

Morse Opposes Coalition For Sen. Boivin

PORTLAND (AP)—Support from U. S. Sen. Wayne L. Morse, D-Ore., over how to elect a state Senate president came today for Democratic State Chairman Robert Straub.

In a letter to Straub, Morse said that any proposal "to select a president on a coalition basis... smacks of political fixing."

Conservative Democratic Sen. Harry Boivin, Klamath Falls, has lined up 10 Republican and 7 Democratic votes for the state Senate presidency. Portland Sen. Alfred Corbett has 13 Democratic votes pledged.

"The coalition principle," Morse wrote, "defeats party responsibility... and denies the acceptance of democratic procedures within the organization of the Democratic Party."

He said he hoped Sen. Walter Pearson, the leading Democratic voice in the coalition group, "will reconsider... and help us build a more effective Democratic Party."

But, said Morse, if the Democratic minority persists, it should be told it has forfeited the right "to participate further in the Democratic caucus."

This should further be pointed out to the people, making clear that the coalition minority does not reflect the view of the party in Oregon.

Another county executive committee also came to Straub's support. George Balsiger Jr., chairman of the Democratic Party in Lane County, said that committee "deplores the actions of Sen. Walter Pearson and his minority group of Democrats in their refusal to accept the decision of the Democratic caucus."

The state executive committee earlier had voted support of Corbett and this brought a demand from Pearson that Straub resign. He said the state committee should stay out of the fight.

Multnomah Democrats For Straub

PORTLAND (AP)—The Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee lined up behind state chairman Robert L. Straub Thursday night in the fight over party control.

Straub and the state Democratic Central Committee have been warring with a minority group of state Democratic senators over who should be the president of the next state Senate.

The Multnomah central committee gave unanimous endorsement of Straub's leadership. The estimated 150 precinct leaders at the meeting also urged election of Sen. Alfred Corbett of Portland for Senate president and Rep. Robert Duncan of Medford for speaker of the House.

At party caucuses Corbett and Duncan earlier won majority approval for those positions.

A group led by Democratic Sens. Walter Pearson of Portland and Harry Boivin of Klamath Falls, however, stayed away from the Senate caucus. Later Boivin announced seven Senate Democrats were pledged to him and he had enough Republican pledges to assure his election as Senate president.

The fight goes back to the state Democratic platform convention earlier this year. That group called for Democrats in the legislature to support the caucus choice for leadership.

Straub earlier this week asserted that party responsibility could be achieved only through support of the leaders selected in caucuses. U. S. Sen. Wayne L. Morse joined in Thursday, supporting Straub and suggesting that dissidents lose caucus privileges.

Pearson on his part said leadership of the Senate was not a matter of party control but of coalition for leadership. He suggested that Straub, who also is a state senator, resign as state Democratic chairman. Straub rejected that.

Several other county central committees have announced their support of Straub and Corbett in the dispute.

Senate Chief Choice Not Party Matter--Hatfield

SALEM (AP)—Gov. Mark O. Hatfield said the election of a presiding officer in the state Senate is not a party matter.

"A presiding officer there is an objective role," Hatfield said. The governor made the statement at a Thursday news conference in answer to a reporter's question on the conflict over the Senate presidency between Democratic Sens. Harry Boivin, Klamath Falls, and Alfred Corbett, Portland.

Corbett has the support of 13 of the 29 Democrats but Boivin has bi-partisan support as president.

Hatfield said the partisan role is that of the elected minority leader and the majority leader on the legislative floor.

He said that although officially there is no majority leader, certain legislators generally are accorded that role, on various issues.

CD Day Set

SALEM (AP)—National Civil Defense Day will be observed in Oregon Dec. 7—the 19th anniversary of the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor by Japan.

Police Tighten

PORTLAND (AP)—The Portland Police Department announced today there now will be detectives on duty around-the-clock for the first time in three years.

For the past three years no detectives have been on duty from midnight to 8 a.m., said Capt. Byron H. Shields. The new chief of detectives, in announcing the order, said teams now will be at work 24 hours a day.

Shields gave this reason: "There is a time loss in that period following the commission of a crime which cannot be regained by investigating officers who begin their work hours afterward. I have reference to armed robberies, sex offenses and burglaries."

Williams Picked

DETROIT (AP)—The American Association of State Highway Officials elected members of the executive committee Wednesday. W. C. Williams, Oregon highway engineer, and M. L. Shadburn, Georgia highway engineer, were elected for terms ending in 1962.

Wettest Since '42

PORTLAND (AP)—Last month was Portland's wettest November since 1942.

The Weather Bureau said the November rainfall totaled 10.65 inches. More than two inches of that fell on Thanksgiving Day.

Fair Commission Extends Pact

SALEM (AP)—The Oregon Fair Commission has extended the contract of West Coast Shows for carnival rides at the fair until 1961. The firm promised to build new facilities.

Robert Cohn of San Francisco, operator of the company, said his firm would build and pay for a Kiddie Land—rides in fairy tale settings.

Cohn, whose present contract runs through 1961, promised to have the fantasy land ready by the 1961 fair. He said he will provide a total of 35 rides with 15 of them for kiddies. He offered a guarantee of \$32,000 as a minimum to the fair.

The commission reported 1960 was a record money-making year, with a \$107,432 profit.

MOOSE CRAB FEED SATURDAY December 3

Need Is Cited

SALEM (AP)—There is a need to accelerate change in livestock marketing work, Paul Rowell of the state Department of Agriculture said today.

Rowell, chief of the Market Development Division, returned from meetings of a national marketing workshop.

Suit Asks \$11,918

BAKER (AP)—Reed Furniture Company Thursday filed suit for \$11,918, claiming it lost that amount in a fire here two years ago.

Named defendants were a neighboring drug store, Levenger Drug, Inc., two contractors, and Paul Revis, a former city manager.

The complaint contends the fire started because drug store employees failed to keep the furnace in repair and to notify the fire department promptly when the fire broke out.

The complaint says the city manager ordered the contractors to demolish the wall which was one of the furniture store supports. The fire, which spread to several buildings, caused an estimated loss of \$500,000.

Youth Killed

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (AP)—A 17-year-old Joseph youth was killed Thursday when he was struck by a car as he walked along a highway east of Joseph.

The victim was William J. Perzell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Perzell.

The driver of the car, P. M. Storoe, also of Joseph, said he did not see the youth, who was walking along Sheep Creek Road with a companion. The companion, Paul Mead, was not hurt.

Perzell was Oregon's 426th traffic fatality of the year in the Associated Press tabulation. At this time last year 438 had been killed.

To Reorganize

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Plywood Corp. of Sweet Home seeks reorganization under federal bankruptcy laws to ward off foreclosure.

In its petition filed in U. S. District Court Tuesday, the corporation listed assets of \$864,481 and liabilities of \$799,162. It said holders of notes have threatened to foreclose, an action which would be federal bankruptcy laws.

The firm's plant was destroyed by fire in 1959 but was rebuilt and resumed production last July. The company president, F. W. Van Horn, said in the petition that the depressed market for plywood and veneer had prevented profitable operation in recent months.

WANTS DRY WASH

MONTREY, Calif. (UPI)—A 45-year-old woman walked into an automatic laundry unclad Wednesday and tried to take a "bath" in a clothes dryer.

Police arrested her on a drunk charge, but they couldn't resist asking why she chose a dryer instead of a washing machine.

"I don't want to get wet," she replied.

Sheriffs, DAs Meet

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Sheriffs Association and the District Attorneys Association, holding their annual meetings here, were scheduled to elect officers today.

At the opening session of the sheriffs' meeting on Thursday, Portland FBI agent Joseph E. Thornton told of growing police concern over bank robberies.

He said amateurs were getting into this act that formerly was attempted only by professionals.

"These bandits, both male and female, usually operate alone and have either no previous records of criminal activity or merely have minor records for offenses such as vagrancy, disorderly conduct, intoxication and the like," he said.

Thornton also praised Oregon sheriffs and pointed out that five sheriffs or deputies have attended the FBI national academy.

Bids Called

PORTLAND (AP)—Bids on grading 27.4 miles of a timber access road in Klamath and Jackson counties have been called by the Bureau of Public Roads.

The project starts near Keno, south of Klamath Falls, and runs northwesterly toward Dead Indian Road. It is expected to provide better access to Bureau of Land Management timber.

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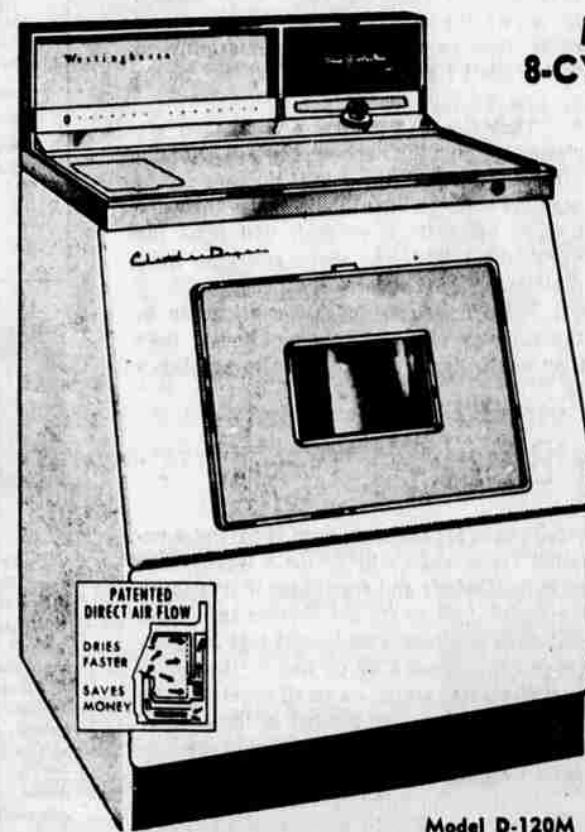
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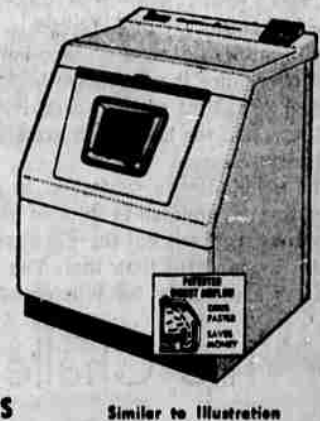
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