

House Passes Bill On Reorganization Of State Government

Salem —(UPI)—The House Wednesday passed and sent to the Senate a bill permitting the governor to prepare and submit to the Legislature a comprehensive plan for the reorganization of state government.

Vote on the measure was 54-1 with Rep. Fred Meek (R-Portland) creding the only negative vote.

Rep. George Layman (R-Newberg) said the bill had been amended so that the governor's plan would require approval of the legislature.

Skelton Wants Plan

Before amendment, the bill provided that the plan would go into operation automatically unless the legislature vetoed it.

Rep. Keith Skelton (D-Eugene) said that while he favored

the bill he thought the governor should be required to submit a plan to the legislature within 10 days after the 1961 session starts.

Layman replied that no time limit was placed on submitting a plan because the Committee on State and Federal Affairs which introduced the bill felt the governor should be given the chance to submit amendments to the bill after the legislature had studied his plan.

The Interim Committee on Governmental Reorganization asked that the governor be given authority to prepare a plan revamping executive and administrative departments.

Gov. Mark Hatfield supported the Interim Committee findings in his inaugural address.

Collective Bargaining

A bill permitting employees of cities, counties and other political subdivisions to bargain collectively with their employers passed the House 31-23 and was sent to the Senate.

The bill had been amended to make the bargaining permissive rather than mandatory.

The amendment making the bargaining permissive was suggested by the League of Oregon Cities.

The House also passed and sent to the Senate a bill providing for licensing of farm labor contractors. It was one of a package of bills dealing with migratory labor which are being considered by the Legislature.

U. S. Steel Hour Production Sticky To Write About

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New York —(UPI)—Wednesday's CBS-TV U. S. Steel Hour drama, "Night of Betrayal," is the stickiest kind of show to write about.

It had decent intentions, a small measure of lustre and it aimed a little higher than most of the oatmeal Steel Hour has been machining lately. But I find it difficult to spume up much enthusiasm for it.

Pretty Dull Review

On the other hand, I find it difficult to pan it. Come to think of it, this is turning into a pretty dull review and maybe you'd better just leave and go on to the shopping ads. Today is Thursday and there are bound to be some bargains.

Anyway, if you're still here, I would say the defects of "Night of Betrayal" were two-fold. One, its script—a piece about a French resistance fighter who falls in love with the potential victim of the Germans—was a trudge. It never showed any real glide all evening.

And second, its principals—Roddy McDowall and Victor Jory—were not completely convincing. Their acting showed no real spark or shading and perhaps, the fault here may have been in inefficient rehearsals.

From this pedestrian pudding, I except one participant: Carol Lawrence, Miss Lawrence, who played a young Jewish girl fleeing from the Nazis, pitched her performance at near-chandler level. There was some delicacy and grace in her playing and it's a pity someone just didn't turn over the entire 60 minutes to her.



TO SPEAK—Harold Harriman, missionary to jungle lowlands of eastern Bolivia, will speak and show colored slides at the Friends church Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Harriman served in Bolivia since 1947, ministering to Santa Cruz and later to remote Santa Maria. He and wife are making their home with relatives in Greenleaf, Idaho, while on furlough.

The Bank of America in San Francisco is the nation's largest commercial bank on the basis of its more than 10 billion dollars in deposits. Next comes the Chase Manhattan bank of New York with more than seven and a quarter billion dollars in deposits.

Two Arrested in Connection With Narcotics Ring

San Francisco —(UPI)—A man and woman were arrested Wednesday night in connection with the indictment of 22 persons as alleged members of \$10 million international narcotics ring.

The FBI identified the two as Azalea King, 22, of Oakland, and Lennet Semiean, 37, Los Angeles. Miss King, a stripper, was arrested in Salinas. Semiean was picked up here while walking along a downtown street.

Other arrests were expected in New York, Los Angeles, Oakland and Texas.