

Senate Refers Bill On Mall

SALEM (AP)—The Senate today sent a bill to reduce the size of the Capitol Mall area back to the Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee.

Sen. Walter J. Pearson, D-Portland, chairman of the committee, said the Capitol Planning Commission wants a chance to be heard on the bill.

The bill would eliminate an area two blocks wide and 1,200 feet long from the mall. It is at the north end. The state now owns 40 per cent of the property in that area, and the bill would require the state to sell this property. No state buildings are in the area that would be eliminated.

Reorganization Plan Defended

PORTLAND (AP)—Gov. Mark Hatfield's program for reorganization of the state government was defended Wednesday as a plan to make the government more responsive to the people's needs.

Warne Nunn, the governor's assistant, discussed the program at a meeting of the Oregon Republican Club. Nunn said that most legislators agree that some change is needed and he added that parts of Hatfield's program have been approved tentatively by many members of both parties.

Discussing the state Public Welfare Commission, Nunn said it has not been "as responsive to the chief executive as we feel it should."

Lobbyists Bill Given Support

SALEM (AP)—A bill to make lobbyists register and report their expenses was supported Wednesday by former Republican State Chairman Peter M. Gunnar.

Gunnar, an insurance lobbyist, appeared at a hearing before the House State and Federal Affairs Committee.

The bill would "protect both the legislator and the lobbyist from the general misunderstandings and suspicion" which now exist, he said.

Rep. Ed Fodeley, D-Eugene, author of the bill, said it is similar to laws of 31 other states. He added that lobbyists should not be embarrassed by having to tell the truth about their activities.

Solon Criticized For Aiding Bill

SALEM (AP)—Two Lane County legislators Wednesday criticized House Republican Leader F. F. Montgomery of Eugene for his support of a special re-appointment plan.

The plan by a 12-member committee of non-legislators appointed by House Republicans would not increase the Lane County delegation to the legislature.

Rep. Richard Eymann, D-Mohawk, and Rep. Edward N. Fodeley, D-Eugene, said Montgomery put his party above his county by instigating a Republican gerrymander attempt.

The two said that the plan would deprive Lane County of a senator and a representative it should gain in any new re-appointment.

Double Fees Bill Draws Testimony

SALEM (AP)—Rep. William Holmstrom, D-Gearhart, led a series of witnesses testifying

Organized Labor Hurt By Drop In Membership

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—The business recession is hitting hard at organized labor's own management operations. A drop of about one million dues-paying members has forced the AFL-CIO to retrench.

Federation leaders said privately today that, like many businessmen, they are going to have to adopt economies and get more revenue to keep their big labor organization out of the red.

Lagging employment has reduced AFL-CIO dues paying membership from about 13.5 million to about 12.5 million, it was said. Members out of work don't pay regular dues.

Also, while dues revenue has been declining, union expenses have been increasing.

The retrenchment program is expected to result in some layoffs on the AFL-CIO headquarters staff in Washington as well as a tighter rein on donations to various causes which have been running to over \$1 million each year.

The AFL-CIO Executive Council also was expected to levy a temporary special assessment of two cents per member on affiliated unions in order to counter a general fund deficit that has climbed to about \$700,000 in the past eight months.

The temporary additional dues payment, amounting to about \$2 million would continue until the AFL-CIO holds its next convention here in December when a permanent dues increase is expected to be proposed.

'Not Practice' Says Navy Of Dumping Bilge Water On Taxpayers

COSTA MESA (UPI)—In the unofficial opinion of a sailor, it isn't "the Navy's practice to dump dirty bilge water on unsuspecting taxpayers."

That placating news was received today by musician Bill Skiles, 29, who complained over the weekend that the Navy owned clean sports car was splashed with water from out of the sky.

The water came from the world's largest remaining blimp, the 342-foot long Navy Airship XPG2. The craft and its 15-man crew last month came to the West Coast from Lakehurst, N.J., for a research mission.

Skiles complained to the Costa Mesa Globe-Herald that he and his wife were peacefully watching ducks in a lovers' lane area on nearby Newport Beach Sunday afternoon when out of the sky came a torrent of water.

Skiles said it appeared to be dirty bilge water which "smelled like greasy pork."

Milnamt explained the blimp dumped in the coastal Newport Beach area.

"It wasn't dirty bilge water," Milnamt told newspapers Wednesday. "It was clean blast water. We change it every day."

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