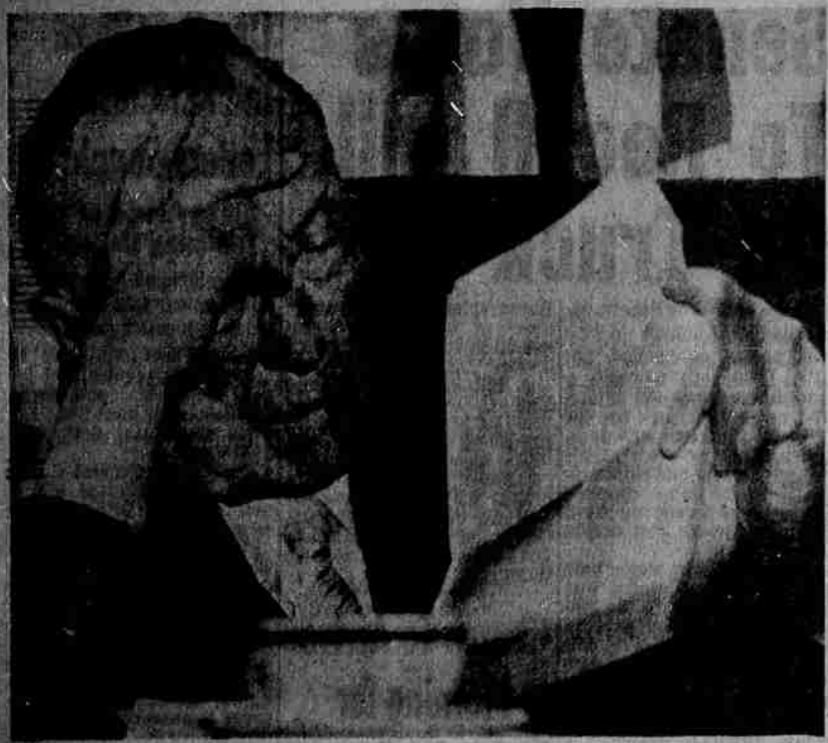


Hatfield Threatens Veto of Bill Reducing Truck Taxes



STUDIES NOTES—West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer goes over his notes prior to speaking at a reception at the National Press Club in Washington. Adenauer said his conference with President Kennedy was "filled with the spirit of great friendship." He said they had reached "100 per cent agreement." (UPI Telephoto)

Governor Wants Clause Placing Issue on Ballot

Salem—Gov. Mark Hatfield issued an ultimatum to backers of a million dollar truck tax cut today.

The governor declared he will veto a bill calling for tax slashes for trucks over 44,000 pounds unless the legislature adds a clause placing it on the ballot. It would be the session's first veto.

Hatfield's announcement posed a stiff choice for supporters of the hard-fought measure which passed the Senate 24-5 and the House 38-22.

That is four votes more than the two-thirds needed to override a veto in the Senate, but two votes short of the necessary number in the House.

In addition, Republicans might sustain the governor regardless of their earlier votes.

On the other hand, as Hatfield noted in his message, the voters in 1952 turned down a heatedly-campaigned proposal to end the weight-mile tax on trucks.

A supporter of the present bill estimated a campaign would cost truckers \$250,000, with voter approval still unsure.

The governor said "I cannot in good conscience sign a bill which would reduce state revenues more than a million dollars in a category on which the people expressed themselves so strongly in 1952."

Gasoline—The House killed a bill to set new regulations for transportation of flammable liquids. The measure would have nullified some 20 city ordinances.

Daylight Time—A bill to let cities or counties choose summer daylight saving time was sent to the House floor with 4-2 committee approval.

JFK Asks Latin Americans For Deadline on Projects

Washington—President Kennedy called today on Latin American nations to set a deadline this summer for starting projects to improve their economic and social standards.

He said in a speech marking Pan American Day that he would instruct the U.S. delegation to the Inter-American Development Bank meeting now under way in Rio de Janeiro to work for this "next step" in his alliance-for-progress program.

The President, speaking at a session of the Council of the Organization of American States, renewed his proposal for a meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council at the ministerial level this summer. He said it would have three fundamental goals:

—To "encourage all free states of the hemisphere to set a deadline for completion of preliminary plans" for needed projects to enhance the well-being of all peoples in the hemisphere.

—To "set up the machinery to aid the participating countries in realization of development plans."

—To outline "basic development goals" in key areas including education, land use, taxation, public health, mobilization of resources, self-help programs and stabilization of commodity markets.

"Our task is to build a society of men and women conscious of individual identity and a hemispheric interest," Kennedy said.

He said this "means re-creating our social system" with appropriate legislation for both workers and farmers. He said it means abolishing illiteracy for adults as well as children, providing doctors and hospitals for the sick, roads to link areas of production with consumers, and to increase industrial and agricultural capacity.

Above all, he said the program means there must be "assurance that the benefits of economic growth will accrue not just for the privileged few but for the entire international community."

Kennedy said much of the task is the responsibility of the Organization of American States which has been "nurtured in time" and has proved its value. He said there is no need to create new organizations when the OAS is at hand to do the job.



GREETED BY PREMIER—Soviet spaceman Gagarin after flying in from his Black Sea vacation retreat only minutes before. This his arrival in Moscow. At right is Premier Nikita Khrushchev who personally greeted him. (UPI Telephoto)

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Emergency Clause Added To Tidelands Bill

Salem—An emergency clause that would permit oil exploration to begin off the coast this summer was added to a tidelands bill Thursday.

The House Natural Resources committee pulled the bill back briefly to make sections of the measure dealing with exploratory geological and seismic permits effective immediately upon signature.

Sections letting the Land Board lease blocks offshore land for full-scale development and exploration would not become effective for 90 days.

Said Best Time Chairman Clinton Haight (D-Baker) said summer was the best time for exploratory offshore oil searches and he felt some firms might be interested in obtaining permits immediately.

But, he said, the board should have the 90-day period to study oil leasing before calling for bids to lease the offshore blocks.

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Tenure for School Administrators Killed by Vote

Salem—The Senate Education Committee Thursday killed a controversial house-approved bill to take tenure away from school administrators, and gave a cool reception to a proposed \$400,000 educational research program.

The committee also deadlocked over a bill to move higher education system headquarters from Eugene to Salem.

The bill to eliminate school administrators' tenure was vigorously opposed by educators, who said it would give school boards arbitrary powers.

Program Urged

It was killed by a 4-3 vote, with Sens. William Grenfell, Walter Leth, and Ward Cook voting to keep it alive.

The education research program, which would be run by a special council, was urged by spokesmen for the Oregon Education Association.

Committee members said, however, funds were short and the education department already contained professionals to do the job.

A bill to transfer higher education system offices to Salem remained half alive after the committee failed 4-3 to table it and then failed 4-3 to approve it.

Planning Commission Suggests Public Purchase of Land Strip

The Medford city planning commission last night expressed disappointment that a narrow strip of apparently useless land has been left along the west side of Biddle rd. as a result of the new freeway, and recommended to the city council that the land be purchased for public use.

The action came after the commission unanimously rejected a request to change the zone of three lots on Biddle rd. from single family to limited commercial. The zone change had been requested by Lee Bumgardner and Ira Lawrence for property located at 801, 851 and 895 Biddle rd.

Commission Member Donald Walters said that if the commission were to approve the requests "it's going to cost the taxpayers in the future much more money." Because of the shallow depth of the land, 80 feet, Walters said that whatever the land is used

for "it is going to be a slum area."

The entire strip of land located between Biddle rd. and the new freeway is approximately 2,900 feet long, and varies in width from 80 to 100 feet. It is all in private ownership. In its proposed land-use plan the city has designated this land as a special problem area.

Lawrence told the commission that the state paid for the rear three-quarters of his property but his home is located on the front quarter of the property and this represents the majority of the value of the property.

Under questioning by the commission, Lawrence said the state did pay for some damages to the remaining property, but added that this did not begin to pay for the full value of the land before the freeway was located there.

One problem that is being

considered by the commission is that Biddle rd. is designated as a major street. It is felt that widened and that will decrease the already shallow depth of the property nearest the freeway.

City Manager Robert Duff said last night that the city did make an effort to have the highway commission purchase all of this land and make it part of the freeway right of way. He said the commission appeared willing, but it apparently was stopped by the Bureau of Public Roads.

Walter declared: "It is unfortunate that as a result of the freeway (it) dumps a bunch of problems off locally like this." He said this is something that the public should be aware of "because it's happening all over."

Planning Consultant Ned Langford said the planning staff feels "this property is not suited to residential, not suited to commercial development and not suited to industrial development." The only alternative this leaves, he said, is public purchase.

Langford suggested that the land might be put to some use as a nursery either for the city park department or for local garden clubs. This strip of land will be easily visible from the freeway it was pointed out.

The commission did not necessarily suggest to the council that the city purchase the land, but asked that an effort be made to have some public agency, such as the state, purchase it.

Big Cuban Stores Totally Destroyed As Crowds Cheer

Havana—Two of Cuba's biggest department stores—in cities nearly 500 miles apart—lay in ruins today, destroyed by fires in a coordinated campaign of sabotage against Premier Fidel Castro.

A \$7 million fire, apparently started by dropping phosphorus into the air-conditioning system, totally destroyed the El Encanto department store in Havana, Cuba's largest. At the same time, flames raced through Santiago's biggest department store, La Comercial, leaving it a charred shell.

Street crowds cheered as the flames brought down the walls of nationalized El Encanto, a six-story building filling three-quarters of a Havana block.

A third fire, in the government-owned national paper factory, was discovered and put out before it could spread. Damage was estimated at about \$900.

The crashing volley from a firing squad at the grim Cuban fortress-prison here last midnight gave the government's reply to the anti-Castro campaign—harsh reprisals against the premier's foes.

Abelardo A. Aguiar, a suspected saboteur caught with several electric detonators in his possession, was this year's 25th victim of the firing squads which have killed more than 600 Cubans since Castro seized power.

Anti-Castro spokesmen say trained, fully equipped saboteurs have been slipping into Cuba from abroad to carry out a campaign planned by a new "unified command" of groups opposing the premier.

Castro declared Thursday he would be "implacably hard" in imposing firing squad justice on terrorists

and those who transport or conceal terrorist equipment.

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Davies To Speak At SOCTFA Meeting

William Davies, a member of the administrative staff, school of forestry, Oregon State college, will speak at the April meeting of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association tonight.

The meeting will be held at the Jackson hotel, Medford, starting with a social hour at 7 o'clock. Dinner will be served at 7:30, according to Dave Prentice, secretary-manager of the association.

Davies is expected to report on the general operation and administration of the school of forestry as well as explain the current research projects in progress. Management and logging practices used on the school's McDonald forest will also be reviewed.

At Smith, association president, urged members to attend to reacquaint themselves with the activities of the school of forestry, and to discuss the various legislative developments which are facing the lumber industry in southern Oregon.

Logging operators and mill management people from both Jackson and Josephine counties are invited to attend the meeting, Smith said, whether they are members of the association or not.

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