

Hatfield Sees 1961 Legislature as Exercise of 'Check and Balance'

Power Struggle Within Democrat Leadership Cited

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of three exclusive dispatches evaluating the 1961 legislature written by the governor, the Senate president, and the House speaker. Today: The governor.

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Salem—UPI—During the first three and a half months of the 1961 legislative session I termed it "devise and dissent" for it seemed that one chamber would devise and the other would dissent on a majority of the key issues.

In the six regular sessions and one special session with which I have been closely associated, never has there been quite the thorough exercise of "check and balance" by the Senate over the House and vice versa.

This was not a result of the executive branch being in the hands of one party and the legislative in the hands of the other party but rather a result of the struggle for power and domination within the Democratic leadership.

Would the Senate win out with the top spot occupied by a presiding officer placed in that position by a minority of Democrats and the Republicans, or would the House achieve success with its domination by the liberal element?

Answer Said Clear

With adjournment the answer became clear.

The two chambers canceled each other out with their jockeying and a gratifying percentage of the administration's basic message and budgetary legislation was adopted.

The budget which was presented on Dec. 1, 1960 amounted to \$359,829,695 and the approved budget May 11, 1961 was \$365,619,319. To be sure there were some additions here, deletions there, but the fact is the budget was increased less than three per cent from the administrative recommendation in total.

In 1959 the legislative change in the executive budget recommendation was 52 per cent.

Reorganization suffered a tragic fate.

You will recall the 1959 legislature directed the governor to present an overall plan. Although not required or even suggested, your governor appointed a bipartisan 15-member advisory committee headed by a former opponent and the campaign chairman of a former opponent.

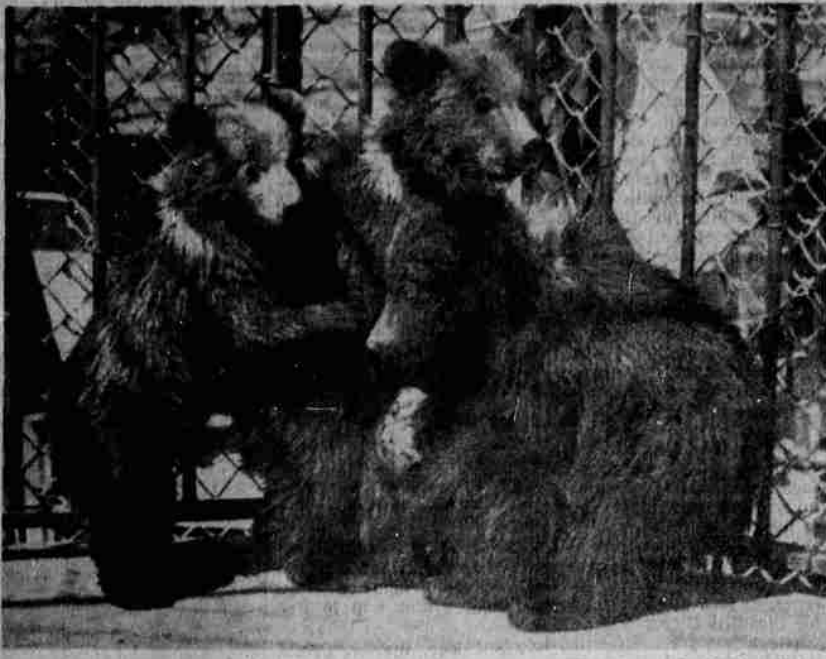
Except for the incumbent speaker of the House of Representatives, every single person asked to serve on that committee accepted the assignment. The reorganization plan went to the legislative members on Dec. 15, 1960.

Alaska, Hawaii Cited

It was drawn along the proven, long-standing federal cabinet system which was adopted also by the newest states, Alaska and Hawaii.

But it would have changed the job status of too many people. It would have streamlined. Reaction set in.

So, reorganization failed because of the power struggle within the Democratic leadership.



CAGED CUBS CUDDLE—Not used to curious onlookers, these Kodiak bear cubs huddle in a corner of their cage at the opening of Detroit (Mich.) zoo's season last week. There are actually four cubs in the photo. The three showing have obscured their furry brother from the camera. (UPI Telephone)

Former Local Man Says Shepard Wild Behind Car Wheel

Dallas, Tex. — A former Medford newspaperman and high school graduate has described the United States' first man in space, Astronaut Alan Shepard, as an extrovert who drove a car almost as fast as a Redstone rocket.

Arthur Schoeni, a Dallas public relations man with the Chance Vought corporation, recalled meeting the 37-year-old Navy commander several times within the past 10 years. "He was just another guy named Shepard at that time," Schoeni noted.

Schoeni was graduated from Medford High school, and later taught journalism there. In addition he worked at both the Medford Mail Tribune and the Medford News. His aunt, Lucy Lyman, 92, is now residing at 423 King St., Medford.

Tests Gears

Shepard tested aircraft arresting gears as a Navy test pilot at the Dallas Naval Air station in 1957. He had previously been attached to the Naval Air Test center at Patuxent River, Md. In Dallas, he met Schoeni whose offices at the Chance Vought corporation were adjacent to those of the Naval Air station.

Schoeni originally met Shepard in 1953 in Washington, D.C., where he was editing a monthly magazine, Naval Aviation News, and Shepard was a pilot at nearby Patuxent River, Md.

The publicity man recalls that the test pilot was a close friend of the feature editor and used to "drop into the office a lot." Shepard was known as a "pretty impetuous" man behind the wheel of auto and frequently "terrorized" his passengers, according to Schoeni.

When Shepard moved to Dallas to make flight tests on the F8U-1 Crusader, he and Schoeni renewed their acquaintance. Schoeni took pictures of the pilot as he made some 30 landings to check out the landing arrestor system.

The former Medford man went on to say that the as-

State Legislators Get Stone-Ground Bread From Valley

Two hundred pounds of stone ground flour from Putman's Mill in Eagle Point were turned into loaves of bread and presented to members of the Oregon legislature recently in the name of the Medford Chamber of Commerce.

The flour was donated by Putman brothers of Eagle Point. Fluhner's bakery turned the flour into approximately 100 loaves and it was sent to Rep. John Dellenbeck for distribution.

Several letters have already been received from the lawmakers thanking the chamber and expressing their enjoyment of the unusual product.

Accompanies Each Loaf

Accompanying each loaf was a small folder titled "Stone Ground by Water Power," and containing a greeting to members of the legislature.

It read: "Congratulations upon completion of an arduous but successful session. It is our hope that this vitamin loaded loaf of stone ground bread will hasten the recovery of your former stamina."

"Although the Rogue valley is famous for its pears we thought you might like to learn something of its famous water powered, stone ground flour mill located at Eagle Point."

Around Horn

"They were shipped down the Mississippi, around the Horn and brought by ox team from Crescent City to the Daly family who built the mill at Eagle Point. This occurred in 1872."

"Mr. Putman bought the mill in 1932 and rebuilt it in 1941. It has been in operation ever since and is believed to be the only true stone ground flour mill in Oregon operated entirely by water power."

"This bread is made from 100 per cent stone ground Montana hard wheat, honey, old-fashioned unsulphured molasses, grade A butter, salt, yeast and non-fat milk solids."

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Chicago Film Censorship Right Upheld

A Chicago ordinance requires that before any movie be exhibited to the public, a permit must be obtained from the city.

In order to obtain the permit, the Chicago police commissioner must be given an opportunity to view the movie. If the commissioner believes the movie to be "immoral or obscene," it is his duty to deny the permit.

The Times Film Corp. applied to the commissioner for a permit to show the film "Don Juan," but refused to submit the film for examination, hence the permit was denied. Action was brought in federal court to compel issuance of the permit.

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THE COURT HELD: The U. S. Supreme Court, by a 5-4 vote, held that it was constitutional to require all film exhibitors to submit all films to the city for censorship.

The four dissenters felt that this was an unconstitutional denial of freedom of speech and press. If movie censorship is valid, argued the dissent, then what is to prevent governments from censoring newspapers, books and magazines?

However, the court did not determine whether "Don Juan" could be denied a permit after it had been examined by the city. The commissioner, after viewing the movie, cannot deny a permit merely because he doesn't like it. If a permit is denied on the ground that the movie is "obscene," for example, the film corporation can appeal to

the courts, and, according to other Supreme Court cases, the judges will view the movie themselves to determine whether it is in fact "obscene." The permit cannot be denied merely because a very sensitive person would consider the movie objectionable, but only if the average person would consider it so. (Times Film Corp. v. Chicago, 81 Sup. Ct. 391, 1961).

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Economic Conditions Appear On Upward Trend, Moore Says

Grants Pass—Economic conditions which affect the southern Oregon lumber industry appear to be on an upward trend, Joe Moore, Medford branch manager of the First National Bank of Oregon, told the meeting of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association here Friday night.

Looking on the gloomy side, Moore noted a big national drop in new housing starts from 1959 to 1960, 1,279,000 in 1959 compared to 1,600,000 in 1960. He also noted the high price on logs, mounting operation costs, higher required federal insurance, taxes, sliding demand and less general building.

The unemployed in Jackson county as of March 9, 1961, totaled 17,000, Moore noted.

Psychological Recession

The 1958 recession was a psychological one, Moore commented. Unemployment then was 1 per cent lower than now. Bank debits are the total of all checks which clear through a banking system. A high volume indicates considerable business activity, he explained.

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explained. At the end of February, 1961, debits showed a 3 per cent decline.

On the brighter side, the bank manager noted a strong gain in service industries such as those related to electronics. In southern Oregon retail sales.

"These are quite good generally compared to the previous year," he said. However, retail stores, must have their margins, have high operating costs and are carrying more accounts receivable, he added.

Faced With Same Problem

Banks are faced with the same rising costs and operating problems faced by other industries, the bank manager noted.

Late last year the Federal Reserve allowed banks to count the currency in their vaults as part of their reserves which made it easier for the banks to borrow to cover their reserves, Moore explained.

Now, from a tight money situation the trend has reversed so that particularly life insurance companies have a surplus of mortgage money to loan.

Other indications of an economy upswing are population growth, new water and electric utilities hookup, a lot of new business coming into the area, increased industrial output, and new building such as motels.

Although building permits issued are not as great, comparing values, as in 1959, the construction business is just

approaching its busy season, he noted. An increasing number of warehouses are being established as southern Oregon becomes more of a distribution center, Moore pointed out.

"We're not in a boom, but experiencing a good steady growth," he said.

Newcomers to Area

"Newcomers in the area appear to be good, substantial people with money behind them. This is reflected in their bank deposits," Moore said.

He noted a \$4 million gain in loans in all banks in Jackson county for March, compared to the same month in a previous year. A loan decline has occurred during the same period, he said.

He warned lumbermen not to expect a big drop in interest rates due to excessive reserves. He said this is his personal opinion.

Moore predicted that the local business upswing would continue beyond the fall when the seasonal local economy rise usually ends. Nationally, families are hitting the 10-year period when births increase, he noted.

The present political administration seems to have a fixed policy of spending. However, much will depend on the international situation. If the international situation deteriorates, the federal government will pump more money into defense spending and further boost the national economy, he predicted.

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