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MOH Opposes Sunday Closing

Governor Claims Bill Counter to Free Competition

Unencumbered Tax On Cigarettes Asked

Salem — (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield said today he opposed the proposed Sunday closing law and any other legislation which "frustrates" competition.

He also called for an "unencumbered" cigarette tax, and blasted the cigarette industry's indication it might not fight the tax if the legislation includes restrictions on price wars.

"It is not right for the industry to attempt to black-mail itself into a profit," the governor said.

Fair Trade
"I don't know what my reaction would be," he added, if the cigarette tax were passed with the fair trade stipulation.

Of the Sunday closing law he said, "I do not support this type of legislation. I am for free capitalist enterprise and think legislation which frustrates competition is not sound."

He said there were certain areas where regulations were necessary, and cited billboards and consumer protection as examples.

He said he felt the public needed full disclosure of interest rates on purchases, and that real estate subdivisions should come under restrictions so buyers could not be misled about weather or growing conditions.

Hatfield termed 50 per cent support of school costs by the state as the "ideal goal," and said he would support increases in basic school support over his budget requests if it could "fit in with other agency requests" in the overall budget.

He said he viewed major goals of the present session as traffic safety laws, welfare, rehabilitation, and medical care program improvements, and the education program.

He said the agreement on the Boardman space age development had not yet been formalized by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Hatfield said negotiations with the Navy had to be postponed until agreement was reached with the Corps of Engineers.

Orchard Heating Is Scattered Today

Scattered orchard heating occurred early this morning as temperatures dropped to 23 degrees in the coldest areas, according to Clifford B. Cordy, county extension agent.

Orchardists started lighting heaters about 2 o'clock this morning and extinguished them about 4:30 a.m.

Pear tree buds are in the early pre-pink stage, but could stand temperatures as low as 24 degrees. Temperatures should be held at 25 degrees. A few advanced buds would not take it, Cordy added.

Forecast for tonight is cloudy and warmer with little likelihood of heating. Bud damage so far is reported of little consequence.



DEFIED LEADERSHIP—Officials count the ballots Sunday after members of the New York City union voted on a contract proposal which union leadership and newspaper publishers had previously accepted.

New York Printers Reject Settlement Proposals in Vote

New York — (UPI) — The striking printers' unexpected rejection of a contract settlement sought by their leaders left publishers today with little hope of resuming publication this week.

Mayor Robert Wagner, whose settlement proposal had been accepted by negotiators for the printers and publishers, started all over again by calling both sides to meetings today. Publishers planned a meeting to consider what steps they will take to end the 101-day-old shutdown.

The stormy four-hour union meeting Sunday at which the printers voted down the settlement by a 64-vote margin was punctuated by boos and catcalls, aimed by the rank-and-file membership at its international union president, Elmer Brown, who had urged acceptance of the settlement.

Brown, who threatened to walk out of the meeting, warned the strikers "If you

Gold Hill Water To Be Off Wednesday

Gold Hill — All water users in the city of Gold Hill have been reminded that the entire city will be without water Wednesday, March 20, starting at 9 a.m. until city workers get a mainline valve installed at Fourth ave. and Third st.

Because it will be necessary to have the water turned off for several hours, residents are asked to provide enough water for their use during that time.

The printers defied the leadership by a 64-vote margin and turned down the proposal eliminating any hope that the city would have all its papers on the street by the end of the week. (UPI)

NEWS BRIEFS

BRANDT REJECTS SOVIET PROPOSAL
Berlin — (UPI) — West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt today rejected a Soviet proposal to replace Western Allied troops here with United Nations forces.

HOPES HELD FOR CUBAN PRISONERS
Homestead AFB, Fla. — (UPI) — James B. Donovan, the New York attorney who brought two American prisoners back from Cuba Sunday, said he hopes to gain release of the estimated 33 other Americans held in Cuban jails.

BLAME WILL BE CRYSTAL CLEAR
Geneva — (UPI) — The United States said today the Soviet Union will bear "crystal clear" blame if nuclear test ban talks break down over Russian stubbornness on the inspection issue.

BOMB BLASTS INJURES TWO
San Francisco — (UPI) — A bomb in a parcel post package exploded today at San Francisco International airport, injuring two postal employees and starting a fire in the airmail terminal building.

Supreme Court Hits County Unit Voting System

Harlan Dissents From Majority Rule

Washington — (UPI) — The Supreme Court today struck down Georgia's county unit voting system, which city dwellers have said throttles their political strength in favor of rural voters.

The 8 to 1 ruling was announced by Justice William O. Douglas. Justice John M. Harlan dissented.

Douglas said the only conception of political equality under historical U.S. standards is "one person, one vote."

The county unit system was not used in Georgia's 1962 elections, in which racial moderate Carl Sanders was elected governor over segregationist Marvin Griffin. The case was on appeal at that time. Sanders would also have won if the unit system had been in effect.

The court did not take up today "basic ground rules" for implementing its Tennessee decision of last term. That decision opened the doors of federal courts to voter complaints about unfairness in appointment to state legislatures.

Justice Potter Stewart and Tom C. Clark, in a separate statement, said "This case, on the contrary, involved statewide elections of United States senator and of state executive and judicial officers responsible to a statewide constituency."

Hundreds Routed By Rising Floods

By United Press International
Floods forced hundreds from their homes from Wisconsin to Virginia today. Another winter storm brewed in the Rockies.

Ice-melting temperatures and thunderstorms sent flood waters rushing through the low areas of Erie and Cattaraugus counties in western New York.

Fifty persons fled their homes when an ice jam burst on Cattaraugus Creek. A coffee dam buckled and collapsed on the Hudson river near Troy, N.Y., Saturday, killing one and injuring three. Officials blamed the contact of the icy waters against the steel beams.

Ice gorges broke up on the Allegheny river in western Pennsylvania Sunday night and flood waters threatened several towns.

Cave Junction Bond Election Tomorrow

Cave Junction — A \$71,000 bond issue to construct a sewer system for Cave Junction will be put before the voters in a special election tomorrow. Polls will be open from noon to 8 p.m. at the city hall.

Financing of the system would be accomplished through the \$71,000 bond issue, plus a \$16,000 federal grant already approved and an additional \$55,000 federal grant which is still pending.

The Corvallis engineering firm of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield is handling engineering details of the proposed system.

SOLDIERS KILLED

Tacoma — (UPI) — Two soldiers stationed at Ft. Lewis were killed Sunday when their car left the freeway south of here and struck a sign post.

WEATHER

FORECAST: A considerable amount of cloudiness with a few scattered showers tonight and Tuesday. Low tonight near 32. High Tuesday near 50.

Highest Yesterday Temp. 49
Lowest This Morning 24

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 6:21 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:18 a.m.
The Moon rises 2:29 a.m. tomorrow and is high in the constellation Sagittarius.
New Moon March 25
Mars, high in 10:16 p.m.
Venus and Saturn, rise 2:10 a.m. (Venus is the brighter of the two)



CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS — J. Orlich, Costa Rica; Luis Somoza, Nicaragua; Miguel Fuentes, Guatemala; Roberto Chiari, Panama; Kennedy in Jan Jose, Costa Rica today for Ramon Morales, Honduras; and Julio Adalberto Rivera, El Salvador. (UPI)

150,000 Persons Greet President On His Arrival

Rusk, Congressmen Accompany Kennedy

San Jose, Costa Rica — (UPI) President Kennedy landed here through a sprinkle of volcanic ash today, bearing a doctrine of hemispheric cooperation he promised would "force ultimate victory" against poverty and injustice.

A thundering roar of "welcome" arose from an estimated 150,000 Costa Ricans who were jammed 200 deep behind barriers as the President's helicopter arrived in La Sadana airport.

The President had transferred to the helicopter for the flight into town after his jet landed at El Coco airfield, 15 miles away, completing a flight from Palm Beach, Fla.

Smoking Crater

The President's aircraft came in for a landing through a sprinkle of ash coming from the smoking crater of the 11,260-foot volcano, Mt. Irazu.

The President's helicopter was followed by two more carrying other members of his party which included Secretary of State Dean Rusk and ranking members of Congress from both parties who flew here for an historic meeting with six Central American presidents.

Kennedy, hatless and accompanied by the Costa Rican foreign minister, made his way to the reviewing stand where the other Central American presidents were awaiting him.

The throng shouted "welcome" and waved American flags.

Progressive Democracy

The President then launched into a speech in which he hailed Costa Ricans as a "steadfast and courageous people" who have established a "progressive democracy which is a model for the hemisphere."

"In this historic conference," Kennedy said, "we meet as neighbors to find ways of strengthening this union, remembering always that the hope of economic progress can never be allowed to weaken our determination to extend and perfect the political liberty and human rights of our citizens."

The President also called for strengthening of defenses against "foreign imperialism" — a reference that appeared calculated to meet Central America's fears of communist subversion from Fidel Castro's Cuba.

Union Creek Woman Found Dead in Room

Union Creek Spargo, 45, Union Creek resort, died Saturday night from a self-inflicted bullet wound, according to Dr. A. Ervin Merkel, chief medical investigator and Jackson county public health officer.

Mrs. Spargo's body was found about 10 a.m. Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Don Van Currier when they stopped to take the co-owner of the resort to town with them. A rifle was found near the body in the resort building, officials said.

An autopsy will be held soon, it was reported.

Senate Kills Bill To Hike Teachers' Minimum Salaries

Salem — (UPI) — The Senate voted 16-13 today to kill a proposed increase in minimum pay for teachers.

The bill called for increases of from \$3,700 to \$4,000 for teachers with bachelor's degrees and from \$4,000 to \$4,400 for those with master's degrees. Both proposed figures had been cut \$400 by the Senate Education committee.

The minimum pay bill, similar to one the Senate passed in the closing days of the 1961 session, would have affected only 12 teachers.

Sen. Al Flegel (D-Roseburg) strongly urged passage of the increased scales because "it could result in pressure to increase all teachers' salaries in Oregon."

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He said it would indicate to prospective teachers that Oregon was willing to provide adequate pay.

Also speaking for the bill was Sen. Andrew Naterlin (D-Newport). He said his only regret was that the bill had been shelved in committee.

Sen. Ward Cook (D-Portland) and Walter Leth (R-Salem) voiced opposition. Cook said the bill wouldn't accomplish anything and Leth said it would take authority from local school boards.

Strong Pitch for Olympic Games in Portland Is Made

New York — (UPI) — A delegation from Portland, Ore., made a strong pitch for the 1968 Olympic Games today and one member of the U.S. Olympic committee said the Oregonians "have them all up in the air now."

The comment was made by Dr. Merritt H. Stiles of Spokane, the only committee member from the Pacific Northwest, after the Portland presentation.

Paul B. McKee, chairman of the board of Pacific Power and Light and head of the Portland team, said, "We got into this thing late but I think we're going to win."

The Portland presentation was applauded by the 40 members of the committee present at the hearing. Representatives from four other cities — Detroit, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Philadelphia — also sought the committee's backing as the United States candidate for the games.

Olympic committee members said they expected to stay in session today until a decision is reached. They will vote for all five cities in order of preference on a ballot suggested by Moe Tonkon, general counsel of Portland Metropolitan Future Unlimited and a member of his city's delegation.

City Policewoman Submits Resignation

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She is one of two policewomen in the department. Mrs. Arant has been assigned to the communications desk answering all incoming complaints; using the radio for dispatching police officers, and operating the teletype.

She has worked on both the 4 p.m. to midnight and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. shifts.

Mrs. Arant will be employed by the Medford public school system at Jefferson school.

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Last Saturday in a shop in Jacksonville he found it. Some people might lose a hammer on some days and not remember, even when it is a treasured belonging.

But Stevens, well known here as "Steve, the logger boot maker," remembered well. For the day he lost the hammer was the day that Constable George Prescott was shot and killed by L. A. Banks, newspaper publisher.

Stevens had laid the hammer on the running board of his car while working for the late Volney Dixon. He received the shocking news of Prescott's death, jumped in the car to go home and tell his wife (those were depression days and the Stevens' did not have a telephone). The hammer fell off the car en route.

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EAGLE POINT HOME BURNS

This two-story farm house, believed to have been built about 1913, burned to the ground Sunday evening while the occupants, the Shirley O. Robinson family, were visiting relatives in Vernonia, Ore. The fire was spotted at 9:30 p.m. by neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hammond, who called firemen Hammond and two other neighbors saved two TV sets, a gun collection, other furniture and some clothing before the roof of the home collapsed. Firemen could do little more than watch the house burn, officials said. It was burned out in 25 minutes. By 11 p.m., only ashes remained. The house was located northeast of Eagle Point.