

## Senate Votes Cut In Tax on Trucks; May Be Reviewed

Salem—The Oregon Senate, by a vote of 24-5, late Wednesday approved a \$1 million a year tax break for heavy trucks.

Sen. Richard Groener (D-Milwaukie) termed it a "landmark" and indicated he may demand reconsideration Friday. Meanwhile many legislators were bombarded with phone calls and messages urging reconsideration. Some of this pressure came from the Association of Oregon Counties.

Groener said if his effort fails, he will fight the bill in the House.

**1 1/2 Hours of Wrangling**

The measure, SB32, passed after 1 1/2 hours of wrangling, mainly between Groener and Sen. Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario).

Yturri was chairman of the highways committee which introduced the bill and head of the interim committee which recommended it.

A call of the House was ordered and the doors were locked while the absent member, Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney (D-Portland) was rounded up. Sen. Robert White

# Rusk Declares Nasser Government Playing Dangerous Role in Sending Arms To Congo

Washington—Secretary of State Dean Rusk has told key congressmen that President Gamal Abdel Nasser's United Arab Republic is playing a dangerous role in the explosive Congo crisis, it was learned today.

Informed sources said Rusk told the House Foreign Affairs Committee Wednesday that the U.A.R. is closely coordinating its activities with those of the Soviet Union and has supplied some arms and ammunition to the opposition group in Stanleyville led by Congolese Communist Antoine Gizenga.

The U.A.R. was the first nation to follow Russia's lead in recognizing Gizenga as successor to the late Patrice Lumumba after the Soviet Union demanded that United Nations forces be pulled out of the Congo, that Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold be fired and that recognition be withdrawn from the Congo government headed by President Joseph Kasavubu. Rusk was understood to

have told the committee that the statement President Kennedy delivered at Wednesday night's news conference was directed about as much at the U.A.R. as the Soviet Union, although he did not mention the Nasser government.

American officials said they had definite evidence that at least five or six truck loads of Soviet bloc arms and ammunition had reached Gizenga in Stanleyville in recent days.

The government of the Sudan, whose territory must be crossed by vehicles going from the U.A.R. to the Congo, has made strenuous efforts to prevent such traffic. However, American officials said the trucks had moved on some of the many back roads in the area which make it difficult for the Sudanese to

## Boy Tells Police Of Luring Girl To Death Near Redding

Redding, Calif.—Shasta County Sheriff John Balma said today a 15-year-old boy has given a "fairly complete statement" in the sex-slaying of little Vicki Lee Morris.

The battered body of the eight-year-old girl was found near a logging road Friday. She disappeared Tuesday while on her way home from a school Valentine party.

**Admitted Luring Girl**

The sheriff said the youth, a high school freshman and neighbor of the slain girl at the nearby community of Anderson, admitted he lured Vicki into the wooded area with the intention of raping her.

Balma said the boy admitted removing the child's underclothing but said he did not rape her because he became frightened. The youth said he "thought" he was the

## Teacher Prefers Laboratory Odors

Salem—A Portland chemistry teacher gave the Senate local government committee a tongue lashing today, and said he preferred the worst odors of his laboratory to the "sour smells" of open air burning in Portland.

The testimony from Ernest Hasse, instructor at Multnomah College, came as the committee opened hearings on two air pollution bills.

One, SB40, urged by the State Sanitary Authority, would give the agency broad powers to set and enforce anti-air pollution standards throughout the state.

The second, SB145, proposed by the City of Portland, also would authorize the SSA to set standards. But the SSA said it would give virtually no control over two of the worst pollution sources—urban renewal and highway demolition burning—because of exemptions in the bill.

## Stocks Make Third Consecutive Boost But Going Not Easy

New York—Stocks achieved their third consecutive advance on heavy volume today but the going was not easy.

Steels, motors, chemicals and national defense shares had fairly good support while big profit-taking holes appeared in many other sections of the list.

Inland, Carpenter, U. S. Steel and Allegheny-Ludlum were among the better steel issues. Ford and GM added fractions in the motors. Du Pont was a strong spot in the chemicals. American Telephone added more than a couple in response to its rights offering and North American moved ahead well in the aircrafts.

Texas Instruments softened in the late dealing, ending lower but Motorola and General Precision were ahead sharply.

## Rain Expected in Western Oregon By Tonight

Portland—A Pacific storm is expected to bring rain to most of Western Oregon tonight.

The storm was about 300 miles west of Tatoosh Island this morning and was heading southwest. The rain is expected to taper off to showers Friday afternoon.

Several roads in northern Douglas county remained partly blocked by slides as a result of last week's storm. Two lanes of highway 99 near Curtin were still closed with northbound traffic using southbound lanes. The Yoncalla-Drain and Elkton-Sutherlin highways were open to light traffic only.

**Chains Required**

Two-way traffic was getting through on Highway 101 with no delays 9 miles south of Brandon, site of a big slide.

Chains were required at Willamette Pass today because of snow.

The Willamette river remained under flood stage but above the 16-foot level at Corvallis and Albany with little change expected in the next 24 hours.

It dropped from an earlier high of 19 feet to 16.5 feet in Portland harbor.

## Dr. Richard Sleeter Said Making Progress

Portland—Dr. Richard Sleeter, chief of the pediatrics department of the University of Oregon Medical hospital here who suffered a heart attack Jan. 22, is recovering satisfactorily, according to his physicians. Dr. Sleeter has been discharged from the hospital and is recuperating at his home.

He formerly practiced pediatrics in Medford.

Salem—Rep. William Holmstrom (D-Gearhart) and Sen. Daniel Thiel (D-Astoria) proposed today that the legislature give Astoria a \$25,000 birthday present for the former fur trading settlement's 150th birthday.

## Good Reason Why Car Wouldn't Choke

Portland—G. C. Long's car wouldn't start Wednesday night so he pulled out the choke.

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