

# Higher Education Budget Nearly Ready for House Action

## Everest Conquerors Brought Down by Helicopter for Frostbite Treatment

Katmandu, Nepal—(UPI)—Two American mountaineers were brought down off Mt. Everest by helicopter today for emergency treatment of frostbitten toes.

They told of breathtaking brushes with death in their conquest of the world's highest mountain.

William Unsoeld, 36, of Corvallis, Ore., and Barry C. Bishop, 30, of Washington, D.C., were set down gently on a pad near the hospital and were welcomed by their anxious wives.

The two men, wearing heavy beards, were in high spirits and smilingly rejected stretchers. They limped into the hospital, aided by their wives.

**Condition Not Serious**  
They said a third member of the Summit conquest squad—Luther G. Jerstad, 26, of Eugene, Ore., also suffered frostbite but that his condition was not serious.

"He'll be all right," Bishop said.

The two men told of spending the night in the snow 28,000 feet up in the mountain without tents just after they had conquered the mountain last Wednesday.

It was 18 degrees below zero and a member of the support team at a lower camp was so sure they had met disaster he started out to look for their bodies.

Nepalese Sherpa guides carried Unsoeld, Bishop and Jerstad down the mountain piggyback. "We were beginning to get saddle sores," Unsoeld joked. A helicopter picked them up this morning 13,000 feet up the mountain.

**Only One Helicopter**

The red and white helicopter, the only one in Nepal, was operated by a Norwegian pilot, Knut A. Solbakken.

A team of doctors was standing by and started immediately examination of the two men as soon as they got into the hospital and were

stripped of their heavy mountain climbing clothes.

Bishop and Jerstad scaled Mt. Everest by the relatively familiar South Col route last Wednesday, following the footsteps of James W. Whitaker, 32, of Redmond, Wash., who on May 1 became the first American to conquer the peak.

Unsoeld and Dr. Thomas R. Hornbein, 32, of San Diego, Calif., reached the summit three hours later by the previously unexplored west ridge. It was the first time one nation had placed two teams on the summit in a single day.

Unsoeld said Bishop and Jerstad risked their lives by waiting for him and Hornbein. They retreated two hours down the mountain and stopped in the snow as dark fell.

**Sought Next Camp**

Unsoeld and Hornbein, having reached the summit, started down in total darkness searching for Camp Six, the highest support camp on the South Col route, at the 27,450 foot level.

"We were yelling for Dingman who was in support at Camp Six," Unsoeld said, referring to Dr. David L. Dingman, 26, a physician from Baltimore, Md.

He said they finally heard the voices and called for a light but there was none. The voices were those of Jerstad and Bishop and they had no flashlight.

The four of them started down for Camp Six together but soon decided they could not make it. They were exhausted from their struggles to reach the peak and their climb back down.

## Document Last Big One Still In Committee

Salem—(UPI)—A \$77.3 million higher education budget, with \$4.3 million taken out mostly in money for new teachers, was nearly ready to go to the House floor today.

The budget was on the Ways and Means Committee agenda for final action, but the decision was postponed when the committee recessed so members could attend another meeting.

The higher education budget was the last big one still in the committee. It has been the most-studied, and most-talked-about, of the session.

The \$77.3 million represents general fund, or taxpayers' money that will be used to operate the state's colleges and universities in the 1963-65 biennium. Gov. Mark Hatfield had asked \$81.6 million. Total \$134.1 million.

It fits into an overall higher education operating budget of \$134.1 million, with most of the rest coming from the tuition fees paid by students and from federal grants. The governor had proposed \$138.7 million.

The \$77.3 million was based on the assumption that Ways and Means would agree to move tuberculosis patients from the system's University hospital at Portland to the State TB hospital at Salem, saving some \$800,000.

The cuts in the higher education budget made by the Ways and Means Education subcommittee reflect two major decisions:

(1) The group decided that there should be fewer new teachers. Instead of allowing for one teacher per 16.1 students, it decided one teacher per 17 students would be enough.

(2) It decided there should be fewer new students, and these should pay more, particularly the students from other states. Under pressure from the legislative committee, the Board of Higher Education raised fees. Because of anticipated fewer students, however, the net fee income is expected to be about \$20.9 million instead of \$21.1. The group increased scholarships to help the students hardest hit by the fee increase. And, it made a further reduction in new teachers in anticipation of a slowdown in the enrollment increase.

**Breakdown Given**

The budget breaks down this way:  
—\$9.6 million for operation of the institutions, including teachers, and including educational television and general extension.

—\$5.9 million for the Medical School teaching hospitals and clinics.

—1.5 million for the crippled children's division.

—\$10 million for agricultural and forest research.

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## Barton, Musa Differ on Tentative Tax Agreement

Salem—(UPI)—House Speaker Clarence Barton today termed the tentative agreement by tax conferees "a reasonable compromise," but Senate President Ben Musa asked "I wonder if it can get enough votes to pass the Senate."

The comments came before F. F. Montgomery (R-Eugene), House minority leader, announced whether he would sign the compromise reached Saturday afternoon by the Senate-House tax conference committee.

Musa warned the proposed compromise faced a possible referral because of the elimination of federal income tax deductions, and because of the net receipts tax feature.

He added he felt the proposed 4-cent a pack cigarette tax also would be referred. Musa said he did not think the \$3 million kickback to cities would stop referral.

The Senate president said he would support a 3-cent a pack cigarette tax, and that he did not feel that would be referred.

Musa, obviously not pleased by the compromise plan, said he had not polled senators on how they would receive it.

He said he had suggested an alternate compromise "in case of a donnybrook."

The alternate would include a 16 per cent "temporary educational tax" on top of the present rate schedule, a \$5-10 minimum filing fee, a 1 per cent increase in corporate excise taxes for the next two years, and possible use of the one-shot withholding tax speedup to raise the \$60 million needed to finance a \$405 million general fund budget.

Musa said an extra \$35 million was needed to finance expanded educational programs, and that this could be raised by the "temporary education tax" patterned after the "temporary defense tax" used by the federal government at the start of World War II.

Barton termed the proposed conference compromise "a reasonable way to raise \$50 million."

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## Foreign Briefs

**FRENCH COUPLE MARRIED IN PRISON**

Nancy, France—(UPI)—Former Capt. Jean Ferrandi and Michelle Perrin were married Sunday in a prison near here where Ferrandi is serving out a sentence for treason.

He was convicted of having worked as an aide to former Gen. Raoul Salan, one-time head of the outlawed Secret Army Organization.

**SOVIET PRESIDENT TO VISIT IRAN**

Tehran, Iran—(UPI)—The Iranian government announced Sunday that Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev will visit here beginning Nov. 16.

**THAILAND ROYALTY VISITING IN JAPAN**

Tokyo—(UPI)—King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Queen Sirikit of Thailand arrived by air in Japan today for a 10-day state visit.

**HUGE THROUGH WELCOMES FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS**

Manchester, England—(UPI)—More than 300,000 persons turned out Sunday night to welcome home the Manchester United football team which won the Football Association cup. Police said scores fainted in the crush and about 400 persons were treated for injuries.

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