

Congress Opens; Politics Top List

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress got back into business today. And in this presidential election year every member was certain of one main item of business: Politics.

Out of this final session of the Eisenhower administration will be hammered the fresher issues for next fall's elections. It could make or break the hopes of members hoping to gain higher office or hold what they have.

A consciousness of this stood out clearly amid the handshaking, backslapping, and good-fellowship that always attend the reconvening of Congress.

Already plans are shaping up for investigations in many fields—foreign affairs, defense policy, television, outer space, drug prices and boxing. Such hearings keep a legislator's name before the public and sometimes influence votes.

Due for early consideration are civil rights and aid to education bills—subjects that divide Congress, carry a lot of emotional impact, and have political overtones.

Today's House and Senate sessions were limited to the formalities of reconvening and swearing in new members.

President Eisenhower will come up and deliver his annual State of the Union message to a joint session Thursday. The message will set out in general terms what he hopes to get from Congress. Later, special messages will give more details.

Before Congress convened there was a hint that perhaps the President is a little sensitive to prospective criticism of the gap between U. S. and Soviet missile progress.

In a brief, informal talk to officials of his church—the National Presbyterian — Eisenhower cautioned Americans against becoming too hysterical about Soviet achievements in outer space.

The President, Vice President Richard M. Nixon, some members of Congress received Holy Communion at the 8 a. m. service.

Party leaders already have set a tentative adjournment date—July 4, a week before the Democratic national convention starts in Los Angeles and three weeks before the Republicans gather in Chicago.

The annual cry for economy came from Rep. Clarence Cannon (D-Mo.), chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

"The budget goes up and up every year," complained Cannon Tuesday night. "The interest on the national debt goes up and up. Wartime tax rates are kept in effect and there is expectation of cutting taxes."

"I am very much disappointed at the size of the budget (about \$1 billion dollars). It must be cut."

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Hodgepodge in the news:
A National Airlines plane with 34 persons aboard went down today on a non-stop flight from New York to Miami.

The news has been full of plane trouble recently. Does that mean that plane travel is getting more dangerous? Probably not. We can assume that the real reason is that there are more planes in the air. There are more highway fatalities because there are more cars on the road.

Let's put it this way:
More people are being killed and injured by slipping in bathtubs. It isn't that bathtubs are more dangerous. There are just more bathtubs and more people taking baths.

Speaking of traffic:
George A. Walter, who invented the nation's first traffic signals, died the other day in Stratford, Connecticut, at the age of 87.

His invention was a manually operated contraption consisting of a square box at the top of a pole. Two sides of the box carried the word GO. The other two sides carried the word STOP. The cop manipulated it by means of handles. When, in his judgment, traffic had flowed long enough in one direction, he changed the GO sign to STOP. He had a barricade around him to keep careless motorists from knocking him for a loop.

A lot of water has flowed under the bridge since then.
IMAGINE A JIGGER LIKE THAT AT A COMPLICATED CORNER ON A LOS ANGELES FREEWAY!

Prison doors in Havana swing open for 1200 Cuban criminals granted a blanket pardon in observance of Epiphany — the day when Latin Americans traditionally exchange Christmas presents.
NO POLITICAL PRISONERS WERE INCLUDED AMONG THOSE TO BE RELEASED.

Question:
In a system like that, WHO is a political prisoner?
Answer:
He's a guy who isn't going to vote for you—if you happen to be running the show.
Simple, isn't it?

A Columbia University graduate who worked his way through college has just presented to his alma mater the not inconsiderable sum of five million dollars. The money will be used to help build an 18-story medical research building at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Who is the donor? He is William Black, founder and president of Chock Full o' Nuts Corporation.

How did he make his money? He got a good idea and ran it into a big pile.

Another question:
Who is the greater benefactor of humanity—Revolutionist Fidel Castro, or simple free enterpriser William Black, who made a fortune out of nuts and is using his money wisely?
My vote goes to Black.

Manufacturer Helps Dog; Fits Him With Hearing Aid

PITTSBURGH (UPI)—A person who is deaf finds it quite easy to sympathize with someone in a similar plight.

L. M. Meyers is deaf. So is Bill.

Bill's case is sadder than most. Bill is a puppy. And no one wants a pooch that can't hear.

Bill was found on the streets of Pittsburgh — homeless and nameless. He was taken in by the Animal Friends refuge. They soon discovered that Bill couldn't hear.

So did all prospective masters. They were touched by the pathetic looks of this short-haired, fawn-colored pup. But a dog that couldn't hear? Too many problems.

Meyers, the president of Radioear Corp., which manufactures hearing aids, read about Bill in a Pittsburgh newspaper.

"Being deaf myself, I can sympathize with the puppy's plight," he explained.

Meyers offered his firm's laboratory to test the dog's hearing and last week Bill went to the laboratory in nearby Canonsburg for the tests.

Attendants attached a hearing aid to his ear and a battery to his collar.

Various tones were fed into his ear. Then a high frequency note. The dog reared up, tossed his head.

There was hope. Meyers kept his promise — the dog was fitted with a hearing aid.

And now Bill is leading a dog's life — which with a hearing aid isn't so bad after all.

But Bill still needs one thing to make that dog's life complete—a master. His new friends feel he'll have one soon.

Speaker Sam Celebrates Birthday 78

WASHINGTON (UPI)—House members of both political faiths dusted off some of their warmer superlatives for today's opening session. This is Speaker Sam Rayburn's 78th birthday, and the



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members don't get a chance to say all those nice things very often.

Rayburn's birthday, like Rayburn himself, has become pretty much of an institution around the capitol, coming as it does on or pretty close to the opening day of each session.

Except for four years embracing two Republican Congresses, Rayburn has been speaker since 1940, longer than most members of the House have been in Congress.

With so many of them behind him, Mr. Sam naturally is not quite as enthusiastic about birthdays as some other people. He usually bears up well though under the kind words everybody has for him on these occasions.

Although Rayburn is an and always has been an unqualified and unrepentant Democrat, even the Republicans speak highly of him on his birthday, and sometimes even between birthdays. This time President Eisenhower got into the act early, telegraphing the Texan last week, "I am proud to have been born in your congressional district."

As hard as this may be for some folks here to believe, Rayburn wasn't actually representing the district at the time of Eisenhower's birth. He's been in Congress not quite 47 years, merely an all-time record for House membership. He also shattered, long ago, all records for tenure as speaker.

Another prominent Republican who doesn't always see eye to eye with Rayburn is Rep. Charles A. Halleck, the House Republican leader. Last March 4, when Rayburn shattered one more longevity record of some kind or another, Halleck called him a "magnificent" speaker.

Six May Vie On Ballot

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Six Democrats may be on the presidential primary ballot in Oregon next May.

That possibility loomed today after Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) said in Washington, D. C., that he will not file an affidavit asking for removal of his name from the Oregon ballot.

The Oregon secretary of state will enter on the ballot the names of all generally recognized candidates. Also to be on the ballot will be candidates placed there by petition.

Besides Symington, the candidates expected to be on the ballot are: Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon, Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts, Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas and Adlai Stevenson.

Gator Gagger Fined

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—Robert Syle, 27, received a six-month suspended jail term and was fined \$150 Tuesday for lynching an alligator.

Syle, who pleaded guilty to charges of malicious mischief and cruelty to animals, said he and a companion tried to steal the alligator from a Sacramento zoo on Nov. 16 to give it to a girl friend.

They slipped a rope around the 90-pound reptile's neck and started to pull it over a fence surrounding its pen. They became frightened and fled, leaving the alligator to strangle.

Land Of Dixie Shivers In Heavy Snow Storm

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A fast-moving snow storm which hit the Southwest swept into the South today, leaving a heavy blanket of white from Arkansas into North Carolina. Dixie shivered in the first big snow storm of the winter.

The season's first big snow fall—and the biggest in many years in some areas—curtailed travel, closed schools and disrupted telephone and power service. The storms were blamed for at least five deaths.

Nearly a foot of snow made a wintry scene in parts of the Southland.

The far-ranging storm dumped a snow covering that stretched from eastern New Mexico, Oklahoma and the northern third of Texas eastward through Arkansas, southern Missouri and Tennessee into Kentucky, southwestern Virginia, the western Carolinas and north Georgia.

Arkansas sloshed through the biggest snowfall in 38 years. The season's first storm piled up 6 inches, by official reading, in Little Rock, and from 2 to 6 inches elsewhere.

Most of the snow falls in years were reported in many areas. The seven inches at Nashville was the deepest in nine years.

Sleet added to the treacherous conditions on highways and on railroad tracks. Bus and train travel was delayed. Some plane

flights were canceled.

The storm, which reached blizzard intensity in parts of the Southwest Tuesday, swept eastward and heaviest snow during the night was in Tennessee and Kentucky.

The storm in the Southwest forced schools to close, stalled scores of motorists and made driving hazardous. At least two deaths were blamed on the storm in the Southwest. Three others were reported in the Southeast. Three persons were missing in a private plane in the Southwest storm belt.

Snow measured up to 10 inches in the central Texas Panhandle and nearly a foot in parts of Oklahoma. Two to 6 inches fell in New Mexico.

As the Southern areas battled winter's first big snow storm, the severe cold wave moderated in some Northern regions. It was still cold in other border areas.

It was cold in the Southwest snow belt, as skies cleared in New Mexico and western parts of the Texas Panhandle. Temperatures dipped to near zero in the Texas Panhandle.

But it was much colder in northern Minnesota as another surge of arctic air swept in from Canada. It was near 20 degrees below zero again this morning in International Falls, on the Canadian border as the early January cold snap continued in many parts of the Midwest.

All County Court Chiefs To Be Chosen By Voters

Klamath County voters must choose all three members of the county court during this year's elections.

So says an opinion from State Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton released last yesterday. Thornton was asked for the opinion by District Attorney Arthur Beddoe to clarify Klamath County's unusual election year dilemma.

THE OPEN STATUS of all county court offices should add considerable interest to elections this year. Otherwise the county slate includes the sheriff, county clerk, assessor, and a justice of the peace in the Odell District.

The filing deadline for all offices is 5 p.m. March 11. The primary election is May 20; the general election November 8.

No members of the county court chose to decide at this time whether they would be candidates for reelection, or for what offices. The attorney general said voters must elect a county judge for a full four-year term, a commissioner for a full term, and another commissioner for a two-year term.

The situation developed last January when former County Judge Charles H. Mack resigned to become a state tax commissioner. Bob Walker had just won election as a county commissioner, and was named judge to replace Mack.

Frank Ganong was appointed to fill Walker's commission seat.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S opinion says both these offices must be filled in the general election in November.

Ed Gowen, of 10 years on the county court, was not in-

cluded in the adjustment last February, but comes up for reelection this year because his normal term expires.

Just what county court members must seek what offices, should they choose to shift positions, apparently was not made clear. Thornton said, "Candidates for these offices will be determined under provisions of the primary election law."

It's still too far from filing deadline for incumbents to express their views on candidacy. The only definite opinion about courthouse corridors today was a feeling that this year's county court election should draw a large primary field.

Neither did other incumbents choose to express their views. These are County Clerk Charley DeLoar, now completing his fourth four-year term in office and back on the job daily since a serious operation last fall; Sheriff Red Britton, completing his second four-year term; and Assessor Hap Caldwell, finishing his first four-year term.

THESE MEN WILL announce their decisions later.

The only other county office on this year's ballots will be that of justice of the peace in the Odell District. Richmond Walker was appointed to the office late last year after the death of E. W. Dunn. It is understood the election will be for a two-year unexpired term.

One additional cautionary note was added by the attorney general regarding the county court race. It is imperative, he specified, "that the general election ballot contain the names of qualified candidates and the proper write-in space for a two-year term and a four-year term of county commissioner."

Weather

Klamath Falls and vicinity — Clearing tonight. Fair Thursday. High 26-32; low 5-15.

High yesterday — 32
Low last night — 4
Precip. last 24 hours — 0
Since Oct. 1 — 1.06
Same period last year — 1.87
Low in area, Chiloquin — 2

Northern California — Light showers north of Fort Bragg and snow flurries in extreme northern mountains, possibly reaching into the northern Sierra Nevada. Otherwise cloudy in the north portion and mostly fair in central California.

Agency Picks New Officer

Conrad Shelland has been named temporary replacement for Earle Wilcox as acting officer in charge at Klamath Agency and the Indian Sales Office in Klamath Falls.

Shelland arrived to assume the post Monday, replacing Wilcox who is in Washington, D. C., taking a six-month training program for manager development which is sponsored by the Department of the Interior.

Shelland will serve in this dual capacity until Wilcox returns or until a replacement for him is named.

The new officer is thoroughly familiar with the Klamath problems. He graduated from Purdue University in 1948, and went to work at the Klamath Indian Reservation in September of that year, serving there until June of 1957.

He was then transferred to the Portland area office as a forester and took part in much of the termination program administered from the Portland office.

Shelland is married and has two children, aged 10 and 8. He indicated that he would make his residence at Klamath Agency.

Macmillan Begins Tour Of Colonies

ACCRA, Ghana (AP)—Prime Minister Harold Macmillan arrived at the brilliantly decorated Accra airport today on the first leg of his 15,000-mile fact-finding tour through Britain's restive col-



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onies and Commonwealth members in Africa.

Macmillan was greeted by Ghana's Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah, who led his country to freedom nearly three years ago after being imprisoned by the British.

Nkrumah noted that Macmillan is the first British prime minister to visit south of the Sahara while in office. He said he hopes the visit will strengthen good will, not only for Ghana and the United Kingdom, but for Africa and the world.

Macmillan in reply said he had come "to see and learn."

About 2,000 Ghanians were at the airport, some in brightly colored native robes.

Macmillan's talks with Nkrumah are expected to deal mainly with Ghana's relations with Britain, and particularly Nkrumah's plans to make Ghana a republic within the British Commonwealth, like India and Pakistan. This would elevate him to the status of chief of state. At present the Queen is the head of state, represented here by a governor general.

The two leaders also are expected to discuss Nkrumah's aspirations to lead the emerging African nations into a huge federation of African states. One of these, Nigeria, which becomes independent in October, is next on Macmillan's schedule.

After Nigeria, Macmillan goes to the Central African Federation, where Negro nationalists in the Protectorate of Nyasaland are trying to break away from the federation with the white-dominated Rhodesias.

The last step on his itinerary is the Union of South Africa, seat of the continent's bitterest racial issues. There will be a side trip to the neighboring British territories of Bechuanaland, Basutoland, and Swaziland.

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Red-skinned Frank Brown Jr. faced a drunkenness charge and some Indian talking palefaces in court Tuesday.

One Who Sues Learns Sioux; That's Sure, See

"Ojus keehomee?" inquired Asst. State Atty. John Boyer, who said that meant "Plenty whisky?" in the language of the Seminoles tribe.

"Drunk," Brown answered.

Judge Ben C. Willard suspended sentence and said in Seminole "Ha-ee-pas" (You go now). Brown stood fast.

"Don't you understand your own Seminole language?" Boyer asked.

"Me Sioux," the defendant grunted.

Congratulations

SALEM (AP)—Gov. Mark Hatfield Tuesday claimed a share of Washington's Rose Bowl victory, because three Oregonians were members of the Husky football team.

Hatfield sent this telegram to Washington Gov. Rosellini: "Congratulations on the great honor the Washington Huskies brought the West and particularly the Northwest. We are mighty proud also of the role our Oregonian members of your team played in your season's success."

Thirty-Four Dead In Airplane Crash

BOLIVIA, N. C. (AP)—A National Airlines night coach flying non-stop from New York to Miami crashed with 34 persons aboard before dawn today in swampy woodlands near here.

"There will not be any survivors," said Deputy Sheriff H. G. Ratcliff.

Twenty five bodies had been recovered by this afternoon.

Reporters on the scene said the big plane appeared to have exploded in the air and debris and bodies were scattered over an area of 20 acres.

The four-engine DC6B, carrying one of two substitute flights making vacation-bound passengers originally booked on a canceled flight, struck earth 2 1/2 miles southwest of Bolivia, a hamlet 25 miles southwest of Wilmington.

The other substitute plane, an Electra turbo-prop plane, reached Miami safely with 76 passengers and crew members.

The plane that crashed carried 29 passengers and a crew of five. Its passengers included retired Vice Adm. Edward Orrick McDonnell, who held the Medal of Honor and numerous other decorations for World War II service. He commanded an aircraft carrier in the Pacific.

Most of the passengers were Easterners, bound for vacations at Florida's sunny resorts.

The plane had been flying through rainy weather.

The watch on the wrist of a crew member found in the cockpit was stopped at 2:45 a.m., indicating that the crash occurred some 14 minutes after the pilot reported by radio. He indicated no trouble at that time.

The possibility that passengers were aware of trouble before the crash was seen in the fact that a number of the victims were clad in Mae West life preservers. The life preservers on some had been inflated.

A piece of the wing and most of the ripped fuselage fell in a field, while the cockpit struck in woods 50 yards away.

The plane crashed on the small farm of Richard Randolph. His wife, Letzie, was awakened by the noise and she awakened her husband.

"We heard an engine going chug-a-chug," he said, "like it was cutting in and out. Then it sounded like 'tin doors and win-

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Department Warns TID

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Undersecretary of Interior Elmer F. Bennett warned today that the department will go through with plans to take over some functions of the Tulelake Irrigation District in California unless the district gives assurance it will maintain adequate water levels.

Bennett made the statement as he opened a conference of interior officials, representatives of the district, and interested legislators.

On Dec. 11, the department announced it would take over part of the Tulelake operation within 65 days because the district had let the Reclamation Project's water level drop to such a low level that wildlife in the region suffered.

Bennett reaffirmed that "unless we are satisfied that the district is prepared to meet these requirements and can provide assurances that it will do so, we intend to resume operation of these facilities."

The undersecretary said that the district would be allowed to submit proposals to department officials. If they "fully meet wildlife conservation objectives while serving the primary purpose of protecting agricultural lands" the department will consider them, he said.

The meetings are expected to continue through today and Thursday.

Sweeping Tax Plan Offered To New York Legislature

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller proposed to the 1960 Legislature today a sweeping local-tax plan to help raise an extra 100 million dollars for schools. The governor also promised a strict pay-as-you-go budget for the state.

In his annual message to the Legislature, the Republican governor said his 1960-61 fiscal program would hold the line on state spending, which totals \$2,021,000,000 in this fiscal year.

"I am happy to report that we have restored fiscal integrity in the Empire State," Rockefeller declared.

Other highlights of the message urged:

1. Use of state funds to offset declining revenues from the federal highway program and maintain long-range road programs at current levels.

dows ripping off. Then there was a big boom like dynamite."

Randolph arose and looked out the window. He could see nothing but a small flame which soon the plane, The Negro farmer drove to Bolivia, the nearest phone, and an operator connected him with the New Hanover airport at Wilmington. He then waited in Bolivia until highway patrolmen arrived about 7:30 a.m., and guided them to the scene.

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Water Supply Outlook Not Too Good

PORTLAND (AP)—The outlook for Oregon's 1960 water supply ranges from only fair to very poor, W. T. Frost, snow survey supervisor, said today.

He said that supplies of water in reservoirs is below normal, that watershed soils are drier than normal and that the mountain snow pack is near a record low in many portions of the state.

Frost, who works with the Soil Conservation Service and the Oregon Agriculture Experiment Station, said that the water content of the mountain snows was only 25 per cent of normal for Jan. 1.

Last year at this time, however, the water content was even lower—17 per cent of normal. The snow pack this year is poorest in the Willamette and Hood River-Wasco areas. The best snow pack, which is only 39 per cent of normal, is in Northeastern Oregon watersheds.

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He said that water stored in 19 major irrigation reservoirs is now 69 per cent of the average for the years 1943 to 1957. That is half of the amount available for last year.

Frost said that precipitation in the state since Oct. 1 has been only about half normal. It is much less than in many areas.

All this indicates that there will be below normal streamflow during the 1960 irrigation season—April through September—unless winter storms produce much above average amount of snow.

The next in a series of snow survey reports will be issued Feb. 8, Frost said.

Ban Imposed On A-Ship

COPENHAGEN (UPI)—Denmark will not allow the U.S. nuclear freighter Savannah to visit here unless the United States supplies full information about its safety equipment, it was announced today.

The Danes would not let the U.S. atomic submarine Nautilus call here last year because U.S. authorities refused to give details of the secret equipment that guards against radiation from its reactor engine.

Atomic energy chief Christian L. Thomsen, who returned recently from Washington, said today he believes the U.S. will be more willing to talk about the safety devices that protect the Savannah.

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