State Department Asks Porter For Assistance in Cuban Crisis

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Washington (Special) – The State Department last week called on Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) for assistance at a crucial moment in the Cuban crisis to safeguard the welfare of 500 Americans stranded in Havana.

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The crisis developed for the U. S. tourists when they could get no food because of the general strike called by the forces of Fidel Castro. Neither, could they fly to Miami at this point.

American authorities made arrangements for a ferry boat, the City of Havana, to sail from Florida to Cuba to pick up the Americans and take them off the strife-torn island. But while the boat was en route, the Castro forces announced they would not permit it to dock.

Moves Destroyers

The Navy, meanwhile, moved several destroyers into the area nearby to use as a last resort to protect the Americans from harm and effect their escape.

But the State Department did not wish to use the show of American naval strength if there should be any feasible alternative.

Assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs Roy R. Rhubottom then called on Congressman Porter, who has become something of a hero in many Latin American countries because of his opposition to dictatorial regimes in Cuba, the Dominican Republic and elsewhere in the hemisphere.

Rhubottom asked Porter to send a cable to the revolutionaries, requesting that they permit the ferry boat to land and take the Americans out.

In Close Touch

Rhubottom apparently knew that Porter had been in close touch in the past with Dr. Manuel Urretia, who was named the new provisional president of Cuba by Castro. Urretia, Porter explained, had been in exile in this country during the Batista regime and had called on Porter in his congressional office numerous times to enlist his aid and support.

Urretia also attended a luncheon in Porter's honor held in New York last September by groups and individuals interested in restoring democratic governments in Latin countries under dictatorships.

Before Rhubottom called, Porter had already dispatched congratulatory cables to Urretia and Castro. His cable to Urretia said "these are proud days for Cuba, days full of promise for freedom and self-respect." He signed it "Charlie."

So the congressman sent a second cable to Urretia, which said in part:

Quotes Wire

"The 26th of July movement has much good will here in Washington and in the United States generally. I know that much has happened and that you, Dr. Fidel Castro and others have been constantly and intensively engaged in whipping Batista and his forces. Please ask the appropriate authorities in Havana to reconsider their decision. The City of Havana should be allowed to dock and to remove from Cuba any or all of the 500 American tourists. Airlines should be allowed to take those United States citizens they can carry. Please act as soon as you can to correct this situation before it becomes more serious for all concerned. On my part, I have urged our State Department to recognize your government at the earliest possible moment and to offer aid to Cubans who are in dire need because of the war."

No one can say whether this cable was influential. It was sent Friday. On Saturday the Associated Press reported from Key West, Fla., that the City of Havana arrived with 508 weary U. S. citizens, some of whom were broke and hadn't eaten in over 24 hours.

The manager of the ferry company said there were no incidents as the passengers loaded in Havana. They were escorted to the ferry by armed rebels under Castro's command.

'Ear' Picks Up Russian Rocket

Pasadena, Calif. – (UPI) – The U.S. large Goldstone listening "ear" in the Mojave desert apparently picked up signals from Russia's sun rocket as it passed beyond the moon, according to Dr. William H. Pickering.

Pickering, director of the National Aeronautical and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion laboratory which has been instrumental in the nation's space program, released a cautiously worded question and answer statement Thursday reporting the detection of space signals.

JPL's Goldstone space listening center, about 150 miles from Los Angeles, attempted to track the Russian rocket last Sunday after earlier efforts had failed.

Pickering said signals were received early Sunday morning from a region west of the moon and that "the angle between the moon and the signal source increased with time, indicating the signal source had passed beyond the moon."

FPC Grants 50-Year License to Company

Washington–(UPI)–The Federal Power commission issued a 50-year license Thursday to the Eugene Water and Electric board of Eugene, Ore., for its proposed Carmen-Smith hydroelectric project to be located on the McKenzie and Smith rivers.

The project, estimated to cost $19,318,000, will have an installed capacity of 53,300 kilowatts. It will include three dams, the Carmen, Smith river and Trail bridge.

At the same time, the commission accepted the Eugene board's voluntary surrender of an FPC license covering the Beaver Marsh hydroelectric project on the McKenzie river, which never was built.

Local officials told the commission the Carmen-Smith project would be more beneficial to the area than the Beaver Marsh project.

'Beer Bust' Plans Brings Jail Sentence

San Diego, Calif. – (UPI) – Charles E. Reed, 21, wanted to throw a "beer bust" for some friends, but police didn't think the reason justified Reed's wheeling 11 cases of beer out a locked warehouse.

Muinicipal Judge John Brennano agreed and sentenced the laborer to 180 days in jail.

They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo

Estate Left to School, Hospital

Portland – (UPI) – The major portion of an estate valued at two million dollars has been left to the University of Oregon medical school and Good Samaritan hospital here.

The state is that of the late Arthur H. Devers, a pioneer in a coffee roasting firm here. He died Sept. 15, 1955. His will specified a number of specific bequests and that the residue of the estate be held in trust until the death of his widow, Anne E. Devers. She died late in 1958.

The First National Bank of Oregon, the executor and trustee, is making distribution of the funds.

The medical school's money was left for the purpose of teaching the subjects of eye, ear, nose and throat.

A spokesman for Good Samaritan hospital said plans call for establishment of an eye clinic.

DOCTOR DIES

Cordoba, Spain – (UPI) – Dr. Jose Amo Serrano, Spain's oldest doctor, died here today at the age of 105. He remained active in his profession until he was 100.

Chemicals Create Vitamin Deficiency

New York—Science Service—Chemicals that kill plants by creating a vitamin deficiency were described to scientists at a meeting of the Northeastern Weed Control conference here this week.

Dalapon and related compounds interfere with the formation of an important vitamin, pantothenic acid, essential to the plant's growth and development, Dr. James L. Hilton said. It does this, the U. S. Department of Agriculture researcher explained, by upsetting normal enzymatic reactions.

Legislature Wants to Maintain Services, Avoid Raising Taxes

By DICK HUMPHREY
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Salem–(UPI)–Barring any last minute flare-ups in the secretary of state hassle, the Oregon Legislature is more ready to go than any Legislature in recent history.

And it will have some big problems on its hands. Legislators want at least to maintain state services at present levels–allowing for normal growth–and at the same time avoid raising taxes.

This going to be quite a chore.

State Finance Director John Richardson says it can be done on Gov. Robert D. Holmes' proposed $298.6 million budget. But Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield still has to make his budget recommendations to the Democratic controlled Legislature.

State agencies are getting quite a bit less than they asked for in the Holmes budget.

For instance, the State Board of Higher Education wants $20 million for new buildings and the Board of Control seeks $10 million for its new facilities. All that was included in the Holmes budget is $2,500,000 to cover all building needs.

Education Costs Up

Operating expenses for higher education will be up about $14 million and for institutions, about seven millions.

There also is an automatic $12 million boost in basic school support due to more children in school.

It is pretty certain that increased taxes will be a dirty word to both Democrats and Republicans alike in view of the temper of the people at the November elections.

So legislators will be endeavoring to "hold the line" in the face of requests for increases amounting to about $70 million.

Another sobering thought is that the Legislature will have to look to the 1961-63 biennium when it acts because the current budget will eat up the state's $30 million surplus, some $10 million in tax monies which will be collected this biennium rather than next, and about $36 million that will be used up due to normal growth of government functions.

Many Other Problems

Other problems face the Legislature this time:

...The unemployment trust fund is sagging badly and rates to employers may have to be increased or unemployment checks reduced.

...The State Highway Department is looking for a 1-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax to match federal monies for the interstate highway program.

...Study of the Flesher report which recommends a series of educational centers around Oregon, partly financed with state money.

...Study of the possible revision of the state's tax structure in the light of the report of John F. Sly, who surveyed the state's tax structure lately.

...Study of a possible regional power corporation.

...Possible reorganization of state government under leadership of the governor to cut out or consolidate some of the numerous government agencies.

...Control of farm labor contractors and the whole migrant labor problem.

...Reorganization of the judiciary.

...Legislation regarding emotionally retarded and disturbed children.

So, regardless of the fact that the legislative machinery is oiled and waiting, a record of more than 375 bills out of a record 800 received prepared by the legislative council, and all major offices filled, it promises to be a long and tough session.

Nine-Year-Old Girl Turning to Stone

Jackson, Miss. – (UPI) – A 9-year-old girl whose body gradually is turning to bone will undergo another medical examination today in hopes the disease can be arrested.

Becky Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Smith of nearby Forest, Miss., noticed a stiffness in her neck and back last November. Physicians said her disease was one in which the tissues gradually harden into bone.

The girl is still attending the fourth grade, but the disease has advanced to such a stage that she is unable to move her head freely and cannot raise one of her arms above the shoulder.

Physicians thus far have been unable to find a successful treatment.

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DECEMBER 31, 1958

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RESOURCES

Cash on Hand and Due from Banks		$ 176,609,853.18
United States Government Bonds		296,246,830.10
Municipal and Other Bonds		88,628,085.65
Loans and Discounts—Net		331,479,546.83
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank		1,200,000.00
Bank Premises (Including Branches)		12,570,287.86
Interest Earned		3,755,458.48
Other Resources		204,167.16
		$ 910,694,229.26

LIABILITIES

Capital	$ 20,000,000.00	
Surplus	20,000,000.00	
Undivided Profits	26,180,973.74	$ 66,180,973.74
Reserves for Interest, Taxes, etc.		4,427,166.55
Dividends Declared		650,000.00
Deposits		829,029,903.59
Interest Collected Not Earned		5,377,587.83
Other Liabilities		5,028,597.55
		$ 910,694,229.26

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