

Revived Scandal, Political Show Highlight At Salem

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 Salem — (UPI) — A scandal came back to life, a political show was made of the Boardman project, and an effort to throttle political differences to achieve a workable state tax program highlighted Oregon's legislative activities this week.

Spice was added when a Ways and Means subcommittee voted to kill the state's present Civil Defense agency, and liberty amendment proponents urged elimination of all federal income taxes.

The Camp Withycombe Na-

tional Guard scandal emerged again when a Ways and Means subcommittee was told the state may have to dig up \$40,000 to repay the federal government for money misused by the state military department.

Gov. Mark Hatfield pleaded the issue should not be exploited for political purposes, and Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton was given conditional authority by the governor to launch an investigation. The condition was that the probe should not be for political purposes.

A special joint session of

the legislature Friday afternoon was called so Hatfield and Sen. Wayne L. Morse could say officially what everyone already knew — agreement had been reached with the Army engineers on the Boardman project.

Tax Plan Argued
 Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) issued a stinging reply early in the week when Rep. Joe Rogers (R-Independence) charged the Democratic leadership was stalling on adoption of tax programs.

In a fit of anger Barton threatened to call Rogers' sales tax plan out of committee, but apparently changed his mind because no such action resulted.

When Hatfield returned from a California speech-making swing he refused to side with Rogers.

The governor admitted his proposal to hold a during-session tax election was dead. He quickly added that the tax committee needed time to study revenue proposals because of the critical money problems faced by the state.

The governor, House Speaker Clarence Barton, Senate President Ben Musa (D-The Dalles) and the House and Senate tax committees apparently have agreed to keep politics at a minimum as far as the tax program is concerned.

A Ways and Means subcommittee, after hearing weeks of testimony critical of civil defense as a do-nothing agency, voted 5-0 to kill the agency's \$195,000 budget request. Addition of a CD coordinator to the governor's staff was proposed as an alternative.

Log Truck Operators, PUC Clash Over Bills

Salem — (UPI) — A group of log truck operators and the Public Utility Commission have clashed head-on over two bills which would tighten requirements for log truck permits.

The truckers want the tougher restrictions.

The PUC said they were not needed.

One trucker said the governor agreed with the need for the new regulations.

A PUC representative said he knew of no such support from the governor's office.

The hearing before the House Commerce and Utilities committee Friday also was advised a request may be made to have the present law repealed.

Rep. John Dellenback (R-Medford) told the committee he had received a letter from the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association asking for repeal of the present law.

Dellenback said he would decide whether to push for repeal after meeting with constituents this week end.

The 1961 Legislature adopted laws requiring PUC permits for log trucks. Before 1961 they were not required to get permits for public convenience and necessity.

The two bills discussed Friday would strengthen load and service area restrictions.

Roseburg truck owner Jim Faulk said the present law "opens the back door" to competition for licensed truckers.

Wilson Boyer said the Coos County Loggers association favored the new proposals.

Howard Dulle of Lane county said the truckers had the governor's support.

He charged the PUC "is not administering the present log law fairly."

James Singleton of the PUC denied any knowledge of gubernatorial support for the measures. He said the proposals were not needed, and the problem could best be solved through administrative measures.

Duncan Urges Efforts To Avert SP Strike

Washington — (UPI) — Rep. Robert B. Duncan (D-Oregon) has urged the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and the Southern Pacific railroad to try to avoid a strike he said would hurt Oregon.

Duncan made the appeal in telegrams to union president George M. Harrison, Cincinnati, and to Southern Pacific president D. J. Russell, San Francisco, Friday.

He said Oregon had suffered "season after season by successive strikes of the construction industry and badly needs a period of industrial peace."

The railroad serves many communities in western Oregon, including Portland, Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Medford, Grants Pass and Klamath Falls.

Talks between the railroad and the union were suspended in San Francisco Friday, but were scheduled to be resumed in Chicago on Feb. 19.

Washington — (UPI) — The Labor Department plans six programs to retrain 165 men for jobs in Oregon's forestry industry, Rep. Robert Duncan (D-Ore.) said Friday.

He said the plan calls for training 25 men each at Eugene, Coos Bay-North Bend, Astoria, Bend and Pendleton as forestry aides. The course will take 52 weeks.

At Ontario, 40 men will be trained for 30 weeks as tractor aides, Duncan said.

The projects are part of the government's program to train men thrown out of work in one industry to take skilled jobs in another.

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Allen Lecturer Attacks Federal Government Secrecy

Eugene — (UPI) — The doctrine of "executive privilege" used to invoke secrecy in government affairs was attacked Friday at the 44th annual Oregon Press Conference here.

Clark R. Mollenhoff, chief of the Washington, D.C., bureau of Cowles Publications made the attack in delivering the annual Eric W. Allen Memorial lecture.

The lecture is in memory of the late Eric W. Allen, the first dean of the School of Journalism at the University of Oregon.

Mollenhoff called the doctrine a "naked claim to unlimited secrecy on the whim of the executive branch."

As a means of retaining the check and balance of government authority, Mollenhoff called for every newspaper and every citizen to give full support to Congress in asserting its right to investigate government activities and spending.

Wesley Sherman, publisher of the Heppner Gazette-Times, was elected chairman of the 1964 Oregon Press Conference at Saturday's session of the meeting. Sherman was elected at a luncheon. Carl C. Webb, secretary manager of the ONPA and member of the Journalism School faculty, was re-elected secretary and W. Verne McKinney, publisher of the Hillsboro Argus, was re-elected representative-at-large of the Allen Memorial Fund.

Friday afternoon, the group was told that there is an "insatiable appetite" for good newspaper feature photographs. The speaker was Cliff McDowell, Pacific division news pictures manager of United Press International.

The UPI news pictures executive said that spot news pictures were covered adequately by local news staffs and by the wire services but that good spot pictures simply were not available every day.

"Consequently," McDowell said, "the reader wants variety and what we're looking for is the kind of picture that will make a reader ask 'did you see that picture of so-and-so today?'"

McDowell said UPI was stressing feature photos more than ever. He exhibited a number of slides of unusual feature pictures, illustrating content and also what editing and cropping can do to make them more interesting.

Other speakers at the publishers meeting included Dean John L. Hulting, University of Oregon School of Journalism; Glen Kay Johnstone and Gaten R. Rarick of the school's faculty; Mike Brad-

ley, city editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times; Harry B. Beerg, chief of the review staff of the Internal Revenue Service in Portland; Hans A. Linde, law professor at the University; and Robert Frazier, associate editor, Eugene Register-Guard.

A highlight of the afternoon was a panel discussion led by former Gov. Charles A. Sprague, editor and publisher of the Oregon Statesman in Salem, on political news. Members of the panel were Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton, Carl Fisher and Robert W. Chandler, congressional candidates last fall, and Doug Seymour, Salem Capital Journal political writer.

House To Get Stamp Bill This Week

Salem — (UPI) — A trading stamp regulation bill will be introduced in the House this week by Rep. Eugene Hulett (D-Eugene), the representative has announced.

Under the proposed law, all trading stamps would be available to any retailer, and the consumer would be able to receive any type of stamp he chose, Hulett said. He also said the measure would make the stamps redeemable by either merchandise or cash.

The bill includes a tax of \$5,000 per stamp company per Oregon county Hulett said this would be an offset to property tax and would be applied as a relief to the basic school support fund.

Year-Around School Bill Introduced

Salem — (UPI) — A bill to allow elementary and high schools to operate all year was introduced Friday by Rep. John Mosser (R-Beaverton).

A normal four-year high school course could be completed in three years by students attending year-around sessions.

Josephine Sociology Tests Are Cancelled After Parents Object

Grants Pass — A controversy over so-called sociology tests given to fifth grade children in Grants Pass and Josephine county schools started to quiet down this week, after superintendents of both

school districts announced the tests were being cancelled.

The tests were questionnaires which asked such questions as "Who are the leaders in the student's own class?" "Who are the ones who break the rules?" "Who are the boys and girls who come and go alone?" and "Who are the boys and girls who are trouble makers?"

The Grants Pass city and Josephine county school districts agreed to give the tests at the request of Dr. Frederick J. Trost, sociology professor at Southern Oregon college, who instructs an extension class in sociology at Grants Pass.

Identical tests have been given in such areas as St. Louis and Kansas City, Dr. Trost indicated, and are part of an overall program which after a period of time has resulted in as much as an 80 per cent drop in juvenile delinquency.

Twenty per cent of the young men in prison today could have been helped if they had been identified at an early age, the professor said, adding that only by catching the potentially delinquent child as early as the fifth grade can educators have a chance to help him.

But many parents of the children who took the tests didn't look at it that way. Some called it "un-Christian" and "communistic." Others denounced it as an invasion of privacy and as an attempt to get youngsters to "tattle" on their classmates.

The officers of both school districts received numerous phone calls from parents objecting to the tests.

Bowing to public opinion, Superintendent Ralph E. Jones of the city district and

OSU Chosen For Scholarship Project

Corvallis — (UPI) — Oregon State University is one of five institutions chosen to share in a new scholarship program for students interested in careers in food processing.

A total of \$4,000 in scholarships will be awarded to freshmen in the 1963-64 school year and \$5,000 to freshmen and sophomores the following year, according to Dean F. E. Price of the OSU School of Agriculture.

The scholarships are sponsored by the General Foods Foundation. Other universities participating are California, Cornell, Maine and Michigan State.

Parking Near Post Office Congested

Re-opening of the Holly theater on West Sixth st. has aggravated the parking problem near the U.S. post office, Medford Police Chief Charles P. Champlin said today.

Champlin reminded Medford motorists that no parking is allowed in front of the post office between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. daily, except Sundays and holidays.

Parking there the balance of the time is limited to 15 minutes, except for the space in front of the car mail drop box, where only momentary parking is permitted. That same ruling applies to the mail drop box on North Holly st., the chief said.

To expedite the efficient handling of mail, Chief Champlin said, "these parking restrictions must be observed. Motorists who do not observe them may expect to receive a citation."

New Seat Belt Bill Introduced In House

Salem — (UPI) — Installation of seat belts or shoulder harnesses on all new cars sold in Oregon would be required by a bill introduced in the House Friday by Rep. Morgan (D-Gresham).

The measure is similar to a bill introduced in the 1961 session. It passed the House, but not the Senate.

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