 20 railroads 152.40, off 0.69; 15 utilities 70.04, up 0.15, and 65 stocks 165.38, off 0.24. Sales today were about 1,800,000 shares compared with 2,060,000 shares Friday.

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Charred Remains Of 23 Bodies Taken Out of Basement

Firemen Search For Other Victims

Warrenton, Mo.—(U.P.)—Firemen searched through the still hot debris of a home for the aged today for more bodies of the 71 persons burned to death when fire and explosion mushroomed through the old three-story building.

The charred remains of 23 bodies were taken out of the basement into which all these trapped explosion caused floors and walls to fall. Searchers hoped to find others as the debris cooled.

Dr. F. H. Knigge, Warren county coroner in charge of the search, said there was no hope that any of the 71 persons listed as missing was still alive.

Knigge said few of the bodies would be identified because most of them were reduced to little more than ashes.

The fire broke out in the 62-year-old building during visiting hours. Authorities said more than 225 persons, including patients and visitors, were in the building at the time.

Those inside had only a few minutes to escape, because the time the fire was noticed and the floors plunged into the basement.

One witness, Warren Stewart, a filling station operator who was across the street at the time said the blast of flame that swept through the building appeared to have been caused by some kind of gas.

Knigge said it had been determined that no visitors had been lost in the holocaust. He said it appeared the final death toll would be confined to 71.

Cause of the fire was not determined. Gov. James T. Blair Jr., ordered a three-phase inquiry into the blaze, one of the worst disasters of its kind in the nation's history. Blair said investigations would be made by the Highway Patrol, the Division of Health and Welfare and a Fire Underwriters Bureau.

The institution, the Katie Jane Memorial home, was formerly the Central Wesleyan college which closed in 1941. It occupied three of the old college buildings. The one that was swept by fire was in the center of the old campus. The others, occupied by other patients and administrative offices, were not damaged.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch said the Katie Jane's license renewal had been held up by the state as the result of a recent inquiry because the electrical wiring had not been inspected by a competent electrician.

The newspaper said that Dr. James R. Mason, director of the Division of Health, had informed Blair there was some reason to believe the wiring might have been overloaded.

Heroic bystanders climbed ladders to pull people from the windows, injured persons were laid on the lawn until they could be removed to nearby homes and stores for emergency treatment, and a temporary morgue was set up across the street to handle the bodies.

W. S. O'Sullivan, owner of the home, said he was at a loss to explain the cause of the blaze in the recently renovated building. He said they had 194 guests and an undetermined number of visitors.

Queen Gets Noisy Welcome; Fall Visit To U.S. Slated

Lisbon, Portugal (U.P.)—Queen Elizabeth II began a three-day state visit to Portugal today to the sound of cannon, the roars of a crowd of one million persons and the screeching of thousands of boats in the Tagus river.

Travel in Ancient Barge
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, who are reported planning to visit the United States next September, came ashore from the royal yacht Britannia in an ancient barge rowed by 40 oarsmen. The weather was perfect after a week end of storms.

Thousands of ships, sailboats, freighters, coasters, harbor barges, rowboats—anything that

would float—awaited the Britannia at the river mouth to welcome the Queen as her yacht slipped into the harbor at a dead slow pace, escorted by British and Portuguese men of war.

Pending Visit Told
As the Queen arrived with the Duke after a two-day "second honeymoon" aboard the yacht, official American sources in London said the royal couple will visit the United States next September for a week or 10 days.

They are to visit New York, Washington and Jamestown, Va., which is celebrating its 350th anniversary as the first permanent English colony in the United States.

Weather
FORECAST: Fair and mild through Tuesday. Low 10, high 26. High Tuesday 65-68.
TEMP.
Highest Yesterday 68
Lowest This Morning 26

Our Skies Tonight
Sunrise 7:04 a.m.
Sunset 5:47 p.m.
The days are now growing longer and the nights shorter at the rate of 17 minutes per week.
Moonrise 11:12 p.m.
Last Quarter Feb. 21
VISIBLE PLANETS
Mars, high in south 6:39 p.m.
Jupiter, low in east 8:38 p.m.
Saturn, rises 2:50 a.m.