

Canada Quietly Making Switch in Prime Ministers

Ottawa — The Canadian state was becalmed today between the outgoing Liberal government, still technically in power but on a caretaker basis, and the incoming Conservative government being organized by Prime Minister — designate John Diefenbaker.

Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent, who tendered his resignation to Governor-General Vincent Massey Monday night, prepared to move his office to the House of Commons Building, where he will remain as a member of Parliament and as leader of the opposition.

Nominees Interviewed

Diefenbaker, meanwhile, interviewed cabinet nominees in his House of Commons office, preparing to move to the East Block as Prime Minister on Friday, when the first of his ministers are sworn into office. It was expected the Diefenbaker government would immediately plan on putting reforms into effect which would spark the imagination of Canadian voters. A new election is bound to come this autumn, or next spring, at which time the new government will try to consolidate its position in Parliament. Conservatives won a plurality but not a majority of seats in the June 10 election.

Bids Are Opened For Street Paving

M. C. Lininger and Sons and Rogue River Paving company were the two bidders on paving jobs for parts of five Medford streets yesterday.

Contracts will be awarded separately for each street. The city council will consider the bids for awarding contracts at its meeting Thursday.

Jobs and bids were:

South Front st., 150 feet from the south line of 12th st. to the end of present pavement; engineer's estimate \$2,352.50; M. C. Lininger \$2,597.25; Rogue River Paving \$2,757.50.

Rose ave., from Pennsylvania ave. to West Fourth st.; engineers estimate \$3,617; M. C. Lininger \$3,703.50; Rogue River Paving \$4,027.

South Grape st., from Melrose ave. to Stewart ave.; engineers estimate \$18,473.50; M. C. Lininger \$18,988; Rogue River Paving \$19,703.50.

Newtown st., from Belmont st. to Stewart ave.; engineers estimate \$7,435.25; M. C. Lininger \$7,822.50; Rogue River Paving \$7,879.

Lyman ave., from Hillcrest rd. to Scheffl ave.; engineers estimate \$6,446.10; M. C. Lininger \$7,598.25; Rogue River Paving \$7,267.75.

Wheat Farmers May Vote on Quotas

Eligible Jackson county wheat farmers may vote June 20 to determine whether they want to put wheat marketing quotas into effect for the 1958 crop for the fifth consecutive year.

All farmers who will harvest more than 15 acres of wheat in 1958, or farmers whose planned 1958 wheat harvest acreage plus wheat land put in the acreage reserve totals more than 15 acres, will be eligible to vote. A two-thirds or more favorable vote is required to put wheat marketing quotas in effect for the 1958 crop.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Jackson county ASC office in the courthouse in Medford.

Oregon Myrtlewood Gavels Due Governors

Salem — A gavel made of Oregon myrtlewood will be presented to each governor attending the annual Governors' Conference in Williamsburg, Va., this week.

The gavels were made by Duncan Myrtle Crafters of North Bend. Each will carry a plate with the governor's name. The gifts will be presented by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

'Out Our Way' Creator Dies After Relapse

Pasadena, Calif. — J. R. Williams, creator of the panel cartoon "Out Our Way," died Monday night at Huntington Memorial hospital. He was 89.

He had suffered a relapse following a recent operation and was returned to the hospital last week. A heart condition complicated by the postoperative conditions was assigned as cause of death.

Portland University Tells Library Plans

Portland — The University of Portland today announced plans for a \$450,000 library building to house 150,000 volumes. Officials said bids would be let in late June with construction planned for September.



DEBUT—As former President Harry S. Truman and his wife, Bess, look on, nurse Adele Day holds up their grandson, Clifton Truman Daniel, in this first photo released of the infant. Picture was taken by the baby's father, newsman Clifton Daniel, at Doctor's Hospital in New York.



SECOND STORY MAN—Towering to an even eight feet, Henry Hite, 41, doesn't need a ladder to wash the second story windows. Wanda Ramey, San Francisco radio and television personality, stretches her 5-feet-4 to welcome Henry to town. Hite, the world's tallest man, is among 10,000 persons attending a building maintenance and engineering convention in San Francisco.

Governor Loser in Testimonial Dinner For Bakery Official

Washington — The Senate Rackets Committee said today "Uncle Sam was bearing a large part of the cost" of an \$85,000 testimonial dinner for Vice President Max Kralstein of the Bakery Workers Union.

Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) said Kralstein got \$61,000 cash out of the dinner in his honor, listed the money as a gift, and paid no tax on it.

The donors, McClellan said, charged off their contributions as tax-deductible business expenses.

McClellan, reopening public hearings on the pretzel-like intricacies of the Bakery Workers Union, charged that another official, John D. Nelson, Los Angeles, paid no income tax in 1952 and 1953. Nelson, McClellan said, filed returns for 1954 and 1955 only after he was subpoenaed.

Governor Loses Tax — The chairman called both cases to the attention of the Internal Revenue Service "with the hope it will recoup the considerable revenue the government today is losing by these practices."

"If existing law is not adequate, Congress may look into it and prevent the taxpayers from making such involuntary contributions," McClellan added. The government should prevent such abuses in the future.

Kralstein, a union international vice president in New York, told the committee June 7 that

GEM OF A STORY

Seaton, England — Pamela Thornton, 20, was running her hands idly through the sand at the beach of this resort today when she found a diamond ring. It was the same ring she had lost three weeks ago.

Senate Committee Declared Illegal

Salem — Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said in an opinion today that the Oregon Senate did not have power to set up an interim investigating committee without concurrence of the House.

Thornton said the committee had no legal existence. The opinion was requested by State Sen. Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie Democrat.

Thornton cited decision of State Supreme Courts in California, Arkansas, West Virginia, Ohio, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania.

The Senate during the recent Legislature passed resolutions calling for an investigating committee with wide powers. The House twice defeated such proposals. The Senate finally voted a committee of its own members but no appropriation was provided.

Thornton said "the overwhelming weight of authority is to the effect that neither house of a Legislature may lawfully appoint a committee by single house resolution with power to sit after adjournment sine die."

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Stassen Declared Trying To Wreck Disarmament Talk

London — The official Soviet government newspaper Izvestia today accused Harold E. Stassen of trying to wreck the London disarmament talks although he threw his support Monday to a new Soviet disarmament scheme.

The Izvestia blast and reports that France plans to reject any outright ban on nuclear tests because it expects to have nuclear weapons of its own within two years raised major new snags in the London talks which resume Thursday.

Blast Expected

An Izvestia editorial broadcast by Moscow radio said "intrigues" had sprung up around Stassen aimed at wrecking the talks. It said Stassen had been given the talks of trying to discredit the Soviet proposals by leading the U.N. disarmament subcommittee into an impasse and shifting responsibility for failure of the talks onto the Soviet Union.

The Russian blast was unexpected because Western delegates—especially the American delegates—said they were prepared to move toward the Soviet disarmament position.

French Stand Discussed

The Western allies were meeting today to discuss the new French stand. Diplomatic sources said France might relax its stand if Russia made major concessions—in contrast to Stassen's apparent willingness to settle for much easier terms.

This was one of the bigger disagreements facing U.S. Minister Julius Holmes on his arrival today to join Stassen as deputy American delegate. A U.S. Defense Department official may arrive later.

Missing Lakeview Man Being Sought

Lakeview — A 35-man search party plus the Norman Wilson bloodhounds from Dallas today redoubled their efforts to find Melvin Groth, 27, Lakeview, who vanished Sunday night after his car overturned on a remote logging road 10 miles northwest of here.

State police said that Groth, his wife and two-month-old baby were returning to Lakeview Sunday night from a fishing trip on Thomas creek. With them were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Green, also of Lakeview, and following in a station wagon were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beebe and a passenger. The Groth car overturned on loose gravel and the Beebe car stopped to take the Groths and the Greens to a Lakeview hospital.

They did not notice until they arrived at the hospital that Groth was not with them.

Searchers were dispatched immediately by state police and the Lake county sheriff's office. Monday the Lakeview Jeep Posse joined the search and the Wilson bloodhounds were summoned. No one could account for Groth's disappearance. Mrs. Green and Mrs. Groth remained hospitalized today but their injuries were not considered serious.

Milwaukie Voters OK Bond Issue for Schools

Milwaukie, Ore. — A \$785,000 bond issue for completing Clackamas high school and for work at Milwaukie high school was approved by voters Monday, 1293 to 948.

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Legislation Affecting Cities Discussed by League Officials

Three men from the League of Oregon Cities gave city officials from Jackson and Josephine counties a summary of action in the last legislature affecting local government at a meeting here last night.

About 100 persons attended the Jackson hotel dinner. Cities represented were Medford, Ashland, Butte Falls, Central Point, Eagle Point, Gold Hill, Grants Pass, Jacksonville, Phoenix and Talent.

Herman Kehrl, executive secretary of the league, briefly described some 20 bills affecting cities and counties acted upon in the "longest legislative session in Oregon's history."

Primary Interest

Of primary interest was the increase from five per cent to 10 per cent of state liquor tax money allocated to cities. This will mean 45 to 50 cents per capita more available to cities for the fiscal year beginning in July, and about 65 cents thereafter Kehrl said.

Three bills were passed which give property owners paying special assessments more relief. One allows churches, schools and similar organizations to bond assessments and pay them by installments. Another allows cities to bond water main assessments. A third permits property owners to bond special assessments up to double the assessed value of their property at a 60 per cent ratio. Previously they could bond only equal to the assessed value.

For smaller cities, a bill was accepted allowing city governments to impose sewage charges on water users prior to installation of sewer service. This creates a means to get funds for building a sewer system before actual construction begins.

Cash Working Funds

Senate bill 142 authorizes local governmental units to create cash working funds between the beginning of the fiscal year and the first tax turnover. These are to be created from unexpended cash balances.

Other bills:

Allow cities to create off-street parking assessment dis-

tricts to raise revenue for setting up off-street parking. These districts would presumably be the downtown business areas, Kehrl said.

Require assessors to furnish city officials the assessed value of any property annexed to a city within 20 days of a request to do so.

Authorize county courts to send notices of tax foreclosure sales to cities. This protects cities against possible sales of property on which they have a lien.

Transitional Period

Provide a transitional period of 10 years during which taxes and city services to areas annexed to cities would not be at full height. Cities can make more attractive annexation proposals to outlying areas under this system than if they were forced to charge full tax rates immediately.

Allow an area which has been in a special district prior to annexation by a city to continue to receive services from that district until the city council officially takes it out of the district.

Add a representative from Oregon cities to the state speed control board.

Extend the state teletype system used by law enforcement agencies to eastern Oregon.

Conciliation Service

Establish a state conciliation service to cover labor disputes in private and public employment. This means local governmental units or their employees can call in the state service to help settle labor disputes in governmental offices.

Provide state unemployment compensation to state employees, and on an optional basis to city employees.

Make available to Oregon communities more of the services offered under the provisions of the Federal Urban Renewal act. This offers public and private cooperation in preventing deterioration of municipal areas.

Revise Oregon election laws. But this bill does not affect city election procedures noticeably, Kehrl said.

Existing Problems

After Kehrl's report, representatives from each city gave short reports on recent accomplishments and existing problems in their communities.

State Representatives Robert Duncan and Al Littrell, present at the meeting, spotlighted a few

Bishop Comments on California Heat Wave

Redlands, Calif. — Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy in commenting on Southern California's current heat wave at Monday's opening session of the Methodist Church conference said: "It's hotter than hades."

The temperature was 91 degrees in the shade.

measures brought up by the last legislature. Mayor John Knicker of Medford acted as moderator.

Attending with Kehrl were James Barney, president of the league and city manager of Hillsboro, and A. M. Westling, planning and public works consultant, bureau of municipal research and service, University of Oregon.

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