

By FRANK JENKINS

As this is written, it appears probable that a new constitution will not be submitted to the people of Oregon by the present legislature.

Submission of the new constitution to popular vote requires a two-thirds vote in both houses of the legislature. The house has given it the required majority, but the vote for submission in the senate yesterday was only 17 to 13, three votes short of the 20 required for a two-thirds majority in the 30-member senate.

The present session of the legislature is already the longest in history, and it seems unlikely that it will be further prolonged in an effort to get the necessary two-thirds vote in both houses.

Why the opposition to the proposed new constitution?

This morning's dispatches from Salem report that disputes, cutting across party lines, on the question of apportionment of legislative representation and a "strong" governor system that the new constitution would have set up have accounted for most of the opposition.

You may ask:
What is a STRONG governor system?

Well, under Oregon's present system the governor shares executive authority with the secretary of state and the state treasurer.

Under the proposed new constitution, the governor would be the sole executive officer. Those who oppose the "strong" governor system think that would be putting too much authority into too few hands.

What of the system of apportionment of legislative representation proposed by the new constitution?

It would be based upon population—"one man, one vote," to use the phrase originated by Justice Douglas of the U.S. Supreme Court. Under this "one man, one vote" system, the Oregon legislature would be dominated by a relatively small number of heavily populated counties, located chiefly in the Willamette valley.

You may say:
Isn't it RIGHT that government should be dominated by PEOPLE rather than by area?

It sounds logical.

But wait a minute.

Under our FEDERAL system, the House of Representatives of the U.S. congress is dominated by population. The U.S. Senate is dominated by AREA. Under our federal system, EACH STATE, regardless of its population, has two U.S. senators.

Historically, it has been the SENATE that has been heavily responsible for the growth and development of the West. Without the aid of the Senate, in which each state has two members, the West might never have achieved its present development. Reclamation of arid land might never have been possible without heavy AREA representation in the Senate.

In Eastern Oregon and far Southern Oregon, we can't help wondering what will happen to us if we lose our AREA representation in the Oregon legislature. We have to remember, of course, that under its decision last fall the U.S. Supreme Court claims the power to determine "fair" apportionment in the state legislatures.

But, at any rate, it seems unwise for us of the more thinly populated areas of our state to deliberately give away the protection afforded by AREA representation in our state's legislative body.

So—

We aren't too greatly worried by the prospect that a new constitution for Oregon may be delayed.

IWA Talks Recessed

PORTLAND (UPI)—Representatives of the International Woodworkers of America and six big lumber companies met in contract negotiations Tuesday as the possibility of a lumber strike in the Pacific Northwest loomed larger.

Members of the IWA and the Lumber and Sawmill Workers have authorized strikes. Their contracts expire June 1.

Negotiations between the IWA and the companies — St. Regis, International Paper, Weyerhaeuser, Rayonier, Crown Zellerbach and U.S. Plywood—were recessed until Friday morning following Tuesday's meeting.

The LSW is scheduled to meet with the companies next Monday. A union spokesman said a strike is likely if no agreement is reached.

Representatives of the IWA and the Timber Operators Council, another employer group, held contract negotiations with a federal mediator today.

The LSW represents about 25,000 workers and the IWA about 30,000.

Weather

Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview:
Mostly fair through Thursday with decreasing chances for thundershowers activity. Lows tonight 40-45. High Thursday near 80. Variable winds 5-15 m.p.h.
High yesterday 82
Low this morning 49
High year ago 84
Low year ago 48
Precip. past 24 hours .38
Trace since Jan. 1
Same period last year 8.00

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AGRICULTURE FORECAST
Generally fair next several days except for scattered thundershowers in the vicinity. Continued warm. Eight inch soil temperature 56 degrees.

Senate Rejects Tax Compromise

Pope Rallies Weakly After Bad Night



FUND INCREASED — James Stilwell, center, general chairman of the Intercommunity Hospital Fund Drive, accepted a check for \$400 from Exchange Club President John Voth, right. Left is Wally Hitt, vice president of the club and program chairman. The presentation was made at a luncheon meeting of the club May 28 at the Winema Hotel. The present contributed and pledged fund total for the hospital is approximately \$1,140,000.

64 Soldiers Flee Burning Airplane

MANHATTAN, Kan. (UPI)—"Don't panic," the first sergeant yelled just before the huge troop transport plane smashed to the ground.

"Now, unfasten your safety belts and get out."

The plane already was in flames as the 64 soldiers escaped safely from the wreckage of a Standard Airways Constellation which crashed while landing Tuesday at Municipal Airport, according to some survivors.

Only five of the 69 passengers and crew members were injured, none critically.

Capt. David Brown, the pilot, said the craft lost power while he approached for a routine landing. It crumpled to the ground.

Police Patrol Trouble Area

By United Press International

Beefed-up police units today guarded against further racial violence in Mississippi and Florida.

At Birmingham, Ala., a federal judge was to decide today whether the federal government can sue for desegregation of public schools under its "impacted area" program pertaining to military base environs.

There were Negro demonstrations Tuesday night in Raleigh and High Point, N.C. A federal judge ordered the enrollment of a second Negro at the University of Mississippi. And a group of hotels at Knoxville, Tenn., agreed to drop racial barriers.

Negroes kicked off a planned series of demonstrations at Jackson, Miss., Tuesday with a sit-in at a white lunch counter by a biracial group of nine persons. Three of the group were beaten by whites; others were manhandled and all were doused with catnip and mustard.

Early today, a firebomb was thrown into the carport of the house of Medgar Evers, state field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), who has been directing the Jackson integration campaign. Evers' wife and children were in the house but no one was hurt and there was little damage.

A demonstration at Tallahassee, Fla., Tuesday night almost erupted into violence when 30 whites chased 250 Negroes past the capitol. Police broke up the gathering but made no arrests.

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—Pope John XXIII rallied weakly today from exhaustion after a night of internal hemorrhaging and painful nausea.

An early afternoon Vatican bulletin reported a "distinct improvement" in the Pope's condition at 10 a.m. (2 a.m. PDT), but informed sources emphasized that the outlook remained grave.

Responsible Vatican sources indicated that the last 24 hours almost proved fatal for the 81-year-old pontiff who is suffering from a stomach tumor that may be cancerous.

At 1:45 a.m. Prof. Pietro Mazzoni, one of the team of doctors in attendance, called for additional help and equipment. A few minutes later five cars sped through the Vatican gates, the sources said.

The doctors worked through the night on the weakening patient, administering transfusions without any apparent result.

Only at 10 a.m. this morning did the pontiff rally from the depths of exhaustion, the sources said.

At 2:30 p.m. (6:30 a.m. PDT) the Vatican issued a communique which said:

"At 10 a.m. (2 a.m. PDT) today, a distinct improvement was noted in the general condition of the august patient."

The official announcement said the Pope spent "a night of quiet rest." This presumably referred to the hours immediately preceding the 10 a.m. medical observation and not to the activity reported earlier in the night.

The communique also described the routine that continued in the papal household despite the Pope's illness.

"The day of the august patient, as already said," the communique added, "is spent in serenity."

Kennedy Reaches 46; In Excellent Health

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Kennedy is 46 years old today—brimming with vigor and in "excellent health" except for his persistent back ailment.

A tiny red skin blemish which appears from time to time and is again in evidence on his left cheek is the only outward sign of a physical problem for the Chief Executive.

But this was dismissed by Press Secretary Pierre Salinger as insignificant. Salinger's assessment: "The President is in excellent health and his back condition is improving."

Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy arranged a family celebration of the President's birthday for this evening but Salinger declined to provide any details.

The President was getting one gift today that was unrelated to his birthday—the "Father of the



SEASON OPENS AT POOL — KU student Frank Palmer takes a dive into the midst of his friends who seem to be enjoying a sneak preview of the Klamath Falls Municipal Pool opening which is officially set for 1 p.m. Thursday, Memorial Day. The boys were invited to the pool by Parks Director Gary Woodring to make sure the water was "just the right temperature" for the hordes of kids who will open one of the most popular seasons in the Basin Thursday. This is the only open season in the area that is expressly for people, not fish or fowl.

New Move Talked For Constitution

SALEM (UPI)—The groups that want a new constitution for Oregon may try to bypass a balky legislature.

Disappointment—and hope—were expressed by the same people Tuesday after the Senate voted 17-13 for the measure, leaving it three votes short of the two-thirds it needed.

It had passed the House earlier in a slightly revised fashion.

Sen. Walter Pearson, D-Portland, who has worked on the document since its first formal start, said its supporters now may try to get a new constitution via an initiative on the ballot.

Mrs. Jacqueline Benjamin of the League of Women Voters bore this out.

"If this legislature will do nothing, we will consider either an initiative calling a convention, or, if possible, an initiative putting a constitution before the people," she said.

The strongest friends of a new constitution have been the league, and the recently organized Citizens' Committee for Constitutional Revision.

There was a little talk of seeking Senate reconsideration—again.

SALEM (UPI)—The Senate today rejected the compromise income tax package, 27-3, dashing hopes for early adjournment of the legislature and throwing the dispute into its third Senate-House conference committee.

The key Senate vote came on the modified net receipts income tax bill. The Senate still had to vote on a 4-cent per pack cigarette tax.

A new tax conference committee was expected to be named later today.

The first deadlock over a program to raise \$60 million needed to finance a \$405 million general fund budget for the next biennium lasted 10 days. The first conference committee deadlocked after four days, then a second compromise group was named. The second group reached agreement Monday.

The only senators voting for the compromise income tax plan were Donald Husband, R-Eugene, and Glen Stadler, D-Eugene, who were members of the second conference committee, and Ward Cook, D-Portland.

The way was cleared for Senate action when the House voted Tuesday to approve both the income tax and 4-cent a package cigarette tax measures.

The income tax bill squeaked by 31-29. The cigarette tax sailed through 39-21.

When balloting on the income tax measure ended, the vote stood at 31-29. Then Rep. Don McKinnis, D-Summersville, changed his vote to "no" in a move that could have defeated the bill. But Rep. Sidney Leiken, D-Roseburg, switched his vote to "yes," and thus kept the revenue measure alive.

House Minority Leader F. P. Montgomery, R-Eugene, a member of the committee which drafted the compromise, voted against its passage on the floor.

In urging passage, Rep. Richard Eymann, D-Marcola, said the revised bill was drafted "in the spirit of compromise between the House and Senate."

He explained the compromise retained many of the House features.

"We can't have everything we want, we should uphold the spirit of compromise," he said.

Eight Democrats and 21 House Republicans opposed the income tax bill.

The Democrats were Reps. Jake Bennett, Ray Dooley, Beulah Hand, Norman Howard, Philip Lang, Don McKinnis, Katherine Musa and Juanita Orr.

Republicans who voted no were Reps. Victor Atiyeh, Sidney Bazzett, Russell Bonesteel, Edward Branchfield, Bob Chappell, Mrs. E. G. Chinnard, John Dellenback.

Rep. John Dellenback, R-Medford, chairman of the House Constitutional Revision Committee, said if the matter is not taken up through the initiative, a future legislative session is likely to proceed with the work and probably send a new constitution to the voters.

Former Gov. Robert Holmes, a member of the commission, noted the document came farther this session than most thought it would and added, "It takes time."

As motorists prepared to flock to the highways, law enforcement officials throughout the nation called out full forces and ordered a heavy crackdown on traffic violators.

The National Safety Council predicted between 450 and 550 persons could die in traffic accidents between 6 p.m. today and midnight Sunday.

Another 20,000 to 24,000 persons could suffer injuries disabling them beyond the day of the accident, the council said.

For many persons, Memorial Day will mean a trip to the cemetery, located perhaps in a busy city or on a treeless, unshaded prairie. There they will place bouquets on the graves of loved ones.

Many will gather for traditional Memorial Day speeches that ring with patriotism.

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Holiday Activity

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