

'Farewell To Reform' May Be Keynote of State Legislature

By DICK HUMPHREY
Salem—From here, it looks like the 1959 Oregon legislative meeting will be a "farewell to reform" session — if by reform you mean spending more money for broadening state agency programs or starting new programs.

Democrats will control the house of representatives by a slim margin for the first time in 80 years. They will have a clear-cut majority in the Senate which was equally split between parties in 1957.

Working with them, however, will be Republican Governor Mark Hatfield who was elected on an "economy in government" platform.

Democrats have a popular reputation of being a little more free-wheeling with new programs than Republicans, but on the economy issue it is going to be hard to tell a Republican from a Democrat come January.

The temper of Oregon citizens on the subject of in-

creased expenses and increased taxes is, to say the least, nasty.

Money Issues Lost

Witness the drubbing they gave to any state measures that even smelled of money in the November elections.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes has been wagging a finger at state agencies lately urging them to "hold the line" on their budget requests and Hatfield has taken the same attitude.

With increased and genuine demands for state service, population pressure and normal growth, the 1959-61 budget will doubtless be higher than the \$262 million appropriated this time, but legislators are expected to cast a jaundiced eye on any drastic increases.

Best guesses here are that the new budget will run about \$300 million, which probably would be within the amount of revenue obtainable from current taxes.

But such a "balanced" budget would not include \$20

million asked by the State Board of Higher Education for new buildings or \$10 million asked by the Board of Control for institutional building.

Bond Issue Possible

There is a possibility that building needs might be met with a bond issue as suggested by Holmes although Hatfield has not yet committed himself on this point.

The Board of Higher Education is skeptical of what they call "putting all our eggs in the bond basket." They fear that the people might throw the baby out with the bath water and reject all their building proposals.

Even without any institutional or higher education building or any bold new programs, the difference of \$38 million between the current \$262 million budget and a possible \$300 million budget is nicely accounted for with increased agency, education, higher education, and institutional budget requests.

We'll know better what the risks of new taxes are when the budget is published by Finance Director John Richardson the week end before Jan. 1 and after Hatfield is inaugurated and makes his recommendations to the Legislature.

Christmas Mail Delivery Said Good

Washington—(UPI)—Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield said today all reports indicate "this will be the best Christmas mail delivery in our history."

He said the department was asking by telegram for reports from 950 major cities where more than 90 per cent of the Christmas mail is handled.

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Court Records

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Charles F. McCasland, passing with insufficient clearance, \$10.
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CIRCUIT COURT
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Crowded Conditions Claimed To Favor Tubercle Bacillus

Editor's note: Following is the last of a series of articles by Delos Smith, United Press International science editor, on the fight against tuberculosis.

By DELOS SMITH
UPI Science Editor

New York—(UPI)—In Kansas the annual new case rate for tuberculosis is about 15.5 per hundred thousand population. In the central Harlem district of New York it was approximately 800 per hundred thousand, despite the concentrated efforts of one of the most efficient public health departments in the world.

The central Harlem thousands live close-packed in tenements, often five and six to a room, in a condition doctors call "physiological misery." That condition among people crowded together always favors tubercle bacillus. Even during the past 100 years of steady decline, TB rates have consistently increased in war-torn countries.

What tuberculosis experts would like most are a vaccine capable of killing all the tubercle bacilli in a human body quickly. Such a vaccine and such drugs are the prime objective of publicly and privately financed tuberculosis research.

Has Drawbacks

A good vaccine already exists but it has drawbacks which limits its use in the United States, prevents it from being the weapon that could wipe out the bacilli, and points up a glaring deficiency in science's knowledge of the disease. It is BCG, a vaccine based on an attenuated or weakened strain of the bacillus.

It causes an extremely mild form of the disease which is quickly put down by body defenses, and leaves an unknown degree of immunity to any subsequent invasion of fully virulent bacilli. There is no question of it being safe—it has been in wide use in Scandinavia and other parts of Western Europe for years.

The immunity it bestows varies from person to person. In some it may be long-lasting; in others it may hardly

exist. There is no way of telling which person has immunity short of a challenge by virulent bacilli, but it makes all who get it "positive reactors" to the tuberculin test which can separate the TB-susceptible from the non-susceptible. It is on this ground that U.S. medical authorities oppose its widespread use.

Not Fully Understood

The layman may find it hard to believe, but science does not fully understand the chemical make-up of tubercle bacillus, how it breathes, multiplies, and finally dies. Nor does it know precisely how the anti-tuberculosis drugs act against bacilli. There are a number of theories, none proved.

Science also has the problem of bacilli learning to multiply despite the attacks of anti-tuberculosis drugs. Most scientists feel this is bound to happen some day on a large enough scale to make the present drugs more or less worthless. So far this "resistance" problem appears in only about two per cent of the cases treated.

Medical science is losing 10 to 30 per cent of its tuberculosis cases, that is, people still die of the disease. The goal is to lose none, by forging weapons (vaccines and drugs) which will permit world-wide eradication. No one can be completely safe as long as tubercle bacilli remain on earth.

Medford Youth Taken To San Francisco

Thomas Lee Robertson, 23, of 220 South Grape st., was taken to San Francisco by a U.S. marshal Wednesday, charged with violating the Dyer act, Medford police reported.

Robertson was arrested by the California Highway Patrol Monday in Yreka, and held in connection with the theft of a 1957 Ford last week from Crater Lake Motors, Main and Fir sts., Medford.

District Court Judge James M. Main issued a warrant Tuesday charging grand larceny and setting bail at \$2,500. But the federal Dyer act complaint was lodged the same day.

Brig. Gen. Dodson's Funeral Saturday

Portland—(UPI)—Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the National Guard Air Base Chapel for Brig. Gen. G. Robert Dodson, 54, a vice president of Jantzen Inc.

Gen. Dodson, who had served as chief of staff for air of the Oregon National Guard, died Thursday.

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