

New Constitution Heads for Vote in Senate

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Salem—(UPI)—A new constitution for Oregon, approved in a dramatic House vote Monday, headed today for the final fence it must clear to reach the people: The Oregon Senate.

Its champion in the upper chamber, Sen. Walter Pearson (D-Portland), said he is "hopeful" of its passage. But Senate President Ben

Musa (D-The Dalles), called it premature and ill-advised and said he will vote against it. Gov. Mark Hatfield said it "could be this session's greatest legacy," and added, "I hope the Senate senses its opportunity."

One Vote To Spare
The document cleared the House with one vote to spare, 41-40, after three hours of debate in a tense atmosphere

of expectancy Monday. It needed a two-thirds majority. It needs yes votes from 20 of the 30 senators to go on to the people next May.

Signs are late in the more conservative Senate will hang by one or two votes.

Sen. Thomas Mahoney (D-Portland) predicted it will get only 16 votes on the Senate floor.

Pearson, chairman of the

Senate Committee on Constitutional Revision, said he hopes the Senate will "let the people decide."

Pearson said he hopes his committee, and the Senate, will accept the house-passed measure as is, to avoid the need to iron out differences later.

No 'Arm Twisting'
Musa has the power to send the document to another committee instead of Pearson's to kill it. But Musa said "all

things being equal" it would go to the Constitutional Revision Committee, which has been working on it all session along with the House committee.

"I'll vote against it and let it go at that," Musa said. "There will be no arm twisting."

The House was attentive, and audiences filling the galleries listened intently, during three hours of debate.

Rep. John Dellenback (R-Medford), chairman of the House Constitutional Revision committee, challenged members to show the "same real vision and courage" to step

into the future as were shown by the drafters of Oregon's present constitution 106 years ago.

Reading from records of 1857, Dellenback said drafters then recognized their constitution would some day be replaced by "a better one."

House Repaired, Patched
Oregon's present constitution is a house in which Oregon has lived for 106 years, which has been repaired and

patched 111 times," he said. "Now let us hold on to the constitution and design that are good, but make the changes that the changing times make necessary."

The new constitution, less than half the length of the present one, sheds the obsolete, transfers many details to the statutes, modernizes language, clears up ambiguities, and "takes care of inadequacies," Dellenback said.

Stocks Narrowly Scrambled; Oils, Rails, Chemicals Dip

New York—(UPI)—Stocks were narrowly scrambled today.

International oils, many selling ex-dividend, were down fractionally along with most rails and chemicals. Utilities remained in the doldrums and tobaccos leveled out.

Auto shares made fractional progress except for Ford. General Motors featured with a gain of 3/4 to an all-time high of 70 following declaration of a favorable \$1 dividend payment after Monday's close.

Steels continued narrow and cautious in the wake of the first drop in output in more than three months last week.

DOW JONES AVERAGES
New York—(UPI)—Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 713.77, off 4.31; 20 railroads 162.52, off 1.81; 15 utilities 139.25, off 0.36, and 65 stocks 252.86, off 1.61. Sales Monday were about 4.09 million shares compared with 4.76 million shares Friday.

Monday's prices on selected stocks:
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Ford 70 1/2
General Electric 79 1/2
General Foods 69 1/2
General Motors 70 1/2
Georgia Pacific 51 1/2
Greenough 42 1/2
Gulf Oil 44 1/2
Hormel 40 1/2
Idaho Power 35 1/2

Norwegians Start Journey in Kayak
Portland—(UPI)—Two young Norwegians launched their kayak in the wind-swept Columbia and started an eight-month cross-country trip that is scheduled to end eventually in New Orleans.

Bjorn Braaten, 22, and Kare Andersen, 23, both of Oslo, expect to paddle up the Columbia to Pasco, Wash., some 250 miles to the east. From there the kayak will be transported overland to Great Falls, Mont., for the second part of the journey down the Missouri and Mississippi rivers.

Braaten and Andersen arrived in the United States March 9.

Their specially-built kayak underwent tests on the Willamette river here for more than a week before the pair set out. They expect to reach Pasco in about a month.

Foreign Briefs

ANOTHER CONQUEST OF EVEREST STARTED
Kathmandu, Nepal—(UPI)—Two Americans and 12 Nepalese Sherpa guides today attempted another conquest of Mt. Everest, the world's highest peak.

The team set out from an advance base camp Monday, refreshed by several days of rest following participation in the first successful American summit assault May 1.

The names of the two expedition members who conquered Mt. Everest May 1 have not been disclosed. One was an American and the other a Sherpa.

JORDAN SAID HEADED FOR UAR
Cairo—(UPI)—Capt. Akram Zaki, Jordanian military attache in London who sought political asylum here, said Monday other officers in the Jordanian army planned to lead the nation into the new United Arab Republic of Syria, Iraq and Egypt.

Zaki, who flew here from London, said, "There are Nationalist officers in Jordan's army planning to rid Jordan of the black rule and enable it to join the U.A.R."

Ted Weems, Famed Band Leader, Dies

Tulsa, Okla.—(UPI)—Band leader Ted Weems, who became famous during the 1930s and 40s with such hits as "Heartaches" and "The Martins and the Coys," died Monday night in a Tulsa hospital of a lung ailment.

The 62-year-old orchestra leader, who helped such vocalists as Perry Como along the road to stardom, had been hospitalized here for more than seven weeks with emphysema, a lung-destroying disease.

Weems' wife, who came here to be with her husband after he was stricken March 14 while attempting a comeback from a previous attack, was notified at her hotel.

Weems and his son, Ted Jr., in recent years operated a booking agency in Dallas, where he maintained a home.



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