

Governor Says Criticism To Be Vindicated

SALEM (AP) — Gov. Mark O. Hatfield says he expects his criticisms of the state Welfare Commission will be vindicated by legislative hearings if his spokesman gets proper time for rebuttal.

Hatfield said there is "no doubt we will have our case well substantiated and well proven."

The second joint hearing on his charges and criticisms of welfare will be Tuesday night. It is sponsored by the House State and Federal and Public Health and Welfare committees.

The governor said the first hearing was difficult to evaluate, but added: "I believe we presented our case factually, dispassionately, certainly pointing up the procedural and administrative difficulties."

Hatfield said that the basic principle of the cabinet system—as proposed in his reorganization program—is the answer.

Hatfield said the fact that the presiding officers of both the House and Senate have offered plans to change the present welfare setup is an indication something is wrong.

The governor said he received many complaints from persons who are suddenly presented with a \$5,000 or \$6,000 bill for welfare under the relative responsibility law.

This, Hatfield said, is an area of administrative failure. He said these bills should be kept up to date. He said these large bills are for five or six year periods.

He said people do not have this kind of money when the bill is suddenly thumped down on them.

He said it is the responsibility of the Welfare Commission to see that bills are kept up to date, either by county or state offices.

Hatfield also said he has no argument with welfare aid to the needy, the aged and the hand-

icapped, but he said imaginative programs would take able-bodied persons off welfare rolls.

Turning to other topics, Hatfield said he talked to Gov. Albert Rosellini of Washington and found they agreed on the need for legislation to get work started on a bridge across the Columbia River mouth.

Hatfield said if the legislatures in both Washington and Oregon pass enabling measures, work on the bridge should be under way next year.

The governor said he met Monday morning with Wayne Giesy, head of a nominating committee to pick up a new Republican State Central Committee chairman. Hatfield said they reviewed possible candidates, but he mentioned no names.

Care Plan Told

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon medical care program for persons over 65 has been brought out by Rep. F. F. Montgomery, Eugene, Republican majority leader, who said he would introduce it Tuesday.

Montgomery's bill provides for counties to contribute to the medical care program on the same basis as they do other welfare programs. State and county funds combined would require some \$125 million a year to match a similar sum from the federal government.

An estimated 55,000 to 65,000 Oregon residents would be under the program.

Montgomery said this was one of the final major items in Gov. Mark O. Hatfield's program to be introduced.

New Hardboard

PORTLAND (AP) — Forest Fiber Products Co. at Forest Grove has begun production of a new hardboard.

The board, which has a light background, is flecked with small squares of color.

The plant is one of 18 in the United States producing hardboard. Eight of them are located in the Pacific Northwest. They are: Anaortes Veneer, Anacortes, Wash.; Cascade Plywood, Lebanon; Evans Products, Corvallis; Forest Fiber; Georgia Pacific, Coos Bay; Edward Hines Co.; Dee, United States Gypsum Co.; Pilot Rock, and Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., Klamath Falls.

Forest Fiber uses mostly timber salvaged from the Tillamook Burn for its hardboard.

Lease Studied

BOARDMAN, Ore. (AP) — The Joint Ways and Means Committee of the Oregon Legislature met Sunday with representatives from Linnetta and Morrow counties to talk over the proposed lease of a 96,000-acre tract here by Boeing Airplane Co.

Sam Mallicoate, director of the state Department of Planning and Development, said Boeing had presented the best offer—\$60,000 a year for 80 years—for the type of development wanted. He said that to the best of his knowledge, no industrialization is planned by Boeing, and that the land would be used mainly for testing.

Use Of Rogue

SALEM (AP) — Rep. Sidney Bazett, R - Grants Pass, has introduced a bill that would allow industrial use of the waters of the Rogue River in Southern Oregon.

Bazett said a study by the state Water Resources Board recommends that waters of the Rogue be used in 10 different ways.

Industrial use of the waters, Bazett said, would help get federal funds for water storage on the Rogue. He said this would help provide a continued flow of cold water in summer months and aid in flood control.

"Studies by the state Water Resources Board show that by actual measurement the temperature in the Rogue has gone as high as 83 degrees in the summer months at Robertson Bridge," he said.

Bazett said the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources Board, representing some 50 organizations, now is working toward a solution to the problems of the basin.

More than 50 representatives and several senators joined with Bazett as co-signers of the bill.

Drilling Okayed

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon Fish Commission, after studying reports of California drilling, has decided that offshore drilling for oil can be done without significant damage to fish life.

The commission issued a statement to that effect after a meeting at which a representative of Shell Oil Co. reviewed drilling operations off the California coast.

Shell has applied for a permit to conduct exploratory drilling on tidal lands off the Oregon coast.

Asks Ship Aid

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Sen. Maurine Neuberger, D-Ore., is urging the U. S. Maritime Administration to give Portland special consideration in awarding an \$8 million ship conversion contract.

The contract, on which Willamette Iron and Steel Co., Portland, has bid, has not yet been awarded. The work will be done for the American President Lines.

Mrs. Neuberger said Portland should be given special consideration because the city has been classified as a Class D labor surplus area, one in which substantial unemployment exists.

O-C Plan Okayed

OREGON CITY (AP) — Darrell T. Jones, president of the Association of O&C Counties, said Saturday that the Interior Department generally approves the organization's plans for recreational development of O&C lands.

Jones, who also is a Clackamas County commissioner, said he learned that in Washington, D.C., recently when he conferred with federal officials.

The association is made up of officials of 18 Western Oregon counties in which O&C grant lands are located.

Conference Asked

PORTLAND (AP) — The U. S. Small Business Administration is being urged by M. J. Frey, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, to hold a procurement conference here in March.

He said such a conference is needed to obtain the maximum possible amount of government business for Oregon and southern Washington wholesalers to step up employment.

The chamber and several other groups would sponsor the meeting.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Wednesday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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Leo	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
Virgo	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72
Libra	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84
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WASHINGTON (UPI) — House investigators began an inquiry Monday into soaring costs and lagging construction work on launching pads for U.S. intercontinental ballistic missiles.

A House military appropriations subcommittee called civilian construction officials and Air Force and Army officers behind closed doors to give an explanation.

Subcommittee sources indicated the construction delay on the elaborate steel and cement missile shelters has been at least partly made up. But they said skyrocketing costs deeply concerned subcommittee members.

Rep. George Mahon, D-Texas, a leading congressional military expert, told a reporter the lag in getting missiles on the firing line was "a very serious element" in the edge he said Russia now holds over the United States in the ICBM field.

"The missile lag," Mahon said, "now appears to be mostly in getting them in an operational position."

Though exact information on the building lag was difficult to pin down, some military experts believed construction of operational launching facilities for the Atlas missile were about nine months behind the original timetable.

They said the United States now has approximately 10 missiles ready to be fired in case of war but pointed out that under the original schedule these were supposed to have been ready in January, 1960.

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