

Thornton Suddenly Cast In Power Role

SALEM (UPI) — Atty. Gen. Robert V. Thornton has emerged as a vastly powerful influence at the special session of the legislature.

The Democratic political foe of Gov. Mark Hatfield has probably had more influence than any other single individual over the deliberations under way here.

Legislators and the governor's staff were forced to look to Thornton to settle policy questions.

It's a new role for Thornton, who has been deliberately circumvented for most of Hatfield's administration.

The legislature ground to a halt Thursday to give Thornton time to decide if the proposed solution to the Boardman problem was constitutional.

The solution to the fiscal crisis was drafted to suit legal guides set down by Thornton. Hatfield had pointed to a method of allotment controls to meet demands of the voters Oct. 15 rejection of the legislature's tax increase.

But Thornton said Hatfield's plan was an unconstitutional transfer of legislative authority to the governor, and that the governor could not exercise se-

lective cuts over agency budgets.

Faced with these opinions, legislators had to draft bills to meet guides set out by Thornton.

The role of attorney general is unique.

His opinions, although they do not carry the weight of a court decision, have tremendous impact.

If an attorney general does not choose to rule on a question lawmakers can proceed and let the courts decide constitutional issues if they are raised.

But if an attorney general does issue a ruling, the state is forced to accept his advice—for to move in opposition to such a finding would invite a court test.

And an attorney general would not be called upon to defend an arm of state government which had flouted his advice.

Thornton's opinions are scorned by Hatfield and Republicans—and many Democrats.

Thornton has emerged, through a peculiar chain of circumstances, as the major policy maker at the special session of the legislature.

Crews Hope To Recover Plane Today

KEY WEST, Fla. (UPI)—The Navy said a salvage ship might try to bring up today the wreckage of a U2 "spy" plane that crashed into the Gulf of Mexico while returning from a reconnaissance mission over Cuba.

An Air Force search continued for the missing pilot of the high-flying jet plane, Capt. Joe G. Hyde Jr., 33, of La Grange, Ga.

There were hopes that Hyde may have ejected from the plane, which the Strategic Air Command (SAC) said apparently experienced mechanical failure, in a life jacket and took refuge on one of the numerous coral reefs in the tropical waters.

Navy divers found the wreckage Thursday in about 100 feet of water 40 miles northwest of Key West, and strict security measures were put into effect in the area.

Informed sources said the sleek craft was on a surveillance flight over Cuba, a routine procedure since the U2's discovered Soviet missiles on the Communist island in October, 1962, forcing a showdown that brought removal of the weapons.



DISBARRED — Z. T. Osborne, Nashville attorney disbarred by two federal judges Wednesday from service in federal courts for conspiracy to bribe a prospective juror in the pending James R. Hoffa case, arrived at the Nashville airport from Washington Thursday night and was greeted by friends and relatives. Osborne said he planned to appeal the disbarment and said "I hope the public will reserve an opinion until they have heard my side."

Judge Discloses Hoffa Had No Part In Bribe

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI)—Teamsters President James R. Hoffa played no part in an alleged jury bribing attempt which led to the disbarment of a prominent local attorney, a U.S. District Court judge was told in a secret hearing Thursday.

Judge William E. Miller disclosed that attorney Z. T. Osborne Jr., told him Hoffa was unaware of an attempt to bribe a prospective juror for Hoffa's Jan. 6 jury tampering trial.

Osborn testified at a closed-door hearing held Tuesday in Miller's office. The attorney was disbarred from federal court the following day but has announced plans to appeal.

"There are things that must be said on my side of the matter, and I will have an opportunity to say these things in due course," Osborn said in a statement released through Teamsters Union headquarters in Washington Thursday.

Osborn refused to talk with reporters in Washington. "This is not a matter that can be fought in the press," his statement said. "It is a matter for litigation."

The disbarment was on the ground that Osborn attempted to offer a \$10,000 bribe to Ralph Elliott of Springfield, Tenn., one of 36 prospective jurors. Elliott, who the court said was "blameless," never was approached.

It was learned that the Justice Department is investigating the possibility of attempts to influence others selected for possible jury duty in the upcoming Hoffa trial.

Hoffa's attorneys are expected to ask early next week for a continuance and renew their charges that Hoffa cannot get a fair trial here because of "adverse publicity."

Federal Judge Frank Gray Jr., has indicated, however, the off-delayed trial will not again be postponed.

Hoffa, who has been represented by Osborn since Sept. 5, 1962, is accused along with six others of attempting to fix the jury which tried him here last year on charges of sharing in a \$1 million payoff from a trucking firm. He could receive up to \$25,000 fine and 25 years imprisonment if convicted.

Pro-American Premier Wins Japanese Vote

TOKYO (UPI) — Pro-American Premier Hayata Ikeda today won a massive mandate to run the country for another four years. He remained far ahead of the opposition Socialists and Communists despite their slight gains.

Final official returns from Thursday's election gave Ikeda's Liberal Democrats 263 seats in the 487-seat lower house, a loss of 12 from his showing in the last elections in 1960.

The main group of Socialists lost one seat, dropping from 145 to 144. But the splinter Social Democrats picked up 6, increasing their total to 23. The Communists, with 5, gained 2 seats. The rest of the seats were divided among independents.

Ikeda, 63-year-old expert on thirds majority needed to amend the constitution, but the Socialists also failed to win the one-third they would need to block such action single-handed.

Ikeda, 63-year old expert on finance and trade, campaigned

on a platform of continued close ties with the United States. The Socialists called for a neutralist policy, withdrawal of U.S. bases, and recognition of Communist China.

Despite nearly perfect weather throughout most of the nation, the election brought the lowest voter turnout since World War II—only 66 per cent. This was far below the turnout in the 1960 election that Ikeda won, when 82 per cent participated.

The reason for the lack of interest was the lack of issues in the campaign.

The main controversies were rising prices and the proposed use of Japanese ports by U.S. nuclear submarines, which the Socialists oppose.

But these issues did not produce the fire of the last campaign, when millions of snake-dancing students and union members protested the conclusion of the U. S.-Japan defense treaty.

Superintendents Want Local Control Of Funds

PORTLAND (UPI) — Local control of federal aid to education money was advocated by the nation's school superintendents who wound up a three-day meeting Thursday.

The superintendents, who attended the Council of Chief State School Officers convention here, took the stand that "federal funds for education should not be used in any way to control education at the state or local levels."

They adopted policies calling for up to \$6 billion annually in federal aid, but asked that it be distributed on a similar equalization basis.

They also called for safeguards to make certain federal funds would complement state and local funds, and not be a substitute for them. The superintendents would have states match federal grants with new state funds. States with less money would be able to match proportionally less.

Dr. A. W. Ford, superintendent of schools in Arkansas, said he did not believe the program would be adopted in the immediate future "but that's what we want."

Thonglaw is the father of four healthy elephant babies at the Portland Zoo.

Ted Reed, director of the National Zoological Park in Washington, said the park's budget includes funds for the \$1,500 fee for Thonglaw's services, but not enough for transportation at the present time.

Council members reported that plans were under way to enlarge the elephant house at the Portland zoo to accommodate visitors. The Portland Zoo now has five adult pachyderms and four babies.

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Jewel Thieves Flee Police Leaving Big Haul Behind

NEW YORK (UPI) — Authorities searched today for two men who slipped out of their apartment-hideout a half hour before police raided it and recovered \$110,000 in jewelry stolen in recent burglaries.

The two, seen by neighbors fleeing in a car bearing New Jersey plates, were believed partners of two other suspected jewel thieves arrested Tuesday. Neighbors said the two wanted men were carrying large suitcases, which police theorized were packed with as much as \$200,000 in loot.

The apartment was rented

under the name of Peter Tarallo, 37, who was arrested Tuesday with Stephen Berman, 30, after a bungled \$20,000 stickup at a West Side apartment house. The two were nabbed fleeing the scene of the holdup.

The loot recovered included paintings as well as diamonds, pearls, necklaces, and other valuables. Police said they were tipped off to the apartment's location.

Also in the apartment, which had triple locks on its doors, were bank papers indicating Tarallo had safe deposit boxes in two Manhattan banks. Police said they have applied for a court order to open them, and they said they believed the boxes would contain more loot.

Detailed layouts of many apartment houses and hotels on the city's upper East Side were found in the hideout, leading police to believe the gang may have been responsible for the wave of burglaries which have plagued the city to the tune of \$800,000 so far this year.

Senator Wants To Air Session

SALEM (UPI) — Live broadcasts of proceedings at the 1963 legislative session were called for Thursday by Sen. Vernon Cook, D-Portland.

Cook proposed the state spend up to \$50,000 at the next session to make the broadcasts available to every radio station in Oregon.

Cook claimed there was "almost complete failure of communication between the members of the legislature and the people of Oregon."

The Cook proposal calls for the state to finance the technical origin of broadcasts from the two houses and committee meetings. He estimated the project would not cost more than \$1,000 a week.

Fire Destroys Landmark Mill

PORTLAND (UPI) — A four-alarm fire, touched off by an explosion, destroyed an old landmark lumber mill on Southwest Macadam Avenue here early today.

FIRE REPORT

10 a.m. Thursday to 10 a.m. Friday

KLAMATH FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

3:22 p.m. Thursday—1031 Bismark Street, car belonging to Mark Baker reported on fire. Flames extinguished before firemen arrived; no damage.

CITY SUBSTATION

11:10 p.m. Thursday — 1215 Owens Street, hot fuse box, smoke but no damage. Occupant: Paul Caldwell.

SUBURBAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

9:07 p.m. Thursday—3209 Hilliard Avenue, fire in one-story frame house occupied by Chester Clifford resulted in damage to utility room, kitchen and bedroom. Fire believed started near flue of wood stove in utility room.

Polio Vaccine Leads To Suit

PORTLAND (UPI) — A \$1 million civil suit was filed in Federal Court here Thursday against the manufacturer and distributor of Sabin Oral polio vaccine Type III by the head of the Oregon State University Entomology Department.

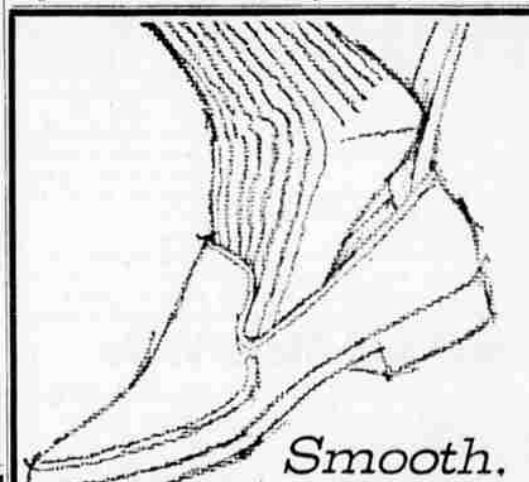
Dr. Paul O. Ritcher, 53, charged the vaccine caused him to contract polio.

The complaint was filed against Charles Pfizer & Co., the manufacturer and Northwestern Drug Co., the distributor.

Ritcher said he suffered almost complete paralysis of both legs, permanent impairment of some functions and other injuries. The complaint said he took the vaccine in Corvallis, June 7, 1962. He was hospitalized 21 days later.



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