

Political Opponents Attempt to Discredit Governor Hatfield

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It would defeat the purpose of this column to use it to carry on a political hassle with the paid public information director of the Democratic party, Ken Johnson, and I don't propose to do it.

There seems to be a frantic effort on the part of two or three of Governor Hatfield's political opponents to discredit him in the eyes of the voters and makes one feel that there must be some personal political motive behind it. It is easy enough to confuse the over-all issues by the almost vicious tactics being used.

The voters of Oregon elected Governor Hatfield by a very large majority and I think the average, fair-minded individual is willing to give him a reasonable length of time to demonstrate his good faith with the people of Oregon.

Mail Directed

Right now a large percentage of my mail is directed against two tax bills which are part of ex-Governor Holmes' tax proposals. I am suggesting to the writers of these letters that they remember that the final tax program will not be written until the budget has been recommended by the Ways and Means committee and approved by the legislature. This is not, in my estimation, the way it should be done, but apparently we aren't ready to reverse the procedure and adopt a budget tailored to fit a reasonable and equitable tax program.

May I suggest that anyone interested in the various tax programs being proposed get a copy of the Feb. 14 Oregon Voter which devotes several pages to a detailed comparison of the taxes and tax rates now in effect and as proposed by Governor Hatfield and ex-Governor Holmes.

The anti-picketing law is

now a dead duck. Many people in southern Oregon wrote expressing their concern over repealing the law. We heard some impassioned, but restrained oratory in the House before passage of the bill, but it was mostly for the record, since everyone knew how the vote was going to go.

To provide some protection for both employers and employees in the field of collective bargaining, Senator Yurri and Representative Elstrom, Republican leaders of the Senate and House respectively, have introduced Senate Bill 369 which is being referred to as the Anti-coercion bill.

The bill provides that employees shall have the right to select or reject without coercion or intimidation labor organizations seeking or claim-

ing to represent them in bargaining collectively with their employers, except to the extent that such right may be affected by a closed shop agreement existing between the employer and a labor organization which requires as a condition of employment membership in such labor organization.

The bill defines "coercion"; provides for secret election relating to the representative as the bargaining agent.

In asking for repeal of the Anti-picketing bill, Labor recommended a two-year study of labor-management relations, which would (hopefully) produce a better law than the present one. We opponents of repeal said in effect, "Let's see the new law before we repeal this one."

Housing Measure Said Extravagant

Washington—UPI—An administration spokesman said Friday that a multi-billion-dollar housing bill approved by the House Banking Committee last week is "extravagant and inflationary."

Housing Administrator Norman P. Mason, plugging President Eisenhower's economy drive, said the measure still would be costing the taxpayers in the year 2000.

He told reporters that the \$2,100,000,000 price tag Democrats put on the bill is only "half the truth."

Counting public housing subsidy costs over the next 45 years, he said, the bill actually adds up to \$5,800,000,000.

Mason said some of the congressmen supporting the bill do not realize its full cost. He declined to say whether he would recommend a presidential veto if the measure reached the White House in its present form.

But he indicated he expected the House would cut the bill and that it would be trimmed still further by a house-senate compromise.

Centennial Group Can Meet Payroll

Portland—UPI—The Oregon Centennial Commission has plenty of money to meet its payrolls despite a report earlier last week that it lacked funds to pay employees in some departments, Fiscal Officer William Gaarenstroom said Friday.

"The problem is not inadequacy of money, but distribution of the allocation as originally set up," he said. "But we have enough latitude to operate within the money allocated by the Legislature."

Using a blackboard to explain the Centennial budget breakdown, Gaarenstroom said there were two major categories — the general fund, subject to the same strict control as the funds of state agencies, and the operating account.

The general fund consists of the \$1,700,000 allocated by the Legislature. The operating account now contains about \$125,000 from advance space sales for the Exposition and International Trade Fair opening June 10 and other revenue sources.



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

It Was Painful for the Pup, But She Learned Lesson

It turned out to be an unfortunate episode, caused by lack of judgement or intelligence on the part of one of the individuals involved, and too much curiosity on the part of the other.

The wasp lacked judgement. It over-stepped itself when it flew down to the water in the glass dish, slipped off the vertical side and couldn't get out of the water.

The other actor in the silent drama was a Boston terrier pup who depended on the glass dish for her drinking water. The pup's curiosity and playful antics had plunged it into all kinds of predicaments, so far unprofitable, giving her the idea that everything was fun.

On the day of her painful adventure Pixie had been flat on her back in the sun. She awoke, thirsty. She made straight for her water dish. In the water the wasp was beating its wings, unsuccessfully trying to get off the water into free flight. For the pup here was something new and mighty interesting. She watched the insect buzzing angrily beating its aimless way around the dish.

Finally Pixie, completely forgetting her thirst in the light of this new discovery, put one fore paw into the water trying to hit the wasp. Several times she did push the angry insect under water. It was great sport.

The wasp made an entirely different noise when its wings were wet. Then the buzz became almost liquid-sounding until the water was whipped away. The dog became so excited she could hardly contain herself. She circled the dish barking excitedly.

She discovered she could see the wasp by looking through the side of the dish. It looked funny. Distortion threw it out of focus. So far she had avoided using her muzzle. The only time she tried is she got water up her

nose, but she found it was much more fun to push the insect with her muzzle than the insect twisted and turned trying to get itself into position to use its stinger.

Only One Result

There could be but one result. The wasp got herself in position just as the little dog pushed. The wasp drove its stinger into Pixie's lower lip. The dog yipped, jumped back and up, throwing the wasp into the air. It took off for the far distance. The dog ran for just anywhere at all.

By the time she had exhausted herself, her lip, as well as her face, was painfully swollen.

We live, they say by actual day to day living; we learn by experience. The child learns, by burning himself, not to touch the stove again. By hurting himself he learns a lesson. This we would like to think is intelligence. Whether or not the wasp learned is doubtful but the little dog did. She learned that things can be dangerous or painful, even though they happen to look pretty or exciting. Since she "got it in the lip" she has passed up many a needed drink because once there was a wasp in a water dish.

11 Contractors Submit Offers

A total of 11 contractors submitted bids for construction of the U.S. Army Reserve center here, according to the Army Engineers' office in Seattle, Wash.

Lewis Kowolowski, Madras, was apparent low bidder when bids were opened Wednesday at the Seattle office. His bid was \$263,229, compared to a government estimate of \$257,346.

The contract is expected to be awarded soon, according to the Seattle engineers. No date for starting the construction has been announced so far.

Other bidders listed include Waldo S. Hardie and Son, Eugene, \$275,228; Vik Construction company, Eugene, \$281,114; Lord-Carroll, Portland, \$285,337; Salter and Klein, Grants Pass, \$286,717; A. V. Petersen company, Portland, \$289,416; Ausland Construction company, Grants Pass, \$291,810; H. Barnhart, Medford, \$299,384; Wiley company, Ashland, \$300,750; Cummings Construction company, Grants Pass, \$310,089; and Teller Construction company, Portland, \$322,017.

The center is to be situated on the proposed extension of Columbus ave. between West Jackson st. and McAndrews rd.

Eros, a minor planet, discovered in 1898, is remarkable as the only asteroid with an orbit between Earth and Mars.

McCormack Backs Hiring of Relatives

Washington—UPI—House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack said Friday it's perfectly proper for a Congressman to put a family member on his payroll — if the relative is qualified for the job.

McCormack said that while he has no relatives on his office payroll, he sees nothing wrong about lawmakers who do, so long as the relatives can do the work well.

"It would be just as wrong for a publisher or editor of a newspaper to refuse to give a job on his newspaper to his son or daughter, if there were an opening they were qualified to fill," the Massachusetts lawmaker said in an interview.

Local Youth To Go On Concert Tour

Portland—Richard Arnold, 1011 Reddy ave., Medford, will appear with the cappella choir at the First Presbyterian church at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 20. The concert will be the last program on the choir's annual spring concert tour agenda.

Under the direction of L. Stanley Glarum, the 61 choristers will present 25 concerts in 16 days, mostly in California.

Arnold, first tenor, is a junior music education major and a member of Phi Mu Alpha, national men's music dormitory. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Arnold, Medford.

Leoncavallo wrote only one successful opera, "Pagliacci."

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