

# Knutson Blasts Portal Pay As Threat To Any Tax Cut

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.) of the house ways and means committee today introduced legislation to prohibit recovery under the portal-to-portal pay suits.

In a statement, Knutson said treasury estimates indicate the federal government may have to pay as much as \$4,000,000,000 if pending portal suits are adjudged in favor of the complaining unions. He added:

"Such an enormous loss in revenue would, of course, put to an end any hope for individual tax relief this year. We should act now \* \* \* to prevent

such undeserved windfalls and thus enable our citizens to secure this year some reduction from the oppressive individual income taxes which were imposed for war purposes."

The house leadership decided today that the portal pay issue will be handled by the judiciary rather than the labor committee.

Speaker Martin told reporters Chairman Michener (R-Mich.) had given assurances the judiciary committee can start hearings "very quickly."

Before a senate judiciary subcommittee, the Polish Company of America whose union employees are suing it for \$5,000,000 portal pay, said the employees ask pay for "time spent in travel from their homes."

Fred O. Davis, treasurer of the Carlsbad, N. Mex., firm, testified the trip from a Carlsbad parking lot to the place of work required 35 minutes each way on a public bus. He said the employees, members of the CIO Mine Workers union, contend in their suit that during this 70 minutes "they expend mental and physical energy for the company."

Chairman Donnell (R-Mo.) asked whether the employees are permitted to "read magazines or sleep."

"Yes," Davis replied, "those are the things they usually do on the ride."

# Polio Victims Look For House

PORTLAND, Jan. 27 (AP)—An air corps veteran and ex-Wave who met and became engaged while recuperating from infantile paralysis have a double problem with their house hunting.

The scarcity is one thing, but Harold Metsker and Elinor Tilden, who between them have one good leg and two good arms, must find a home without steps that can move their wheel chairs with a minimum of work.

The two Portlanders became engaged six months after meeting by voice across an isolation hospital corridor last summer. Elinor couldn't lift her arms to ring a bell. She would call to Harold and he would ring his bell, then direct the nurse to the room across the hall. Harold's back and legs are crippled.

They were separated but met again in a therapy clinic room, and soon worked together. Harold must weave to rehabilitate hand muscles. Elinor must work a foot pedal for leg correction.

Now they are working on a rug to go into the living room of the home they plan—when they find the house.

# Fighter Plane Seeks Record

HONOLULU, Jan. 27 (AP)—A non-stop fighter plane flight from Honolulu to New York in quest of a dual speed and endurance record for that type of aircraft will be made "soon" with a new North American P-52, the army air forces announced.

The P-52 is essentially two of the familiar P-51 Mustangs put together, so that it has two fuselages and two engines.

Pilot and co-pilot on the 5000-mile flight will be Lt. Col. Robert E. Thacker and Lt. John M. Ard, both of Wright field, Ohio. The plane is named the Betty Jo, after Mrs. Thacker.

The flight from Hickam field will be at 20,000 feet, crossing the California coast at Point Arena, northwest of San Francisco, and passing over Reno, Nev., Rock Springs, Wyo., Detroit and Erie, Pa., to La Guardia field, New York. Estimated flying time is about 15 hours.

Purpose of the flight is to determine future research and development requirements for planes and pilots to withstand the rigors of extended high-altitude operations on long escort missions.

# Camp Adair Farm Land To Be Opened

CORVALLIS, Jan. 27 (AP)—Application by veterans to participate in the drawing which will award 5500 acres of Camp Adair area farm land will be accepted until Feb. 5, project manager T. F. Whitman reported today.

He said that veterans are sixth on the priority list, however, with previous owners and others getting first claim on the land taken over by the war department. Other tracts, 55,000 acres in all, will be sold later.

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# Local Navy Man in Hawaii



George Herbert Bell, 19 (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Bell, 830 Prospect, watches his opponent's move in the course of a checker match at the Army-Navy USO at Honolulu. Bell, a graduate of Klamath Union high school, entered the navy in September, 1945. He is attached to a yard mine sweeper operating at Pearl Harbor.

# Mortgage Investments On Northwest Homes Up

First mortgage investments on northwest homes totaled a new high of \$24,649,171 for Equitable Savings and Loan association, E. M. Chilcote of Chilcote and Smith, Klamath Falls representative, reports in an analysis of the 12th semi-annual financial statement. Increased by more than \$7 1/2 million during 1946, mortgage investments now equal 77 per cent of the assets.

The most active financing year in the association's history accounted for Equitable loans of more than \$15 million in 1946.

Chilcote said. Every month averaged over \$1 million. The 1946 total exceeded 1945 loans by more than \$5 million. At the end of its 56th year in existence Equitable has loaned a grand total of more than \$125,000,000. Assets have reached a new high of \$32,145,983, showing an increase of \$4,748,602 during 1946.

Certificate deposits gained over \$3 million, bringing total deposit investments to \$27,925,693. Maturity value of certificates purchased during 1946 amounted to \$13,433,050, 25 per cent more than the previous year's \$10 million high. Certificates matured and paid last year amounted to \$1,741,719. Total certificates matured and paid since Equitable was founded in 1890 is \$69,600,000. Reserves have been increased by 29 per cent compared to reserves at the end of 1945, bringing the total reserves to \$1,978,721.

# Life Termer Makes Escape

SEATTLE, Jan. 27 (AP)—A statewide search was under way today for Everett Frank Lindsay, 59-year-old convicted wife slayer, who walked away from the Washington state penitentiary at Walla Walla yesterday.

Warden Tom Smith said Lindsay, a trusty employed as a cook in the warden's household, walked away from the prison after being released from his cell to go to his job.

Lindsay killed his wife, Mrs. Audrey Elizabeth Lindsay, in their west Seattle home in February, 1930, then fled to Oakland, Calif., with a young adopted daughter, Pearl. He was captured in Los Angeles nearly two years later after a world-wide search and convicted of second degree murder.

# Crime Wave Sweeps Over Japan

TOKYO, Jan. 27 (AP)—Crimes are sweeping Japan in alarming proportions, the newspaper Mianichi reported today, blaming the "terrible" inflation, repatriated soldiers who have retained the "barbaric mental state of the battlefield," and the "ravaged state of national psychology under defeat."

Citing a fearsome rash of organized robberies, swindles and murders, Mianichi observed:

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# Riots Flare In Bombay

BOMBAY, Jan. 27 (AP)—Authorities reported today that at least five persons were stabbed and several others seared by acid throwers in Bombay during yesterday's celebration of India's independence day. Police fired several times to disperse Hindu-Muslim rioters and police snipers manned rooftops in the temple area with orders to shoot acid-throwers on sight.

Few disturbances were reported elsewhere in India, where the celebration consisted mainly of flag raising ceremonies and mass recitations of a pledge to achieve complete Indian independence.

Dispatches from Lahore said that seven Moslem leaders who were arrested Friday night during a police raid on the office of the league's national guard were released last night.

Six of the Moslems refused to leave prison until more than 100 other league members, arrested for demonstrating against the raid, were also released. Finally they were "pushed out of jail," they said.

# War Brides Happy In US

PORTLAND, Jan. 27 (AP)—A survey of war brides who followed their husbands here from Australia, England and other countries indicated today they are happy in their new homes.

Most of the dozen interviewed on their opinion of reports elsewhere by some war brides that they were mistreated blamed the girls themselves for their unhappy situations.

Mrs. Emily Smiley, 33, said reports the brides were mistreated are "absolutely silly. My Scottish girl friends here think the same thing. The few who haven't been able to get along go home and complain—a small percentage."

Mrs. Leslie Richardson also blamed the individual girls. "The people in Australia act, live and do the same as you do. The only difference is that you have an accent," she said in an Australian accent.

Down payments for farms sold in the United States averaged 42 per cent in 1945 compared with 40 per cent in 1944 and 38 per cent in 1943.

# Southerners Boom Raccoon Market

PORTLAND, Jan. 27 (AP)—Southerners now living here can feast, or at least some of them.

Gus Lauer, a fish-meat market owner, reported fresh raccoon meat he obtains from a McMinnville trapper sells well to residents who came here from the southland.

The price: 60 cents a pound.

# High School News Notes and Comment

By MARY O'BRIEN

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