

CALIFORNIA LAWMAKERS ON HOME STRETCH

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 27 (AP)—The 56th regular session was on the home stretch today after setting up machinery for committee hearings on controversial issues during a 36-day recess, officially scheduled to start at 8 p. m. this afternoon.

An avalanche of bills descended during the closing hours. The day started with 2501 bills, exclusive of hundreds of resolutions, already introduced in the two houses. A thousand or 1500 more were in prospect with the possibility existing of an all-time high mark would be set.

There were six health insurance bills already on file with separate assembly and senate committees commissioned to study the subject and report back after the legislature reconvenes March 5. Chairman Fred Kraft (R) San Diego announced his assembly public health committee would conduct hearings at San Diego, February 13-17; Los Angeles, February 15-17; Fresno, February 28 and San Francisco, March 2-3.

The senate governmental and efficiency committee planned to cover the same subject in hearings at Sacramento without touring the state.

Declaring he thinks a fight between "the country boys and the city boys" will stymie legislation to increase the state gasoline tax, Senator Randolph Collier (R), Yreka, brought in a resolution to establish a fact-finding committee on state highways.

"Everyone seems to be for a gas tax increase except the people," he said. He disclosed he has withdrawn his own bill to boost the tax, having changed his mind as to the need after reading the governor's budget showing an expected \$40,000,000 surplus in the highway fund at the end of the biennium.

Exemption of Oregon From Dimout Urged

PORTLAND, Jan. 27 (AP)—A telegram urging that the region served by Bonneville power administration be exempted from the February 1 nation-wide dimout ordered as a fuel-saving measure was before the war production board today.

Hydroelectric energy from Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams, which replaces fuel as a power source, makes it unnecessary for the northwest to eliminate outdoor lighting, declared Dr. Paul J. Raver, Bonneville administrator. He said the Idaho-Utah region as well as Oregon and Washington could be supplied by the Bonneville-Grand Coulee system.

Forestry Program Set For Lawmakers

SALEM, Jan. 27 (AP)—The Forestry Products foundation, a newly organized non-profit corporation, held its first meeting here yesterday and elected Herbert J. Cox, Eugene, president.

Other officers are Dr. Paul M. Dunn, Corvallis, vice president, and B. T. McBain, Milwaukie, secretary-treasurer.

The foundation will campaign for additional funds for a forest products laboratory at Oregon State college, McBain asserting the industry probably would finance the project.

Artillery Submarine May Be Nazi Weapon

LONDON, Jan. 27 (AP)—The French news agency today quoted Ankara reports that one of Germany's new secret weapons is an "artillery submarine" which might be used for terror bombardments of American coastal cities.

Neutral travelers who reached the Turkish city were declared to have said the submarines were in the final stages of construction.

But the program was reported delayed by patriot sabotage so that there was little chance they could be used before the fall of Berlin.

Portland Civic Center Proposed

PORTLAND, Jan. 27 (AP)—State officials want to submit plans for a state building in Portland to the current legislature. Prof. Charles McHenry told a joint meeting of the city council and planning commission.

The council was urged to declare its intention to build a civic center because, the commission said, other agencies are waiting to suggest buildings.

Flashes of Life

ODD SHORTAGE

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (AP)—Magistrate Harry G. Andrews expressed doubts that a cigarette shortage exists when he counted 43 persons in his court who had violated the law prohibiting smoking in stores and factories. He collected \$430 in fines.

NOT WORTH IT

SEATTLE, Jan. 27 (AP)—Capt. Stuart B. Mockford, sent his necktie to the OPA.

In an accompanying letter he explained the khaki cotton tie cost 16 cents four years ago at Fort Francis Warren, Wyo., and had depreciated approximately 40 per cent, but it still cost 20 cents to have it laundered in Seattle.

"I can no longer afford to pay 100 per cent more than it is worth to have it washed," the captain wrote.

SATIATED

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 27 (AP)—A sailor visited a USO center here in a recent stopover. Elbowing her way through the crowd, a solicitous hostess inquired about his health.

"I'm okay, but I have a slight sore throat," the sailor said.

"Have you tried gargling with salt water?" she asked.

"Lady, you're asking me—who's been torpedooed three times?"

EFFETE

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 27 (AP)—The big tough truck driver of yore is gone, says George L. Norstrom of Portland, president of the Oregon Motor Transport association.

The modern driver, Norstrom predicts, is more likely to be the mild professional type, "probably a college graduate and maybe even a Shakespearian scholar."

He credited "new, luxurious" motor trucks for the change.

Medical Center For Workers Proposed

PORTLAND, Jan. 27 (AP)—A medical center to examine workers and help place them in industries suited to their physical condition was proposed today by the Kaiser company medical director.

Dr. Forrest E. Rieke told a shipyard labor-management committee that such a center would aid workers moving to smaller peacetime industries which do not have the first-aid services of the shipyards.

Rieke proposed an industrial health foundation, financed by employers, and providing examinations and information through cooperation of labor, management, and physicians.

Chinese, Soldier Hurt In Race Battle

SPOKANE, Jan. 27 (AP)—Police Captain Lee Markwood said today two Chinese and a soldier received knife wounds late last night in a fight at a cafe with a man who told two of the men they were Japanese and that he intended to kill them.

Markwood said Ginfong Wong, Louie Weng and PFC Robert W. Jones were injured at a hospital for stabbing injuries. Jones was injured when he attempted to assist the other men, Markwood said.

The officer said Lawrence Rogers, 38, was being held on a charge of assault.

Fag Sales to Aid 'March' Said Illegal

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 27 (AP)—A drug store operator who amassed \$300 for the March of Dimes through cigarette sales was cited today to appear before the OPA violations head.

David Weiner—at the suggestion of a tobacco-hungry customer—was selling a carton of cigarettes at the \$1.28 ceiling price to all buyers who put the change from a \$5 bill into the anti-inflationary fund. Arrival of an OPA investigator halted a rushing business.

McDannell Brown, Portland district OPA director, termed the sale an illegal "tying-in" agreement.

RANCH SOLD
CANYON CITY, Jan. 27 (AP)—The Laycock ranch, one of the largest in the John Day valley, has been sold to Frank and Joe Oliver by George Fell, Fell announced today.

Yes, they are still going up there. Where? Why, up to Chase's office, Room 203, Odd Fellows' Building to have their Income Tax figured out. Let Chase chase it down.

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Pvt. James Dun of Brooklyn, a 1st Armored Division medic, dressed the back of a small Italian boy who was wounded by fragments of the shell that killed his mother. The boy's father had been taken away by Germans, to work in a labor battalion. His aunt, who holds him, brought him through the German lines to U. S. forces in the San Benedetto area.

The War At a Glance

By The Associated Press
The Western front: Allies seized initiative all along front; British and Americans closed up to Roer; Americans in center swept to German border on broad front against vanishing resistance; Germans in Alsace driven back to starting point of latest attack; French threatened Colmar.

Russian front: Red army drove to bay of Danzig, tightening noose on East Prussia; drove close to Konigsberg, East Prussian capital; advanced on both sides of Poznan in central Poland, 138 miles from Berlin at nearest advance announced point; advanced columns beyond besieged Breslau were 143 miles from Berlin; Hindenburg, industrial city in upper Silesia, captured.

Italian front: Heavy rains limit front to patrol activity. Pacific front: Americans driving down central Luzon plain met first appreciable resistance south of Bambang river Friday; Japanese artillery shelled captured Clark field.

Traffic Accidents May Reach Record

SALEM, Jan. 27 (AP)—Oregon's January traffic death toll probably will be the highest in many years, with 19 persons killed in the first 19 days of the month, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell said today.

The 19-day toll is the same as for the entire month of January, 1943, and four less than in January, 1944.

Glaring headlights was the largest single factor in the big death rate.

Coast Lumbermen Reelect President

TACOMA, Jan. 27 (AP)—The West Coast Lumbermen's association at its annual meeting yesterday returned Dean Johnson of Portland to the presidency and named C. H. Kreienbaum vice president for Washington, G. T. Gerlinger of Portland vice president for Oregon and Jud Greenman, Vernonia, Ore., treasurer.

Elderly Women Battle Over Aged Boy Friend

PORTLAND, Jan. 27 (AP)—A 70-year-old "boy friend" of two women over 60 was the object of a quarrel that landed one in jail, Detective M. A. McMecken said today.

Mary Fisco, 68, was accused of striking Alice Dean, 62, with a hammer because she "stole her boy friend."

Forestry Products Foundation Meets

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 27 (AP)—A forestry program intended to insure sawmill villages against a "ghost town" fate may soon be asked of Washington's 29th legislature.

The forestry project, outlined by federal regional foresters called for sales on a non-competitive basis instead of on competitive bidding.

Federal, state and private timber owners would pledge their holdings to the program, and the timber sales would be planned to stabilize the future of communities dependent upon the logging industry.

"March of Dimes" Benefits

TONIGHT

Basketball

MARINES vs. SHANNON'S
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Dancing

MUSIC by BALDY'S BAND
Armory --- After the Game

U. S. AFFECTED BY COAST RACE PUZZLE

PORTLAND, Jan. 27 (AP)—The northwest's attitude in the next few years toward minority racial groups, will bear significance for the entire nation, says A. L. Liveright, director of the American Council on Race Relations.

"If true freedom of work and living opportunities cannot be maintained here, then there is little hope that it can be done anywhere," he declared here.

Only 10,000 of the 50,000-75,000 expected to be unemployed after the war can find work in new industries, he told the city club. Race and minority hatreds thrive under such conditions, he warned, urging active community planning to offset conditions.

An influx of negroes and southern whites to this area has awakened old resentments dangerous to western ideals of freedom, said Liveright, also the war manpower commission's chief field representative.

He proposed studies of labor groups for possible discrimination. Plans for postwar building to provide decent living conditions for all residents, and appointment of a city race relations committee.

U. S. Woman Works With Underground

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 27 (AP)—An American woman who with five French nationals contrived the escape of 10 United Nations fliers from occupied France is here describing her experiences.

She is Mme. Drue Leyton Tartiere, formerly of Santa Monica, Calif., who worked actively in the French underground for three years. Two American airmen among 32 whose escape she personally supervised also will make personal appearances here through February 2.

The gestapo sometimes caught up with men who went out with escaping fliers and their victims came back "in terrible shape," she related.

"Their hands would look like raw meat, their fingernails would have been pulled out, and they would be suffering from baths the nazis gave them in some horrible solution," she shuddered, "but they wouldn't have talked."

MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

BLAKE TRAINS

MERRILL—Albert Blake, formerly associated with the Merrill branch of the Shell Oil company as a truck driver, is now in training with the U. S. army infantry at Camp Roberts. Blake was inducted about Thanksgiving. His wife, Mrs. Melissa Blake and young daughter Kay, are with him at the present time, but plan to return to Merrill to make their home for the duration. Mrs. Blake is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Hartlerode and Blake is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom A. Blake, Klamath Falls.

WAC TRANSFERRED

Pvt. Madge L. Coleman, 205 Donald, a member of the women's army corps, recently left first WAC training center at Des Moines, Iowa, for duty with the army at Wilmington, Calif. WAC units are now at work posts in all 48 states, the District of Columbia and in all major theaters overseas. They may be found in France, England, Africa, Italy, New Caledonia, India, Hawaii, New Guinea and Australia.

SCHMITZ GETS DFC

HQ. TENTH AIR FORCE IN BURMA—The Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to 2nd Lt. Lawrence J. Schmitz, 21, son of Mr. William Schmitz, 317 Lincoln, Klamath Falls. It was announced recently by the 10th Air Force's commanding general, Maj. Gen. Howard C. Davidson.

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Amendment of Alaska Divorce Laws Asked

JUNEAU, Alaska, Jan. 27 (AP)—A memorial introduced today would ask congress amend the divorce laws of the territory to make possible dissolution of a marriage six months' residence, instead of one year's residence as now required.

The territorial senate's first bill, a measure of residents the right to vote, they become 18 years of age.

Canners School Record Attendance

CORVALLIS, Jan. 27 (AP)—All previous records were broken by attendance of more than 200 at the 24th annual canners and frozen food school here, officials said.

The high attendance is some features of the convention into the course.

The canning phase ended today, and Monday through Wednesday next week will be devoted to frozen food processing.

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