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3-Man Civil Defense Agency Staff Voted

Move Represents \$350,000 Cut in Budget Request

Salem Senator Casts Lone 'Nay'

Salem—(UPI)—The full Ways and Means committee voted overwhelmingly today to slash the 20-man state civil defense agency to a three-man staff attached to the governor's office.

It represents a cut of more than \$350,000 from the governor's budget request.

Only committee member to vote against the slash was Sen. Walter Leth (R-Salem). Another committee member, Rep. John Mosser (R-Portland), is ill and was absent.

The budget approved by Ways and Means calls for a general fund appropriation of \$50,034, and \$2,940 of federal funds known to be available.

The revised budget also would limit further federal aid to \$47,094, which would mean if the federal government fully matched Oregon's general fund appropriation, the civil defense agency could receive a total of \$100,064.

Gov. Mark Hatfield had requested \$420,000 — \$195,000 from the general fund and \$225,000 in federal moneys — to finance a 20-man staff.

The Ways and Means committee also voted to submit a companion bill which would make the state fire marshal, directors of the Department of Finance and Administration, Board of Health, Highway Department, State Police and military departments, members of the civil defense advisory committee. Two lay members would be appointed by the governor.

The advisory committee is now made up of five lay members named by the governor.

The committee voted to hold the appropriation bill in committee until the companion measure was drafted, and to send both measures to the House together.

A move to have \$50,000 set aside for civil defense in the Emergency Board was defeated.

Rep. Beulah Hand (D-Milwaukie), chairman of the subcommittee which conducted five hearings on the CD budget, appeared at the ways and means committee meeting dressed in a red, white and blue dress.

Communism Study In Schools Urged

Salem—(UPI)—Youth Gov. Randall C. Guyer of Baker called for study of communism in the schools as the sixteenth YMCA youth legislature convened today.

Some 280 students were on hand for the two-day mock legislative session.

Guyer delivered his message at a joint session following organizational meetings of the youth Senate and House.

"A study on communism in the school of Oregon would not only give an understanding of communism but would make students more aware and appreciative of a free society," he said.

Russian-Built Planes Fire On U. S. Ship

Miami, Fla.—(UPI)—Two Soviet built jet fighters swooped down on an American motor vessel in international waters off Cuba Thursday night, firing at least 30 machine cannon bursts across its bow, the ship captain said today.

The incident was the second in six weeks in which American vessels reported Soviet-

dered the Defense Department "to make sure that action will be taken" if any new attacks occurred.

Olsen said his vessel, bound for Miami with a crew of 24 Americans and a cargo of pineapples, sugar and rum was about 30 miles off the north coast of Cuba and 19 miles north of Cayman Grande Island when the jets appeared.

Four Navy and Marine jet fighters scrambled from Key West, Fla., after Olsen flashed an SOS that his ship was being fired on by "unidentified aircraft." The MIGs had vanished by the time the American planes arrived.

There was speculation that the attack was in retaliation for two recent Cuban exile raids on Soviet freighters in Cuban ports. Officials theorized that the attackers could have hit the Floridian if they had desired.

The State Department said that it nevertheless has demanded a full explanation of the Floridian incident from the Cuban government. This note was sent to Havana today.

Washington—(UPI)—Cuba has informed the United States that two of its MIGs "probably fired in error" near the U.S. merchant ship *Floridian* Thursday night, the State Department said today.

A Cuban message telephoned to the State Department late Thursday by Swiss diplomats declared "there had been no intention on the part of the Cuban government to shoot at the *Floridian*."

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built MIGs descended on them with guns blazing in the water between Florida and Cuba.

Capt. Curtis Olsen, Minneapolis, skipper of the 4,880-ton *Floridian* which plys between Miami and Puerto Rico on weekly trips, told reporters after docking in Miami this morning that the two jets circled his ship for 20 minutes, alternately buzzing and firing machine cannon bursts.

"They were MIGs; no doubt about it," Olsen said.

The Cuban-based MIGs fired rockets in the vicinity of the American shrimp boat *Ala* last Feb. 20 while two crewmen frantically waved a distress flag.

After the Feb. 20 incident, President Kennedy told a news conference he had ordered

Orville Edward Daggett, 43, of route 1, box 24, Jacksonville, was placed on probation yesterday in district court and imposition of sentence was suspended for one year. He was charged with operating a still.

He had pleaded guilty. The still, located in a mine cabin about 10 miles southwest of Jacksonville, was confiscated, and Daggett arrested by state police and an Oregon liquor control enforcement officer Tuesday afternoon.

Attorneys were appointed for the two men arrested earlier this week on charges of burglary not in a dwelling. They were arrested in the old Esquire theater building.

James Wilson was appointed to represent Harold Homer Patterson, 34, of Salem, Sidney Ainsworth was appointed to represent Lewis Elroy Stephens, 53, recently released from the Oregon State penitentiary.

Kennedy, a Jaycee past president, received the group's distinguished service award, presented to him by Chet Ayres.

Both men were honored for their achievements in civic endeavors, principally for work on the Crater High school stadium fund project last summer and fall.

Terry Green, Medford, Jaycees state vice president, was present, serving as toastmaster. In charge of dinner arrangements was Dennis Bateman.

Dr. Arthur Kriesman, general studies director at Southern Oregon college, spoke on "The Role of the Young Man in His Community."

Six-Year-Old EP Girl Killed When Crossing Highway

Starts To Follow Sister To Other Side

Jean B. F. Barton, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Barton, Butte Falls Star Route, box 34, Eagle Point, was killed this morning when she was struck by a car driven by Mrs. Ivanette Germaine Silveira, 39, of route 1, box 446, Eagle Point.

She was reported dead on arrival at Rogue Valley hospital at 8:50 a.m. She was brought to the hospital by Medford ambulance, which picked her up about 8:15 near Eagle Point, where she had been waiting for a school bus.

The accident occurred about 8 o'clock this morning, state police said.

The girl's sister, who also was waiting for the school bus, crossed from the east to the west side of Highway 62 to join other school children at the Eagle Point junction.

Jean started to follow her sister and was hit by the Silveira car, which had managed to miss the older girl as she darted into the highway, police said.

Mrs. Silveira had her four children, ranging in ages from 9 to 14, with her when the accident occurred.

The ambulance was called immediately and brought the girl to Medford. Death apparently resulted from head injuries, hospital attendants stated.

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NEGROES PLAN PUSH—About 400 Negroes turned out at Greenwood, Miss., Thursday night to hear plans for another voter registration push expected later today in the racially-tense town. Among main speakers was James

Farmer of New York, national director of the Congress of Racial Equality, who said "If your parents had been willing to go to jail when were young, we wouldn't have to do it now." (UPI)

4 Persons Killed, 24 Injured As Flames Sweep Hotel in Boston

Two Department Budgets Approved By County Group

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U.S. Seeks Prompt Action To Set Up 'Hot Phone' Link

Geneva—(UPI)—The United States today called for immediate action on setting up a direct "hot telephone" link between Washington and Moscow to reduce the risk of accidental war.

U.S. Ambassador Charles C. Stille urged the Soviet Union to quit stalling at the 17-nation Disarmament Conference and to agree to technical discussions on the proposed direct line.

Soviet delegate Semyon Tsarapkin ignored the invitation and instead attacked the United States for "openly arming counter-revolutionaries who are conducting forays against Cuba."

He charged the West was "sharpening the threat of war daily" by increasing military preparations in Europe.

"The button which can trigger off a nuclear war is the point of attraction to many eager fingers," he said.

He called again for a nonaggression treaty between the Communist Warsaw Pact and NATO.

Tsarapkin made no reference to Stille's "hot line" proposal.

Stelle told the conference it should set up working groups to examine the communications proposal and other projects designed to prevent a nuclear war erupting by accident or miscalculation.

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Blaze Whips Along Corridors Of Three Floors

Boston—(UPI)—Boston's worst hotel fire since 1913 flashed through three upper floors of the Sherry Biltmore before dawn today, spreading death and injury among some 150 guests.

Four persons were killed and 24 injured in the blaze which whirled along carpeted corridors in the fifth, sixth and seventh floors of the eight-story hotel.

Three unidentified persons were killed, one of the dead was identified only as Selma Hyman, who was in room 621. The other two men and a woman, were not immediately identified.

Some guests, trapped in their smoke-filled rooms, were rescued spectacularly over aerial ladders. Firefighters shouted "stay there!" "stay there!" as panicky guests seemed ready to jump from windows.

Among those who fled to safety was the entire 25-member cast of the Broadway roadshow "The Sound of Music" which is playing here. One woman guest fled with her parakeet, and another escaped clutching her income tax returns.

The hotel, at 150 Massachusetts ave., is located only eight blocks from the scene of the Coconut Grove night club fire in which 492 persons perished in 1942.

Five of the 24 injured taken to city hospital were held for treatment.

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Appropriations Committee Trims Forestry Budget

Duncan Says Matter Of Great Concern

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Washington Correspondent

Washington (Special)—The House Appropriations committee Thursday trimmed the proposed forestry budget of the Bureau of Land Management for Oregon's O&C timberlands and suggested Congress review the current formula by which 18 western Oregon counties receive 75 per cent of timber revenue from these federal forests.

This action came as a result of criticism by Rep. Mike Kirwan (D-Ohio), who contended in recent hearings on the interior budget that Oregon counties get too much of this timber revenue and that the formula "should be changed."

Enraged at Morse

Kirwan, chairman of the Interior appropriations subcommittee, has taken aim at a number of Oregon projects requiring federal funds since last summer when he became enraged at Sen. Wayne Morse, who publicly ridiculed his proposal for a national aquarium in Washington, D.C.

Rep. Robert B. Duncan (D-Ore.) said "This is a matter of great concern."

The Appropriations committee can't alter the statutory formula by which the counties get 75 and the U.S. treasury gets 25 per cent of the timber revenue. A change would require enactment of a bill which would be handled by the Interior committee, of which Congressman Duncan is a member and Kirwan is not.

Reduction could mean a loss of millions of dollars annually to the 18 O&C counties. They derived over \$15 million in fiscal 1962.

Timber Roads Financed

For some years the counties have permitted BLM to deduct 25 per cent, or a third of their entitlement, to finance timber access roads.

The appropriations committee Thursday broadened this to provide that "timber sales and related management work" be financed out of this portion.

Having done this, it lopped off \$540,000 from the BLM budget request for forestry management work and directed that if it came out of the counties' money, the committee approved \$8,820,800 for forestry, a \$540,000 cut in the budget but a \$22,500 increase over last year.

The committee said this would impose no hardship on the counties this year because BLM had received an extra \$1,515,000 for O&C access roads with money provided by the accelerated public works act.

Duncan interpreted the effect of the committee's financial action as simply a cutback of about a third of that extra road money. But he said the proposed review of the basic formula is the issue to be concerned about.

Sponsored by McNary

Basic for the 1975 formula is the 1937 O & C act sponsored by the late Sen. Charles McNary. Kirwan has noted the national forest timber provides its local counties with only 25 per cent. The rationale of the special O & C formula was that the lands were once granted to a railroad but later reverted to federal ownership, thus depriving the counties of anticipated tax revenue.

The 18 counties are Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Curry, Klamath, Coos, Douglas, Jackson, Lane, Josephine, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk, Multnomah, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill.

All told the committee reduced BLM's budget request by nearly \$3 million and slashed the forest service budget request by about \$7 million.

Largest Cut

The largest single cut for the forest service was \$2.7 million trimmed from its recreation program, for which \$23.6 million was approved.

The committee approved a \$4.6 million increase for national forest timber resource management over last year, making this amount \$28,338,000 which it said would cover the 1.3 billion board feet increase in the allowable cut of timber, much of it in Oregon, announced last fall.

FUND USE OK'D

Salem—(UPI)—The State Department of Education has authority to use \$41,838 in federal funds to conduct a course in retraining persons unemployed because of automation.

NEWS BRIEFS

McNAMARA UNDISTURBED BY CUBAN ARMS
Washington—(UPI)—Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara said in congressional testimony released today that he was "not disturbed" by the Russian arms remaining in Cuba.

TUCSON EXPLOSION INJURES DOZEN
Tucson, Ariz.—(UPI)—At least a dozen persons were reported injured when an explosion and fire ripped through a cleaning plant here today.

AFL-CIO DROPS BRACERO EFFORTS
Washington—(UPI)—The AFL-CIO told Congress today it was abandoning its efforts to reform the Mexican migrant labor (Bracero) program. Instead, it called for outright repeal.