

LIQUOR PURCHASE DETAILS RELATED

SALEM, Or., Feb. 16.—(AP)—The inside facts on the Waterfill & Frazier liquor deal was revealed to the legislative investigating committee yesterday by George P. Lilley, Baker, ex-chairman of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Lilley's description of the transaction: He began negotiations with Harry E. Collins, Toledo, Ohio, who first held an option only on Waterfill & Frazier, New York, but later obtained the Shawhan plant. The Oregon Commission invited the Washington Commission to join in purchasing both distilleries.

Contract Drawn in Olympia Discussions hit a snag after a September, 1943, meeting in Portland, because State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott felt he hadn't legal clearance from the attorney general. Alternate contracts were then drawn in Olympia, but changes were less favorable to Oregon than was the Portland agreement.

Specifically, (1) purchasers had to pay fully to satisfy a royalty contract for the Waterfill & Frazier name. Though Washington made the payment, Oregon indirectly was out \$63,000. (2) The Olympia contract set bottling costs at \$1.75 a case, while in Portland Collins had specified only \$1.35. (3) If the states took whiskey in bulk, they were to pay \$5 a barrel in place of the bottling charge.

The reason Washington got 57 per cent of the liquor and Oregon 43 per cent, despite equal portions of stock, was because Washington advanced the full amount for liquidation, Lilley explained. He said it was decided that Oregon could advance no funds for liquidation.

Nisei, Target Of Legion, Dies As Hero on Leyte

Associated Press Foreign Staff UNITED STATES ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Feb. 16.—Frank T. Hachiya, 25 years old, of Portland, Or., one of 16 Japanese-Americans whose names have been stricken from the county memorial roll by the Hood River, Or., American Legion Post, died while performing a dangerous volunteer mission, the Army reported yesterday.

Hachiya, attached to the 7th Division, was wounded fatally on Leyte December 30. He died January 3 after most of the men in his regiment volunteered to give him blood transfusions.

Lieut. Howard Moss, Hachiya's commanding officer, said Frank volunteered to cross a valley under Japanese fire to scout an enemy position. "A Jap sniper let Frank have it at close range," Moss related. "Frank emptied his gun into the sniper. Shot through the abdomen, Frank walked back up the hill. Medics gave him plasma and started him to a hospital. He was operated on immediately but the bullet had gone through his liver and he died."

Hachiya attended the University of Oregon. He enlisted shortly after Pearl Harbor. He had served through the Kwajalein and Entewok invasions. His father, Jun-kichi Hachiya, is in a War Relocation Authority camp.

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House Bills

H. B. 354—(Adams, Democrat, Mason) Requires owners of coin-operated machines such as pinball, music and other amusement devices to pay annual license fee of \$1,000; their employees to pay fee of \$50 yearly.

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H. B. 357—(Committee of reclamation and irrigation) Authorizes irrigation district directors to provide sum in levy for subscriptions to technical publications and organizations.

H. B. 358—(Pitt, Democrat, Snohomish) Defines as navigable waters those shown on United States survey plats, for purpose of determining state ownership of beds and shores.

H. B. 359—(Nunamaker, Democrat, Whatcom) Directs governor to appoint at least four subordinate agents of State Humane Bureau, who must be members of accredited humane societies.

H. B. 360—(Ingersoll, Democrat, Whatcom) Imposes extra wartime privilege tax on public utilities.

H. B. 361—(Hurley, Democrat, King) Enables any citizen to appeal from property valuation; requires appellant not party to record to pay fee of \$5.

H. B. 362—(Johnson, Democrat, Thurston) Amends marriage certificate for state to ceremonies and witnesses as well as official; stipulates certificate must be submitted to court specified by act.

H. B. 363—(Boede, Democrat, San Juan) Appropriates \$150,000 for construction or maintenance of roads inside state parks.

H. B. 364—(Lindgren, Democrat, King) Provides medical and other care for needy civil pensioners; appropriates \$15,000 from Department of Social Security.

H. B. 365—(Goucher, Democrat, King) Empowers county commissioners to appoint county manager and fix salary up to \$10,000 a year.

H. B. 366—(Martin, Democrat, Skagit) Authorizes director of game to purchase, lease or condemn property for Game Department uses without necessity of appropriation.

H. B. 367—(Bunnell, Democrat, and Comfort, Republican, both Pierce) Directs secretary of state to publish for general distribution a voters' handbook, appropriates \$50,000.

H. B. 368—(Smith, Democrat, Clark) Directs governor to name committee of three to report to 30th Legislature on feasibility and cost of broadcasting proceedings of State Legislature.

H. B. 369—(Smith, Democrat, Clark) Requires director of State Department of Labor and Industries, rather than commissioner, to appoint apprenticeship.

H. B. 370—(Rosellini, Democrat, King) Permits sale and purchase of liquor products on consignment, or at a discount or allowance that isn't open for all purchasers.

H. B. 371—(Gallagher and Forbes, both Democrats, King) Requires all moneys received from rentals or sale of county tax property to be credited to current expense fund.

COMPROMISE UP ON SCHOOL BILL

OLYMPIA, Feb. 16.—(AP)—In an effort to clear a deadlock of educational forces over school-support bills, the House education committee today sent in a substitute bill for the Waldron school bill.

The substitute has the endorsement of 15 to 18 committee members. The Waldron bill has been endorsed by the state school superintendent and the Washington Education Association. The substitute bill seeks to make the Waldron bill more acceptable to its opponents.

Funds Increased The substitute proposes to increase appropriations to all school districts, giving the poorer districts an increased proportion, and it makes the distribution mandatory, thus removing from the state superintendent's office discretionary powers as to where the funds will be placed.

It also increases to 60 per cent the state's contribution, now 50 per cent, to school transportation. In the House legislators worked themselves into a lather today over what was termed a "Fascist" threat to interfere "with the old American custom of barber-shop gossiping."

The debate arose on the House floor over a motion to indefinitely postpone second reading of H. B. 125 which would set minimum prices for barbering services.

Motion Defeated "The bill destroys the old American tradition of the barber shop," Representative C. S. Harley, Republican, King. "No longer will we be able to sit in the barber shop and discuss neighborhood gossip with the barber. He'll be too busy keeping up his operation costs, his profits and so forth to be able to give us those choice bits that we have been delighted to receive in the past."

In committee yesterday the House labor committee heard H. B. 228, establishing a state fair employment practices act, described as a necessity to avert the fear of "insecurity" which "is at the base of riots."

Representative William Jones, Democrat, Clark, one of the bill's sponsors, so described the proposal in stating that it is designed to "prevent discriminatory practices" against races.

Seattle Favors Bill Also favoring the bill was Dean E. Hart, executive secretary of the Seattle Urban League, who said that under the federal Fair Employment Practices Act that when the government "stepped in" in the Philadelphia transit dispute, "there were no more fights and the Negroes are still working."

United States Senator Hugh Mitchell sat in with representatives of public power, Granges, Columbia Basin Commission, state officials and legislators to discuss his bill for a Columbia Basin Authority which would cover all resources of the basin area, comprising Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Western Montana, and small portions of Wyoming, Utah and Nevada.

Mitchell described it as "bringing democracy back home" by providing for "adequate local autonomy" with three directors appointed by the President and approved by the Senate, an advisory council and a central executive office.

Defense Funds Cut Reduction of the State Defense Council's budget for the coming biennium from \$75,620 to \$20,940 was announced today by Governor Wallgren as a part of his recommendation for scaling down the council's program.

The Governor said reduction of the council's program would eliminate about ten paid employees. William Groce remains as executive director, with two clerks, in the council's Seattle office.

Among those being cut off the payroll, Governor Wallgren said, are a Seattle radio writer who was paid a salary of \$400 a month for preparing a weekly 15-minute broadcast, and an Olympia attorney who received \$350 monthly for his work in connection with the postwar employment program.

Liquor Stocks NOT TOO HIGH —Says Becket Gov. Mon C. Wallgren apparently "is not conversant" with the volume of business done by the Washington State Liquor Control Board, Evro M. Becket, former board chairman, declared today as he replied to charges by the new governor concerning stocks of rum and wine.

Wallgren criticized the extensiveness of the stock of rum and wine as "terrible and ridiculous," and declared the board is being forced to sell some items below cost to move them. He compared 155,000 cases of wine, 55,000 cases of imported rum and 18,000 cases of domestic rum left on the shelves by the outgoing administration, with only 1,009 cases of scotch whiskey which remained at the same time.

Rum for 60 Days "Apparently the new governor is not conversant with the volume of business done by the Liquor Board," Becket declared. "Fifty-five thousand cases of rum once sold within 60 days. More than that was sold just in the last six months of 1944."

More than 18,000 cases of domestic rum also was sold in a period of less than 60 days. The Liquor Board would be short today if they didn't have what they do have. As to wines, 450,000 cases of California wine were sold last year alone."

Deputy Again Foils Would-Be Burglars

Special Deputy Sheriff Ed Wainey, who frightened would-be burglars from two store buildings at Aurora Avenue and North 104th Street Wednesday night, thwarted another attempted burglary last night.

Wainey arrived shortly after someone had thrown a piece of concrete through the plate glass window of a chain grocery at Greenwood Avenue and North 87th Street, apparently in an attempt to enter the building about 3:30 o'clock this morning.

Cliques Block School Bills, Says State Supt.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 16.—(AP)—"Certain cliques" in the Legislature are holding up "important school support bills" and the teachers' retirement bill, State School Superintendent Pearl A. Wanamaker charged last night.

Mrs. Wanamaker asserted her refusal to make "party" a campaign contribution "before the last election and her refusal to permit the measures in question to be introduced as 'party legislation' were behind the move which buried the bills in committees.

Besides the school support bill and the \$75 monthly teachers' pension bill, there are a number of others which have been approved by the state Parent-Teachers Association and the school directors' and superintendents' associations, she said.

"Unless constructive action is taken on the school measures passed and supported by these groups and the majority of straight-thinking Democrats move to stop the political cliques in the legislature from playing politics with our school legislation, I won't be responsible for the political outcome," she warned.

Mrs. Wanamaker, before she held the nonpartisan school superintendent's post, served in both the House and the Senate as a Democrat from Island County.

Metal-Trade Unions Elect at Bremerton

The Bremerton Metal Trades Council, American Federation of Labor, today announced the election of the following officers:

Shorman W. Davis, president; Ed Rommen, vice president; Orrin A. Burrows, secretary; Charles Kramer, treasurer; Walter E. Thomas, sergeant-at-arms; George O. Giblett, Newell Ward and William R. Greer, trustees.

The common cold exists in all parts of the world, among all races and classes of people in every climate.

Pilot Survives Speedy Crash

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Lieut. Comdr. Albert O. Vorse, Jr., Navy Helicopter pilot, crashed his crippled plane into the sea off Formosa at a speed of 175 miles an hour and lived to tell the story.

In fact, the Navy reported yesterday, his only injury was a scratched knee, received as he climbed out of the plane and into a life raft.

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