

Musa, Barton Comment On Legislative Session

(Editor's Note: United Press International asked the Senate president and House speaker to comment on the special session which begins Monday. Their comments follow.)

By Senate President Ben Musa

I anticipate the session will be austere, short and harmonious.

We have a very specific mandate from our bosses, the voters, to reduce the 1963-65 budget, as originally adopted, by \$80 million.

It is my hope this can be accomplished without seriously including necessary state services. The 90 dedicated men and women of the legislature are well aware of their grave responsibility and will make a good account of themselves, and all with reasonable dispatch.

By Speaker Clarence Barton

It would be my hope that the special session of the legislature will rapidly come to grips with the problems at hand, will confine its activities solely to these problems, will solve them, and adjourn.

The immediate problem is to reduce state expenditures, to present state revenues. The governor is not only permitted, but is presently required by law, to cut spending in those areas where he can, to the end that outgo equals income. The attorney general has given an opinion that the governor cannot reduce basic school support without permission by the legislature.

Because of the fact that basic school support comprises about 40 per cent of the state's budget, it is my personal opinion that it, too, should be subject to allotment control, otherwise the area where reductions can be made is so small that many unfortunate individuals in the budget must be made from sources not including basic school support.

My mail indicates that the people of Oregon support education but they resent what they call "frills" in education. People in the field of public education should commence trimming their sails and eliminating these frills. If this is done, basic

school support can be reduced and education will not suffer in fundamental essentials.

Many people indicate that they feel a sales tax would solve Oregon's problems. It may well be that it will help to solve them, though this has not been the experience in sales tax states. All states have their financial problems just as Oregon does, and the method of taxation that is used is not a panacea for these problems. It would seem to me that if the special session of the legislature were to attempt to write a sales tax bill, we would also, at the same time, have to rewrite the present income tax law completely and submit the two proposals to the people for their vote.

I have never been an enthusiast for a sales tax, and if it is to be just another tax, my position to it will be intensified. I question whether or not there is time in the special session to rewrite our entire tax code so as to present a balanced new tax program to the people. It would seem to me that the course of wisdom would be to leave this for the tax interim study committee, which will have the time and opportunity to do a workmanlike job on tax reform rather than to attempt to accomplish this in the hurry of the special session. This is particularly true because enactment of any new tax will, in my judgment, require the ultimate approval of the people of Oregon and will not solve our immediate problem of balancing the governor's \$404 million budget with approximately \$342 million of revenues.

This is the principal task of the special session. This is what we should do and then adjourn.

26 Girls Eye Rodeo Crown

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI) — Twenty-six girls will compete here Nov. 21 for the title of Miss Rodeo America, the Hotel Sahara announced Thursday.

Contestants include Patti Nally, Caldwell, Idaho; Sandy Dunson, Portland, Ore.; and Sue Nuckolls, Moses Lake, Wash.



BEAUTIES OF THE WORLD — Miss World of 1963, Joan Crawford of Jamaica, poses with runners-up after her election in London last night. Shown behind Miss Crawford are (left to right), Miss Sweden, Grete Quiberg; Miss Finland, Marja-Liisa Stahlberg, who placed third; Miss New Zealand, Elaine Miscall, second; and Miss Denmark, Aino Korva, fourth.

'Girl Next Door' Claims Beauty Title

LONDON (UPI)—Carole Joan Crawford, a Jamaican beauty who "never really expected it," today reigned as Miss World of 1963.

Described as a "girl next door" type but with measurements of 34-22-34, Miss Crawford won \$7,000 and a screen test with Columbia Pictures.

The 20-year-old beauty was picked from a field of 40 aspirants who arrived in London last week from countries throughout the world.

"I never really expected it," Miss Crawford said after her selection in London's ornate Lyceum Ballroom. "I'm excited but I'm sure enjoying it."

Runners-up in the 13th annual pageant was Elaine Miscall, a freelance model and singer from Wellington, New Zealand.

Miss U.S.A., Russian-speaking Michele Metrisko of New York City, gained the semi-finals but lost out when the nine-judge panel failed to name

her among the seven finalists. Miss Metrisko said she was not disappointed at her loss and was anxious to resume her studies at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Proceeds from the beauty pageant went to children's charities.

Miss Crawford will spend 15 days in Paris as a guest of the "Miss Europe" organization committee. She is of British descent.

Meany Vs. Reuther Conflict May Erupt At Labor Session

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The AFL-CIO prepared today for its 6th anniversary convention with a public display of harmony between veteran antagonists George Meany and Walter P. Reuther.

But informed sources said the conflict was not far below the surface and might erupt at the labor federation's convention opening Thursday in New York City.

Meany, AFL-CIO president, has taken steps to minimize dissension over racial discrimination in union ranks and internal disputes on job rights.

He and Reuther, auto workers' union president and widely regarded as the second most powerful AFL-CIO leader, also agree on the need for increased political action by labor in 1964 and the importance of reducing unemployment.

Differ Over Dispute

But they differ sharply over Meany's handling of a Canadian American labor dispute and this

could develop into a floor fight at the convention.

Reuther also has moved to transform the AFL-CIO's Industrial Union Department, which he heads, into a "little CIO" by sharply expanding its role in organizing, lobbying and state-local affairs.

Aides of the red-haired UAW chief say that he decided to increase the department's activities because he felt that the AFL-CIO under Meany's direction was doing too little in these fields.

But there was virtually no chance of Reuther challenging the 69-year-old Meany's re-

election for another two-year term at next week's convention. Meany's allies contend that Reuther's influence within the AFL-CIO has never been at a lower ebb.

Reuther was unable to muster the votes of all the former CIO members of the federation's executive council, for example, in a recent showdown with Meany over filling a council vacancy. Meany's choice—John Grogan of the Shipbuilding Workers—was selected over Reuther's hot protests.

Calls For Ouster

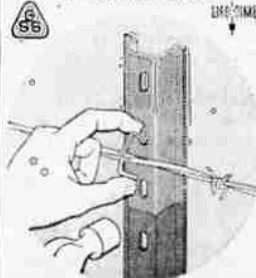
Reuther served notice Thursday that he might attack Meany's role in a maritime labor dispute that involves Canadian ships on the Great Lakes.

The UAW leader called for the ouster of Harold C. (Hal) Banks, American-born president of the AFL-CIO Seafarers' Union in Canada, on the ground that Banks has not complied with the labor federation's code of ethics. A Canadian government commissioner has found that Banks ran the union in a dictatorial way and misused union funds.

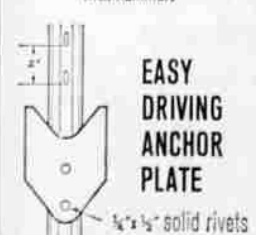
Reuther said it was a mistake for Meany to defend Banks in the dispute with a Canadian union over job rights on a Canadian shipping line. Meany upheld the union and denounced the Canadian government for imposing a trusteeship over Banks' union and four smaller maritime labor organizations.

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Dirksen Hurt In Car Crash

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen received a cut on his hand and his wife received a broken foot Thursday when their chauffeur-driven automobile was involved in an accident.

Dirksen's car collided with another auto in suburban Virginia while en route to Washington from his home in Va., where Dirksen showed up later at the Senate with a small bandage on the palm of his right hand.

Civil Rights, White House And 'Archaic Rules' Draw Partial Blame For Congress' Slow Pace

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Why has it taken the Senate so long to accomplish so little?

Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., triggered a spate of soul-searching oratory when he charged that Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield, Mont., was responsible for the Senate's "dribbling" pace.

"If we're going to get about our business, he's got to be a leader and say no sometime," Dodd said. He did not spare Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen, III. He said the opposition, "has become so complacent, so soft, so cozy that it doesn't amount to much."

As is his custom, the mild-mannered Mansfield turned the other cheek, insisting that Congress' record required no apologies. Dirksen blasted Dodd and said the Connecticut Democrat was displaying "cerebral incoherence."

The Dodd outburst and the ensuing debate pointed up the mounting frustration on Capitol Hill over the legislative slowdown, however. It appears that this session will end without final action on either civil rights or tax cut legislation — the two big issues President Kennedy wanted settled in 1963.

Mansfield and — to a lesser extent — Dirksen are easy targets, fellow senators say, but neither should bear the blame for the slowdown.

They say the blame should be spread farther afield — the White House, the House of Representatives, Southern lawmakers fighting civil rights legislation, not to mention the Senate's system of rules branded "archaic" by liberals.

You can put 90 per cent of it down to civil rights," one veteran senator declared. "And the blame belongs as much downtown (the White House) as in Congress."

Once President Kennedy switched his 1963 program in midstream and decided to push for an omnibus civil rights bill "a lot of people began to sit on things," he said. That meant a little delay here, an extra

batch of witnesses to be heard there — anything to produce a stretch-out of congressional business.

"The only way Southerners have of modifying the civil rights bill so they can perhaps live with it is to force it into the election year," the senator said. "And there isn't too much that Mike Mansfield or anyone else can do about it, under our system."

Senate Republican Whip Thomas H. Kuchel, Calif., blames the Senate's "archaic rules" for most of the trouble. "You couldn't put Paul the Apostle in the majority leader's seat and have him conduct the business of the country with the rules we have," he said.

Mansfield has suffered in some appraisals because he followed the flamboyant Lyndon B. Johnson as floor leader. Johnson, now vice president and removed from the legislative battleground, liked to dramatize his victories and screen his defeats. Mansfield, a pipe-smok-

ing former college professor, admits that "glamor is not the hallmark" of his performance.

Part of the leadership problem on the Democratic side lies in holding together the differing wings of the party. Northern liberals and Southern conservatives take a lot of organizational trouble-shooting to keep in voting harness.

Mansfield's problem in this regard was magnified recently by the departure of the majority secretary, Robert G. (Bobby) Baker. Now under investigation for possible conflict of interest because of outside business deals, Baker resigned his post Oct. 7.

His outside activities aside, Democratic senators agree that Bobby provided a needed conduit for action orders and cooperation among Democratic members. A South Carolinian who had spent 21 years around the Senate, he was an agile and effective go-between and aide to the leadership.

But the legislative problems

already had gotten out of hand when Baker stepped out. His real loss may be felt more next year.

From time to time there has been speculation that Mansfield might give up the majority leadership, even give up his Senate seat to return to academic life. He is a candidate for re-election in 1964 and favored to win, however.

The current spate of criticism will not cause him to step out of the leadership, intimates said.

"Even if he wanted to, we wouldn't let him," said a Democratic senator. "He's too easy-going at times for his own good, but that can change. Besides, we're all to blame for this situation. And some of us are ashamed of what just happened."

And Dodd, the man who started it all, said "Amens" to that last night. He told the Senate he felt "like a skunk at a lawn party" and conceded it might have been "wiser" to have "kept my mouth shut."

Describing Mansfield as a "very great man," Dodd said, "he has my respect and affection as well as my loyalty."

Chicago Women Discuss Mrs. Smith's Candidacy

CHICAGO (UPI) — A Chicago business woman has called a special meeting to discuss the presidential candidacy possibilities of Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, R-Maine.

Mrs. Melford E. Zinser, who issued the invitation to leading Illinois business woman and leaders, said she "was convinced there are women in this country qualified to hold the difficult office of president."

"We are most interested in talking with Mrs. Smith to get her views on the subject."

Mrs. Zinser is director of the Zinser Personnel Service and president of the Chicago Youth Week. She said she has never been active politically.

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