

Several Acts of 85th Congress Have Impact on Pacific Northwest Region

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Washington—The 85th Congress should be recorded as one of the most decisive and productive in some years, especially on legislation of major significance to the Pacific Northwest. It will probably be most remembered in the Northwest because it:—Admitted Alaska into the Union as the 49th state.—Saved the rich Klamath Indian forests for perpetual

sustained-yield management against the imminent threat of clear-cutting.—Approved a project for developing electric power from atomic energy at the Hanford Plutonium Works, first of its kind in this country.—Killed the federal high Hells Canyon dam bill.—Authorized creation of Fort Clatsop National Memorial at Astoria.—Repealed the wartime transportation excise tax which has discriminated against Northwestern shippers who are a great distance from markets and supplies.

Biggest Headlines
Other national acts of this Congress, such as the labor pension and welfare fund disclosure act and the general aid to education bill, will also have their effect in Oregon. But those are the legislative decisions that earned the biggest headlines and the most attention in Oregon during the life of this 85th Congress. But the list of other acts of this Congress is more formidable than usual. Here are the completed deeds of this Congress and the lawmakers who were involved:—Small business timber sales—small business act was amended by Sen. Wayne Morse and Richard N. Neuberger, as well as Washington state and Montana sena-

tors to guarantee exclusive timber sales to small operators if they can't otherwise get timber.—Billboards controls—Neuberger's persistent efforts to ban billboards on the interstate highway network, defeated in the last Congress, finally succeeded this time with a provision for offering the states a small federal aid dividend if they effectively control signboards along the new superhighways.—New harbor projects—the Yaquina Bay harbor project survived two Eisenhower vetoes to win final enactment this year, after Congress trimmed certain objectionable projects from its rivers and harbors measure. The Siuslaw harbor project also was authorized. Funds were not appropriated this year to start either of these, but \$750,000 was appropriated to start work on the previously authorized Gold Beach harbor at the mouth of the Rogue river. The entire Oregon delegation backed these, but Rep. Charles O. Porter and Neuberger did the work of getting Gold Beach funds.

Non-High Pupils Must Obtain Certificates

Students living in non-high school districts in Jackson county and qualifying for entrance into high school are reminded that prior to school registration, they are required to make application for "tuition eligibility certificates," according to Alf B. Mekyold, county school superintendent.

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HORNS OF A DILEMMA—Police Chief John L. Hunter is on the horns of a dilemma as he tries to lasso bull after the reluctant "Ferdinand" refused to leave the ring during Canada's first bloodless bullfights in Lindsay. Although thrown twice, Hunter was unhurt. The bull was finally removed from the arena after being lassoed by a matador.

Trucks Involved In Minor Mishaps

Two minor accidents involving two cars and two trucks were investigated by state police over the week end.

Trucks operated by Charles Porter, 30, of Irvington, Calif., and Richard Walter Scott, 26, of Grants Pass, were involved in a collision at Foot's Creek bridge on Highway 99 south of Rogue River Saturday afternoon. Officers reported that the trucks sideswiped each other causing minor damage to both vehicles.

Porter, operating the south-bound truck, complained of an injured shoulder but was not hospitalized, according to reports.

The second accident caused minor damage and no injuries, police said. Cars operated by William D. Dillree, 17, of 2871 Orchard Home drive, and Mrs. Betty M. James, 42, of route 3, box 218D were both south-bound on Highway 99 south of Medford Sunday evening. According to reports the Dillree vehicle had stopped in the inside lane to make a left turn into the Star Light drive-in theater when the second car struck it.

THIEVES ARE NERVOY

Fort Worth, Tex.—Burglars during the week end proved they like baiting the lion in his own den. They broke into an automatic coffee machine and got away with \$10.87. The machine was in police headquarters.

OIL PRESIDENT DIES

Fort Worth, Tex.—Sam Weiner, 75, retired president of Texas Crude Oil Co., died Monday from a heart attack.

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Some States Still Holding Out In Public School Segregation

Editor's note: This is the first of two dispatches by a veteran Southern journalist assessing the progress—or lack of it—of racial integration in the South's public schools since the U.S. Supreme court ruled four years ago that all schools be opened to children of all races.

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Atlanta—(UPI)—The school buildings are empty for the summer. The children are at the beach or down at the old swimming hole. It's a good time to take a calm look at our biggest school problem, racial integration.

What's the situation? What's ahead? Have we found any answers in the four years since the Supreme Court ruled that children no longer could be kept out of a particular school because of race?

The situation is this: In a nation that had 17 states practicing classroom segregation four years ago, all but seven have made some move toward compliance with the integration mandate. At the close of school in June there were 764 school districts in the South where integration was the practice. But this included none in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina or Virginia.

Comes with Difficulty
In the so-called border states, the policy of integration has been developed without much pain. It has come with more difficulty in Arkansas, North Carolina and Tennessee.

At the moment, Virginia is the state to watch, with some side glances at Arkansas and Florida.

The situation in Virginia is this: During the past year, federal courts have ordered five localities—Arlington, Charlottesville, Newport News, Norfolk and Prince Edward county to integrate their schools. Fresh legal stumbling blocks probably will postpone the issue in two of the spots, but Arlington, Charlottesville and Norfolk apparently are headed for the showdown.

Under Virginia's massive resistance laws—the plan devised by Gov. Lindsay Almond to keep the schools segregated at all costs—public schools will be closed in any areas where integration is imminent.

Virginia Coming Around
Despite standby plans for operation of the South's first private school system, Virginians seem to be coming around in growing numbers to the realization that this would lead to one giant headache. There is now serious talk of a special session of the legislature to reconsider Almond's program.

Officials admit there aren't enough private schools in the state to care for a fraction of the pupils. Several church groups have come out strongly against use of church property for classrooms. An attempt to try out a "model" private school in Arlington is snarled in local zoning and health regulations.

"The only aid and comfort I can give," Almond said recently, "is to call on the people of Virginia to stand with us and the general assembly to resist any mixing of the races in the public schools."

Class To Go Ahead
Here Almond stands. He plans to go right ahead with his private school plan, unless the state assembly changes it. Even the governor acknowledges he has no certain knowledge of how it would work. Still to be decided are the mechanics of dis-

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bursement millions of dollars to parents in the form of "tuition grants" to pay for private education—if and when the private schools can be found.

Almond still says, however, that the crash program should begin—and not when Negroes appear at a white school but as soon as they are assigned to a white school.

The governor believes this precaution would "avert and avoid fanfare" and forestall the influx of "outsiders"—the element that helped fan the flames of agitation in Little Rock and in Tennessee.

But there is mounting sentiment at the top level in Virginia to find an answer to the problem that will not involve closing the public schools.

Education To Suffer
"Somehow and some way we are going to educate adequately our youth," is the way Lt. Gov. A. E. S. Stephens puts it. Attorney General Albert S. Harrison feels that the "cause of public education will suffer if and when it becomes necessary to embark on a policy of private or partly private education.

Colgate W. Darden, a former governor who is now president of the University of Virginia, puts it even more strongly. "Public education is the greatest development of our times and to destroy it would be a tragedy," he says.

As for Florida, the first "crack in the dike" may come this autumn. The courts have ruled, and the university has agreed, that qualified Negroes will be admitted for the first time to the University of Florida graduate school. The state government apparently will not intervene. There is one applicant so far, but he probably will be rejected on strictly academic grounds. Prospects were for two others to register before the deadline.

Suspension Granted
It's not clear at this point what may occur in the Little Rock controversy. The latest decision on the explosive situation there is from U. S. District Judge Harry J. Lemley who granted a suspension of integration at Little Rock's Central High School until January 1961. The NAACP has asked that the suspension order be held up pending an appeal and wants quick action so that a final decision will be handed down before September.

(Next: Where integration has worked.)

INVITATION ACCEPTED
Redondo Beach, Calif.—(UPI)—Leo D. Burr left a note on his door reading, "Make yourself at home, the key's under the welcome mat." Whoever went in and walked out with two rifles, an adding machine, a typewriter, a sewing machine and a piggy bank didn't even leave a "thank you" note.

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