

By FRANK JENKINS
From Salem:

Another effort to get a sales tax bill referred to the people was voted down 34-26 by the House of Representatives of the Oregon legislature—the same vote that earlier had indefinitely postponed a sales tax bill.

While this effort met the same fate as others before it, the debate had the effect of breaching the indefinite postponement wall, which requires a two-thirds majority—40 votes in the 60-member House—to overcome.

The immediate effect, however, is only to change the focal point of the conflict from the House to the House taxation committee, where there is a 6-3 majority AGAINST a sales tax.

It rather looks like Oregon is dead set against a sales tax, doesn't it?

Or is it?

Let's look at some figures. The last time Oregon voted on a general sales tax was in 1947. It went down to defeat by a popular vote of 67,514 yes to 100,333 no. That was a ratio of 2.7 to 1 in the popular vote.

Day before yesterday, the Oregon House of Representatives voted 34-26 against referral of a sales tax to the Oregon electorate. That is a ratio of only 1.3 to 1.

Could it be that sentiment against a sales tax in Oregon is declining?

These words are written, and will be read, in Southern Oregon.

If any place, anywhere, should oppose a sales tax, it should be the towns and the cities of Southern Oregon. California has a sales tax. Oregon has none. Lack of a sales tax in Oregon brings a very considerable volume of trade, running into big figures over the period of a year, from over the border in California.

People love to escape a tax. It just could be that if Oregon should overcome its long-time prejudice against the principle of a sales tax the towns and the cities along the Oregon-California border in the south and along the Oregon-Washington border in the north might lose quite a lot of business.

So this isn't a plug for a sales tax in Oregon. Down here in the southern part of the state, we need all the business we can get. That, presumably, is equally true of the towns and cities along the Oregon-Washington border. Idaho has no sales tax. Nevada has a sales tax, but the Oregon-Nevada border is rather thinly settled.

The sales tax is VERY popular—if it can be said that any tax is popular. According to the best information available as this is written, 39 of our 50 states have some form of sales tax. Why this popularity?

The answer is rather simple.

The sales tax is ALWAYS PAID UP. There is no anxious scratching of the bottom of the barrel when comes the grim hour when you must dig up your share of the cost of government.

That, presumably, explains why 39 of our 50 states have sales taxes. There is an ancient tax principle that goes something like this: "That tax is best which gets the most feathers from the goose with the least amount of squawking."

The sales tax does just that.

Plane Fare War Opened

LONDON (UPI)—Britain and the United States declared an air fares "war" that could ground all transatlantic passenger flights. The British demanded that America's two transatlantic carriers, Pan American World Airways and Trans World Airlines, raise roundtrip fares 5 per cent by 7 p.m. EDT Sunday.

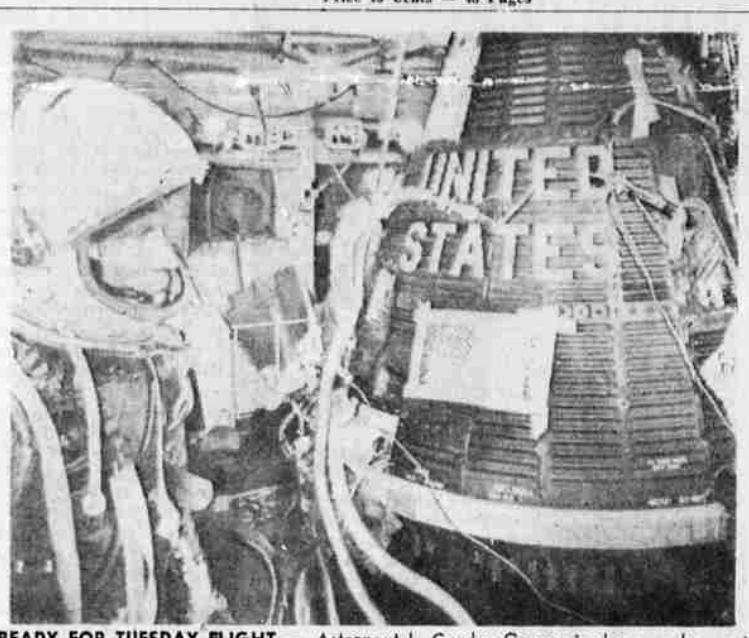
The American government's Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) refuses to permit the fare increase.

The aviation ministry here said that, if the two U.S. airlines do not comply, they will not be allowed to land at British airports. Several other European nations—including France and Belgium—have said they will follow Britain's lead and bar American planes from their airports if they do not raise their fares.

The American government is expected to retaliate by refusing landing rights to planes from Europe.

The center of the controversy is a 5 per cent fare increase for the North Atlantic route agreed on last fall in Chandler, Ariz., by 12 airlines belonging to the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

Weather	
Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview	—Mostly sunny and warmer today, highs about 55. Fair tonight, lows 30-35. Increasing cloudiness Monday, highs 30-35. Variable winds under 15 m.p.h.
High yesterday	50
Low Friday morning	34
High year ago	53
Low year ago	31
Precip. past 24 hours	.81
Since Jan. 1	4.34
Same period last year	4.84



READY FOR TUESDAY FLIGHT—Astronaut L. Gordon Cooper is shown as he went through his third simulated flight test in Cape Canaveral Friday. Cooper's 22 orbit flight is scheduled to start Tuesday from the cape.

Cooper's 22-Orbit Trip Said In 'Go' Condition

CAPE CANAVERAL (UPI)—Project Mercury officials met for three hours Saturday with astronaut L. Gordon Cooper Jr. and announced all operations for the spaceman's marathon 22-orbit flight Tuesday were in a "go" condition.

Walter C. Williams, Mercury flight director, sounded the good word in an advisory issued after the meeting. Cooper went from the meeting to the beach for exercises and later began another detailed study of the scheduled flight.

Dr. Massey Renamed Modoc Scout President

Dr. George D. Massey was re-elected president of the Modoc Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, at the annual meeting in Klamath Falls Saturday.

Named vice presidents of the council were Joe Hick and J. Vern Owens. Other officers elected included Joe Green, commissioner, and William G. Ely, treasurer.

National representatives of the council are Harold Ashley, Del Hale, Joe Hicks and James Pinner.

The officers and representatives were installed in ceremonies at the annual Recognition Dinner at the Willard Hotel Saturday evening. Installing officer was Ron Phair, a member of the Region Eleven Executive Committee of Boy Scouts.

Highlight of the awards dinner was presentation of the Silver Beaver Award—scouting's highest award—to Dr. Massey and to William B. "Red" Thompson of Prineville. Both were cited for the long and devoted efforts to promote scouting and the things for which scouting stands. Making the presentations was J. Vern Owens, Modoc Area vice president.

Other significant scouting awards went to the following:

Scouter's Key: Jim McDonald, scoutmaster, Troop 76, Lakeview; George Sprague, cubmaster, Pack 31, Klamath Falls.

Scouter's Award: Ernie McKenzie, scoutmaster and post adviser of Troop 28 and Post 28, Prineville; Russ Fairchild, scoutmaster of Troop 10, Klamath Falls; Irving Elle, district commissioner, Lakeview; Lewis Ansell, training chairman.

Haiti Capital Tension Eases

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti (UPI)—Tension in this Haitian capital eased somewhat Saturday despite sporadic nighttime firing and the reported arrest of a Roman Catholic priest.

President Francois Duvalier's government was preparing to receive a live-nation fact-finding mission from the Organization of American States Monday.

The group, with its powers broadened since its first visit, met in Washington Saturday to complete plans for its visit.

Friday the curfew was reduced from nine to six hours—11 p.m. to 5 a.m.—although anti-government activity after dark has not been completely halted.

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Riot Plagued Syrian Chief Resigns Post

DAMASCUS, Syria (UPI)—Syrian Premier Salah Bitar quit Saturday after a week of cabinet resignations and pro-Nasser rioting, but the man who replaced him apparently failed to form a government.

Culture Minister Sami Al Jundi was picked to head a new government by the National Revolutionary Council, but United Arab Front and Arab Socialist members failed to cooperate with him, informed sources said.

The sources said Jundi was continuing negotiations, but had little prospect of success because the two parties put great pressure on the men he selected and convinced them they should not join the cabinet.

Observers were skeptical from the start of Jundi's ability to solve the crisis that broke out in Syria over differing views on how much dominance Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser should have in the proposed United Arab Republic of Syria, Egypt, and Iraq.

Political circles here were stunned by the news of the resignation of the Iraqi cabinet. Opponents of Bitar believed a national front on the Egyptian model would be formed in Iraq, making it impossible for Bitar's Ba'athist party to retain sole power here. They said such a front would have to be formed in Syria too.

The sources said the next possible course of action here might be a military government under anti-Nasser Interior Minister Brig. Amin Hafez. Hafez, they said, was responsible for ousting pro-Nasser officers from the Syrian army last week, touching off the rioting and the cabinet crisis.

Bitar, a leader of the Ba'athist Party, resigned after other cabinet ministers accused him of blocking efforts to give non-Ba'athists an equal representation in the government.

The Ba'athists have opposed plans to form the new three-part U.A.R. which would be governed from Cairo. Bitar had demanded that Syria be autonomous within the federation.

His opposition to immediate union with Egypt and Iraq on present terms had led to riots in Damascus, Aleppo and Homs in the past two days by mobs supporting Nasser and the union.

The two leaders were held in a convivial mood. It appeared certain to improve the relations between the United States and Canada which have been somewhat strained in recent months.

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NASHVILLE DEMONSTRATION—Negro demonstrators are forced back by police from the front door of a cafeteria where the Negroes, arms interlocked, kept customers from entering.

Southern Racial Tension Boils Out In New Spots

By United Press International
Nashville, Knoxville and Raleigh today became focal points in the boiling Southern racial controversy now that the crisis at Birmingham has ended.

In Nashville, Mayor Beverly Briley said a planned demonstration would have been a "real donnybrook" had it not been called off. Negro and white civic leaders sought a solution in Tennessee's capital city.

In the other Tennessee sore spot, Knoxville, 30 Negro and white youths were arrested while staging a protest demonstration in front of a downtown theater.

At Raleigh, N.C., a week of racial tension reached a peak Friday night when 1,000 Negro college students invaded the grounds of the governor's mansion during a symphonic ball.

The demonstration at the mansion capped a day of racial incidents in North Carolina's capital, including the release of more than 1,000 jailed demonstrators, a downtown "freedom march" and a mass rally. No end to the demonstrations was in sight and Negro leaders said the protests would increase "in intensity."

The chanting, hand-clapping Negroes surged to the steps of the governor's mansion where they shouted "We want (Gov. Terry) Sanford."

The governor responded to the call, appearing on the mansion's steps. He told the crowd that "I've enjoyed your singing" and said he would be glad to talk with them at his office.

"But," Sanford emphasized, "this is neither the time nor the place."

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Canadian Pledges To Aid In Defense

HYANNIS PORT, Mass. (UPI)—Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson promised President Kennedy Saturday he would install nuclear weapons in Canada as fast as possible as part of North America's defense against a sneak Russian atomic attack.

However, both Kennedy and Pearson made it clear that any arrangement with Canada would have to be "consistent with Canadian parliamentary procedures."

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HITLER DIED IN BUNKER—Ben Adair, Route 2, Box 685B, Pine Grove Road, displays a signed photograph of Adolf Hitler and some sheets of unused German currency that he picked up in Hitler's suicide bunker less than two months after Hitler took his own life. Adair was with the First Allied Airborne, some of the first allied troops to arrive in Berlin. While Hitler's bunker remained intact, most of the buildings surrounding it were leveled by allied bombs.

Man Who Was There Believes Hitler Probably Cremated

Is Hitler dead?
A Klamath resident who was with some of the first American troops to arrive in Berlin in 1945 thinks he is.

Ben Adair, Pine Grove Road, was with the First Allied Airborne which arrived in the battered city in July and he inspected Hitler's bunker, the scene of the suicide, just months after the Fuehrer took his own life.

The Russians announced recently that they, in fact, had discovered Hitler's body and disposed of it. Adair thinks not.

"There is every indication that in following Hitler's orders his guards cremated the body in the courtyard garden in back of the bunker," Adair said. The garden was badly destroyed by bombs, he said, and there would have been no chance for the Russians to find any remains.

The cremation was popular knowledge among the Germans who lived in the immediate area and everyone accepted it as fact, Adair said.

Flume Blast Investigated

A dynamite blast, that early Saturday morning blew a three-foot hole in the center of the irrigation flume crossing Lost River at Oleno, is being investigated by Oregon State Police and Bureau of Reclamation officials, but late Saturday no arrests had been made.

According to officers' report, Mrs. O. E. Roenicke, who lives nearby, was awakened by a noise similar to a sonic boom at 12:50 a.m. Saturday and rushed to the window to see water pouring from the hole in the flume into the river.

O. L. Lyon, KID ditcher, was called and found a hole three feet long and one and one-half feet wide. Water was shut off immediately and repair to the estimated \$2,000 damage is slated to begin at once.

The flume, which was about half full of water at the time of the blast, carries about 100 feet of water to serve the South Pole Valley and Crystal Springs districts. No crop damage is predicted from the break.

The official Tass news agency said the tests would be conducted between May 25 and July 15 "with the aim of furthering the conquest of space."

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Senators Develop Tax Bill At Informal Meet

SALEM (UPI)—The Senate Tax Committee may pass out its version of the major income tax bill Monday, Chairman Boyd Overhulse, D-Madras, told UPI late Friday.

The announcement gave rise to the belief that the Senate version was hammered out at a series of informal, unannounced meetings that were not attended by reporters.

Overhulse told UPI on several occasions on Thursday and Friday that he was not going to call a Senate tax meeting because committee members had "conflicts" with other work.

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Sex Crime Plan Okayed

SALEM (UPI)—Sexually dangerous persons would be civilly committed to the state hospital and given special treatment under a pioneer program approved 33-3 by the House Saturday and sent to the Senate.

Rep. Ross Morgan, D-Gresham, estimated it would involve 15 persons in Oregon in the best biennium at a cost of \$130,000.

Rep. Berkeley Lent, D-Portland, said the rewritten bill "ensures adequate safeguards" for the individual.

Rep. Beulah Hand, D-Milwaukie, replied the language was so broad it "could set off a witch hunt." She also questioned the \$9,000 per patient cost, and said the money could be spent in other areas where needs are higher and results could be greater.

The measure is one of a package of six sex offender bills.

Morgan said criminal conviction of a sex offender often is impossible when the victim is a small child. He said the intent of the bill was to get these persons out of circulation.

Under the bill, civil commitment proceedings should be brought against a person thought sexually dangerous. The accused person would be entitled to two jury trials.

The first trial would determine whether proceedings should be continued or dropped.

If the jury thought there was evidence of sexually dangerous tendencies, two psychiatrists would be given 30 to 40 days to make report.

If one or both agreed, the accused would have another hearing and could request another trial where commitment would be determined.

Russians Plan Rocket Tests

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