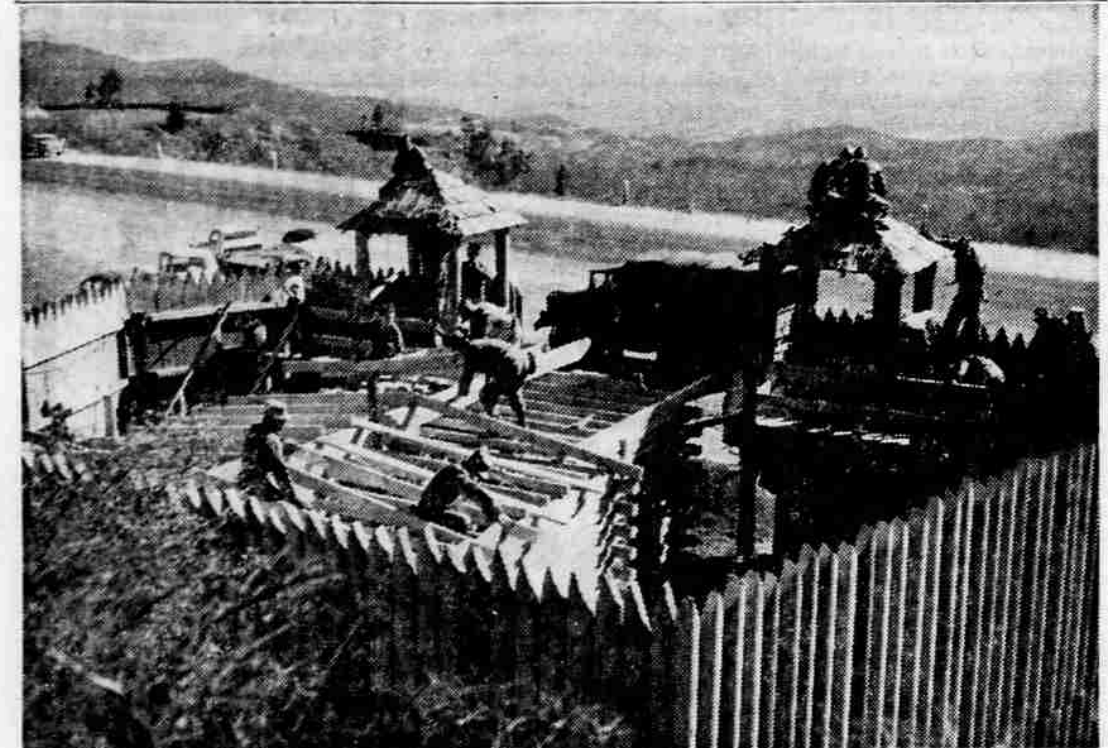


# 'Hard Look' Promised House Tax Program

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**FINISHING TOUCHES**—Members of the 417th Engineer Brigade, southern Oregon Army reserve unit, are shown putting the finishing touches on the exterior of the Stockade welcome booth at Siskiyou summit Sunday. Completion of interior walls and counters is expected this week by volunteers, most of them members of the reserve unit. The picture is taken looking south into California.

## Library Budget Being Considered By Committee

The Jackson county budget committee took under advisement this morning a request for \$36,000 for the new fiscal year by the Jackson county library board.

The committee had approved a budget request from the library board previously, but apparently had approved the budget, thinking funds for independent libraries in Ashland and Rogue River would come from the total.

Acting as spokesman for the library board, H. Dewey Wilson said the county library system cannot present services if not granted an increase. The board is entitled to reconsideration of this figure for the county library service, he said.

**No More Than Needed**  
"We haven't asked for any more than is necessary," Wilson said.

Mrs. Leland A. Mentzer, board member, said the business of the library system has grown 20 per cent a year. Arnold Bohner, budget committee chairman, pointed out that the committee has the same problem with every department.

The money allocated to the Jackson county library system is far below that given libraries in neighboring counties, Mrs. Mentzer pointed out. Services cannot be maintained unless merit salary increases for the library staff are granted, it was pointed out.

## Cons Surrender; Hostages Unharmd

San Quentin, Calif. (UPI)—A woman held for six terror-filled hours by two escaped convicts who threatened to slash her throat holds no grudge.

"I don't think they would really have killed me," Mrs. Louise Gehwend, 53, said Tuesday night. She described the escapees from San Quentin prison, who surrendered meekly to guards, as "just scared kids."

"I hope they get a break," she said. Mrs. Gehwend and a fishing companion, Douglas Harrison, 59, were grabbed as hostages Tuesday morning as the prisoners ran over a low hill and onto a T-shaped pier with guards in close pursuit. The convicts are Billy J. Wright, 26, and William D. Werner, 24.

## Cost of Living Held Unchanged During March

Washington (UPI)—The government reported today that living costs remained unchanged in March. Lower food prices offset increased cost of other goods and services.

**Record for March**  
The Labor Department's consumer price index registered 123.7 last month. This was a record for March and three-tenths of 1 per cent higher than a year ago.

H. E. Riley, price chief of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, said the index has moved

## Engineers Finish Exterior Walls of Summit Stockade

Finishing touches will be put on the Siskiyou Summit Stockade Sunday by volunteers from southern Oregon, Brig. Gen. William Prentice, commander of the 417th engineer brigade, Medford, Army reserve unit, said today.

About 16 men have volunteered, he said. The reserve unit's training sessions in constructing the stockade have officially been completed. Work that remains con-

sists of finishing interior walls, installing fixtures and counters. Volunteers, most of them members of the reserve unit, plan to complete the structure Sunday.

**Erect Rafters**  
Last Sunday, the engineers erected rafters for the roof of the interior building and placed shingles on the look-out towers. The roof was put on yesterday by Ace Roofing company, Medford, General Prentice said.

Assisting the 417th unit was the 382nd quartermaster battalion of the Army reserve. The stockade, at an elevation of 4,500 feet and near the Oregon-California state line, will serve as a welcoming booth for tourists during Oregon's Centennial observance.

Open house will be held at the Stockade May 17, and it will be open daily after that, according to Ernie Hood, Jackson county coordinator for the Centennial. The Stockade will be manned by students in Oregon history from Southern Oregon college, who are now taking a course of instruction to prepare them for the work.

The project will include construction of two connecting office buildings. The forward building, to be 98 by 34 feet, will house the offices of the Devco Lumber Sales, Inc., and those of Forestglens Lumber company, both of which are currently in the U.S. National Bank building.

The rear unit, which will include three suites of rented offices will be 86 by 32 feet. It was reported that the rental area has already been contracted for. The building will include about 6,000 square feet of space and a screened light court, which will include planters.

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## CP Rural District Buys Air Pak Units

Central Point—Central Point Rural Fire Protection district is better equipped for rescue work after recent purchase of two Scott Air Pak units, according to Fire Chief L. C. Lisenbee.

The self-contained smoke masks use compressed air. Lisenbee said the units can be used for skin diving as well as for entering smoke filled buildings.

The department has had some 10 filter-type masks which it is keeping on hand.

## Tunnel Explosion Kills Three Men

Oroville, Calif. (UPI)—A dynamite explosion deep inside a test tunnel at the Oroville dam site killed three men Tuesday and critically injured two others.

Between 13 and 15 charges of dynamite went off simultaneously before the men had a chance to escape from the narrow, 1,000-foot long tunnel.

Preliminary investigation indicated the explosion was set off prematurely by a short fuse. Concussion and flying rocks killed the superintendent, Donald Goode, 40, Grand Junction, Colo., and two construction workers, Chester Zurich, 45, and Robert Arnold, 45, both of Oroville.

## NW Resources Vital Factor, Humphrey Says

By ERIC WENTWORTH  
Mail Tribune Staff Writer  
Eugene—The natural resources of the Northwest represent vital ammunition for waging the cold war, Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) told local Democrats at a dinner here last night.

"In the long, hard cold war with the Communists," said the senator, considered a potential candidate for the 1960 Democratic presidential nomination, "our resources could be the decisive factor."

Humphrey, who has repeatedly stated he is not a formal presidential candidate at present, described at a press conference his current tour of this region as "a friendly visit."

Afterward, he explained that his proposed YCC could be implemented through already-existing agencies. He said that federal foresters and conservationists, national park service personnel, and — at the state level — foresters and youth commissions, could take charge of the young men on particular projects. "There is plenty of work to be done," he added.

**Support of Program**  
Federal funds, he said, would support the program, and it would be administered and coordinated from Washington. But he emphasized that he does not seek the creation of a new, separate agency for its operation.

On the subject of assistance to migrant farm workers, Humphrey stated similarly that he did not wish to see the federal government duplicating work of existing agencies. He said federal financing could assist the migrants in such areas as education and housing. But, he added, state and local agencies could best be charged with putting the federal funds to use.

Asked about establishment by the federal government of a minimum wage standard for migrants, the senator said, "I think this will be necessary."

He said he believes domestic migrants are more in need of help today than those imported under contract from Mexico, the Bahamas or other neighboring areas.

**Must Be Conserved**  
The senator told his audience at the dinner that such resources as timber, water and soil must be conserved and properly utilized to meet necessary physical requirements and such "non-material" needs as recreation facilities.

"One of the first jobs," he said, "is to get an up-to-date accounting of just what resources America has." He said "the thing that touched me most" during his recent trip to the Soviet Union was the survey of Russia's natural resources being carried out at Moscow university.

Humphrey accused the Eisenhower administration of pursuing a "do-nothing policy and a give-away policy on resources," and being "at best a caretaker government."

"I stood on the floor of the Senate and fought against these give-aways" alongside the Oregon senators, he said. "The Republican party," he said, "cannot understand the West because it is a party based in the financial houses of the East." He said the GOP regards the West as a source of raw materials rather than as a region with its own diversified economic development. "It seeks to feed on the West, not to develop it," he charged.

**Said Not Spenders**  
"The Democrats who believe in conserving and developing building resources are not the spenders," Humphrey stated. They are, he said, "prudent investors, investors in the future of America."

"In part," Humphrey said, the cold war "is a battle between men and systems of government and systems of social order. But it is at least as significantly a contest of materials and resources."

"The great Northwest, so rich in natural resources, represents the nation's stockpile and its reserves in the waging of the cold war." (See story on page 4)

**Veteran Loan Bonds Sold To Chicago Firm**  
Salem (UPI)—Thirty three million dollars in veterans' farm and home loan bonds were sold by the Veterans' Affairs department today to a Chicago firm at an effective interest rate of 3.394 per cent.

The bonds were sold to Halsey, Stuart and company.



MAURINE NEUBERGER  
Delegate to Congress

## Mrs. Neuberger Named Delegate To NATO Meeting

Washington, D. C. — Mrs. Maurine Neuberger of Portland has been appointed a delegate to the Atlantic Congress of NATO nations, which will meet in London June 5 to 10. She is the wife of Oregon's junior Senator, Richard L. Neuberger.

The purpose of the conference, which will be opened by Queen Elizabeth, is to bring together leading citizens of the NATO countries to expand economic cooperation and mutual action in the North Atlantic community.

Some 600 delegates will attend the conference, including 130 from the United States. Mrs. Neuberger, a former three-term representative in the Oregon state legislature, has been selected because of her position as a board member of the United Nations association. She is a graduate of Oregon College of Education and a one-time teacher of physical education, modern dance and English in Portland high schools.

**Other Delegates**  
Among the other American delegates to the Atlantic Congress will be Stephen F. Chadwick of Seattle, former National Commander of the American Legion; Dr. Leon Keyserling, chairman of President Truman's Board of Economic Counselors; Gen. David Sarnoff, president of the National Broadcasting company; Brooks Hays, former Congressman from Little Rock and prominent Southern moderate; Thomas J. Watson Jr., president of International Business Machines corporation, and Mrs. Oswald Lord, President Eisenhower's designate to the United Nations General Assembly.

The American delegation will fly to London aboard specially-chartered jet planes. Mrs. Neuberger plans to visit France and the Scandinavian nations while she is in Europe.

## \$2,400 Collected In Cancer Drive

About \$2,400 has been reported in the annual Cancer Control drive which was conducted here yesterday by the Jackson county unit of the American Cancer Society.

Reports are yet to be received from three of the 15 Medford areas, the county areas and Ashland, Cancer Society officials said.

About 1,200 workers participated in the county-wide drive to receive contributions and distribute factual information concerning cancer.

Dr. Orval Eaton, chairman of the Cancer Crusade, expressed gratitude over the response of Jackson county residents to volunteers working in the drive.

## 'Bill of Rights' For Unionists Urged

Washington (UPI)—Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) today urged approval of a far-ranging "bill of rights" for union members to sharpen the teeth of the Senate's labor reform measure.

The rackets committee chairman planned to call up the proposal as the first in his series of amendments aimed at toughening the anti-corruption bill sponsored by Sens. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Sam J. Ervin (D-N.C.).

Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.), leading opponent of the bill, said he thought McClellan would "have very good backing" and cut into the strong support which Kennedy got in two votes Tuesday.

## Senate Not To 'Rubber Stamp' Revenue Plans

Adjournment Seen Delayed by Stand

Salem (UPI)—The Senate Tax committee plans to take a "long, hard look" at the tax program reported out of the House Taxation committee, Chairman Ward Cook (D-Portland) said today.

"We don't expect to rubber stamp the House tax program," echoed Sen. Ben Musa (D-The Dalles) vice chairman. Other members of the committee said they expected that some drastic revisions of the House tax program.

Sen. Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario) said Oregon in a short four years had gone from a state with an \$80 million surplus to one facing an \$80 million deficit in 1961.

**50 Per Cent Hike Feared**  
"Unless some new source of revenue is revealed an enacted into law," he said, "state income taxes in 1961 will be increased at least 50 per cent. I'm wondering if we shouldn't do something in this session to lessen this burden on the taxpayers two years from now," he said.

Oregon tax income rests on a "two legged stool" which could topple over at any time, according to Sen. Donald Husband (R-Eugene).

"Even the slightest recession will reduce state income taxes as well as miscellaneous receipts of the state," Husband said. "It is a mighty shaky tax structure."

This discussion took place at a meeting of the committee after it had received word from the Joint Ways and Means Committee that the \$30.5 million surplus estimated at the end of the present biennium had dwindled to \$2.8 million and may shrink even further.

**Won't End This Week**  
All thought that the present legislative sessions might end by Saturday was thrown out of the window when it was found that the Senate Tax Committee would not take the House tax program on an "as is" basis.

The House tax program was to be voted on in the House today or Thursday and thus will not reach the Senate until Friday.

It would be almost physically impossible for the Senate Tax Committee members to review the numerous bills in the House tax program in time for submission of a tax program to the Senate by Saturday.

**Hatfield's Bill**  
The House Tax Committee approved a rate schedule for personal income taxes contained in House bill 460, which was sponsored by Gov. Mark Hatfield. New rates would range from 1 to 7 per cent compared with 3 to 9.5 per cent now. Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) said the new rates would raise between \$8 and \$8.5 million a biennium. Other provisions of the Committee plan include elimination of federal income tax deductions, cutting extra exemptions granted for persons over 65 and elimination of the 5 per cent standard deduction.

**Endurance Fliers Start 10th Day**  
Spokane (UPI)—Seattle endurance fliers Gene Tanner and Lew Becker started their 10th day aloft today in their attempt to break an endurance record of 64 days in the air by light planes.

Their flight is being sponsored by the American Cancer Society to publicize the society's fund drive.

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## Consolidation Vote Called in Phoenix, Talent Districts

An election on the consolidation of the Phoenix and Talent school districts will be held May 20, the Jackson county boundary board decided this morning.

The date was approved this morning by the administrators of both districts. Approval by a majority of voters in both districts must be given for the consolidation to take place.

If it is approved, it would be along lines similar to the recent consolidation of Medford and five other districts. If consolidation is defeated in either district, the school district reorganization committee's previous recommendation would stand to join the north part of the Phoenix district and Talent and the Wagner creek portion of Phoenix with the Ashland district.

**Request Meeting**  
Hoffbuhr had requested last night's meeting after attending a Phoenix school board meeting recently at which representatives of the Wagner Creek area and Phoenix school district objected to the reorganization committee's action at its earlier meeting when it overruled petitions from the Phoenix district requesting a consolidation vote.

The Talent and Phoenix boards, at a joint meeting, signed letters requesting the reorganization committee consider petitions from the districts asking a vote on consolidation.

A letter had been sent to Gov. Mark Hatfield by Mae Lowe and Alice Burnette, reorganization committee members, in disregard of the petitions. Answering a telephone call from D. W. Patch, state director of school district reorganization, Alf D. Mekvold, county school superintendent, told him of the meeting scheduled last night.

**Oppose Decision**  
On April 18, 18 women of the Phoenix and Talent districts met with Mekvold and opposed the reorganization committee's previous action in disregarding the petitions.

Hoffbuhr said last night the committee had not refused to recognize the petitions, but was merely delaying action on them. It wanted to see if Rogue Valley Manor, now within the bounds of the Phoenix district could be taxed, he explained. A similar case in Clackamas county is now before the state supreme court, he added. It could mean a \$1½ million increase in assessed valuation, he said.

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