

# House Committee To Consider Postal Funds

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## House Committee Slashes Commerce Budget Requests

### 26 Per Cent Cut Made In Fiscal Year Funds

Washington—(U.P.)—The House Appropriations Committee today slashed 26 per cent from the budget of Commerce Secretary Sinclair Weeks who "dared" Congress to cut it. If approved by the House, the reduction will push over the \$1 billion mark the total cuts made by the House in President Eisenhower's record peacetime spending budget of \$71.8 billion. The committee approved \$591,387,060 to run the Commerce Department in the next year instead of the \$803,709,000 requested by Weeks. It also trimmed the budget for a group of independent commerce agencies from \$50,075,000 to \$45,649,400, and for the Panama Canal from \$17,648,000 to \$16,648,000. All the cuts added up to \$217,827,940. They pushed to \$1,039,245,740 the total reductions imposed so far by the committee or by the House itself in acting on administration appropriation requests totaling \$14,302,812,601. The total cuts amount to about 7.3 per cent of the amounts sought. The deep committee cuts in the Commerce budget followed House passage Thursday night of a lightly cut \$2.8 billion appropriations bill for the Labor and Health, Education and Welfare departments. Weeks Asked To Explain The committee acted after closed door hearings by a subcommittee at which Weeks was asked to explain remarks he made about budget cutting on March 17. Weeks was quoted as saying that "if Congress wants to start cutting," it could take \$50 million out of his budget. The committee voted to reduce the Maritime Administration's funds for ship construction from \$84,500,000 to \$3 million dollars, leaving only enough to replace some ships and for research.

## Salk Vaccine Supply Reported Low Here

The Jackson county health department's supply of Salk anti-polio vaccine has dwindled down to one bottle, Dr. Erin Merkel, public health physician, reported today. Dr. Merkel said the supply is sufficient to inoculate eight or nine people. He added private physicians in the county have also reported low vaccine supplies. When the next vaccine shipment will arrive in Jackson county is not yet known. Dr. Merkel explained Oregon gets a monthly shipment of 50,000 cc's. Of this total, 40,000 are devoted to commercial use and about 10,000 for free distribution provided by public taxes. The county's share of the state's free vaccine would be just a "drop in the bucket," Dr. Merkel stated.

## \$1,272,560 Budget for Rural Schools Tentatively Approved by County Board

A budget of \$1,272,560.69 has been tentatively approved for rural schools in the county for the 1957-58 school year by the Jackson County Rural School board. Glenn W. Smith, chairman of the rural board, announced the tentative grant after the board concluded the first audit of school district budgets Wednesday. This summary includes the operational budgets for the rural school districts, the rural school board's operational and emergency budget, and the non-high operational, tuition and transportation budget. If the proposed \$1,272,560.69 budget is adopted, a county levy of 69.9 mills would be required. Total originally requested prior to the first audit was \$1,413,749.94. These figures represent the amount to levy after other receipts have been deducted. Smith explained. The 1956-57 budget is \$1,176,887.09. This re-

## School Bill Supporters Plan Strategy of Delay

### Four Men Sought for Bombing Los Angeles Bar; Six Persons Die

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Four angry men who had been ejected from a cocktail bar tossed an oversized homemade gasoline bomb into the crowded cafe-salon shortly before midnight Thursday night, killing six persons and injuring three others. Police called it "mass murder" and broadcast an all points bulletin for the four men who were removed from the establishment twice during the evening, once during a fracas involving a woman customer, and then returned "to get even" by hurling the gasoline through the front door. Bar Stools Melted One of the four ignited the fuel, which reacted like a bomb by blasting out doors and windows and melting bar stools among the terror stricken patrons. The coroner's office reported five men and one woman died in the explosion that demolished the Mecca Cafe and created a panic. At mid-morning, police arrested two suspects and held them for questioning. Detectives also examined a car they believed had been used as a getaway vehicle. Witnesses said patrons stumbled from the flaming cafe with their clothes on fire. Police Inspector Thomas Reddin said the four men had been in the bar earlier but were ordered to leave by Larry Finton, the bartender, because they couldn't produce proper identification. California law requires a person to be at least 21 years old in order to be served liquor. Three Shots Fired Officers said Vernon Waggy, a customer in the bar who escaped injury, fired three shots at the fleeing suspects but each bullet hit a parked car. Officers said the bodies of the seven victims were badly charred. They said it would be some time before positive identification could be made. Police said the patrons in the cafe trampled over the dead and injured in a mad scramble for safety. It was believed the seven victims were knocked to the floor in the scramble and then were burned to death.

## Adenauer Demands Tactical A-Weapons

Bonn, Germany—(U.P.)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer today demanded tactical atomic weapons for West Germany. He implied his nation also might demand heavy atom bombs rather than be left behind in the world's nuclear arms race. The chancellor told a news conference that tactical atomic weapons today are "nothing but a further development of artillery" and that West Germany's armed forces must have the newest types of arms. Asked whether this included heavy A-bombs too, Adenauer did not reply directly.

## Wells Resigns from Juvenile Office Post

LeRoy G. Wells, counselor in the Jackson county juvenile office since January, has announced his resignation effective April 12. In a letter to Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna, Wells said he was resigning after admitting participating Saturday in the theft of a 14-foot outboard motorboat and a new 35-horse outboard motor. Two 16-year-old Medford boys were lodged in jail yesterday after admitting their parts in the boat theft. Owner of the boat is Robert L. Peebler, 1871 Marsh lane, Medford, according to sheriff's deputies.

## Medford Youth Held In Theft Connection

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## DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones averages: 30 industrials 477.61, up 0.18; 20 railroads 145.44, up 0.23; 15 utilities 71.61, off 0.05, and 65 stocks 168.99, up 0.07. Sales today were about 1,830,000 shares compared with 1,820,000 shares Thursday.

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## Pro-Soviet Groups Declared About To Grab Jordan, Syria

### Partition of Jordan By Arab Group Feared

By UNITED PRESS Israel received reports today that overwhelmingly pro-Soviet elements were about to seize control of Jordan and Syria in moves that could touch off another major crisis in the Middle East. Premier David Ben-Gurion was studying the reports closely for Israeli sources have said any such drastic change in the governments of Israel's neighbors would be a major new threat to its security. Moderate Pro-Western In Syria the dispute was between President Shukri al-Kuwatly, considered moderately pro-Western, and Lt. Col. Abdel Hamid Serraj, Syria's 31-year-old mystery "strongman" who is pro-Soviet and anti-American. In Jordan the dispute was between pro-Western King Hussein and Premier Suleiman Nabulsi who is staunchly pro-Egyptian and who called only Thursday for Jordan to develop its ties with the Soviet Union. Israel also has expressed fear that Saudi Arabian troops which moved into Jordan with Syrian troops at time of the Sinai Desert campaign would partition Jordan and take over the port of Aqaba just across the top of the gulf from the Israeli port of Eilat. New Warning A new warning came from Syria Thursday night that the Gulf of Aqaba was "Arab territorial waters" and that no ships could pass through without Egyptian and Saudi Arabian permission. The new situation in Syria and Jordan almost outweighed the current diplomatic maneuvering over Egypt's plans for running the Suez Canal. Egypt delayed publication of its "final memorandum" scheduled for Thursday night and began a hasty round of talks with U. S. Ambassador Raymond Hare.

## Tornadoes Continue Damage in Southland

Tornadoes and windstorms heaped more damage and death on the South today while the blizzard in the upper Midwest blew itself out. The storm in Dixie was aggravated by flood threats developing along scores of rivers and streams. Two Negro children were killed early today when a tornado hit near Ellaville, Ga. Windstorms and twisters struck elsewhere in Georgia and the Carolinas. A United Press tally showed at least 39 persons killed and nearly 1,000 injured in a dozen states since the vast spring storm moved out of the West Tuesday.

## Rights To Be Explained To Court Defendants

An explanation of "rights in court" advising defendants of their rights when appearing before the Medford municipal court has been prepared by Municipal Judge Noreen Kelly. The explanation which will be made available to municipal court defendants starting Monday, April 8, explains to those charged their rights and duties in court, implications of their actions and plea in court and their right of appeal.

## Democrats' State Tax Program Slated Soon

Salem—(U.P.)—The Democratic tax program will be brought out within a week to 19 days, Rep. Clarence Barton, Coquille Democrat and chairman of the House taxation Committee, told the House today. Barton's statement came after failure of a move by two Republicans to remove two surtax repeal bills from the committee for a vote on the floor of the House.

## Forrester Delegate To Education Conference

Pendleton—(U.P.)—A. W. "Bud" Forrester, Pendleton newspaper editor and member of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, announced today he has been appointed delegate to the western regional conference of the President's committee on education beyond high school.

"Because I said So—That's Why"



## National Guard Units May Move into New Armory About May 1

Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, adjutant general of the state military department, Salem, said today Medford National Guard units may move into the new armory south of Medford about May 1. Four representatives of the state department toured the building and grounds yesterday before meeting with the local armory and armory advisory boards last night. Representing the military department were Col. Paul Kleiver, supervisor of army facilities in Oregon; Lt. Col. Hugh Adams, who represented the federal government; Maj. James Anderson, Kleiver's assistant; and Col. Robert L. Irving, supervisor of construction for the department. Nearing Completion Genera Rilea said the armory, which is nearing completion, will be available for public use after sewer lines have been connected. Installation of sewer lines is under way under a contract let by the city, which will be reimbursed by the state. City Manager Robert Duff said completion date for installation of the sewer is April 15, and construction is about 25 to 30 per cent complete. Military department representatives said it will take about another month's work to finish the outside including painting, landscaping and providing parking facilities. Bids will be opened next week on lumber for shelves in various rooms in the armory, and metal lockers will be installed in storage rooms soon, they said. Keating Elected At last night's meeting, Jackson County Judge Rodney Keating was elected president of the armory advisory board. Other members of the board are Med-

## Chiloquin Woman Victim of Shooting

Chiloquin, Ore.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Frances Ball, 30, was shot to death here Thursday evening and police questioned three men they said here in the house at the time. Mrs. Ball died in an ambulance en route to a hospital. Police said she suffered four .22 caliber bullet wounds. Being questioned were Mrs. Ball's husband, Osborn Ball, 41; Francis Kird, 50, and Clarence Ohles, 62. Police Chief H. C. Smith said police and a doctor were called about 5 p.m. When officers arrived they found Mrs. Ball lying unconscious on a sofa.

## Water Supply Outlook for Area Is Fair, Frost Says

Grants Pass—Rain which hampered farm and orchard operations in the Rogue and Umpqua valleys gave a much needed boost to the summer irrigation outlook, according to W. T. Frost, Oregon snow survey supervisor for the Soil Conservation service and Oregon state college agricultural experiment station. Earlier forecasts were gloomy, and the water outlook still rates only fair, Frost said at the 22nd annual water forecast meeting in Grants Pass this morning. Late Shortages Frost said there will be some late summer shortages and that reservoir carryovers at the close of the irrigation season may be relatively poor. Snow packs on water sheds in terms of total water content measure 79 per cent of average for the Rogue, and 62 per cent of average for the Umpqua, Frost said. Averages are based on the period from 1938 through 1952. Agricultural and irrigation officials cautioned that stream flow is likely to drop off earlier than normal in the area unless May rains are better than average. Jack Hoffbuhr, secretary-manager of the Medford Irrigation district, said he expects to draw from reservoirs by June 1, about 15 days earlier than last year. Frost forecast that the North Umpqua river as measured below Lake Creek would discharge 146,000 acre feet during the

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### Hearing Scheduled For Next Friday

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## Superintendent Named for Home

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bjornsen, 704 South Holly st., Medford, have been hired as superintendent and matron for the proposed Jackson county juvenile detention home, it was announced today. Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna, who is also judge of the juvenile court, made the appointment Thursday. Bjornsen, 51, is a native of Norway and is a naturalized citizen of the United States. Mrs. Bjornsen, 40, is a native of New Jersey. Bjornsen has been employed for the past three years for Carl Construction company. He is foreman for the courthouse annex construction project. The Bjornsens have four children including a married son, an 18-year-old daughter, a 20-year-old son now serving with the Marine Corps, and a 10-year-old son. Their appointment was recommended by Mrs. Kay Crowell, director of the juvenile department, and the county court. Construction of the juvenile detention home will get under way as soon as weather conditions permit, it has been reported. Completion of the structure is expected to be within about three months from the time construction starts.

## Budget Committee To Meet Monday

The county budget committee will again consider the proposed 1957-58 budget at a meeting Monday at 9 a.m. in the county courtroom. Members of the committee indicated an additional meeting will be held later next week. Work on the budget is expected to be finished in about 30 days. At a meeting yesterday, the committee tentatively approved budgets for three county departments. Total proposed budget for the county is \$2,807,146.59.

## Russian Nuclear Blast Reported in Washington

Washington—(U.P.)—The United States announced today that Russia conducted another nuclear weapons test last Wednesday. The announcement did not specify the size of the bomb or whether one or more bombs were exploded.

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