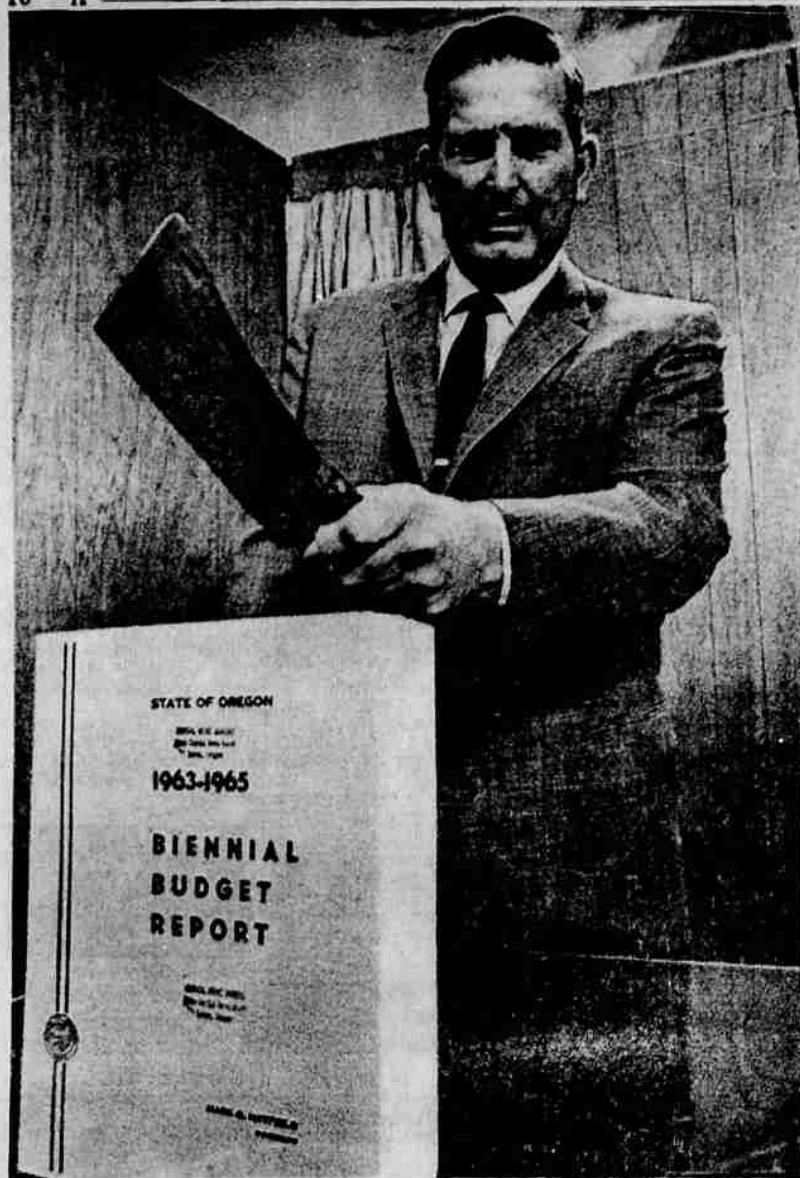




MEAT CLEAVER—Rep. Stafford Hansell (R-Hermiston) member of Oregon Joint Ways and Means committee, takes "meat cleaver approach" to budget cutting. AFL-CIO Meat Cutters presented Hansell with a miniature meat cleaver tie clasp after recent remarks on drastic reductions of state expenditures. (UPI)

No Dancing Girls Prov ided

Comfort Possible in Brand New Sam Rayburn Office Building

By DICK WEST

United Press International

Washington — (UPI) — Rising like a medieval fortress from the foot of Capitol Hill, and stretching almost to the summit, is the new \$82.9 million Rayburn House Office Building and playpen.



High walls of granite command its western approaches, including the botanic gardens and other nearby hotbeds.

Based on my experience as a non-commissioned non-combatant in World War II, I would estimate that its ramparts could be defended by a single cannon, provided it were Chairman Clarence Cannon of the House Appropriations committee.

I mention these military potentials only to show that the premises are secure from siege by hostile taxpayers. There is nothing spartan about the building itself.

When construction is completed next year, its appointments will match those of the new Senate Office building, which has been described, to choose one of the milder adjectives, as "a marble palace."

Until this week, my acquaintance with the Rayburn building — named in honor of the late Speaker Sam Rayburn, who deserved a better fate — was limited to external appraisal.

On Wednesday, however, arrangements were made to give newsmen a peek at a couple of the 169 three-room suites contained therein.

Newsmen being notoriously nosy, our inspection party was provided with an escort

who restricted our movements to the exhibit suites.

I am therefore unable to file a progress report on the gymnasium, swimming pool and other off-limit areas.

Contrary to what you might expect for \$82.9 million the suites are not outfitted in Oriental splendor. Any congressman who might want to live like a sultan will have to supply his own dancing girls.

Nevertheless, I feel certain that even the most delicate lawgivers will be able to make themselves comfy.

The basic decor is what I would classify as "Madison Avenue Renaissance." Each suite has a kitchenette with built-in refrigerator, a clock with signal lights link to the House chamber, two lavatories, about 75 built-in file drawers and a built-in safe.

Some have picture windows overlooking a freeway. On a clear day, you can see a traffic jam. They also have several skeleton-size closets and a large lobby. I did not, however, see any built-in lobbyists.

Regardless of how little influence he may have, no lawgiver occupying the new building need fear a power shortage. Every suite has 61 electric wall plugs.

Seeing that made me wish I had a few built-in shares of utilities stock.

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Beware of Mechanic's Liens

Are you aware that when you hire a contractor to build a house or alter a building, you are responsible to see that bills for the construction, alteration or repair are paid, even though you may have paid the contractor in full?

The law gives to subcontractors, laborers and persons furnishing materials a lien on the property on which the work is done or for which the materials are furnished to secure the payments of their accounts. Such liens are called "mechanic's liens."

If an owner of property hires his own labor or buys his own material, it is easy for him to see that the bills are paid. However, if he employs a contractor, then the problem is more difficult because the contractor will often hire subcontractors (plumbers, painters, plasterers, etc.) and buy materials. These subcontractors and materialmen have the right to a lien on the property if they are not paid by the contractor.

To obtain his lien a subcontractor or materialman must give written notice to the property owner that he has furnished labor or material on the property and that he will claim a lien against such real estate in the event he is not paid by the contractor. Many subcontractors and materialmen give such notices as a routine practice to preserve their lien rights.

Then, if upon completion of the work he is not paid by the contractor, the subcontractor or materialman will file a lien claim. If the lien is not satisfied (the amount due paid) by the contractor or the property owner, a lawsuit may be brought to foreclose the mechanic's lien — much in the same manner as the foreclosure of a mortgage.

Obtain Waivers

How can a property owner protect himself against the filing of mechanic's liens against his property? The simplest way is to deal with a contractor who is reliable and responsible. Secondly, he can require the contractor to obtain lien waivers from all the sub-contractors and materialmen prior to making final payment on the contract price upon completion.

Where a property is being purchased, whether it be a new house or an old one, the purchaser should inquire to see whether there is any possibility of mechanic's liens being filed against it. To protect himself against such secret liens that have yet to be filed, the purchaser may require that the seller agree to satisfy any mechanic's liens arising from work done during the seller's ownership of the property. If the house is a new one, the purchase may request the seller to obtain lien waivers from the contractor, sub-contractors and materialmen.

(Oregon lawyers offer this column as a public service. No person should apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney, who is completely advised of the facts involved. Even a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

FACES CHARGE

Lakeview — Robert Lee O'Connor, 26, Sparks, Nev., has been brought here to face a first degree murder charge.

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Education Board Postpones Approval of Communism Study

(Editor's note: The board of education postponed approval of a course on communism for public high schools to give the matter more study. This is the first of a series of dispatches on this issue.)

By ZAN STARK

United Press International

Salem — (UPI) — The board of education Wednesday decided to take another look before approving a proposed course on communism for Oregon's public high schools.

Educators and board members favor the idea of the program — to make students more aware of the dangers of the communist system by explaining to them what communism really is.

They feel certain that education is the only adequate defense.

But they want to be very sure the program they propose is the right one.

Asked Guidance

The program has been under consideration since 1961. As superintendent of public

instruction, Leon Minear, explained at Wednesday's board meeting, high school principals throughout the state have asked for guidance for teaching such a course.

Minear pointed out that the American Legion, the American Bar association and the National Education association favor teaching about communism in the schools.

At Wednesday's meeting, board member Thomas L. Scanlon, Portland, pointed out there was a lack of understanding of our own system.

S. E. Brogitt, Helix, asked

"How can we teach about communism without actually teaching communism? Are we going to teach communism or just about it?"

Francis I. Smith, Portland, countered "Communism can't be minimized, the facts must be put smack on the table."

Too Much Status

Scanlon said he felt the teacher guide "Understanding the Nature of Communism" gave too much status to communism.

"Maybe what we need instead is a voice of America program in our schools."

Scanlon added, "I am not opposing teaching about communism. I just think that this is the wrong way to go about it."

Mrs. J. B. Caldwell, Oregon City, may have been voicing the board's feeling when she commented "Teaching how communism and democracy work is terrific, but we must consider the approach we take in this matter."

Minear said the communism publication — designed as a teaching aid to be distributed only to teachers — was developed "with the feel-

ing that to be forewarned is to be forearmed."

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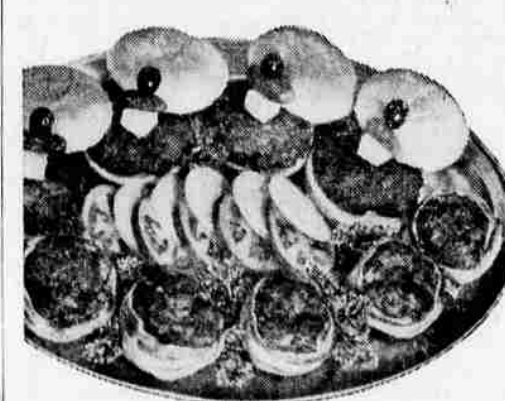
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