

New State Legislature Facing Many Problems

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SALEM (AP) — The 1959 Legislature will face nine difficult problems when it meets here Jan. 12.

These touch all the bases, involving such subjects as finance, highways, power, education, unemployment compensation and government reorganization.

Here are the major problems to be faced by the Democratic Legislature and Republican Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield:

1. The budget will have to be balanced, yet will have to be increased to take care of increased demands by schools, colleges and institutions. Neither party wants new taxes, but there probably will be some readjustment in the tax laws to make them more equitable.
2. Money will have to be provided for new college and institution buildings. The question will be whether to provide construction money within the budget, or to submit a bond issue to the people to provide a long-range construction program.
3. The Highway Commission says that in order to get enough state money to match federal construction funds, there must be a gasoline tax increase of one cent a gallon, and that the \$10 motor vehicle license fee must be increased to \$15.
4. The entire unemployment compensation law must be overhauled to provide enough payroll tax money to pay the benefits. There is a possibility that the Unemployment Compensation Commission might go broke during the legislative session, so the need for legislation is urgent.
5. Democrats will try to pass legislation to put the state into the power business. They might succeed, too, although Hatfield probably would veto it.
6. Educators again will ask for an increase in basic school aid to school districts. This aid was increased last year from \$80 to \$105 a year for each child on the school census, although the school people asked for \$120. Now they want \$150, saying that represents half the cost of education. Whether the money-short Legislature can afford an increase is a question.
7. The fate of Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls will be settled. The choices are to rebuild it on a new site near Klamath Falls, keep it at the present site or move it to Oregon State College. The Legislature also will decide whether to provide vocational technical education in other communities.
8. Gov. Robert D. Holmes' plan to require every automobile owner to have liability insurance will be submitted to the Legislature, but the insurance industry will wage a fight against it. Insurance men say being forced to carry poor risks will raise the cost of insurance—and so will higher jury awards they expect when jurors know that an insurance company will foot the bill.
9. A Democratic-controlled interim committee wants the governor to be given authority to reorganize the state government, subject only to a veto control by the Legislature. Now that a Republican will be governor, there is a question whether the Democrats would want him to have this authority. Another controversial item in this field is the proposed merger of the state Fish and Game commissions.

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Murder Trial Is Continuing

THE DALLES, Ore. (AP)—The second degree murder trial of Douglas Jake, 33, a Warm Springs Indian Reservation rafter, continued here today.

He is charged in the death of his wife.

Dist. Atty. Harry Hogan told the jury in an opening statement Monday that the couple had been drinking for days before she was killed.

Hogan said that the drinking wound up with Jake beating her to death with a wine bottle.

But Owen Panner, Bend, the defense attorney, said that Jake was found innocent by reason of insanity.

"We think," Panner said, "the evidence will show Douglas Jake as a mentally deficient person."

Panner discounted a statement authorities said Jake had signed, admitting the slaying.

"We object to the confession being used in the trial," Panner said. "We doubt if they were his words."



LEE M. YODER has returned to the OTI campus after an absence of two years during which time he operated his own gunsmithing shop at Fresno and worked for a local gunsmith. Yoder attended Fresno State College and is a 1955 graduate of Oregon Tech in gunsmithing. At that time he joined the OTI staff as a graduate assistant instructor in gunsmithing for four terms, moving to Fresno in 1956. Mr. and Mrs. Yoder live at 2040 Eberlein Street in Klamath Falls.

Firm's Chief Cites Growth

PORTLAND (AP) — Two big construction projects are yardsticks of the growth of the Pacific Cooperatives, general manager Charles Baker said here Monday.

One project, he said, is a 15-million dollar oil refinery at nearby Vancouver, Wash. The other is a 17-million dollar fertilizer plant at Georgetown, Wash.

"You have to be big to amount to much," said Baker as the association of co-ops in Idaho, Oregon and Washington opened its annual three-day meeting here.

Baker said the co-op had \$1-million dollar volume in the last fiscal year.

The volume will increase to \$2 million by 1963, Baker said.

SEES NO NUCLEAR WAR
NEW YORK (UPI)—Adm. Arleigh A. Burke, chief of naval operations, said Friday night he believes all-out nuclear war is "unlikely" and will remain so "just as long as we are ready to fight it."

Burke also told the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers that rising costs sharpened the conflict between "immediate readiness and future capability" in the military budget.

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Red Revolution Influence Alarms Cabinet Officials

WASHINGTON (AP) — Administration officials are reported somewhat alarmed over what they regard as a marked increase in Communist influence among backers of the revolutionary regime in Iraq.

Known Communists are understood to have flocked to Premier Abdel Kerim Kassem's side in his continuing battle with pro-Egyptian elements in his country.

Some Reds also are reported to have infiltrated the Iraqi police force as well as the Interior and Education ministries.

Responsible officials said Kassem apparently has not actively sought Red support. But, they said, neither has he spurned it, apparently believing he can control the Reds for his own purposes.

Kassem's arrest of his longtime aide, Abdel Salam Aref, on charges of anti-government activities, demonstrates the premier's confidence in his present role, officials said.

Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser is reported to have expressed serious alarm to Western diplomats over what he called Kassem's tendency to rely more and more on Communists to stay in power.

Nasser's cries of alarm are being taken with some skepticism, however, because he is believed at least aware of the anti-Kassem maneuverings in Iraq.

Tension in Baghdad exploded into at least one sizable riot about two weeks ago. Iraqi nationalists, reinforced by Communists, battled pro-Nasser demonstrators before army troops broke up the fight.

A new clash erupted a few days ago, diplomats said, with Communists and Iraqi nationalists slugging it out briefly before troops again intervened.

These Baghdad clashes are reportedly not connected with major rioting in the oil cities of Kirkuk and Mosul in the north. Kurds in

these areas apparently battled Iraqis of Turkish Origin. This fight was connected with the return of Kurdish leader Mullah Mustafa Barzani to Iraq after long years of exile, some in Russia.

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Soil Men Attend Meet

FORT ROCK—The Fort Rock-Silver Lake Soil Conservation District was represented by Owen Pitcher, Fort Rock, and Eston Porter, Silver Lake, at an area meeting for district supervisors and Soil Conservation Service technicians held in Klamath Falls November 12. Work unit conservationist, Everett Green, attended with them from the Silver Lake office.

Pitcher was on a panel which discussed the use of district equipment. Some 40 supervisors and SCS men serving the districts discussed program planning.

Bob Baum, executive secretary for the State Soil Conservation Committee, arranged for the meeting and pointed out the functions of the committee in relation to the district program.

Tom Helseh of Portland, state conservationist, spoke on how the SCS can help districts and Richard King of Corvallis told how the extension service can assist.

The local district's planning for the future was also considered last week when Earl Jones, area conservationist, and Fred Greenfield, range specialist, both of Bend, spent two days in Silver Lake. They inspected district programing with Everett Green and Jack Gillette, district engineer. Further, they checked recent work done on some of the ranches receiving district services in planning and development.

Greenfield completed work Friday on a ranch plan for F. A. Frazee, a district cooperator. They planned with William Leavelle and Carl McCrillis of the Bureau of Land Management, Lakeview, for proper use of public grazing lands in relation to the overall plan for ranch development.

A "PETTY" COMPLAINT
LONDON (UPI) — Mrs. Sheila Blomfield said her zoologist husband, Peter, made her live "check by jowl" in a small apartment with a python, a boa constrictor and an alligator. A divorce court judge agreed it was gross cruelty, divorce granted.



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