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Hatfield Opposes School Support on Biennial Basis

Proposal Could Throw Districts Into Turmoil

Governor Speaks At News Conference

Salem — (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield said today that placing basic school support on a biennial appropriation basis "could throw local school districts into complete turmoil." Such a step has been suggested by the Ways and Means committee.

Hatfield told a news conference it was all right for the legislature to change formulas for various school programs. But he warned that school districts "can't wait for each legislature to set the budget."

Said Poor Management

The Legislative Fiscal Office has termed the present continuing open end basic school program "poor fiscal management." The Senate Education committee will hold a hearing Tuesday on the proposal to place the appropriation on a biennial basis, similar to other state programs.

"We must have time for school planning," the governor said. "It is all right for the legislature to change the formula, but not to set the allotment each session."

He said the proposal to take special programs out of the basic school support fund "has some merit," but added, "stability is needed in all programs. There is no guarantee the legislature will appropriate money for the special programs."

Workmen's Bill

Hatfield said he would meet with labor leaders to discuss the senate-approved workmen's compensation bill. He said the increased benefits and universal coverage features of the bill were good, but he hoped the House would improve procedures for handling claims.

He said he favored the provisions allowing private insurance companies to underwrite some employers.

Opposition Reiterated

Of Senate President Ben Mussen's request to double the proposed state civil defense budget to finance a six-man agency, Hatfield said, "I am glad to see there is concern by legislative leaders with civil defense."

He was optimistic the Senate would approve traffic safety bills to "end the slaughter on our highways."

Hatfield reiterated his opposition to bond programs to finance highway construction.

He said the proposed interim study of game management was an argument for his proposed natural resources department.



READY FOR TALKS — Cuban Premier Fidel Castro is armed with a cigar and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev wears some medals as they met at the Kremlin today. They conferred privately for two hours. Details of the conference were not disclosed. (UPI)

Castro, Khrushchev Settle Down to Serious Discussions

Moscow — (UPI) — Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, the cheers of an unprecedented welcome still ringing in his ears, settled down to serious business with Premier Nikita Khrushchev in the Kremlin today.

The official news agency Tass said the two leaders began a conference in Khrushchev's study at 10 a.m.

This meeting and others during Castro's extended stay are expected to deal with a wide range of vital questions, including economic aid for Cuba, Soviet military presence on the Caribbean island

and the problem of armed attacks against Castro's Communist regime.

The tone for Castro's visit was set during Sunday's welcoming ceremonies at Vnukovo airport and in Red Square. Veteran western observers said the red carpet treatment was the best ever accorded a foreigner here.

Neither Castro nor Khrushchev mentioned the United States by name, and they avoided any reference to the removal of Soviet rockets from Cuba.

Castro, wearing his familiar military garb and a fur hat, was cheered by thousands of Russians lining the 12-mile route from the airport to Red Square, where he was given a 24-gun salute. Thousands more cheered as he spoke with Khrushchev from atop Lenin's marble mausoleum.

The Cuban flew in from Murmansk, in the north, where he had arrived unannounced from Cuba Saturday. His intention to visit the Soviet Union at the invitation of Khrushchev was disclosed in Havana last month.

Duration Undetermined

The length of Castro's visit has not been announced, but it was expected to be at least several weeks. One of the highlights will be the May Day celebrations Wednesday.

While outwardly the visit of Cuba's leader seemed all sweetness and light, diplomatic observers detected a lack of spark which characterized his 1960 meetings with Khrushchev in New York.

Some Western observers believe Castro's feelings still are ruffled over the Kremlin's decision to pull Soviet rockets out of Cuba last fall. Removal of the rockets was negotiated over Castro's head by the Soviet Union and the United States.

In their speeches from Lenin's tomb Sunday, Castro and Khrushchev praised Russia and Cuba — but not to each other. They seemed polite and correct in their relations — but not effusive and warm as in 1960.

The relatively short and

moderate speeches stressed the themes of Soviet aid to Cuba, friendship and solidarity in the face of "imperialist" threats to the Cuban revolution.

Castro told the rally that if it were not for Russia's help, "the imperialists would have strangled our tiny country."

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Covered Bridge Is Damaged by Fire

Applegate Valley.—Fast action by three youths and their neighbors saved the McKee covered bridge from burning late last night, after someone deliberately set the historic structure on fire.

John Wingham and Delmer and Danny Hawkins saw the fire around 10:30 p.m. They ran over and started throwing water on it. Neighbors came to their aid and formed a bucket brigade.

The fire was out when seven men and a pumper from the Star Ranger station arrived. The forest service men kept the bridge wetted down to make certain it would not rekindle.

Neil Suttell, district ranger, reported that damage was confined to charring.

Both he and sheriff's deputies confirmed that the fire was deliberately set by someone who spread gasoline up the middle of the deck and also up the sides. The sheriff's office is investigating.

Three Killed in Traffic Accidents

By United Press International

Three persons were killed in traffic accidents in Oregon during the week end. The separate accidents occurred early Sunday.

James Harper, 20, Waldport, lost his life in a two-car collision on U.S. Highway 101 four miles south of Newport.

James Wheeler, 21, Beaverton, and Daniel Belcz, 22, Portland, died in one-car crashes in the Portland area.

The deaths brought Oregon's traffic toll for April to 31, compared to 28 for the same period in 1962. Since Jan. 1, 145 persons have died in Oregon traffic, compared to 121 in a similar period last year.

Business Income Tax Relief Given House Approval

Partial Answer To Business Problem

Salem — (UPI) — Tax relief for businesses with large inventories and small incomes was voted today by the Oregon House.

The bill went to the Senate. It would levy a 1 per cent tax on net business income, which would be collected at the state level and distributed to the local units that now collect the inventory tax.

It would offset inventory and personal property taxes for a reduction of about 25 per cent, or \$7 million a year.

It is a partial answer to the problem of taxes on business inventories and personal property that the legislature has tried unsuccessfully to deal with before.

Rep. Richard Eymann (D-Marcola), chairman of the House Tax committee, said it was fair to relate taxes to business earnings, not to the property or stock a business has on hand at the end of the year.

"A business making the least money has the greatest inventory," he said.

Prevents Shutdowns

Eymann, chairman of the House Tax committee, said the measure would help prevent plant shutdowns toward the end of the year in an effort to reduce taxable inventories.

He said an income tax would mean businesses would pay more in profitable years, less in lean ones.

"This is a partial step, we'll find out how it works," he said.

Opponents objected the bill was badly drafted.

The bill passed 37-21. Most attorneys, who have little inventory or business property, voted against it.

Requests Received For Agate Water

The Rogue River Valley Irrigation district received requests for the proposed Agate water to irrigate over 2,800 presently unirrigated acres, according to Harold Sexton, RRVID manager.

Saturday noon was the deadline for signing up, Sexton said. Allocation under the present project has been set at a 1,800 acre limit. However, considerable acreage now covered by applications will not meet the federal government's land classification standards, he said.

"We will try to screen out as much acreage as we can before the federal government does its screening. These people will be asked to sign formal petitions for inclusion."

Meanwhile, RRVID officials are calling applicants in to have them sign formal petitions. Most of the applications made prior to Saturday were informal, it was explained.

The proposed dam will be on Dry creek south of Antelope rd. The project has been approved, but allocation of construction funds has yet to be made by Congress.

Cuba Sending Arms To Other Countries

Miami, Fla. — (UPI) — An American eyewitness to the Communist build-up in Cuba said in a copyrighted radio report today that high-speed vessels are transporting "tons of arms" and men from Cuban ports to Latin American countries almost daily.

The report, copyrighted by Miami radio station WGES and the Storer Broadcasting Co., also said the Fidel Castro regime has "at least" 1,000 missiles which can reach the U.S. mainland.

The American and his wife said they were residents of Cuba for more than eight years. They recorded their story for the radio station but declined to permit use of their names for fear of reprisals against friends on the island.

Boring, Ore. — (UPI) — Lissa McCullough is not going to be a favorite of the dairy industry. Miss McCullough, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on May 1, said, "I've lived to be pretty old and I don't drink milk."



RETURNED — Harold James Bibeau, 20, (left) who has confessed the Saturday morning murder of Russell Osborn, 51, Ashland, theater manager, was returned to Medford Sunday after he was arrested in Portland late Saturday by Oregon state police. With Bibeau is Jackson County Undersheriff Paul Bettiol, who with Ashland Police Chief Herbert Hays and State Police Sgt. Russell Brendle, went north Sunday to get the youth. Bibeau is charged with first degree murder. (UPI)

H. J. Bibeau Admits Killing Ashland Theater Manager

Harold James Bibeau, 20, who has admitted the killing of Russell Osborn, 51, Ashland, Varsity theater manager, was returned to Medford Sunday afternoon after Circuit Court Judge Edward C. Kelly on a charge of first degree murder.

He is specifically charged with the premeditated shooting and strangling of Osborn, who was found in the living room of his home at 725 Walker ave., Ashland, late Saturday afternoon. Osborn had been shot in the head, according to Jackson county sheriff's deputies, who with the Ashland city police and Oregon state police are investigating the crime.

Osborn's hands were bound to his ankles with cord and a cord was also around his neck, officers said. The body was discovered by his half-brother, Roy Carrier, Yreka, Calif., who, as manager of the Broadway theater in Yreka, was notified when Osborn failed to show up at the Varsity theater Saturday.

Results of an autopsy held Sunday showed that the principal cause of death was strangulation, according to District Attorney Alan B. Holmes.

Missing from the Osborn residence was his 1963 car and some money, officers said. Police throughout the state were alerted to be on the lookout for the missing car, and Oregon state police located it at a motel in Portland late Saturday. Bibeau, who is reported to be in the

U.S. Army stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga., was alone in the motel when arrested.

Bibeau was taken to the Milwaukie state police office and was returned to Medford Sunday by Ashland Police Chief Herbert Hays, Undersheriff Paul Bettiol, and Oregon State Police Sgt. Russell Brendle.

Also returned to Medford were two girls, Ethel Jeanette Simons, 18, of 135 North Holly st., Apt. 5, Medford, who is being held in the Jackson county jail on a check charge, and a 17-year-old Medford girl, who was turned over to local juvenile authorities.

Officers reported that the women traveled to Portland with Bibeau Saturday afternoon. They were arrested at the Portland motel when they returned following Bibeau's arrest. Local authorities believe they are not involved in the murder.

Revolver Found

Also returned to Medford was Osborn's car. Police said that a .38 caliber revolver was found in it.

Bibeau was arraigned at 5:45 p.m. Sunday Stanley C. Jones Jr. and Joel Reeder were appointed his lawyers. The arraignment was continued until today in district court.

Holmes said that the case is expected to be presented to the grand jury Wednesday.

Judge Kelly, the only judge available yesterday explained that the arraignment was held Sunday due to a U.S. Supreme court ruling which requires persons arrested for felonies be immediately brought before a magistrate within the county having jurisdiction over the crime to be told of the crime with which he is charged. Bibeau was lodged in the county jail without bail.

Arizona Escapee Nabbed at Molalla

Molalla — (UPI) — A 21-year-old escapee from a federal correctional institution at Tucson, Ariz., was apprehended at his parents' home here Saturday night by FBI agents.

Frank Everett Williams was serving a sentence for a conviction of interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle. He escaped last Monday.

Deadline Set For Troops To Leave Embassy

Alert Ordered; Leaves Cancelled

By United Press International

Venezuela offered the Dominican Republic armed support today in its apparently imminent showdown with Haiti that threatened to flare into fighting between the two neighboring Caribbean island nations.

The Dominican Republic cancelled troop leaves under a state of alert and threatened to take armed action against Haiti, including dispatch of gunboats to the capital of Port-au-Prince, unless Haitian troops left the Dominican Embassy there by 5 p.m. (PDT).

Embassy Seized

Haitian troops were reported to have seized the Dominican Embassy to capture opposition Haitian officials who had taken refuge there.

In Santo Domingo, a Dominican Foreign office spokesman said Venezuelan President Romulo Betancourt had assured President Juan Bosch by telephone that his country would furnish the Dominican Republic any air and naval support it might need in the showdown.

Warships on Way

Dominican Foreign Minister Andrew Freitas said the Dominican navy already has dispatched warships to waters off Haiti.

"The Dominican Republic will take whatever action is necessary to defend its sovereignty," Freitas said.

The Organization of American States, in emergency moves to head off fighting, invoked the Inter-American Mutual Defense Treaty and voted to dispatch a five-member investigating committee to the Caribbean island. But departure of the mission from Washington was delayed, apparently by a transportation problem.

A State Department spokesman said the United States would provide a plane if asked. There was no immediate request.

The United States was not expected to be a member of the mission because of troubles the country has had with the Haiti regime of Francois Duvalier. It was believed the OAS for the same reason was avoiding use of a U.S. military lane.

Man Critical After Accidental Shooting

An Ashland man was reported in critical condition this morning at Rogue Valley hospital after accidentally shooting himself Sunday.

State police said Richard Brian Renfield, 24, of 155 Ohio st., Ashland, was driving his pickup truck along Valley View rd. when he reached back to set the safety on a .22 caliber rifle behind him. His finger accidentally hit the trigger. The ricocheting bullet hit him in the back.

Renfield, in trying to stop Gerald Houz Wenner, 68, of 107 Alida st., Ashland, was involved in an accident when his truck hit the left rear fender of the Wenner vehicle. As he got out of the truck, Renfield collapsed.

A passerby notified state police and the Medford Ambulance service which took him to the Ashland Community hospital. Renfield was later transferred to the Rogue Valley hospital.

Extension Council Meetings Due Tuesday

Corvallis — (UPI) — About 750 homemakers are expected to attend Oregon Home Economics Extension Council meetings starting at Oregon State University Tuesday.

Extension of Marriage Waiting Period Defeated

Salem — (UPI) — A measure to extend the marriage license waiting period from three to seven days was killed 19-9 today in the Senate.

The Senate also approved revisions of the uniform commercial code which will go into effect Sept. 1, and a measure which allows an employer with a good safety record to pay less for workmen's compensation coverage.

The marriage license waiting period bill had been approved in the House.

Sen. Vernon Cook (D-Gresham) termed the bill "unrealistic and impractical." He said

NEWS BRIEFS

SUSPECT IN POSTMAN'S DEATH RELEASED

Gadsden, Ala. — (UPI) — Authorities today released on \$5,000 bond a grocer charged with murdering a Baltimore postman civil rights crusader who was killed last week on a march through Alabama. Officials released Floyd L. Simpson, 40, the father of six, pending grand jury action.

DISCHARGE OF MARINES INVESTIGATED

Washington — (UPI) — The House Armed Services Committee today began a preliminary inquiry into the discharge of four Marine officers who sought to cover up the slaying of a suspected Castro agent outside Guantanamo Naval Base.

WRECKAGE OF HELICOPTER INVESTIGATED

Ellensburg, Wash. — (UPI) — Military authorities today probed the charred wreckage of an Army helicopter which hit a power line and crashed Sunday, killing three men and injuring two others.

BOMB RAID ON HAVANA BEING PROBED

Washington — (UPI) — The Customs Bureau is investigating reports of a one-plane bombing raid on Havana to determine whether the attack violated the Neutrality of Munitions Control acts, a spokesman said today.