



Capitol Memo

By Zan Stark



Doors Closing to Newsmen in Salem

SALEM (UPI) — Newsmen learned long ago they could never "win freedom of the press."

It's a continuing battle. The battle warmed a bit in the State Capitol in recent weeks.

Public officials publicly agree that the press should go unfettered. But occasionally, when things aren't going well, many of these same officials have reservations about how "free" a "free press" should be.

Earlier this month Gov. Mark Hatfield told the Oregon High School press conference: "The public is no better informed than the press which informs it. Government has no effective way to 'go to the people' than through the press. Its check and balance, its role in a kind of advise and consent relationship, cannot be over-emphasized."

The governor also told the budding journalists that "No reporter worth his salt will let matters stand on what he is given. To dig, to go behind the official version of the story, to question, to verify, to check fact against fact, this is the good reporter's assignment."

In other words, people look to newsmen to keep them informed about what their government really is doing.

A significant move to bring government closer to the people was made early this year when House Speaker Clarence Barton and Senate President Ben Musa adopted the policy of meeting every morning with newsmen.

Through these meetings the public had the daily pulse of the legislature, in addition to the views expressed by the governor at his regular press conferences.

Nobody knew, when this additional gate to information was

opened, that the session would be the longest in the state's history...that the governor and legislators could engage in verbal warfare...that neither the Democrats nor Republicans could control their own ranks.

As the session wore on, exhausted legislators began looking for a scapegoat. Many began charging newsmen with "distorting" the true workings of the peoples' government.

United Press International revealed that the Senate had drafted its tax bill in secret meetings. The revelation opened the closed-door meetings.

But when voters recently overthrew the legislature's tax increase package, and lawmakers were faced with having to come back to Salem to pick up the pieces, the doors of free access to news began closing.

The governor and legislative majority and minority leaders left newsmen cooling their heels when they met privately to agree upon calling a special session.

One-third of the Senate's membership spent almost two hours in a closed-door meeting to plan strategy for the session.

Both the House Republican minority and the Democratic majority held unannounced caucuses.

Plans to curtail freedom of newsmen while the House and Senate were in special session have been rumored in recent days.

Newsmen are quick to spot efforts to regulate the public's right to know. They realize public officials don't always meet in public. But they're always suspicious, because a newsman who has been kept out has no way of knowing whether private business, or public policy was determined behind those closed doors.

Leaders of Bosh Party Said Ready To Accept Junta

SANTO DOMINGO—(UPI)—Some leaders of ousted ex-president Juan Bosch's PRD party appeared ready Wednesday to accept the fact of his overthrow and cooperate with the civilian junta government which replaced him.

A group of PRD leaders including Buenaventura Sanchez Feliz, who was Bosch's education secretary, decided at a meeting here Tuesday to "smooth over differences and adopt a patriotic, serious and realistic policy."

Some representatives of "provisional president" Juan Cas-

novas Garrido were present at the meeting, but his claim to the presidency was not taken very seriously.

"His election by a rump session of the congress dissolved when Bosch was overthrown last month... was constitutional, but it will have no effect while he remains in hiding," Sanchez said.

The former education secretary said the PRD should seek to regain its legal status as a political party, enabling it to negotiate with the junta for the restoration of constitutional government in the Dominican Republic.

"This is the only way to achieve a constitutional solution with which all Dominicans can agree," he said.

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This Week's Plan for Home Builders

By HIAWATHA ESTES

Three bedrooms, two baths, a large living room and a combination kitchen-family room are hard to find in a home this small. This is especially exceptional when one notes that this is also a center-hall plan.

By careful arrangement of kitchen cabinets, there is access to both the garage and the rear yard and yet there are no cabinet corners which are so inefficient and hard to properly utilize. The distinctive and generous sized eating bar, a roomy pantry and the latest built-ins are the outstanding features of

this all-purpose kitchen-family room.

The spacious living room with its wide fireplace and sliding glass doors opening to the patio and rear yard is really a housewife's dream.

There are wardrobes in each of the bedrooms, and the master bedroom has an extra storage closet with drawers below and shelves above.

The garage door is offset to provide space in this oversized garage — 21'-6" x 22', outside dimensions — for the furnace, water heater and laundry facilities. This arrangement removes all these noise making appliances from the house. It also eliminates worry from the homeowner's mind of damage which might be caused by a leaky water heater or washer.

The striking contemporary exterior design is enhanced by the stone veneer and planter together with wide glass panels at the front wall of the garage. Board-on-board siding on the front wall of the bedroom continues as a screen in front of the bath.

For an entirely different design, consider rotating the home 90 degrees clockwise and switching the location of the fireplace and sliding glass doors.

Complete working drawings for this plan can be purchased at a cost of \$7.50 for the first set and \$5 for each additional set when ordered at the same time. This plan will be available at these prices until Feb. 29. Please allow two to three weeks for delivery. The following home plan books are also available: *Halfway Homes*, \$1; *Homes by Hiawatha*, \$1; *Town and Country Homes*, \$1; *Homes for Living*, \$1; *Distinctive Homes*, \$1; *Ranch and Modern Homes*, \$2. All books are \$7 value, only \$5. Send all orders for either plans or books to: Hiawatha Estes, P.O. Box 404-T, Northridge, Calif.



GRANTED DIVORCE — Actress Jill St. John, 23, appears in court in Los Angeles, Calif., Wednesday, where she was granted a divorce from wealthy Lance Reventlow. She testified her 27-year-old husband's actions put her in an "agitated state" so she was forced to seek medical help. She said her doctor advised her to get a divorce. The actress received a \$36,000 settlement. (UPI).

Temporary Quarters Opens Tuesday for U.S. Bank Branch

Temporary quarters for U. S. National Bank's new branch in South Medford, approval of which was received from federal authorities last week, will open Tuesday, Nov. 5, at Eighth St. and South Central Ave.

In making the announcement, Bank President E. J. Kolar reported that Robert J. Cunningham, assistant manager at U. S. National's branch in downtown Medford, will be manager of the new office.

Jerry Overen, also at the downtown branch, will move to the new location as assistant manager.

Kolar said temporary quarters are being opened to service the immediate banking needs of the growing South Medford area. Plans for the permanent building are under way by Edson and Pappas, architects, Medford.

Remodeled building formerly occupied by Sully's Drive-In Restaurant, now moved a block further north, will be the new banking office. Cunningham, manager of the

new branch, has been a Medford resident since 1945 when he first joined what was then U. S. National's only branch in the area. He became assistant manager in 1948.

He has been active in community affairs, presently serving as a member of the Medford City Council, a board director for the Medford Chamber of Commerce and honorary board member for the United Medford Crusade.

Originally from North Dakota, Cunningham, graduated from the University of Washington in 1940 before beginning three years' service with the U. S. Navy.

He and his wife, Arlene, have three boys, aged 16, 14 and 6.

With Bank Since 1956 Overen, the assistant manager, has been with U. S. National since 1956 when he joined the Klamath Falls branch as field representative. He moved to the Town and Country branch there in 1962, and in January this year transferred to the Medford branch.

He has recently been appointed as treasurer for the 1964 Jackson County March of Dimes. He and his wife, Jo Ann, have three boys aged 8, 7 and one week.

Proposed site for the new branch's permanent building is a 140 x 200 foot area between South Central Ave. and South Riverside Ave. Construction will begin as soon as final plans are drawn.

Except for serving refreshments, Cunningham said no official opening celebrations for the new branch are planned Tuesday.

Increased Emphasis Is Given in Classroom

NEW YORK (UPI)—Educational researchers are giving increased emphasis to in-the-classroom observation in an effort to learn more about the actual educational process by observing the give-and-take between teachers and students.

Some insights into what teaching really is—and isn't—are included in a Columbia University Teachers College report "Theory and Research in Teaching," which describes recent observations of the teaching process.

ATTEND MEETING

ASHLAND — Dr. Alexander Petersen, chairman of the physical education and health department at Southern Oregon College, was elected to the central committee of the Western College Men's Physical Education Society at their meeting in Reno, Nev., recently.

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