

Legislature Accomplishments Many, President of Senate Declares

Welfare Division Collects Funds

Salem — (UPI) — The welfare recovery division of the Justice Department collected \$29,591 in child support and welfare fraud payments during April, Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thofnson said Monday.

This was about \$5,000 above collections for March.

Payments collected in Multnomah, Clackamas and Columbia counties totaled \$20,460; Marion county, \$4,776; Linn county, \$1,451; Yamhill, \$930, and Washington, \$855. The rest came from Tillamook, Benton, Lincoln and Polk counties.

U. S. Facing Difficult Time Historically, Chamber Is Told

The United States is now facing one of the most difficult times historically, according to Paul B. Edwards, resident director of the United Nations at Manila, Philippine Islands.

Edwards spoke at the Monday noon Medford Chamber of Commerce roundtable at the Jackson hotel. Edwards is en route to the islands following his annual report to the UN headquarters in New York.

Stressing the need by American business to promote international development, Edwards explained that it was difficult to get competent Americans to take overseas jobs.

He mentioned that the Philippine Islands do not have a dairy industry, saying that this area would be a good field for American business to enter. The United States' influence will increase according to the degree of business we do with them, he added.

He explained that it does no good to send money abroad and not send "the heart" also. Foreigners resent a condescending attitude, he continued, since they are aware if you mean what you say or not.

Speaking about his recent visit to Washington, D.C., Edwards said that the U.S. is now in a questioning mood, which he considers a good sign. He explained that although Washington "does not have the answers, they are asking pertinent questions."

"They are curious about what plan would be best for the U.S. program overseas," he continued.

The major problem in Asia is not economic, Edwards stated. This, of course, is a problem, but the basic one is an emotional problem. He explained that when these countries received their independence responsibility went with it. The gloss is now gone, he added, and said that the people have lost faith in their leaders.

In facing the world problems, Edwards stressed that we should not be apologetic since we did not create them, but are trying to do something about them.

World War II set the stage

for many of these problems, the speaker felt, saying that an appetite was created for many goods taken into strange countries by troops. When these goods were later sent to these countries, they were not followed by the technicians needed to operate them.

Many of the leaders in the Asian countries feel neither concern or compassion for their fellowmen. Community cooperation is lacking, which is needed to accomplish advancement in sanitation, transportation, and other conditions.

During a question period, Edwards said the one force working in Laos is ignorance. He said that he felt any kind of a settlement in the country would be welcome since there is, according to Edwards, no government, no monetary system in the country, giving them nothing to build on.

Excellent Program

He considered the student exchange program excellent and that CARE was doing a "fine job." He thought that the Peace Corps is "worth a risk" and encouraged a Food for Peace program.

Commenting on the latter he encouraged sending food to colleges. He stated that Asian college students are generally quite poor, living for three or four years on a small amount of rice and soft drinks. By the time he is ready to graduate he is usually tubercular.

Edwards, the brother of Harper Edwards, 2092 Ridgeway ave., will speak at 8 o'clock tonight at a meeting of the Medford chapter, Oregon United Nations association at the Rogue Valley Manor. The meeting is open to the public.

Property Tax Relief Failure Disappointing

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of three exclusive articles evaluating the 1961 legislative session by the governor, the Senate president and the House speaker. Today: The Senate president.

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Written for UPI

Salem — (UPI) — Accomplishments of the 1961 session of the legislature were many, and to be sure, there were failures. But above all, there was thinking of what is best for the state as a whole than what would particularly please some pressure groups.

The major accomplishments include an increase in basic school support, no increase in taxes, a boost for the industrial climate, medicare, a tax appeals court, the mental health grouping plus community clinics, and the commission for constitutional revision.

The biggest failure was that substantial relief was not given to real property taxpayers. Another is the lack of an unfair labor practices act, the Little Landrum - Griffin Bill, which would have given about 30,000 small employers and their employees the same opportunity to go to court for a determination that is given to large employers and their employees at the federal level.

Other Failures

Other failures include the lack of the three-way workmen's compensation bill, a practical broadening of the tax base, and a solution to the business inventory tax problem.

I don't look for too great a criticism because there was not an income tax cut, or because the property tax on business inventories was not repealed. To do both of these properly, we will have to adopt a broad tax base which would include a reduction of the personal income tax plus a limit on property tax which has certainly reached a point where it is confiscatory.

The latter is one of the most regressive taxes we have.

The governor shouldn't be unhappy with this legislature. The Senate certainly made every effort to create a better business climate in Oregon. And the legislature did, in most instances, create this atmosphere. This has been one of the governor's principal objectives.

Boardman, Oil Mentioned

In this connection I refer to Boardman, no increase in income or corporation excise taxes, pipeline easements for industry, off-shore oil leasing, riverbed leasing for hard minerals, improved timber tax laws, and others.

As far as the Democratic party is concerned, I think it fared very well because 1961 was a moderate, responsible session. I do not think it was a bitter session. There was quite a fight with respect to my election as president. But many of those who fought me hardest were very cooperative throughout the session.

I had no problems with any member of the House or Senate. In every session there is a difference of ideas with respect to legislation which naturally results in our form of government.

I think this was the finest Senate in which I've served, both from the standpoint of experience and ability, and I've served in the legislature since 1939, the Senate since 1955. I was particularly impressed by the caliber of the new senators.

The 1961 legislature will be remembered as a very progressive session, objective in its thinking.

Wednesday: The House Speaker

Chiloquin Woman Files Federal Suit

Portland — (UPI) — A Klamath Indian has filed suit in Federal court seeking to break a trust agreement governing her share of funds paid the Indians last month as their share of money from termination of the Klamath reservation.

The suit was filed by Mary Ada Lotches, 23, Chiloquin. It seeks to break a trust agreement between herself and the U. S. National Bank of Portland negotiated in 1958. She claims that when the agreement was made and since she has not been in need of a trustee.

The suit involves some \$40,000.

RUSSIAN WARNING

Geneva — (UPI) — The Soviet Union warned Monday continued French nuclear testing might force the Soviet Union to resume its own tests and wreck chances of a worldwide ban on nuclear tests.

ACTING GOVERNOR

Salem — (UPI) — Senate President Harry Boivin is acting governor while Gov. Mark Hatfield is in Salt Lake City for the Western Governors' Conference.

TO SEEK USE

Astoria — (UPI) — The Navy has assigned Capt. Dillon R. McMullen of the Pentagon staff to try to find an alternate federal use for the Tongue Point Naval State.

Clogged Highways Due To Be Opened

Salem — (UPI) — McKenzie Pass highway and the Mt. Hood highway were to be cleared of snow and opened to through traffic this afternoon, the Highway Department announced.

Crews were to open the gates on the McKenzie Pass highway, U.S. 126, east of Eugene, at 2 p.m., and on the Mt. Hood highway, Oregon 35 east and north from Government Camp, at 3 p.m.

Opening date for the two Cascade mountain routes is earlier than the average in recent years.

The Highway Department said the East and West Diamond Lake highway and the Crater Lake North highway, yet to be opened this spring, are scheduled to be cleared before the end of next week when the high lakes fishing season begins.

Libel Trial Opens In Washington County

Hillsboro — (UPI) — The libel trial of Mrs. Audrey Henry of Portland opened in Washington County Circuit Court here Monday with State Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) a second-row spectator.

Mrs. Henry is accused in a Washington county grand jury indictment of distributing circulars containing false statements damaging to Sweetland's character during his campaign for secretary of state last November.

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