



NEW OFFICERS—Officers of the Oregon Association of Journalism Advisers for 1963-64 were elected recently at the annual business session of OAJA, held in conjunction with the 1963 Oregon High School Press Conference. The meetings were held at the University of Oregon. More than 1,100 participants registered for the meetings. The new officers, from right, are Mrs. Genevieve Herrington of Central High school, Monmouth-Independence, president; Riley Winchell, Medford High school, vice president; and Mrs. Doris Hampton, Sherman High school, Moro, secretary-treasurer.

# Capitol Memo

By Zan Stark



## Rogue River Board Budget Cut \$68

SALEM (UPI) — Wholesale slaughtering of state agencies was not ordered in the wake of the public's rejection of the tax increase measure.

Threats of across the board cuts made before the election did not materialize.

The cuts were selective. In many cases they were far less severe than had been expected.

For example, last month the State Library Board in a fit of panic slashed its budget by \$122,000. The cutback ordered by Gov. Mark Hatfield amounted to only \$68,350.

Two general fund appropriations, for orphans, foundlings and wayward girls, and for the Patton Home for the Friendless, were untouched by the economy axe.

The Rogue River Coordination Board had the distinction of having the smallest dollar amount cut — \$98. But that was out of a \$750 budget, so it was a 9 per cent slash.

While operating fund reductions may have been less than expected, the cuts in construction programs were brutal. The entire \$1.3 million Community College construction allotment was wiped out.

With two exceptions, all other construction projects not already under way were eliminated. This includes the \$2 million science building at Portland State College which was approved by the 1961 legislature, bringing the total construction cutbacks to about \$12 million.

The two exceptions are a new cellblock at Oregon Correctional Institution, and two cottages at MacLaren school for boys. These projects total about \$800,000.

Also wiped out was \$3.2 million for state employees' salary hikes, and \$1.5 million for higher education pay increases.

The raises already have been granted, however, and the Civil Service Commission says they cannot be withdrawn. This means there will have to be additional layoffs.

The legislature, meeting Nov. 11, still holds the key to the governor's austerity program. The program is based on two assumptions:

(1)—That the legislature will authorize a \$10.8 million cutback in the \$135 million basic school fund—an 8.1 per cent reduction, and

(2)—that the legislature will re-pass the one-shot speedup in withholding tax collections to add \$12 million to the state's income this biennium.

Anticipating cooperation, Hatfield went easy on cuts ordered in operating funds.

There were no 25 per cent slashes.

Higher education was cut 7.6 per cent (\$6.2 million from an \$80 million budget); public welfare 7.1 per cent (\$2.9 million from \$41.9 million); state institutions 7 per cent (\$3.5 million from \$49.9 million); and the department of education 11.6 per cent (\$1.5 million from \$13 million).

Agriculture was cut 8.9 per cent, the governor's budget 8.3 per cent, Finance and Administration 7.2 per cent, and the tax commission 7 per cent.

But when the dust settles after the special session, Hatfield may find lawmakers have junked his one-shot request, and instead have doubled the basic school cutbacks.

Whatever the cuts are in basic school, they will eventually be reflected in higher local property taxes.

Crowded state institutions and colleges will be a little more crowded.

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HEAR DRUG BERATED—Drs. Stephen Durovic, left, and Andrew C. Ivy, discoverers of the controversial anti-cancer drug, Krebiozen, sit at a press briefing in Washington and hear officials of the Health, Education and Welfare Department declared the drug to be ineffective as an anti-cancer weapon. A National Cancer Institute report recommended that no clinical trial be undertaken. (UPI)

## Nimitz To Remain In Hospital Longer

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz will remain hospitalized for perhaps another two weeks for treatment of an injured knee, a Navy spokesman said Thursday.

Nimitz, 78, has been at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland, Calif., since Oct. 10, when he tripped at a federal office building in San Francisco and injured his right knee.

His progress has been highly satisfactory, the spokesman said.

Nimitz was scheduled to appear Saturday as principal speaker at a military ceremony in connection with San Francisco's "Festival of France," but the spokesman said the speech was cancelled.

## Charter Election Due at McMinnville

McMINNVILLE (UPI) — The City Council here is expected to call for an election on a new city charter at its next regular meeting.

The new charter would provide for a city-manager type of government to supersede the present mayor-city council form. A council committee has been working about three years on the new charter.

## Change in Method of Writing Political Platforms Proposed

By LYLE C. WILSON

United Press International

The moment of truth came for the Kennedy administration when Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy appeared on Capitol Hill to plead for a softening of proposed civil rights legislation.

Republicans and Democrats alike have been for years playing politics with civil rights. The prize has been the numerous Negro vote concentrated in the cities of our industrial states. Without that vote in 1960 John F. Kennedy certainly would not have been elected president of the United States.

The acknowledged importance of the Negro bloc vote in the great cities has persuaded the major political parties to make impossible promises in their presidential platform statements of policy.

These promises are not limited to Negroes and to civil rights but extend to all areas of interest. It has come to be that the Republican and Democratic presidential platforms are commonly drafted on a something-for-everyone basis to the disadvantage of the generality of voters.

Promises impossible

Some of these promises are impossible of fulfillment. The difference between promise and performance in American politics is so great as to invite speculation as to what would happen if the voters became aware of the hypocrisy being practiced upon them and moved to punish the practitioners.

There would be some openings in the top leadership of both political parties if that happy solution were added to the problem posed by this widespread political dishonesty. The morality of American politics is about what used to be the morality of American finance in Wall Street and among the big banks. That was before Judge Ferdinand Pecora and a U.S. Senate committee in the early 1930s focused public attention on the termite in the financial structure.

Out of that investigation came a truth-in-securities act which requires that promises made in furthering the sale of securities be matched thereafter by performance. If the seller makes a dishonest promise, the chances are pretty good that he will go to jail.

Reform Convention Systems

Perhaps we need a truth-in-politics act. A better way, however, would be to reform our political convention system. The conventions now name presidential tickets and write platforms. In the furious com-

petition for delegate votes and the Presidential nomination, candidates are inclined to endorse any kind of phony platform promise, however impossible of fulfillment.

Candidates before and after the nomination endorse whole platforms without really knowing what is in them. This appears to have happened in 1960. The gullible voters accept the

promises as legitimate and thus presidents are elected. None of the test Bobby Kennedy applied this week to pending civil rights legislation was applied in 1960 to the civil rights section of the Democratic platform. Small wonder that Negroes expect more in the civil rights bill than they are likely to get.

The needed reform would be this:

Let the conventions nominate tickets and adjourn. Thereafter, let the party nominees and a small committee of their choice draft the party platform. The personal responsibility of the nominees for the platform promises would be complete and, we could hope, binding.

## Westinghouse Job Stoppages Feared

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — More work stoppages were feared today over stalemated contract talks between the Westinghouse Electric Corporation and two unions.

The International Union of Electrical Workers (IUE) said it will make a statement today concerning the negotiations. Two locals of the 36,000-member union, in Muncie, Ind., and Columbus, Ohio, already have staged wildcat strikes in protest over day-to-day bargaining with the firm. The IUE passed up a strike option midnight, Oct. 14 to continue talks.

Meanwhile, the United Electrical Workers (UE), representing 6,000 workers at Westinghouse, announced its 5,000-member Philadelphia local voted 6-1 Thursday to strike unless the UE also extended negotiations instead of striking at midnight last Monday.

## Multnomah Starts Welfare Work Plan

PORTLAND (UPI) — William Moomau was elected on the second ballot Thursday night as chairman of the Multnomah County Republican Central Committee. He succeeds Robert Elliott, who resigned because of business obligations.

Moomau defeated Lyle Dean 134 to 121 in the final ballot. He said he had been a strong supporter for Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona for President but that he would support any nominee of the party.

## Green Peter Project Resumed; Picket Gone

FOSTER (UPI) — Work on the Green Peter dam project eight miles up the Middle Santiam River was resumed Thursday after a picket placed earlier in the week was removed.

## Multnomah GOP Selects Chairman

PORTLAND (UPI) — Multnomah County welfare recipients will be put to work by the parks department and other county agencies, the county commission decided Thursday.

Commission Chairman Mel Gordon said the program will start with 30 men, who will work not more than 32 hours a week. The limit, set by state and federal requirements, gives workers time to look for other jobs.

Gordon said the program will be similar to those now in effect in Klamath and Polk counties, but will be tailored more to urban needs. If men assigned to jobs don't show up for work, their checks will stop, Gordon said.

## Legislative Pay Reduction Eyed

SALEM (UPI) — Rep. Winton Hunt, R-Woodburn, has asked the Legislative Counsel to draft a bill to cut legislators' salaries.

He is seeking to have the present \$250 a month salary cut to \$125 a month, and the \$20 daily expense money restricted to the first 120 days of a regular session only.

Hunt said he believed lawmakers should share in cuts being made in state government operations as the result of Tuesday's rejection of the tax increase measure.

## DENIES INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Justice Department denied Thursday that it was investigating Victor Lasky, author of a best-selling book critical of President Kennedy.



TRAIN TOOK HIGH ROAD—A train took the high road when it should have taken the low road when it was routed by mistake over the regular track when it should have been sent over a lower track near Covington, Ky. Damaged or ruined were 23 new Chryslers, two sports cars and four new Dodge trucks. The photo shows three of the cars. (UPI)

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