

Tax Reform Proposal Lands in State Senate

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WET WASH—These clothes are going to take quite a while to dry, as they hang on a line on Phenix City, Ala. Residents in this section had to be ordered out of their homes in spite of the floods. (UPI Telephoto)

Communist Arms Drops To Congo Forces Studied

Work Program for Young Offenders May Be Set Up

Municipal Judge Ronald Ricketts said today he is considering the feasibility of instituting a work program for juvenile offenders who are cited into municipal court.

Under the proposed program a juvenile offender would be assigned to do a certain amount of work for the city parks department instead of being fined, as is now the case. They would be assigned to specific projects, such as spading a park flower bed.

Judge Ricketts said he believes the work program would be more effective than the fine system because it will bring to the juveniles "the realization of their responsibility under the law." The way it works now, he said, is that in many cases, the parents of the offender pay the fine, and the offender himself gets off with little, if any, actual penalty.

As examples of those kinds of offenses which would result in work, Judge Ricketts listed illegal possession of alcoholic beverages and illegal possession of tobacco. He said there may be several others.

Juveniles subject to the program, he said, would be from the ages of 18 through 20; also, those 16 and 17 year olds who are remanded to municipal court by the juvenile court.

There are several details remaining to be worked out before the program could be put into effect, Ricketts said. One of these is whether the juveniles would be covered by city accident insurance.

City Parks director Robert Haworth will be charged with drawing up a list of work that needs to be done. Haworth said this morning that the work will be the same as would otherwise be done by city employees.

G. Mennen Williams Praises Effort by British in Africa

Dar - Es - Salaam, Tanganyika - (UPI) - G. Mennen Williams, U.S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs, said today that Britain is making a "commendable effort" to arrange independence for its East African territories.

"Whether this effort is completely satisfactory is something I will have to analyze first," he told a news conference.

Williams, on a swing through Africa, was asked what general impression of

U.S. Officials Seek To Verify Carrier Reports

Washington - (UPI) - U.S. officials are attempting to verify reports that Communist arms were airdropped to the anti-government Congolese troops now reported marching on the main province of Leopoldville, it was learned today.

Diplomatic reports have persisted for the past three weeks that cargo planes were airdropping Soviet and Czech small arms, including grenades, to the Congo's Oriental Province.

This is the stronghold of Soviet-backed Antoine Gizenga, who has proclaimed himself successor to the slain Patrice Lumumba.

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Summer Schedule for Jacksonville Museum

Jacksonville - The Jacksonville museum will begin its summer schedule Wednesday, March 1, according to Miss Mary L. Hanley, curator.

The museum hours will be week days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays and holidays from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Un-American Activities Authority Reaffirmed

Washington - (UPI) - By a 5-4 split, the Supreme Court today reaffirmed the authority of the House Committee on Un-American Activities to investigate Communist activities.

It did so by affirming contempt convictions of two witnesses who refused to answer questions during committee inquiries.

The two, Frank Wilkinson of Los Angeles and Karl Braden of Louisville, Ky., appeared before a subcommittee in Atlanta July 30, 1958, during an investigation of Communist propaganda in the south and infiltration into the textile industry.

Justice Potter Stewart spoke for a five-man majority of the court in both contempt cases. Dissenters were Chief Justice Earl Warren and Justices Hugo L. Black, William O. Douglas and William J. Brennan Jr.

Three Killed in Week End Traffic

By United Press International

At least three Oregonians were killed during the week end as a result of separate traffic accidents throughout the state.

The victims were Glenn Earl Beattie, 20, Cottage Grove; Mrs. Shirley Ann Robuck, 20, Sheridan; and Irven White, 42, Salem.

Beattie was killed near Florence when his car went out of control, skidded several feet, struck a 12-foot log and turned over.

Mrs. Robuck was injured fatally when the car driven by her husband, Lester, crashed through a guard rail on a Yamhill county road overpass and fell about 25 feet to State Highway 18 below.

JFK Sends Congress Education Proposal

Washington - (UPI) - President Kennedy sent Congress today proposed legislation to carry out part of his federal aid to education program.

He said he believes the measure "will help lift our schools to a new level of excellence."

In identical letters to Speaker Sam Rayburn and Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, the President reiterated his hope for enactment of a federal aid bill to spend more than \$2 billion dollars over the next three years for school construction and improved teachers' salaries.

As outlined in his education message to Congress last Monday, Kennedy's bill would provide a minimum of \$15 per pupil in federal aid to the states. The bill would authorize \$666 million for the fiscal year starting July 1, \$766 million for the following fiscal year and \$866 million for the third year of the program to help states build public elementary and secondary schools and provide the necessary teachers' salaries.

PLANS TO RETIRE

Washington - (UPI) - Rep. Francis E. Walter, 66, chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, said today he will retire from Congress when his current term expires.

Hatfield Wants To See Some Major Legislation

Salem - (UPI) - Gov. Mark Hatfield said today the legislature has been working hard but he wants to see some major legislation on his desk within the next couple of weeks.

Evaluating progress of the session, he said if you figure it on the bills he has received so far, "I would be unimpressed." Most of them have been routine budget matters.

The 1961 session is 50 days old and the assembly still has the important bills under consideration.

These are among the ones Hatfield said he wants to be able to sign as soon as possible: Measures dealing with the Space Age Industrial Park at Boardman, at least some of his government organization bills; traffic safety legislation; and expenditure bills for capital construction.

Speaking of welfare, Hatfield said he can't quite agree with Joseph Harvey Jr., chairman of the Oregon Welfare

Commission, that if anyone is to blame for Oregon not proceeding with the federal surplus food program, it's the counties.

Hatfield said it is true that in the final analysis it is the counties who must apply. But an important aspect is "imagination" and encouragement of the state level and this has not been done, he said.

A bill has been introduced asking more than \$2 million for the state to underwrite costs of the plan. Hatfield said he would favor this "only after it had been proven that there is no other way to accomplish it."

Hatfield said he opposes House Speaker Robert Duncan's idea of moving the Oregon primary election forward from May to September-only two months from the November election, thus cutting the campaign.

He said this would harm the presidential preferential election and he opposes anything that weakens it.

He said he favors allowing state political parties to choose national committeemen and women, but opposes selection of delegates to national conventions. They, like the national committee members, are elected by the people.

Hatfield said he is proposing some changes involving population in the Republican "preferred plan" for legislative reapportionment. He did not give details but called on Democrats to come forth with a unified plan of their own so the two parties can compromise.

The governor said he agrees with Rep. Edward Fadeley's idea that lobbyists in Salem should register and list their expenses.

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Additions Ordered To Bail Schedule; Minimums Raised

Medford Municipal Judge Ronald Ricketts has ordered that several municipal offenses be added to the city's bail schedule. Included among these are illegal possession of liquor and tobacco.

Judge Ricketts also ordered an increase in the amount of bail to be posted for several violations - notably parking in or blocking an alley, and continuous parking in any time or meter zone.

All changes become effective March 1.

Ricketts has set the bail for illegal possession of liquor at a minimum of \$50 and for illegal possession of tobacco at \$15. Previously, the bail and fine for these offenses has been at the discretion of the judge. Ricketts cautioned, however, that these are only minimum amounts.

The minimum bail and fine for parking in a city alley has been increased from \$2.50 to \$5. Ricketts said the increase was made necessary because of "the privilege of parking in an alley has been abused that the alleys seem more like public parking lots."

Ricketts noted that merchants may use the alleys, but with the understanding that if the vehicle is unmarked as a delivery or service vehicle, or parked for an excessive period of time, a citation will be issued. Private citizens wishing to unload merchandise must use loading zones or parking meter spaces, he said.

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Sales Tax To Offset Property Tax Reduction

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Sens. Walter Pearson (D-Portland), and Boyd Overhulse (D-Medford), headed a list of 12 sponsors.

The entire package would be contingent upon the voters' approval in 1962 of an Oregon sales tax to exceed three percent. The proposal was expected to meet with considerable opposition from many lawmakers.

The sales tax money would be used for school support as a direct offset for property taxpayers.

To this end, one bill in the package would raise basic state school support from \$110 to \$140 per child.

Companion Bill In

At the same time, a companion bill would limit property tax levies to 20 mills based on true cash value of property. Exemptions would be granted only when approved by three-fifths of the voters in a taxing district, or when additional funds were required to continue bonded indebtedness.

Income taxpayers in lower income brackets, who would pay a good portion of the proposed sales tax, also would receive relief through an increase in the amount of exemptions allowed. Exemptions for single individuals would be raised from \$600 to \$1,500, and for married couples from \$1,200 to \$3,000.

Since the legislature could not levy a sales tax until voters approved a constitutional amendment, none of the package could become effective for at least two years if the sales tax proposal were placed on the ballot next year.

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