

# Theft Of Petitions Recalls Era Of Oregon Campus War

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Washington (Special) — The audacious theft of petitions to put a gambling measure on the Washington state ballot next year is reminiscent of the time someone swiped the petitions in Oregon's monumental war of the campuses 30 years ago.

It occurred in a high spirited moment when the University of Oregon and Oregon State were engaged in what some believed was a life and death struggle for academic supremacy.

The full story of this conflict was told with relish by the late William M. Tugman, long-time crusading editor of

the Eugene Register-Guard, and an acknowledged partisan on behalf of the University in the campus struggles. Before his death two years ago, Tugman set down his vivid recollection of the political in-fighting, intrigue, even blackmail, that made this affair so underscored with passionate action.

Part of the story is recounted in "The Tiger in the Senate," the biography of Sen. Wayne Morse, written by this correspondent, because Morse was a chief participant in the battle. He was then dean of the law school at the University.

As Tugman recalled it, the trouble began because for about 25 years Oregon State

had benefited from forceful leadership under its president, William Jasper Kerr, while the University languished under less dynamic presidents. But in 1926 the University got a vigorous new president, Arnold Bennett Hall, and the Eugene campus set out to redress the balance of power Kerr had gained in academic superiority at Corvallis. To this rivalry Kerr responded with a grand design for consolidating the two institutions at Corvallis.

**Businessmen Aroused**

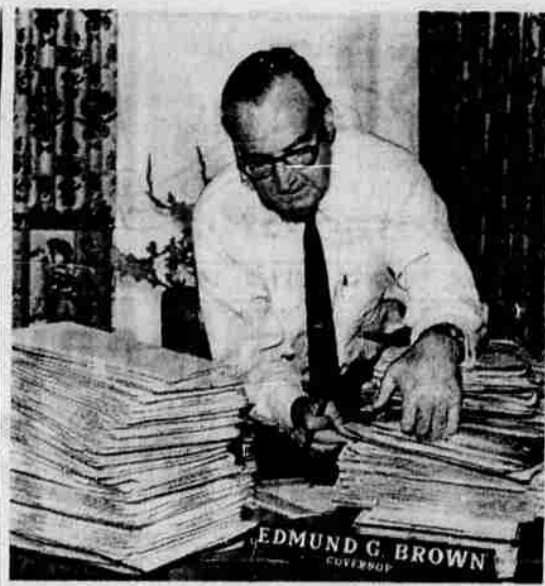
This prospect greatly aroused the business community, as well as the academic community, at Eugene, where the loss of the University would have been a great economic blow to the town. Leading citizens in Corvallis supported Kerr's consolidation scheme.

When a delegation from Corvallis was dispatched to Eugene to discuss the matter, the Eugene citizens were affronted by what they regarded as an ultimatum from their rivals. Tugman said his group told them where they could go.

Instead, the Corvallis group decided to go to the people. They launched a petition drive to put a proposition on the 1932 election ballot by which a majority of the voters could direct the consolidation of the two campuses at Corvallis.

Some high-spirited Eugene zealots then pilfered the Corvallis petitions in an attempt to sabotage the drive. But the Oregon State partisans were not to be disheartened by this foul blow. They hustled out and collected a new batch of signatures and then dramatized their assaulted virtue by delivering the new petitions to the state capitol in an armored car.

Whether anyone ever put the finger on the petition thieves is a detail overlooked in this account. In any event, the proposition went on the ballot. But eight weeks before the election, both Kerr and Hall tendered their resignations to the State Board of Higher Education. The Board accepted them, and promptly named Kerr to a newly created post, Chancellor of Higher Education, with authority over both campuses.



**BUSY GOVERNOR** — California Gov. Edmund G. Brown is a busy man at present going over hundreds of bills passed by the state legislature. Every once in a while he has to stop and refer to various bills, grabbing from the middle of the pile while keeping the rest in order, as seen in the above photo taken Friday. State senate and assembly chambers are vacant at present, awaiting return of lawmakers for a special session called by Brown starting Monday. (UPI)

# Duncan, Senators Visit Site Of Dunes Seashore

Portland (UPI) — Five members of the Senate Public Lands Subcommittee and Rep. Robert Duncan (D-Ore.) visited the site of the proposed Oregon Dunes National Seashore Saturday.

Chairman Alan Bible (D-Nev.) led the group. He said the trip was for field inspection and no hearings would be held at this time.

Accompanying Bible were Sens. Ernest Gruening (D-Alaska), Quentin Burdick (D-N. D.), Len Jordan (R-Idaho)

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# Unemployment Benefits Denied To Mill Workers

Sacramento, Calif. (UPI) — The state department of employment has denied unemployment benefits to 2,100 northern California lumber and sawmill workers on the basis they are involved in a valid labor dispute.

The department ruled Friday that the dispute between the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union and the International Woodworkers against the "big six" lumber firms was valid according to a precedent set in 1949 by the State Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court decision held that under certain conditions a strike against one or more members of a group of employers who are negotiating together is a strike against all members of the group.

The department added that the unemployment insurance code prevents payment to workers who have left their jobs because of a labor dispute.

The unions struck June 4 against U. S. Plywood at Anderson, Calif., and St. Regis Paper Co. of Oregon. The other employers shut down.

The unions had contended that because the employers voluntarily closed their plants, workers should receive unemployment benefits.

# Josephine Jury Favors PP&L In Case

Grants Pass — A Josephine county circuit court jury returned a verdict 9 to 3 Friday in favor of Pacific Power and Light company which was being sued by the state forestry department as a result of a forest fire July 31, 1959.

California Oregon Power company, now a division of PP & L, was accused of being negligent in allowing a fire to start by contact of a power line with a tree and failure to fight it promptly after it started.

The forestry department was suing the power company for \$7,722 alleged as the cost of fighting the fire in the Wilcoxville area which burned 632 acres.

The jury reached its verdict after three hours' deliberation.

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# White City Sanitary Budget Passes, 17-2

The proposed 1963-64 budget of \$7,425 for the White City Sanitary district was approved by voters in Friday's election.

There were 19 votes cast, 17 for the budget and two against the expenditure.

A public hearing was held after election results were reported to give people an opportunity to ask questions and make verbal protests if they desired. There was no opposition voiced.

District directors explained that the proposed lagoon disposal system cannot be built for at least six months because of a delay in acquisition of the necessary land.

The land acquisition involves a trade of properties with the state game commission, for which congressional authorization is required.

# Russian Troops On Increase In Cuba, Says Missionary

Kansas City, Mo. (UPI) — Russian tanks rove the streets of Cuban cities — despite the Kennedy administration's insistence that Russians are leaving — an American missionary said here Saturday.

Lucille Kerrigan, recently deported from Cuba, said U.S. government assurances bring only laughs to Cubans who hear them broadcast on Miami radio stations.

She said tanks and troops were in streets of even the smaller towns, such as Pinar del Rio where she lived while she worked as a missionary there.

She said part of the reason was to allow the Cubans to work cropland.

She said many of the farmers have gone on a form of "sit-down" strike against the Fidel Castro regime to avoid supporting it.

Miss Kerrigan said military posts that once were armed by Cubans are gradually being taken over by Russian troops.

# Musa Receives Note From Vatican

The Dalles (UPI) — Senate President Ben Musa (D-The Dalles), has received a message from the Vatican which expresses the gratitude of Pope Paul VI for a resolution passed by the 1963 Legislature on the illness of the late Pope John XXIII.

Sen. Musa said a cablegram he received from the Vatican over the name of Cardinal Cicognana, reads:

"Sovereign Pontiff bids me express 52nd Legislative Assembly, State of Oregon, heartfelt gratitude, resolution sympathy, concern occasion illness late Pope John XXIII."

Musa said the resolution about Pope John was adopted late in the session which ended last month.

# Maryland Boy Survives Bad Fall

Shady Cove — A seven-year-old boy from Tacoma Park, Maryland, who tumbled end over end down a 150 foot embankment, landing on rocks below, survived with only fractures and bruises, according to reports Saturday from Shady Cove.

The accident occurred at the Rogue River bridge south of Prospect Friday when Wayne Wuerstling darted over the cliff in pursuit of a ball.

The boy was rescued 20 feet from the Rogue's turbulent water by his father, Oscar Wuerstling. He was taken to the Shady Cove clinic for examination and Dr. Howard Ferguson, fearing that he had skull injuries, brought him to Rogue Valley hospital in Medford. He was treated and released.

The family is remaining a few days in a trailer court at Shady Cove, Dr. Ferguson said, to make a further check of the child's condition before continuing on a tour. The boy suffered a fracture of an elbow, bruises, lacerations, and a slight concussion.

"His guardian angel must have been protecting him," Dr. Ferguson said. "His survival after a fall down that cliff onto the rocks is truly miraculous."

# Church Group Take Ecumenical Step

Denver (UPI) — The Fourth General Synod of the United Church of Christ took an ecumenical step Saturday toward possible merger of six major protestant denominations.

The action was taken in the form of a resolution passed by the general Synod authorizing the United Church of Christ delegation to the Consultation of Church Union "to enter into the development of a plan of union . . ."

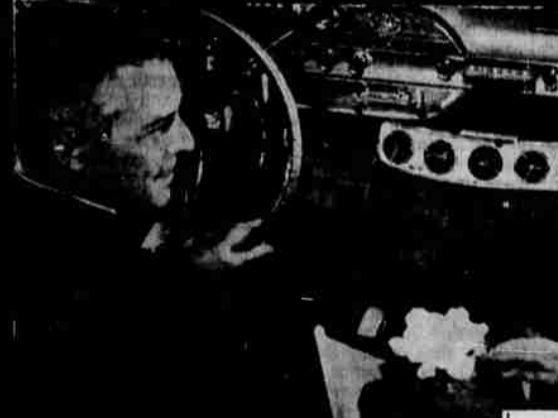
# Need For Accepting Drastic Changes Cited

Mexico City (UPI) — A Princeton university report released here Saturday said the United States government must accept the "necessity for drastic — and sometimes violent — revolutionary change in Latin America" in order to save the Alliance for Progress.

The report, listed as "policy memorandum No. 27" is entitled "Land Reform and the Alliance for Progress" and was written by Dr. Edmundo Flores, an internationally known Mexican agricultural economist.

# Plans Visit

Copenhagen (UPI) — French Premier Georges Pompidou will visit Denmark for a non-official stay in September, the foreign ministry announced Saturday.



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