

MORE NATIONS MAY ASK U.S. AID

Lawmakers See Session Until Easter

SALEM, March 15 (AP)—Legislative leaders, who took a quick look today at how little final action has been taken on major legislation during the first 62 days of the session, predicted today that the session probably would last almost until Easter.

If the session ends March 29, as the optimists hope, that would be the 76th day, a new record. The 1945 session lasted 69 days to hang up a record. But if the current session goes to April 5, as many predict, that would be 83 days.

Two Passed

Of the 25 pieces of major legislation, only two have been passed by both houses. They are the bills to make permanent the temporary war-time increases of weight and length limits of trucks, and to let power companies keep their damsites for the period for which they are licensed. This latter measure was passed over the governor's veto.

Here is a summary of major legislation still to be acted upon:

Taxation—3 per cent sales tax must be passed either house. The 2-cent cigarette tax and the 1 per cent withholding tax have passed the house. The house has approved the bill to make the tax commission pay its expenses out of revenues, thus saving the general fund \$1,000,000. The measure to reorganize the tax commission by having the board of control designate the chairman is through the senate. Neither house has considered the proposed constitutional amendment to permit use of income tax revenues for general fund purposes after general taxes have been offset.

The budget—No appropriation bills have been considered because the ways and means committee must wait until the revenue program has been passed. Passage of the cigarette tax and the bill to let the tax commission pay its expenses out of revenues would still leave a general fund deficit of \$5,000,000.

Education—Bills to give teachers \$2400 minimum annual salaries and to distribute the \$16,000,000 basic school fund have been passed by the house. Labor—None of the five labor-restrictive measures has been passed by either house. These include constitutional amendments to ban the house. These include constitutional amendments to ban the closed shop and to require labor unions to incorporate, and bills to ban secondary boycotts, revise secret elections in labor disputes, and to permit courts to issue injunctions in labor disputes. The senate has voted a slight increase in unemployment benefits, and the house approved a 50 per cent increase in industrial accident benefits.

Highways—The bill to let the highway commission build throughways has been passed by the senate. House approval has been given to bills for a five-man highway commission and to increase truck taxes. Neither house has acted on bills to give more highway funds to counties and cities. The senate passed a resolution for an interim committee to make a two-year study of the need for better highways and how to finance them.

Truman Income Tax Filed

KEY WEST, Fla., March 15 (AP)—President Truman today filed his 1946 income tax returns.

Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross disclosed that Mr. Truman made out his return before he left Washington for a rest.

It was estimated that Mr. Truman would have only about \$4200 left of his \$75,000 salary after payment of taxes and expenses. Federal income tax, state taxes, plus White House food bills, take up most of his salary, associates said.

California Police Revive Road Block To Check Crime

LOS ANGELES, March 15 (AP)—The police department revived a road block today and announced plans to add 250 officers in efforts to crush a crime wave which started with the mutilation killing of Elizabeth (Black Dahlia) Short, January 15.

Chief of Police C. B. Horrall announced the addition of policemen while his assistant, Joseph Reed, briefed the department on the blockade plan. Surprised motorists at seven main intersections found themselves stopped last night as police teams halted and checked all automobiles. Uniformed patrolmen, radio cars and motorcycle officers worked in the teams, while detectives stood by at stations. Any suspicious cars or occupants were detained for further investigation.

Innocent motorists, however, were permitted to proceed with the least inconvenience, Reed said. The road block system, first tried here in 1923 and re-

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Tule Gives Welcome To Newcomers

TULELAKE, Calif., March 15—This homestead-born town gave an enthusiastic demonstration of hospitality today to the 1947 class of Tulelake homesteaders, here to prepare to go on their new farms within the next fortnight.

Various veterans and civic organizations staged the welcoming ceremonies, beginning with a gathering at the Legion hall at noon and continuing through the afternoon. Many gifts were presented to homesteaders at Tulelake business houses.

Features of the entertainment included free luncheon at Sportsman's hotel, The Tulelake grade school band furnished entertainment, Rev. Hugh Bronson gave the address of welcome, and scheduled speakers included two old-time homesteaders, Charles Fensler and Olney Rudd, Clark Wiese officiated as master of ceremonies.

Many officials and others were invited to be present at the event, sponsored by the American Legion, VFW, Tulelake chamber of commerce, Tulelake Growers, grange and Farm Center.

Truman Takes Fishing Trip

KEY WEST, Fla., March 15 (AP)—President Truman, a smiling vacationer in a tan sports slacks suit and a long-billed cap, went deep sea fishing ten miles off the Florida keys today.

Virtually his entire staff went along in two crash boats, the Dolphin and the Sandy, provided by the naval submarine base where Mr. Truman has been resting since Wednesday.

He has not yet talked with Secretary of State George C. Marshall on his address to congress this week which drew sharp criticism from the Soviet official press because of his advocacy of support of Greece and Turkey in their resistance to communism.

The president maintained silence on a blast by the newspaper Izvestia accusing the United States of interfering in the internal affairs of other nations.

Wall Street Strike Looms

NEW YORK, March 15 (AP)—M. David Keefe, president of the AFL United Financial Employees, said today 30-day notices of termination of its contracts with the New York stock, curb and cotton exchanges would be issued, resulting in a "strike" which will paralyze the industry.

Keefe made the announcement after a conference with Emil Schram, president of the New York stock exchange, regarding the union's dispute with a member firm.

Keefe said the planning and strategy board of the union would confer this afternoon on when the cancellation notices will be sent.

used briefly in the 1930's, will be used periodically at varying intersections, Reed added. Results of the first night's road block roundup included 35 men booked on suspicion of burglary, seven juveniles nabbed for curfew violation and an assortment of pistols, knives and clubs found in cars or on persons "shaken down."

The crime list, which includes the brutal killing of four women, was increased yesterday by the shooting of the West Covina chief of police and the slugging and robbery of Dr. Otto Klemperer, 61, famed symphony conductor.

Chief of Police John T. Brown, 30, of West Covina, was shot when he sought to question two men driving a sedan. Brown said it appeared that a bound woman's body was in the back seat. The men have not been apprehended. The chief received a flesh wound in the side which was described as not serious.

Action In Klamath-Newberg Game At Eugene



EUGENE, March 15—Mix-up at the basket. Klamath Forward Gene Hoover and Newberg Forward Don Hoy await drop of ball just bunted by Newberg Guard Howard Newton and Klamath Guard Joe Zarosinski, both still in air. In background, Klamath Guard LeRoy Coleman (4). Klamath won game, 60-57, to go into the title round with Marshfield high tonight. —AP wirephoto.

Timber Tax Hearing Set

A hearing on the proposed severance tax on timber for conservation purposes will be held at the state house at Salem Monday afternoon after legislative adjournment, Senator Marshall Cornett informed The Herald and News today.

Senator Cornett said there is much evidence of interest in the measure—mostly opposed to it—in the 17th senatorial district, of which Klamath county is a part. The bill, providing for a 10 cents per 1000 feet tax, passed the house, but Representatives Poole and Semon of Klamath county voted against it.

Governor Earl Snell recommended a 20 cents tax, but the house cut it in two before approving.

London Water Said Poisoned

LONDON, March 15 (AP)—More than 1,000,000 Londoners were warned by radio today to boil all drinking water, as floods spread over a large area of southern England.

The warning was directed to the thickly populated east end of London and adjacent suburbs, where the river Lea overflowed this morning into filtering beds. A morning emergency water wagons and mobile filters, called into action, proved unequal to the task of handling the 46,000,000 gallons a day normally consumed in the area.

The London metropolitan water board urged all the capital's 8,700,000 population to try for a "frugal saving" of water during the week-end, in the hope conditions might return to normal by Monday.

TEACHER NAMED
PORTLAND, March 15 (AP)—Mrs. Stuart Strong, principal of Catlin School, Portland, was elected president of the Northwest Association of Independent Schools yesterday.

Klamathites Pour Into Eugene For Final Hoop Tilt

By HALE SCARBROUGH
EUGENE, Ore., March 15—Klamath Falls people poured into this university town today to cheer the Klamath Pelicans when they go into the finals of the state basketball tournament tonight with Marshfield. High furnishing the title competition.

Klamath's 60-57 defeat of the fighting Newberg team in the semi-finals last night gave Coach Wayne Scott's Pelicans their chance for the title, and it looks like a sellout crowd at McArthur court tonight. Out-of-towners coming to the game should find Eugene to make sure tickets can be purchased before making the trip.

The Pelican routing section at McArthur court has grown almost by magic. First night, there was just a sprinkling of Klamath people in evidence, but by Friday the Klamath stand was well filled and the leading Eugene hotels, the Eugene and the Osborne, were packed with Klamathites.

Through a process of evolution, the Klamath Pelicans finally became the darling of the crowds flocking to the "Igloo," McArthur court to see high school basketball at its best.

PARIS, March 15 (AP)—Search parties reported today that an avalanche of snow had covered the wreckage of an Air France liner, which crashed into a cliff and exploded yesterday on the treacherous slope of Mount Mouchelle in the French alps.

There was no trace of the 18 passengers, four of whom were Americans, or of the five crewmen.

Ground parties messaged to the company's Lyon office that fear of starting a new snow slide on the 4000-foot mountain kept them from digging to examine the wreckage, which they reached after wading through two feet of newly fallen snow. The plane, a two-engine DC-3, left Nice yesterday for Paris. It crashed into the mountain on its

Starting out, Washington high of Portland and the Eugene Axemen held the fickle favor of public opinion in their respective brackets. A sizeable delegation was down from Portland to cheer on the Colonials, and Eugene, playing in its own home town, was a natural favorite.

But when Washington was beaten in the early stages of the game, favor began to swing over to other squads. Salem's early play made an impression on the five or six thousand persons who have regularly been attending the games, but when little Newberg stole one from the Vikings, the Tigers caught the popular fancy.

Lebanon, the underdog, was by all odds the crowd's favorite in its losing struggle against Klamath, and then in the second round the Eugene Axemen were backed almost solidly against the Pelicans until the bitter end.

About that time the little-counted-on Marshfield quintet began, making its presence known, beating out Sandy in the top bracket and coming along with Hood River in that division.

As American an institution as basketball itself is the tendency (Continued on Page 4, Column 6)

WEATHER	
Max. (Mar. 15) — 50	Min. — 32
Forecast: Partly cloudy, 24 hours — 50	
Stream year to date — 5.99	
Last year — 10.88	Normal — 8.55
Forecast: Clear today, cloudy Sunday.	

Stalin Talk To Marshall Likely Soon

MOSCOW, March 15 (AP)—Prime Minister Stalin is likely to speak his mind to U. S. Secretary of State Marshall on President Truman's proposed plans to aid Greece and Turkey when the Soviet leader receives the American secretary, an event which may occur at any time now.

No Soviet leader thus far has made a public statement on the president's declaration, but the Russians certainly must believe that Marshall played a guiding part in shaping the president's policy.

Two of the most important newspapers in the Soviet Union—the communist party newspaper Pravda and the government organ, Izvestia, have lashed out at the Truman plan. Both newspapers displayed a frankness rarely employed in commenting upon the actions of the head of a great state.

Pravda took up the subject at great length today in an attack similar to the arguments employed yesterday by Izvestia. Delegates to the four-power foreign ministers' conference read at breakfast a charge in Pravda, organ of the communist party's Moscow central committee, that the Truman policy did not serve the cause of peace and security and that in the proposal "a policy of imperialist expansion is revealed under the guise of charity."

Axe Attacker Captured

CRESCENT CITY, Calif., March 15 (AP)—Kelsie L. Brannan eluded a 15-man posse for nearly three days in the rugged Oregon-California border country—but he had to eat. That led to his capture late yesterday.

Brannan, identified by Under Sheriff William Mooney as having been paroled from the psychopathic ward at Folsom prison, was apprehended at the remote Idlewild resort where he tried to buy a meal.

The waitress suspected he was the man sought for attacking William Langiewicz, an aged miner who had befriended him, and notified authorities. Brannan did not resist arrest when approached by Forest Supervisor Leo Quackenbush and Forester Bob Stevens, pistols drawn.

Brannan was held here on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and robbery. Langiewicz, recovering from severe axe wounds about the head, identified Brannan as the man he had employed, who the next morning, attacked him and made off with his wallet, pistol and automobile.

Northern Lights Seen In Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., March 15 (AP)—The northern lights were observed here at about 2:30 a. m. today and the federal communications commission monitoring station reported some interference with radio reception.

Observers said the lights faded a little after 3 a. m.

Soviets Play Up Wallace Speech

MOSCOW, March 15 (AP)—The Soviet press and radio made heavy use today of Henry A. Wallace's radio speech censuring President Truman's program of U. S. aid to Greece and Turkey.

Before 9 a. m. the radio twice had read the former U. S. commerce secretary's remarks to listeners both in Moscow and throughout the Soviet Union.

Russian newspapers featured the speech prominently on the back or foreign page. There was no editorial comment but one Russian declared: "It doesn't need any."

Government Action Blamed For Varying Wheat Market

CHICAGO, March 15 (AP)—A commodity exchange official's charge that "unpredictable government actions" are causing price fluctuations in grain futures prices today confronted government officials who blamed speculation and asked that margins be boosted.

The request, sent yesterday to the nation's three major grain exchanges in Chicago, Kansas City and Minneapolis, brought a quick reply from Walter Scott of Kansas City, president of the National Association of Commodity Exchanges and Allied Trades, Inc.

"The high prices that are ruling today are directly due to government policies and activities that have brought about conditions that the entire grain trade views with concern and alarm," Scott declared in a statement issued by the association's headquarters in New York.

Billion Seen As Cost Of Program

By ALEX H. SINGLETON
WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—Key legislators predicted today at least five more countries may ask for aid under the administration's program to curb the spread of communism among war-weakened nations near the Russian borders.

They said Iran, Syria, Lebanon, Hungary and Palestine are likely to call for help soon either in the form of credit or cash grants.

Billion Cost
Including \$400,000,000 which President Truman has urged congress to provide for Greece and Turkey, and millions more for relief elsewhere in Europe and China, the ultimate cost of the overall policy may be well over \$1,000,000,000, the congress members estimated.

They said these are probable developments:

1. Congressional approval—somewhat later than the administration goal of March 31—of Mr. Truman's request for funds to help Greece and Turkey withstand communist pressure, plus authority to send them military and civilian missions.

2. The house of commons approved yesterday a \$76,000,000 supplementary appropriation to wind up British aid in Greece by March 31. Hector McNeill, minister of state, said Britain is "most anxious that the United Nations commission now in Greece make some recommendation of a permanent or semi-permanent kind" for the country's future.

3. A move to slow down action on tax cut until the foreign situation has become clarified. This took shape yesterday when Rep. Doughton (D-N.C.), ranking minority member of the tax-fixing house ways and means committee, warned of "dark clouds hanging over the world."

4. Insistent demands, particularly from the newly-dominant republican majority, for a long range blueprint of the administration's foreign policy. GOP members want to know not only plans for the southern Mediterranean but elsewhere in the world in such trouble spots as Korea, Manchuria, Poland and Germany.

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Weather Man Sees Clouds

There were blue skies in Oregon again today as the state continued to bask in warm sunshine and clear weather, but the weatherman predicted a change to partial cloudiness and scattered showers for Sunday.

Klamath Falls followed the rest of the state Friday and today with a mercury high of 70 Friday afternoon, and a minimum of 32 degrees.

Points in most parts of the state recorded new high temperatures for the year. On Friday, Medford and Bend reported high readings of 77; Salem, 76; Portland and Roseburg, 74; North Bend, 69, and Eugene, 68.

Today Last Day For Tax Filing

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—Final reminder—have you filed that federal income tax return yet?

This is the last day for it. Most internal revenue offices will be open all day to receive returns. Mailed returns will be accepted as on time if postmarked before midnight tonight.

Late returns are subject to a penalty.

announcements in November of the completion of relief purchases; the backing away of prices; the entry of the commodity credit corporation in the market at above-market prices; the announcement of greatly expanded governmental export programs; government activities in absorbing all offers of grain as soon as they became available in competition with the trade."

The commodity exchange authority in Washington asked that speculative traders be required to put up at least 25 per cent of the cash value of grain futures contracts purchased.

Only one exchange, at Minneapolis, took action yesterday to follow the government's request. The Chicago board of trade met but lacked a quorum. Richard Unimann, first vice president, said directors would consider the matter "early next week."

At Kansas City, an official of the exchange there said the board may meet today or Monday.