

Committee Split On Bill To Give Power To Parties

Salem - (UPI) - The House Elections committee split sharply Wednesday over a bill to give political parties more power. Chairman George Annas (D-Hood River) described it as "an absolute machine politics setup."

He said he would be "very reluctant" to support HB1549, recommended by a 14-member study committee of Republicans and Democrats.

National convention delegates would be elected by state party conventions instead of elected by the people. National committeemen and women should be similarly chosen but their names would go on the ballot.

Mrs. Jean Young of Portland, secretary of the bipartisan committee, cited last May's primary when the list of candidates for delegates was so long the ballot approach the size of a bed sheet. "No Voice" Feared

Annas, a conservative Democrat, said he and others in the Democratic minority would have "no voice" in such a system.

Mrs. Young, a Republican, said the GOP has its problems too but one concern is that precinct workers now have "no real status." They would get some under the bill by county level elections prior to the state convention, she said.

Rep. Ken Maher (R-Portland) said the problem is not only long ballots but a bad situation where voters vote on name familiarity only.

Rep. Ed Benedict (D-Portland) spoke for the bill and also criticized voting by name familiarity.

This brought a rise out of Rep. Katherine Musa (D-The Dalles) who asked: "Do you mean to say the people don't know how to vote?" Benedict replied that people "just don't know the candidates."

Delaware Expects 10 Per Cent Farm Gain

Newark, Del. - (UPI) - Total agricultural income for Delaware in 1960 was expected to be up as much as 10 per cent over 1959, according to current estimates, said W. T. McAllister, extension economist at the University of Delaware School of Agriculture.

Most of the Delaware gains were accounted for by a good year for poultrymen. Broilers, eggs and turkeys all showed good returns when compared with 1959, McAllister said.

JUDGE FREES ACTOR

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Long-Awaited New English Bible Translates Scriptures Into Easier-to-Understand Language

By LOUIS CASSELS
UPI Correspondent

The New Testament portion of the long-awaited "New English Bible" has been published.

It is a magnificent translation of the Scriptures into modern English, far easier for contemporary readers to understand than the 350-year-old King James Version, yet graced with many of the felicities of style that have endeared the King James to all lovers of the language.

A select team of scholars from leading British univer-

sities, headed by Prof. C. H. Dodd of Oxford, spent 13 years preparing the New Testament translation. Another group is still at work on the Old Testament, which will appear in about six years.

"The New English Bible" is not a mere revision of earlier versions, but an entirely fresh translation from the original Greek into the idiom of today.

A secret panel of literary advisers, including some of Britain's top poets and novelists, assisted the Biblical scholars in their work.

Easy To Comprehend

The result is a Bible which anyone can read and comprehend. Many passages whose meaning is obscured by the archaic English of the King James Version leap into life in this new version, and strike the 20th Century reader with the same force that the Greek original had for the world in which it was written.

The new Bible appears under the joint auspices of the major Protestant churches of the British Isles. It is being published by the Oxford and Cambridge University presses. The standard edition of the New Testament will sell for \$4.95.

Anticipating great public interest, the publishers ordered an initial printing of 500,000 copies, largest in British publishing history.

The new translation is intended primarily for private reading rather than for litur-

gical use in public worship. But unlike some previous modern translations, it is not so informal that it sounds breezy or slangy. It is clear in simple, clear English prose, never stilted but always dignified. This reviewer can see no good reason why it should not be used in public worship.

Cassels Makes Prediction

In fact, he is inclined to go way out on a limb with the prediction that "the New English Bible" will succeed in doing what no other translation has been able to do since 1611 - namely, supplant the King

James Version as the standard Bible of English speaking Protestants.

The need for such a new English translation has long been apparent to church leaders. As Prof. Dodds puts it, "If the Bible is to make any impact on the minds of people at large, its documents need to be understood. And there is incontrovertible evidence that the language of the King James version is no longer understood by large sections of the population."

Scholars have identified more than 1,000 English words used in the King James Version whose meaning in common usage has altered so greatly over the past 350 years as to make a Biblical passage baffling, or even positively misleading, to a 20th Century reader.

Moreover, there have been tremendous advances in Biblical translation techniques during the past 50 years. New manuscripts have become available which are centuries older and considerably more accurate than the texts used by the translators of the King James. The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and other ancient documents have thrown significant new light on the meaning of words in the "common Greek" of the first and second centuries A.D., in which the New Testament was originally written.

Revised Standard Version

All of these considerations prompted a group of American scholars to bring out, in 1952, the "Revised Standard Version" of the Bible, under the auspices of the National Council of Churches.

More than 5 million copies of the "RSV" were sold in the first five years after its publication, and it has been widely hailed by church leaders as a much clearer and more accurate rendition of the Scrip-

tures than the King James. But despite the favor it has found among serious Bible students, it has never come close to supplanting the King James in popular affection.

The translators of the Revised Standard Version consciously sought to use language suitable for public worship, and also to preserve as much of the literary style of the King James Version as possible while changing specific words and phrases where necessary for clarity.

The translators of the New England Bible ignored all

made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.

"And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city."

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem because he

was of the house and lineage of David;

"To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child."

"And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered."

place when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. For this purpose everyone made his way to his own town; and so Joseph went up to Judea from the town of Nazareth of Galilee, because he was of the house of David by descent. And with him went Mary who was betrothed to him.

She was pregnant, and while they were there the time came for her child to be born, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrap-

ped him round, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them to lodge in the inn."

Even in its typographical aspect, the New English Bible will seem different to readers conditioned to older versions. It does not use numbered verses as do the King James and RSV. The translators point out in a preface that "the conventional verse divisions in the New Testament date only from 1551 and have no basis in the original manuscripts."

"And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

New English Bible

Now here is the same passage as it appears in the New English Bible:

"In those days a decree was issued by the Emperor Augustus for a general registration throughout the Roman world. This was the first registration of its kind; it took

place when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. For this purpose everyone made his way to his own town; and so Joseph went up to Judea from the town of Nazareth of Galilee, because he was of the house of David by descent. And with him went Mary who was betrothed to him.

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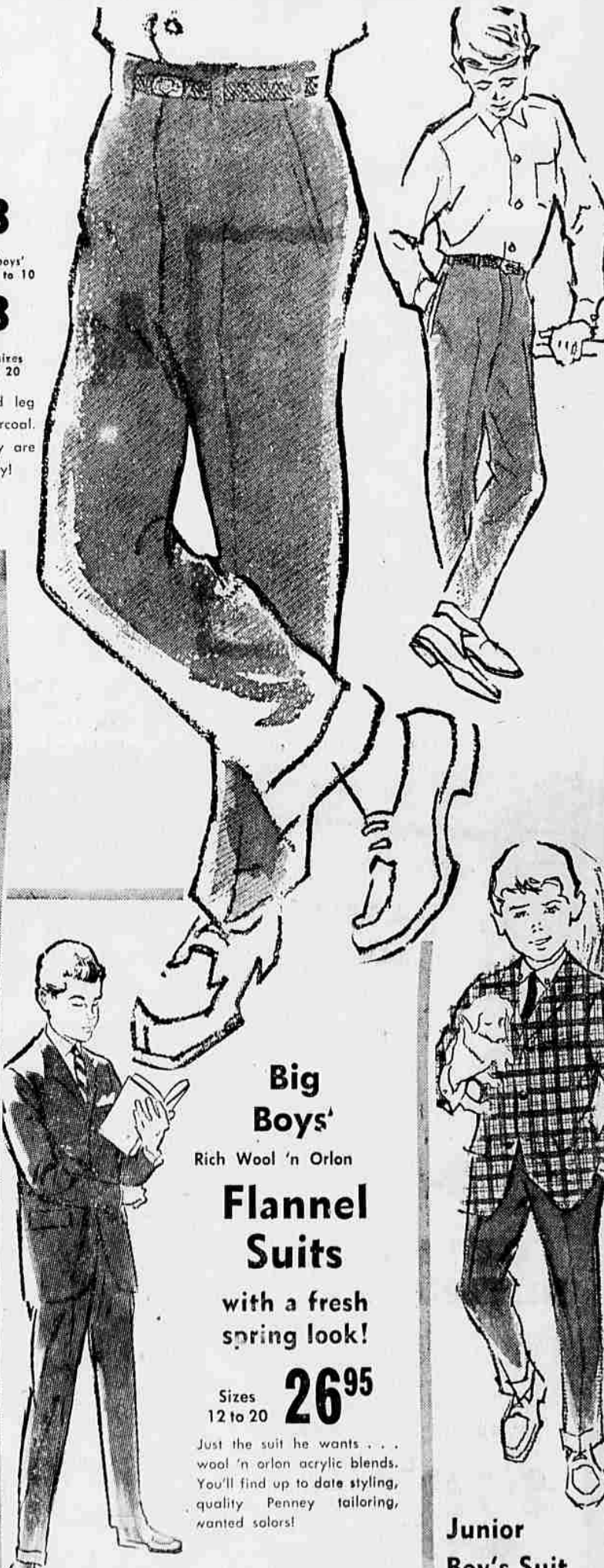
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The victim was identified as Daniel Warlick Jr., 8 months.

A fire department spokesman said the infant suffocated. The body was badly burned. The blaze started from an electric heater which ignited a boxful of clothing, the spokesman said.

Fire damage, mainly confined to the bedroom, was estimated at \$1,500.

MAKES TRIAL RUN

Huntsville, Ala. - (UPI) - The Saturn rocket booster, biggest in the free world, was loaded aboard a Tennessee river barge Wednesday for a practice run on its forthcoming 2,200-mile voyage to Cape Canaveral. The booster is too big to be moved to the missile test center by rail or truck from the Marshall Space flight center here.