

# In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Let's go back to Douglas William Johnson, the Los Angeles colored man who found the money bag containing \$240,000 that bounced unnoticed out of a Brink armored car. He tells a reporter:

"It has been one grand headache. I can't eat. I'm sick at my stomach. The money wasn't mine. I just happened to find it after it was lost. If it happened all over, I'd do the same thing."

**PEOPLE**, he says, won't give him any peace. Strangers knock on his door to compliment him. He has received somewhere around 125 letters, three-fourths of which commend him.

The others have said, in substance: "You should have been hit on the head with a 2x4." A stranger on the street told one of his three sons: "Here's a knife. Go home and cut your fool dad's throat."

And so on.

**BUT**—He keeps his balance. He tells the reporter who interviewed him:

"You have to remember, after all, that these are the crackpots. You have to allow for ignorance in people. But I'm not a showman. I'm not looking for movie contracts. I just want to do my job. The scholarship for my son, of course, is a wonderful thing."

He concludes:

"I've always figured: Treat a man like you'd like to have him treat you. That's all I did. All in all, if somebody ever finds a big sum of money again, I hope it happens to the next guy, not me."

**WHO** is this man Johnson? What does he do for a living?

Well, he is a self-employed

maintenance man who washes windows, hauls away trash and does other jobs connected with the maintenance of property. He is said to earn about \$100 a week.

The depression doesn't seem to have been bothering him too much. He keeps busy. His customers like him and keep calling for him.

**AS** to the crackpots who have been making life miserable for him, we must remember that it happened in Los Angeles—where the crackpots tend to gang up.

Let's remember this also: If there were more people like this Douglas William Johnson and fewer like the crackpots who have been making life miserable for him, we'd have a better world.

And—Probably—**FEWER DEPRESSIONS.**

## Unemployment Checks Issued Show Decline

Washington — (UPI) — Both the number of workers drawing unemployment checks and the number applying for them declined for the second consecutive week in early March, but officials Saturday noted that the total was still a record high for the period.

The Labor department reported Friday night that insured unemployment went down by 62,300 for the week ended March 4. The previous week it had gone down by a thin 13,000.

The 3,346,500 persons drawing jobless benefits at the beginning of March was still a record high for that time of year. It was pointed out that during the depression, the jobless insurance program covered only a fraction of the work force it now protects.

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**TO STUDY PLEA** — Washington — (UPI) — Chairman Kenneth A. Roberts said Saturday his House health subcommittee will study a scientist's plea for federal laws to speed production of a polio vaccine that can be swallowed instead of injected.

**MISSIONARY DIES** — The Rev. John J. Tierney, a Roman Catholic missionary in China for 22 years, died Saturday from cancer at the age of 69.



## STATEHOUSE SPECIAL

Is Oregon's Legislature an unconstitutional body?

If some legislators hold their seats illegally, would the laws they have acted upon be void?

The mind boggles at the prospect of the chaos that would result if someone tested the constitutionality of the present Legislature in the Oregon Supreme Court, and the Court ruled adversely.

The possibility is not as far-fetched as it sounds. An Indiana county judge has ruled that the Indiana Legislature is an illegal and powerless body because it disobeyed constitutional mandates to reapportion itself. The dilemma this poses undoubtedly will have to be resolved in higher courts.

A similar question has arisen in Oregon.

Our existing apportionment of legislators might be unconstitutional except for the saving fact that the present reapportionment law was voted by the people in 1952 as a constitutional amendment.

The situation in Indiana shows how important it is for reapportionment according to constitutional provisions, and why legislators are biting their fingernails over this problem right now.

If they don't do a good job this time, the senators and representatives elected at the next election might find their seats challenged in court, and the 1963 Oregon Legislature would be in the same awkward position in which the

## Los Angeles Blaze Razes Warehouse

Los Angeles — (UPI) — Damage was estimated at \$500,000 in a spectacular four alarm fire which swept through a paper storage warehouse in an industrial downtown area Friday night.

The wind-fed flames spread through an entire block bounded by Main, Sacramento, Wilson and Bay streets and completely destroyed the one and two-story brick and corrugated iron structure housing the Solomon Mill Division of the Colono Paper Stock corporation of San Francisco.

Firemen said there were no serious injuries.

By  
Marguerite W. Wright

## Task for Applying

A valuable aid to legislators pondering this problem of reapportioning the state's political future is the "Do-It-Yourself Legislative Reapportionment Kit" produced by Sam Haley, legislative counsel.

In 27 pages of maps, charts, statistics, history of past reapportionments and excerpts from the laws, Haley has provided lawmakers with everything they need to know except a reapportionment plan that would please everyone, Democrats and Republicans alike.

If the Legislature doesn't do its duty, then Secretary of State Howell Applying is legally charged with the task of reapportionment.

Meanwhile, several plans have been put forward but none have met the test of legality.

A Republican-sponsored "preferred" plan, which (with a minor change) had been approved by the House Elections and Reapportionment Committee is considered unconstitutional in a formal opinion by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton.

He pointed out that this plan would have limited Multnomah county to the present 16 representatives although the major fractions provision entitles it to 18.

Another plan, suggested by House Speaker Robert B. Duncan (D-Medford) gives Multnomah another seat, and puts Polk county into a district with Lincoln and Tillamook. The "preferred" plan joins Polk with Yamhill. And so it goes. . . .

As a result of the attorney general's opinion, an assistant attorney general, Louis Bonney, has been asked to advise the House committee as it rewrites its reapportionment recommendations.

**Can't Write Law**  
The attorney general, al-

though he may be called upon again to give his opinions and make suggestions, cannot legally write a new reapportionment law himself since the Constitution gives that job to the Legislature. Thornton's opinions are not binding, either. Only the State Supreme Court has the final say on constitutionality.

The final reapportionment plan passed by the Legislature will likely be a compromise plan — a compromise between the political interests involved but no compromise with the Constitution of Oregon.

As a footnote, readers may be surprised to know that legislators are seldom concerned enough about the constitutionality of the laws they are writing to seek a formal, official opinion from the attorney general.

Of the more than 1,400 bills introduced at this session, less than half a dozen have been studied for constitutionality by the attorney general at the formal, written request of legislators.

No one knows how many new laws will be passed this session that are not constitutional!

A law may stand on the state's statute books for years

before someone questions its constitutionality. There's no law to force lawmakers to be more careful about making lawful laws!

**Example Given**  
An example of a law which may or may not be constitutional but has not been followed for years is the law which permits the state to sterilize mentally ill and feeble-minded persons. Rep. George Van Hoomissen (D-Portland) wants to abolish the state's sterilization board on the ground that this law is unconstitutional. The attorney general says the law is constitutional. There has been no court test.

Many Oregonians have been sterilized, legally or illegally, and if a court test should determine the law is unconstitutional there is no way to reverse surgery although a subsequent court may reverse an opinion!

At any rate, the wisdom of consulting the attorney general about the constitutionality of laws becomes apparent. And the time may come when the Legislature will get official opinions on constitutionality of important laws dealing with life and death — as a matter of routine before the laws go into effect.

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