

House Republicans Offer Six-Point Stop-Gap Plan

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LANDMARK BURNS—Firemen are shown waging a hopeless battle as a portion of the Cliff House, famous San Francisco landmark, is completely destroyed by fire. The lack of adequate water pressure hampered firemen as the one on a hook and ladder, left, shows water barely coming from the hose. (UPI)

Tax Committee Votes 'One-Shot' Revenue Measure

SALEM (UPI)—The governor's "one-shot" bill to raise \$12 million this biennium by speeding up the turnover of withholding taxes to the state won the approval of the House Tax Committee today.

The committee sent the measure to the House floor for action on a 10-1 vote. Rep. Joe Rogers, R-Independence, a sales tax sponsor, cast the only dissenting vote.

The bill is one-half of Gov. Mark Hatfield's program to deal with Oregon's \$80 million fiscal crisis, caused by voter defeat of a tax program passed last spring.

More Budget Cutting

The other half of Hatfield's program calls for more budget cutting. He has asked the legislature to give him authority to trim basic school support and other budgets which he cannot now touch. He already has done considerable cutting in areas where he has allotment control.

The one-shot tax bill would require employers to remit withholding taxes to the state on a monthly basis instead of the present quarterly basis. The effect would be to give the state two extra months of payments in the 1963-65 biennium.

The House Tax Committee continued to consider sales and cigarette tax proposals.

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Oregon Employment Declines by 23,600

SALEM (UPI)—Employment in Oregon fell 23,600 from September to October to a total of 716,000. Employment Commission Director David H. Cameron said today.

But employment was up 17,300 over a year ago, and is the highest for any October on record, Cameron said.

ARREST OF PROFESSOR STRONGLY PROTESTED

MOSCOW (UPI)—U.S. Ambassador Foy D. Kohler today strongly protested to the Soviet Union against the arrest on spy charges of Yale University Professor Frederick C. Barghoorn and "requesting his release forthwith."

MME. NHU SCHEDULES FLIGHT TO ROME

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (UPI)—Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu and her daughter, Le Thy, were again scheduled to fly to Rome today for a long-postponed reunion with the three younger children of the former first lady of South Viet Nam.

KLAMATH FALLS JET CATCHES FIRE

KLAMATH FALLS (UPI)—An Air Force F-101 Voodoo jet plane caught fire while preparing to take off here early today but the blaze was quickly put out and the two crewmen were not hurt.

GUANTANAMO MARINES SAID AGGRESSIVE

HAVANA (UPI)—Cuban Armed Forces Minister Raul Castro charged Tuesday night that U.S. Marines at Guantanamo Naval Base have been waging "constant aggression" against Cuba and "opening fire" on Cuban troops.

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By United Press International

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Cliff House Area At San Francisco Destroyed by Fire

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—A five-alarm fire roared through San Francisco's Cliff House area Tuesday night, but the world famous restaurant was spared.

The wind-whipped blaze, which sent flames shooting 100 feet into the air, gutted a series of shops which were bordered by the restaurant to the south and the historic Sutro Baths to the north.

Pavilion Destroyed

Among the buildings destroyed were the gift shop and antique pavilion where thousands of historic relics were kept on display for sightseers.

About 270 firemen with 69 pieces of rolling equipment were hampered in their three-hour battle by an estimated crowd of 1,500 spectators attracted by the blaze which broke out at 5:30 p.m.

The fire fighters could approach the complex of buildings only from the east side, because the other side faces the ocean over a sheer cliff from which the popular tourist spot gets its name.

Sixteen firemen were injured, but none of their injuries was considered serious. Most were hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation.

Two policemen also suffered minor injuries when a group of teen-agers pelted firemen and police officers with rocks from a high hill over the fire scene. Two of the youths were arrested.

Fire Chief William Murray said he could not estimate the damage.

The first Cliff House was built in the 1850s, following the California gold rush. It was nearly destroyed in a violent explosion when the schooner Parallel, loaded with explosives, crashed into the rocks below. Then it burned down in 1894.

Two subsequent Cliff Houses were destroyed by fire and a fourth, built in 1909, was closed because of prohibition in 1925 and did not open again until 1937. The present structure was built in 1950.

Sewer Project Said 85 Per Cent Done

JACKSONVILLE—The sewer construction project in Jacksonville is between 85 and 90 per cent complete, the Jacksonville City Council learned last night.

Douglas Johnson, assistant sanitary engineer with the public health service of the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare, came to Jacksonville to make an inspection of the system and determined how near completion it is.

A \$30,000 federal grant was authorized some time ago to help finance the project. Johnson's visit was made to determine what percentage of the grant should now be allocated, in ratio to the completeness of the sewer system.

Johnson concluded from his inspection that \$26,000 of the \$30,000 could now be allocated. Target date for final completion of the system is Dec. 15.

Jacksonville councilmen reminded residents that Dec. 15 is also the deadline for payment of \$150 hookup fees. Notices will be sent out this week to those residents who have not yet paid their fees.

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Barton Predicts House Approval Of Cigarette Tax

SALEM (UPI)—A cigarette tax measure will be approved by the House, Speaker Clarence Barton predicted today.

"I've talked to many of the members, and find there is a sentiment for a cigarette tax," he said.

"I believe a cigarette tax will pass the House if one is sent down by the Tax Committee," Barton added.

He said he did not believe a sales tax would win House approval at this special session, and he added he could not predict what kind of reception the Senate would give to a cigarette tax.

The Coquelle Democrat said he favored a 4-cent cigarette tax with receipts to go into the general fund.

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The Joint Ways and Means committee broke up into subcommittees to struggle with the shorter and longer range implications of expense-trimming bills.

Hueners Re-Elected To District Board

Albert Hueners, incumbent and board chairman of the Medford Irrigation District, was re-elected to a three-year term on the board during Tuesday's election.

Hueners received 113 votes, and Wilton White, the only other candidate, received 34 votes. Approximately 50 per cent of the eligible voters in the district voted, it was noted.

The district's board will meet at 1:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18, at the irrigation district's office, 408 Barnett Road, to canvass the vote.

WEATHER

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Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 4:32 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow 7:09 a.m.
 Moonrise tomorrow 5:17 a.m.
 New Moon
 PROMINENT STARS
 Aldebaran, Dec. 6:35 p.m.
 The Pleiades, above Aldebaran.
 VISIBLE PLANETS
 Venus, 4:14 5:26 p.m.
 Saturn, in southwest 8:29 p.m.
 Jupiter, high in south 9:21 p.m.

Minority Party Program Vague; Not Unanimous

SALEM (UPI)—House Republicans laid out a six-point stop-gap program late Tuesday in an effort to crystallize sentiment and fill a leadership void in the special session of the legislature.

But perhaps the most significant thing about the minority party program was that it was vague — and even then, the 28 House Republicans were not unanimously behind it.

Their effort reflected a fundamental question that had developed by the end of the second day of the special session: Should the legislature just take stop-gap measures to close the \$60 million gap in the state budget, caused by the voters' defeat of a tax increase passed last spring?

Problems Will Reappear

Or, should the legislature seek longer range solutions, since otherwise the current money problems will simply reappear in more pressing fashion in 1965.

The Republican program was essentially stop-gap. A majority of the GOP caucus recommended:

—No increase in total taxes at this special session.

—A speed-up in turnover of withholding taxes to the state, to be used to avoid a \$12 million cut in basic school support this year. A cut would be made, however, in the 1964-65 year of the biennium.

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There was no information available on casualties.

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Ashland Chamber Elects Directors

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Results of the election were tabulated during the chamber luncheon Tuesday. A total of 15 candidates had been nominated.

The six persons elected join seven holdover directors to form the new board. The holdovers are Bill Patton, H. S. Ingle, Phil Selby, Lyle Knower, Duane Baker, Cliff Craft and Joe Butler.

Eugene Man Named Marshal for Oregon

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Kennedy today selected Eugene G. Hulett of Eugene to be U.S. marshal for Oregon. The appointment is subject to Senate confirmation.

Hulett, 41, succeeds the late Paul Kearney.

Activity Office to Open for Ticket Sales

The Medford High School Activity office will open at 7 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, to sell tickets for the Medford-Roseburg game Friday.

To be sold will be 90 reserve seats at \$2 each and 500 general admission tickets at \$1.50. There will be a limit of two tickets per person, it was stated.

Student tickets at 50 cents each will go on sale at the same office at 1 p.m. Thursday.

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