

# Chances Seen Slim for Change in State School Money Distribution

## Senate Education Committee Tables Two Measures

Salem—(UPI)—Chances for any substantial changes in distribution of state school money plunged toward nil Thursday. The Senate Education Committee tabled two bills, each proposing broad changes in the ways state school funds are handed out to the districts.

Key votes on killing both bills were 4-3 and 5-2, and there was some chance the committee might reconsider its action next week.

But the absence of strong support for any of the proposals made legislative approval highly unlikely.

One of the bills, drafted by an interim committee, would have apportioned out state support on the basis of a county's ability to pay.

It was aimed at reducing property taxes in some districts, but it won quick resentment from richer counties that would suffer a cut to help their poorer neighbors.

**Other Dies Too**

The other bill would have given state money to counties largely on a per child basis, but would have allowed the counties to give more to the school districts that had the hardest time supporting their own schools.

The committee tabled this bill immediately, with only Sens. Ben Musa (D-The Dalles) and Walter Leth (R-Salem) voting to keep it alive.

The bill calling for state level equalization was toned down considerably by amendments from Sen. Ward Cook (D-Portland) before the committee agreed to kill it too.

Voting to table it were Sens. Musa, Leth, Al Flegel (D-Roseburg) and Donald Husband (R-Eugene).

Most state funds now are distributed purely on a per child basis, although about 20 per cent is used to relieve districts with the heaviest property tax levels.

**Other Highlights**

Mackie-MacKay—A memorial urging Congress and President Kennedy to take steps to bring William Mackie and Hamish Scott MacKay back to this country was approved by the Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee. Mackie was deported to Finland and MacKay to Canada last year after a lengthy legal battle with immigration authorities.

Library—A bill to let the state library establish regional service centers, bringing books to more sparsely populated areas, won House approval and went back to the Senate for concurrence in amendments.

Drivers—A Senate-passed bill to crack down on drunken drivers ran into opposition from House Judiciary Committee members. The measure would permit chemical tests on drivers suspected of drunkenness unless the driver flatly refused in which case his license would be suspended until hearings were held. Rep. Edward Fadeley (D-Eugene) said it would treat a suspect as guilty until proven innocent.

Voters Pamphlet—The House approved 33-26 a Senate-passed bill to have husbands and wives of the same political parties get only one voters pamphlet.



**34TH PRESIDENT**—Richard Wagner, above, chairman of the board and executive officer of the Camplin Oil and Refining Co. of Chicago, will become the 34th president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States on May 2. (UPI Telephoto)

## Solovich Moved To Vet Hospital

Roseburg—(UPI)—Steve Solovich, escaped mental patient who was captured near Gilde March 15, has been moved to a Veterans Administration hospital in another state.

Authorities refused to disclose when or where Solovich was moved. They said they did not want to jeopardize his chances for rehabilitation.

Solovich escaped from the hospital here more than a year ago and lived off the land before he was captured without resistance.

## Bills Approved By Legislature

Salem—(UPI)—Measures approved Thursday:

**By The Senate**

SB98—New definition of legal insanity.

SB147—Relating to bonds.

SB149—Relating to "nuisance" plants.

SB150—Livestock auction markets.

SB203—Providing for humane livestock slaughter.

SB397—Relating to trust deeds.

SB399—Relating to osteopathy.

SB405—Relating to medicine.

SB435—Death investigations.

SB443—Audits of public funds.

SB504—Bail for traffic offenses.

HB1197—Relating to livestock.

HB1198—Soil conservation.

HB1206—Fund transfer.

HB1277—Relating to mullet.

**By The House**

HB1236—Property rented as an oyster claim.

HB1465—Relating to workmen's compensation.

HB1598—Corporate excise taxes.

HCR 6—Condolences on death of Murray Wade.

SB134—Providing for expanded state library services.

SB36—Giving sanitary authority strong powers in controlling water pollution.

SB338, 339, 340—Relating to commercial fisheries.

SB27—Relating to right of way at intersections.

SB117—Providing for husband and wife of the same political party to share a voters pamphlet.

## Father Imprisoned For Child's Death To Join Monestary

Railford, Fla.—(UPI)—Russell Tongay, once the toast of the aquatic world who wound up in a prison cell in the death of his swimming champion daughter, apparently intends to seek refuge from the past in a Trappist monastery.

Officials at the state prison here revealed Thursday that Tongay, 44, was released last Friday after serving six years of a 10-year manslaughter sentence in the 1953 death of his daughter, Kathy, 5.

Tongay was imprisoned for ordering the child to leap from a high diving board 33 feet above the pool of the old MacFadden-Deauville hotel in Miami Beach. She was killed while carrying out the instruction.

**International Acclaim**

The girl and her brother, Bubba, won international acclaim as "The Aquatots." They were the pride of their father who taught them to swim and dive. Tongay once planned to have Bubba, only 5 at the time, swim the English Channel. His request was vetoed by the British government.

Prison Superintendent DeWitt Sinclair said Tongay, now gray and slightly balding, was given a bus ticket to Houston, Tex. on his release—four years early on good behavior.

He said Tongay told him he planned to become a Trappist monk, something he had talked about during his last years in prison. His forwarding address, Sinclair said, was a Trappist monastery at Vina, Calif.

**Model Prisoner**

The blond burly ex-coast guardsman apparently was a model prisoner during his last two years at Railford. His early confinement was marked by two escapes, two suicide attempts and frequent spats with prison officials and fellow inmates.

Bubba Tongay lived with his schoolteacher mother in Miami after Tongay was sent to prison. The child developed into a champion swimmer in local meets, then moved to Tarpon Springs, on Florida's west coast, with his mother.

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**WELL DRESSED HYDRANT**—Given an assist by a photographer's this fire hydrant beams with happiness at being selected as the site of an historical memorial to a San Francisco fireman who was one of the first casualties of the 1906 fire and earthquake. Admiring the fire plug manequine, which delivered water throughout the fire, is Natalie Merkuloff. (UPI Telephoto)

## Quotes From the News

**By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL**

Seattle, Wash.—M. A. Harmon, chief of the state Bureau of Juvenile Rehabilitation, on the case of Michael Olds, 18, who was spurned by his mother almost since birth and now faces charges of shooting a woman to death.

"The boy pulled the trigger, but the whole sordid mess began the moment he was brought into the world. He was starved for the things we take for granted."

Clark AFB, Philippines—Mrs. Flora McCann, reporting on the critical condition of her husband Robert, who was released from a Communist Chinese hospital-prison:

"The things that mean the most to him, such as his family, he does not ask about."

New York—The New York Daily News banner headline after the paper's Brooklyn plant was held up for \$83,000:

"We was robbed."

Jackson, Miss.—Comedian Bob Hope defending the integrity of the Oscar awards:

"I know you can't buy them. I've been turned down three or four times."



**RELEASED BY REDS**—Robert E. McCann, his body wasted by cancer and wracked with pain, is placed on a British Red Cross stretcher at the Communist China border station of Lowu near Hong Kong, where he was released after 10 years imprisonment. Doctors sped the American to a hospital in an attempt to save his life. (UPI Radiotelephoto)

## Political Flareup Disrupts Hearings On Tidelands Bill

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## Attorney General Asks Stronger FBI

Washington—(UPI)—Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy has sent Congress legislation to strengthen the FBI's battle against organized crime.

Kennedy, at his first news conference Thursday, said the bills would give the government new power to combat gambling and labor-management corruption, and give the FBI broader powers in running down fugitives.

Kennedy also said the Justice Department might revise the attorney general's list of subversive organizations, which has not been updated for several years.

Kennedy said his proposed bills would "give the FBI increased jurisdiction to assist local authorities in the common battle against the rackets."

## Natural Resources Bills Approved

Salem—(UPI)—Six reorganization bills setting up divisions in a new natural resources department won approval Thursday from the Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee.

The "do pass" stamp was placed on the measures in spite of strong objections from fishing and wildlife groups over placing fish and game agencies in the new department.

The department would have cabinet status, with its head appointed by the governor.

It was revised to keep fish and game divisions separate, after witnesses at an earlier hearing opposed merger of the two agencies. But this failed to satisfy opponents.

**HOLES IN CHEESE**

Holes in Swiss cheese result from bacterial action.

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Swedish authorities did not immediately identify the defector. There was no early announcement of whether he was granted asylum.

## British Support Seen for Kennedy

London—(UPI)—President Kennedy today appeared to have won solid British support for his leadership of the West in the "cold war" struggle with Russia.

The British press said Kennedy had strengthened the United States' world leadership compared to its status under former President Eisenhower.

An earlier report that Kennedy had rejected British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan as a diplomatic go-between with the Soviet Union touched off a storm of protest in British newspapers.

But the furor died down following high-level talks between Kennedy and Macmillan.

The British Foreign Office had shown concern for the report published in a U.S. newspaper, but the British press almost unanimously minimized it and endorsed Anglo-American solidarity.

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