

Arms Of Government Helped By New Constitution Plan

SALEM (UPI)—One intent of a new Oregon constitution is to strengthen each of the three arms of government—executive, legislative and judicial.

It is on the executive branch that the legislative committees on constitutional revision have taken their firmest stand.

The committees have called for two statewide elective offices.

One, the governor, would be the chief of all state administration.

The other, the secretary of state, would be a "watchdog," a check on the administration, whose sole job would be to review state operations through post-auditing.

As a second step in strengthening the executive branch, the new constitution would gather all the

state administrative agencies, boards and commissions into not more than 20 departments.

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Oregon presently has three constitutional elective executive officers: The governor, secretary of state and treasurer. Two more are provided for by law, the attorney general and labor commissioner, even though they may be rivals.

And, Oregon now has some 140 agencies, boards, departments and commissions, some of which are nearly independent.

It was only after consideration of many alternatives, that the legislative committees settled on two elective officers with separate tasks and a ceiling of 20 departments.

The decision was very close to the proposal made by the Commission on Constitutional Revision, which wrote the proposed document that the legislative committees have been revising.

It is the greatest change in basic governmental framework pro-

posed in the new constitution.

The thinking, expressed by the commission and the committees, is this:

Today, authority is diffused. Officers and agencies can obstruct each other. When a job is badly done it is often difficult to tell who is to blame. Many boards and commissioners are safely isolated from the governor and the voters.

Under the proposed constitution, there would be a clearer line of authority from top to bottom, and a clearer line of accountability from the lowest level of administration, through department heads, to the governor.

The governor would have the power of state administration, and the responsibility for how it is done.

The effect would be to reduce checks within the executive branch while strengthening external checks: The legislature, the courts, the "watchdog" secretary of state, the press and the people, who could fix praise or blame squarely.

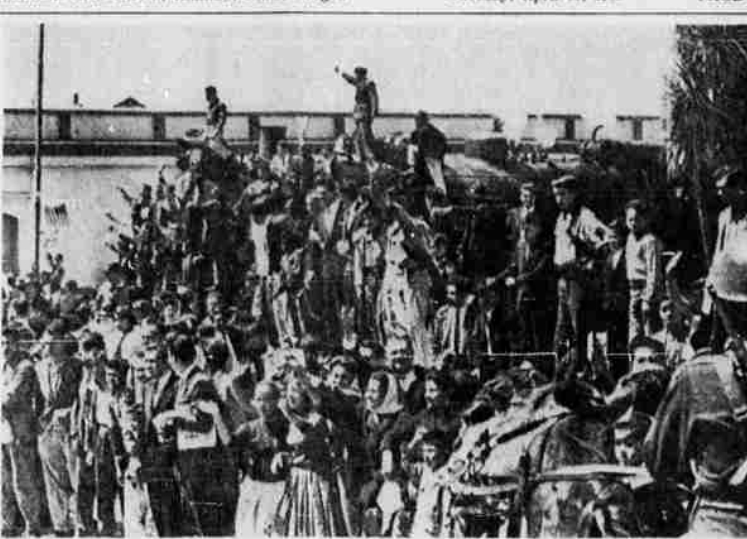
Reorganization could be done under the present constitution. It would have to be done under the new one.

The legislative committees did much soul-searching on whether the House, Senate and people would accept changes in traditional offices and agencies. They decided if a "constitution for the future" was to be written, this was one point on which they could not waver.

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AWAIT KENNEDY ARRIVAL — Enthusiastic crowd is shown awaiting the arrival of President Kennedy at site of a new low-cost housing village in Bogota. The U.S. Chief Executive attended a cornerstone laying ceremony at the suburban housing village, built with U.S. participation under the Alliance For Progress.

— UPI Telephone

Ship Brings 675 Refugees

PORT EVERGLADES, Fla.

(UPI)—The U.S. ship American Surveyor brought 675 refugees from Cuba to freedom Monday, most of them seafarers from a stormy overnight voyage. The refugees brought new confirmation of a one-plane attack on Havana last week.

Hilda Suarez, 34, a blind woman and one of the first passengers off the 10,000-ton vessel after it tied up here, said her neighborhood was rocked by an explosion about 10 p.m. last Thursday.

She said she lived close to oil refineries on the outskirts of Havana. The refineries were described by New Yorker Alexander Rorke as the target of a raid on which he accompanied three other men. He said their twin-engine plane dropped a 100-pound demolition bomb and four napalm bombs.

Miss Suarez said none of her neighbors reported seeing any flame or witnessing any damage. But she said all heard the blast and began shutting their windows, fearing another outbreak of sabotage, which has been frequent in the area.

One of the passengers aboard the vessel was 2-day-old Modesto Treles Jr., who was born at 4 a.m. Saturday in Havana before his parents boarded the American Surveyor.

"Too bad he couldn't have waited two more days," his father commented. "He would have been born an American."

Girl With 'Messed Up' Life Warns Teenagers

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I am 17 and already my life is messed up.

Ted and I went steady for six months and we began to do things we had no right to do. I became pregnant.

We both quit school and got married right away. My folks thought it would be best if we moved out of town, so we did.

I hate my life and what I have done to Ted. The baby cries all the time and gets on Ted's nerves. He drinks too much and I can't blame him. We live in a dump and there is no money for sitters or movies or decent clothes. Ted never says anything but I know he must hate me because I got him into this. I'm afraid he hates the baby, too. He never holds her or pays attention to her.

There are times when I think this is all a bad dream and I'll wake up at home in my own bed and get dressed and go to school with the kids I liked so much. But I know too well that those days are over for me and I am stuck.

I'm not writing for advice. It's too late for that. I'm just writing in hopes you will print this letter, for the benefit of other teenagers who think they know it all like I did—WRECKED AT 17.

Dear Wrecked At 17: I hope your letter shakes up the teenagers who are behaving as you and Ted did during your dating days. The only difference between them and you is they have been luckier. So far.

Dear Ann Landers: My wife and I have a lot of company. Friends and relatives seem to be here all the time. Every time a certain man leaves we have an argument. Maybe you can settle it.

What, if anything, should be said to a guest who sits in a chair balancing himself on the two back legs as he leans against the wall?

I'd like to tell him to stop because it makes me nervous. My wife says you can't tell an adult how to sit in a chair. I disagree with her. Whose side are you on? —PUZZLED JOE

Dear Joe: I'm on your side. When adults behave like kids they should be treated like kids.

If the guest should break his neck in your home you could be

sued. A simple sentence would do it. Sample: "Please don't sit like that. You make me nervous."

Dear Ann Landers: My wife has been nagging me for the past two months that this summer we must fill our swimming pool with dirt so she can have peace of mind.

Last summer our neighbors lost a 4-year-old boy in a swimming pool accident. The pool belonged to a friend in another city and my wife hasn't been the same since. She keeps telling me she is sure one of our three will meet with the same fate if we don't fill up the pool.

Our kids enjoy the pool and the two older ones are fairly good swimmers. The youngest is learning. Please tell me what you think of this. If I am wrong I wish you'd say so—MR. YAK

Dear Mr. Yak: The sensible approach is to make sure all the children are good swimmers and see to it that they follow the rules.

Insist that they swim in pairs and make sure an adult is within calling distance at all times. It would be a shame to fill in the pool and deprive your children of the fun of swimming at home when a few simple rules could insure safety.

To learn how to keep your boy friend in line without losing him, send for Ann Landers' booklet, "Necking and Petting—And How Far To Go," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

UPI News Analyst Reports On Latin American Picture

Editor's Note: The foreign news analyst of United Press International has just completed a 25,000-mile assignment in Latin America where the United States has committed \$10 billion over 10 years in the Alliance for Progress. Following is the first of his five dispatches on the complex problems facing this program and these people.

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign News Analyst

BOGOTA — In sprawling Ciudad de Techo, a half hour's bus ride from the center of Bogota, the brown face of Leopoldo Cristacho wears a look of mingled pride, frustration and worry.

The pride is in his new home. The frustration, over the job still to be done. The worry, a matter of simple arithmetic which tells him he cannot pay for it, despite low interest rates and payments of only \$12 per month.

Nature endowed Colombia richly. It has lush agricultural lands still open only to the airplane or the jeep. It has minerals, gold, platinum, emeralds. Vast jungles remain to be explored.

But it also has an exploding population which increases at the rate of nearly three per cent per year and which threatens to outstrip its industrial gains.

An unskilled peasantry hoping to escape the banditry and poverty of the countryside crowds in upon the cities to the still greater poverty of the crowded shacks which crawl ankle up the mountain sides. Unemployment is increasing and inflation has boosted the cost of living nearly 25 per cent in the last four and a half months.

More than 60 per cent of the people are illiterate.

Hopes For Progress

In Bogota, Colombia's cloud-swept capital 8,500 feet high in the Andes Mountains, there is

Bill Approved

SALEM (UPI)—A new "green belt" tax bill passed the House Monday and went to the Senate.

It provides tax relief for the farmer whose land has increased in value because it is near a city. The bill provides for a farm inside a suburban "farm zone" to be taxed at its farm land value, instead of its higher potential suburban value.

A farm near a city but outside a farm zone would get similar treatment. But to prevent tax benefits for speculators, the higher back taxes would be owed up to seven years if the land reverted to another use.

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COLOMBIA
BOGOTA

Colombia hopes for a five per cent increase in gross national product annually over the next 10 years, and to help it the Alliance already has allocated to Colombia more than \$100 million in aid.

But tax loopholes still permit the wealthy to avoid their taxes, and the inflationary spiral touched off by devaluation of the peso coupled with a general wage increase for city workers hit hardest the small coffee grower, the man most in need of help.

From earlier hopes of a balanced budget, the government's position has deteriorated to the point where now a deficit of at least \$100 million is anticipated.

The other side of the coin is the country's relative political stability as compared with the remainder of South America, and the fact that leftist forces are scattered and lack strong leadership.

Alliance Builds Project

Leopoldo Cristacho is a 50-year-old policeman recently removed from a Bogota slum with his wife and four children to Ciudad de Techo, a huge housing project under the Alliance for Progress. It lies whitely in the sun and dust now, only partially completed. But eventually it will provide homes for 85,000 people who now live 8 and 10 to a room in the unsanitary hopelessness of the slums which press in upon Bogota from all sides.

Cristacho and his family formerly lived in a two-room flat which cost him \$3 per month. It had no lighting, hot water or plumbing facilities. His new home will have all of that. The plum-

ing has been installed, but neither the water nor the electricity has been connected.

Cristacho figures his expenses at \$12 per month for his mortgage, \$10 a month for improvements, \$10 for clothing and around \$30 for food. Like his government, he is over his budget.

Heads Government

Present head of the government is President Guillermo Leon Valencia, a courtly man with a greying leonine head of hair, the son of one of Colombia's great national poets.

In an interview with this correspondent, he described Colombia as an "open window" ready to exhibit the fruits of the Alliance for Progress, but, he added, a window which still is mostly empty.

"But upon the Alliance," he said, "depends the future of all of South America. Either democracy will flourish or the whole continent must sink into misery and chaos."

"In that event, a Communist take-over is inevitable."

Start Is Made

But, great as are Colombia's problems, a start is being made.

U. S. Ambassador Fulton Freeman presented a partial list: 31,175 houses started in 1962, 155 classrooms built, 300 started and contracts let for nearly 1,200 more, 24 public health centers built, and 96 million pounds of food distributed under "Food for Peace."

And thoughtful Colombians cling to the belief that if any South American nation can achieve Alliance goals, theirs is the one.

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Auxiliary Picks Local Woman

Mrs. Everett E. Howard, Klamath Falls, has been named a regional vice president of the Oregon State Medical Auxiliary.

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Mrs. J. Clifton Masser of Portland was installed as president.

Auxiliary activities in this area were reported by Mrs. George Nicholson.

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Scholarship Deadline Set By Freight Company
MOUNT SHASTA—May 1 is the deadline for filing applications for Oregon - Nevada - California Motor Freight Lines' \$500 "Step to Knowledge" Scholarship. The program is offered to graduating seniors of the 1963-64 school year. Recipients of the awards may attend any accredited four-year college or university in the U.S.
Application blanks are available at the Mount Shasta, Weed, and Dunsmuir high schools. Further information may be obtained from Ralph Jones, manager of the Mount Shasta OMC terminal. Applications are being accepted from Yreka and Klamath Falls, among other cities, at the local terminals. They will be judged on scholastic record and educational achievement; record of activities and other evidence of leadership and character; applicant's personal statement; and recommendations and evaluations of school officials.
W. E. Roberts of College of the Siskiyous is chairman of the local judging committee, with Phil Mattos and William Dillingham, Mount Shasta; J. M. Jones and J. B. Hamilton, Dunsmuir; and Eric Bauer and Jack Kersey, Weed.

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