

Ways, Means Committee Adopts Uniform Salary Bill For State Officials

SALEM, Feb. 21 (AP)—A uniform salary schedule for state officials was adopted today by the joint ways and means committee, which said it was worked out in relation to what is paid in other states.

Heading the list is the governor, who would get \$10,000 a year, compared with \$7,500 now. In addition, he would get \$100 a month for expenses.

Five other officials would get \$7,500. They are the secretary of state and treasurer, who would get a \$2,100 boost; the attorney general, who would get \$2,500 more; the public utilities commissioner, who already gets that much, and the state highway en-

gineer, who would get \$300 more.

The committee also approved the state police salary bill, introduced by Speaker John Hall and already passed by the house. Hall had charged that the committee was attempting to bury the bill, which provides large increases for all state police officers.

The state health officer would be boosted from \$6,720 to \$7,000. The following officials would get \$600 a year, their increases ranging from \$600 to \$1,800: Superintendent of public instruction, liquor administrator, public welfare administrator, budget director, tax commissioner, unemployment compensation and industrial accident commissioners, state forester, director of agriculture, state police superintendent, and superintendent of state hospital.

The following would get \$600 a year: Superintendent of Fairview home, superintendent of tuberculosis hospitals, deputy state hospital superintendents, state engineer, adjutant general.

These officials would get \$550 a year: Labor commissioner, prison warden, game supervisor, unemployment compensation administrator, industrial accident administrator, director of veterans' affairs, secretary of retirement, deputy secretary of state, deputy public utilities commissioner, superintendent of banks, corporation commissioner, insurance commissioner, master fish warden, superintendent of geology and mineral industries, state printer, and deputy superintendent of Fairview home.

Non-Union Labor Keeps Plants Open

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days ago asked for a 40-hour week and 10 cents an hour more, in effect approximately 25 per cent increase. They have been paid 65 to 75 cents an hour.

Offer Rejected

Yesterday the union rejected a 5-cent raise offer, based on 40 hours, and this morning Estin Kiger, one of the owners of Superior Tey, telephoned an offer of a 7-cent boost for a 44-hour week to C. O. Dryden, business agent of the local union.

The offer was turned down and the workers went out. Two workers are picketing each laundry plant, carrying placards reading "Unfair to organized labor."

Kiger, along with Russ Marshall of Men's Hand Laundry and Eddie Isensee of Cascade, said that the operators felt that they could absorb the 7-cent wage boost without raising prices of laundry, but couldn't go over that and break even.

They said that a recent laundry price increase of about 25 per cent—raising shirt prices from 20 to 25 cents, for example—was taken after OPA ceilings went off and just made up for wage increases granted during the war years when OPA allowed no laundry price boosts.

Kiger estimated the wage increase asked by the union would cost his firm about \$5200 a year at present prices. Marshall figured \$4500 for his plant and Isensee set his estimate at \$5500.

All agreed that their point of view now was that they couldn't pay the wages asked and still show a profit without boosting laundry prices, and that the public was paying enough for laundry now. They said that the union had urged a price increase to cover the wage boost.

Only the laundry workers are involved in this strike. Cleaners and pressers are not organized and are at work and the office of each laundry plant is open. The truck drivers are not on strike but are following AFL procedure of not crossing the picket line of another AFL union.

Accident Victim Critically Ill

The condition of 9-year-old Verlon Alford, Fairhaven school boy who slipped as he ran along side a bus late Wednesday afternoon near his home in Stewart addition, was reported still critical at Hillside hospital today. The child, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Alford, has internal hurts, fractured vertebrae and other hurts received when a wheel of the school bus passed over his body.

Verlon's father is an employe of the Ralph L. Smith Lumber company.

Reuther Urges Wage Increase

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Walter Reuther told the senate labor committee today that American industry must raise wages "substantially" to maintain purchasing power but Senator Ball (R-Minn.) said the CIO leader is advocating socialism.

Ball told Reuther, CIO United Auto Workers president, that what he wanted was to extend into peacetime the government controls imposed during the war.

"And that's a socialized economy," Ball said. "It's socialism pure and simple."

"That's not what I'm advocating at all," Reuther replied.

Chairman Taft (R-O.) declared that what "we all want is lower prices, and you're not going to get them by raising wages again."

Gas Office In Temporary Space

The office of The California Pacific Utilities company, burned out of the Evans building Sunday, has been temporarily located at 120 S. 9th in the old location of Bogue Dale's real estate office.

Ernest Mullis, manager of the gas company, said that he also was putting in a small display room there. Phone number at the new office is 7415.

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to being sassed. Our history has proved that pretty clearly.

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The obvious moral is that we'd better STAY READY—no matter what it costs.

Paint Laden Truck Explodes

GRANT'S PASS, Feb. 21 (AP)—Two truck-line drivers escaped injury when their truck, laden with 50 barrels of paint thinner being shipped from Seattle to southern California, caught fire, exploded and burned on Pacific highway, 10 miles north of here last night.

Edgar O. Southard, of Seattle, was at the wheel when his relief driver, Lyle Smith, of Los Angeles, noticed flames working out from around a wheel, state police said. Both men fled to safety before the blaze reached the highly-inflammable truck load and set off a series of explosions as one barrel after another let go.

The truck was operated for the Los Angeles-Seattle Motor Transportation company. Truck and cargo were reported consumed completely.

OSC Beaver All Snarled Up

CORVALLIS, Feb. 21 (AP)—Oregon State college is apparently going to have to get along without a beaver.

A beaver which Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morris brought from Alaska and offered to OSC as a mascot is entwined by government regulations in a Seattle zoo and President A. L. Strand fears there is little chance of unwinding him.

It seems, the Seattle park board advised Strand, that originally the Morrises brought the beaver from Alaska on a permit to give him to the Seattle zoo. To get the beaver to OSC, he must be shipped back to Alaska and brought back again under another permit.

Romney Pleads Innocent Today

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Kenneth Romney, former sergeant-at-arms of the house for 16 years, pleaded innocent today to charges of attempting to defraud the government by concealing a \$143,863 shortage in his accounts.

Romney was arraigned before Federal District Court Judge Blitha J. Laws, who set trial for April 21.

The sergeant-at-arms office serves as a "bank" for house members.

Between 1909 and 1946 per capita consumption of citrus fruit and tomatoes increased from 44 pounds to 117.

Merrill To Get Fire Signal

MERRILL, Feb. 21—Merrill volunteer firemen, who in the past may have slept peacefully while the present signal was operating at the time of a blaze, will no longer doze when the proposed new equipment is installed. Funds from the 40th annual ball to be given in the Community hall Saturday night will be used to buy a new electric siren that promises to awaken even the soundest snoozer.

The big signal to be operated with an eight-horse electric motor is to be placed high on a steel tower and cost of the installation will run from \$1500 to \$2000 it is expected. The present signal has been in use for several years and has been found inadequate to reach members of the force living more than a few blocks from its present location.

Installation of the siren will put the Merrill fire department in the bracket with the most modern equipment in southern Oregon. The department operates a K-7 International truck with a 500 gallon booster tank and pump that lifts 500 gallons of water per minute to a 20-foot height. The company has a mile of 2 1/2 inch hose and an equal amount of 1 1/2-inch hose.

Snow Postpones Albanian Hearing

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Feb. 21 (AP)—Heavy snow which swept the eastern seaboard today forced postponement of the United Nations security council session on the Albanian case.

The United Nations announced the council would meet Monday to continue debate on the British charges against Albania.

The announcement came as Great Britain made it clear she would oppose a Colombian proposal to refer to the international court of justice her complaint that Albania is responsible for the deaths of 44 seamen in two royal navy destroyers blasted by mines in Corfu channel last October 22.

British Delegate Sir Alexander Cadogan remarked tartly that the international court of justice is "not a police court."

Vets Reinstate NSI Insurance

PORTLAND, Feb. 21 (AP)—More than 1000 Oregon veterans have reinstated \$6,835,500 worth of national service life insurance since start of a nation-wide veterans administration campaign, Raymond J. Goodhart, VA insurance officer, said today.

He said 85,000 Oregon veterans had allowed their insurance to lapse.

Veterans still have several years in which to convert their term insurance to permanent forms, Goodhart said.

Phone Workers Oppose Bills

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—The National Federation of Telephone Workers, preparing for a countrywide strike in April unless its wage demands are met, today opposed legislation to forbid collective bargaining on an industry-wide basis.

Joseph A. Beirne, the federation's president, told the senate labor committee that only by negotiation on such a scale can the independent union deal satisfactorily with what he called the "monopolistic" American Telephone and Telegraph company.

Beirne appeared with his prepared testimony after calling on the CIO and AFL to join with his union to "fight valiantly" against any restrictive laws a nationwide telephone strike might precipitate.

The NTFW has served notice that its 250,000 members in every state will walk off their jobs "on or about" April 7 unless they get a wage boost. They are asking \$12 a week more.

Car Importation Halted In China

SHANGHAI, Feb. 21 (AP)—Despite the fact that China is desperately short of transportation, the government, in its efforts to stabilize the nation's disordered economy, has prohibited the importation of automobiles.

Businessmen, aware that China needs thousands of automobiles, trucks and buses, are hopeful that the ban will be only temporary. China already had post-war regulations forbidding the importation of automobiles costing more than \$1200.

Western Pine Drops

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—Production and shipments of western pine in the week ended February 15 dropped slightly, the Western Pine association reported today, but orders were up.

Stockman To Push Measure

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.) says he will press for passage of his resolution limiting a president to one six-year term.

Stockman introduced his resolution, which would call for a constitutional amendment, before the house passed a resolution to submit to the states an amendment limiting a president to two terms.

Stockman told a reporter that the house action, in his opinion, does not solve the question. He said he believes limiting a president's tenure to two terms still will not take the office out of politics.

"Under the two-term plan," Stockman said, "the incumbent will still keep his eye out for a second term and would thus do what is politically expedient rather than exercise his own free and unbiased judgment."

"With only one term of six years allowed, most men of the caliber to be elected president will have the courage and convictions to make decisions as they honestly see them rather than be swayed by and subjected to pressures of a political party."

Stockman's proposal would prohibit any person who has served as president from being eligible to hold the office again.

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Transport Turns Into Hospital

SEATTLE, Feb. 21 (AP)—Six passengers left the army transport Fred C. Ainsworth during its round trip to Japan and Korea without something they had taken aboard, but to 25-year-old Lt. Horace M. Baker Jr. of Lumberton, N. C., it was "somewhat routine."

Each of the six had undergone appendectomies aboard the ship. Three were performed en route to the Orient and three more on the return voyage.

Baker was the medical officer aboard the vessel.

All of the operations were of emergency nature and performed with spinal injections.

Aiding Baker was 1st Lt. Richard Davis of Tacoma, also a medical officer.

Eleven Admit Lynch Slaying

GREENVILLE, S. C., Feb. 21 (AP)—Sheriff R. H. Bearden announced today that 11 men had admitted taking part in the lynch slaying of Willie Earle, 25-year-old negro, near here Monday.

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Church Head To Speak Here

Dr. George Thomas, negro director of the Portland Council of Churches, will be in Klamath Falls this week to speak before various groups on race relations problems.

The speaker, who is also secretary of the department of race relations of Congregational churches of Oregon, is being brought here by the YMCA board of directors, Paul Lee, chairman, stated today. This is in connection with the Brotherhood Week program.

Dr. Thomas will be sponsored by the YMCA Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y clubs at both girls' and boys' assemblies Friday morning at KUHS. At noon Friday he will speak to the Rotary club at the Willard. He may be heard over KFLW 3:30 to 4 p.m., and in the evening at 7 o'clock over KFJI. At 8 p.m. he will speak at Fremont school.

During his stay he will be a guest of Rev. and Mrs. Godfrey Matthews of the Community Congregational church.

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