

Hatfield Claims Legislature Suffering From Sensitivity

By ANN H. PEARSON
Salem — Gov. Mark Hatfield characterizes the 1963 Oregon legislature as thin-skinned and suffering from sensitivity over its pay hike.

He says it is hard-working, but timid and unlikely to veer far from the status quo.

The governor viewed the legislature at mid-term in an interview in his wood-paneled private office. He found little progress so far and few signs the trend would change in the estimated eight or nine weeks remaining.

"It is the most sensitive leg-

islature I have seen in some time," he said.

He said the sensitivity developed around the legislative pay bill, which he termed the first and most substantial piece of legislation so far, and grew with criticism of the legislators' new salaries.

Cites Personal Attack

Noting that he made "some very strong statements" in the past 10 days in defense of his budget, Hatfield said the legislature "responded with a purely personal attack."

"The first word I have uttered in defense of my budget evokes this kind of reaction," he said.

"It caught me by great surprise."

He said the legislators were mature, politically responsible and could have argued on the merits. Instead, he said, their response reflected "sort of a thin-skinned attitude."

"I am sure these are reasonable men . . . who realize they are going to be subject to certain disagreements," he said.

"I did not intend derogatory comment against any individual."

"I will address myself forcefully, with great feeling, in defense of my program. I have an obligation to fight for it."

"This legislature is very hard working. There is perhaps a certain degree of frustration that not more has been accomplished."

Few Bills Passed

The governor said the only major pieces of legislation to clear the legislature so far have been the pay bill, a partial bond bill for higher education buildings, and ratification of the anti-poll tax amendment to the U.S. constitution.

The session, he said, is restrained by a basic philosophy that fears to disturb the status quo. He said the Democratic-controlled legislature also is wary of accomplishments that might accrue to the credit of the Republican governor.

Hatfield said his own top priority items include tax reform, a sound education program, traffic safety, tighter pollution laws, an improved medicare program, and reorganization of several departments.

He said he will fight on two fronts: by working with legislators, committees and groups, and by going to the people.

The governor declined to say whether it was likely he would bring his veto power to bear. He said he would "be reluctant but not timid." He said he would prefer a constructive effort to work out differences.

May Use Veto

But he said, "I have never shown any shyness in using the veto stamp in the past."

Asked if he considered chances good for approval of much of his program, he declared, "certainly not based on the record so far."

He left no doubt where he would put the blame for lack of accomplishment.

"The majority party controls . . . and is responsible," he said.

"If the legislature . . . overriding any role I may have, seriously destroys, damages, decimates a program that is vital . . . they must bear the sole complete responsibility, and I will make the people aware of it."

The governor said he will continue to play a dual role. He said he will cooperate in areas of agreement, and champion "the programs the people have indicated they want" in areas of disagreement.

He said he will act on the premise that the legislators



MEETS WITH RUSK — Brazilian Finance Minister San Tiago Dantos, left, poses with Secretary of State Dean Rusk prior to their meeting in Washington. Dantos said that Brazil remains less concerned about Communist subversion than economic development as the major threat to Latin America. (UPI)

Geneva Conference Marks Anniversary

Geneva — The 17-nation disarmament conference today marked its first anniversary still locked in a nuclear stalemate and under a Soviet warning that the talks may drone on for another decade.

The Russian warning Wednesday deepened the gloom around the conference hall where the eight neutral delegations scheduled another meeting to work on their projected compromise proposal. No formal conference session was scheduled today.

Over the past 12 months, with intermittent recesses, ex-

changes between the Western delegations and the Russians and their satellites have followed the cold war pattern. Since the conference resumed Feb. 12 after a holiday recess, the best ban talks have degenerated into a sterile volley of time-worn arguments.

The nuclear subcommittee of the United States, Britain and Russia has not even met because of the dispute over inspections. The West wants seven annual on-site inspections, but the Kremlin will permit no more than three on Soviet territory.

Sovereign Immunity Law Near Approval by California Group

Sacramento — A complicated bill to restore sovereign immunity to California was only a whisker away from approval by the Senate Judiciary committee today.

The committee held a special session Wednesday night — lasting until nearly midnight — to consider 48 separate amendments to the measure, authored by Sen. James A. Cobby (D-Merced).

After the meeting, Cobby said he was optimistic that the bill will be sent to the Senate floor next week.

The amendments were suggested by representatives of the state, county and city governments. Most of them would extend immunity from lawsuit over that provided in the bill.

For example, one amendment suggested by Asst. Atty. Gen. Charles Barrett touch-

ed on the sensational Caryl Chessman case. Chessman was a convict — author executed in San Quentin after writing a number of books, including one best seller.

Barrett objected to a provision of the bill which would allow lawsuits against the state if a prisoner were unjustly denied an opportunity to carry his case to a higher court.

"We have been asked to grant typewriters, books and even secretaries to prisoners," Barrett said. He was concerned that if these materials were denied the state could be sued.

Result of Ruling

But the bill was amended so a prisoner would first be made to prove he was unjustly confined before he could sue the state for money damages.

The sovereign immunity

bill resulted from a state supreme court ruling in January 1961 that the previously accepted doctrine of immunity could no longer protect the state and other governmental entities from lawsuits.

In 1961, the legislature approved a moratorium measure to halt the effect of the rulings for two years but this will expire in September.

Since the moratorium, claims totaling more than \$43 million have been filed with the state board of control but have not been paid.

Green Light Seen For Roosevelt

Washington — Senate Republicans indicated today they would do nothing to stop Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. from becoming undersecretary of commerce.

The 48-year-old son of the New Deal president appeared for the third day of nomination hearings before the Senate Commerce Committee. So far, an expected GOP attempt to discredit the nomination has not materialized.

Sen. Winston L. Prouty (R-Vt.) had his first chance to question the nominee. He was expected to ask Roosevelt about some of his business dealings and his traffic violation record.

No one has asked the former congressman about his publicized tax problems during the past hearings. One GOP spokesman said it might be to their political advantage to let the nomination pass on the theory Roosevelt might make a good campaign target later.



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Stock Movements Extremely Narrow In Early Dealings

New York — Stock price movements were extremely narrow in quiet early dealings today.

Apparently a commercial department projection of lower manufacturers' sales for the second quarter of the year caused investors to resume the cautious policy they briefly abandoned Wednesday when the market scored a fairly impressive advance.

Chrysler gained a point and other motors firmed small fractions but the leading steels, chemicals, oils, and rails were narrowly mixed. A majority of the utilities shed and Houston Lighting fell back 1/2.

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United Carhide	103 1/2
Union Pacific	34 1/2
United Aircraft	49 1/2
United Air Lines	32 1/2
U.S. Plywood	32 1/2
U.S. Rubber	43 1/2
U.S. Steel	45 1/2
Western Bank Corp.	34 1/2
Westinghouse	24 1/2
Youngstown	30 1/2

Foreign Briefs

ITALIAN CIVILIANS CALL OFF THREATENED STRIKE
Rome — Italian civilian personnel on United States and North Atlantic Treaty Organization bases in Italy have called off a 72-hour strike scheduled to start today.

The Catholic Union suspended the strike after receiving what it called "an encouraging answer" to its wage and other demands from the U.S. Naval command in London.

FOREIGN CREWS TO FLY ISRAELI PLANES
Tel Aviv, Israel — Foreign air crews will arrive Sunday to fly planes of Israel's strike-bound El Al airlines, the company said today.

The strike by flight personnel began six days ago to protest assignment of flight crews to non-flying duties.

MCGHEE APPROVED AS BONN AMBASSADOR
Bonn, Germany — West German government officials have expressed approval of George McGhee as the next United States ambassador to Bonn.

President Kennedy Wednesday nominated McGhee, an Under Secretary of State, to assume the post next fall.

TURKEY ORDERS EXPULSION OF DIPLOMAT
Ankara, Turkey — The Turkish government Wednesday ordered a Romanian diplomat expelled on charges of spying against the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

A government spokesman said Romanian Embassy Third Secretary Cornel Rizu was caught copying secret documents. The spokesman said Rizu will be expelled from Turkey Friday.

EAST AFRICANS TO DISCUSS COMMON MARKET
Brussels — Government representatives from four East African countries have arrived in London for talks on future relations with the Common Market.

The delegations are from Kenya, Tanganyika, Zanzibar and Uganda.

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