

WALLGREN SHUNS 'ONE-MAN RULE'

OLYMPIA, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Governor Wallgren today disavowed any desire on his part for "one-man rule" of state government.

His comment was prompted after spokesmen for the Republican state senators announced plans for an attack on what they called "one-man rule."

"I don't want any power," the governor declared. "All I want is a chance to do the job I'm supposed to do as governor."

"Somebody has got to rule," he went on. "The Constitution provides the supreme executive power of the state shall be vested in the governor."

"If anything irregular has been done by this administration, the courts are open for prosecution."

At the same time he reaffirmed his previous statement that he is anxious to cooperate with the Legislature to work out a "good" program for the state.

Discussing other proposals agreed upon at yesterday's caucus of Republican state senators in Seattle, Wallgren said he would not oppose the Legislature's wishes "as this is their party and they won't find much trouble with me."

Wallgren did not approve a proposal that the Legislature instead of the highways director decide on how highway money should be spent.

Wallgren asserted he has no objection to a legislative interim committee with authority to pass periodically on state expenditures provided it is "highly efficient and designed to improve conditions."

Only Two Departments Short
The governor declared he knows of only two state departments which will run out of money about January 1. The Social Security Department will have a deficit of "roughly" \$6,000,000 when the biennium ends in 1949.

While the Department of Labor and Industries will face an estimated deficit of \$150,000 at the end of the biennium.

The proposal for a constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to increase salaries of state officials was favorably received by the governor.

ICKES ASSAILS 'HITLER' LEWIS

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Describing John L. Lewis as "our own domestic Hitler," Harold L. Ickes today declared the government played "drop the handkerchief" when it could have been heading off the coal strike.

The former secretary of interior, styling himself the "father of the Big and Little Inch pipelines," testified before the House committee investigating surplus property on using the lines to help alleviate the fuel shortage.

In a 25-page statement, running about 10,000 words, Ickes assailed various personalities in the administration, particularly Reconversion Director John R. Steelman, a presidential adviser.

He proposed that Steelman, whom he described as a "long-time friend of John L. Lewis" be questioned on whether he ever has expressed any interest in the disposal of the pipelines.

Ickes said the government could have used the pipelines long ago to set up a competitive situation in fuels that might have discouraged the coal strike.

If Victor Dies Election Day, Vote Is Void

OLYMPIA, Dec. 3.—(UP)—Attorney-General Smith Troy today issued the following opinions:

1—Death on election day of the candidate receiving the highest number of votes renders the election nugatory, and the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes is not entitled to the office.

2—County commissioners serve for fixed terms and are not entitled to hold over in the event of delay in the election and qualification of their successors. All other county officers serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

3—Where election to fill the office of county commissioner is nugatory, the incumbent commissioner who is completing his second successful full term is not eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy.

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Speaking of the News

Alaska Tired of U. S. Ship Strikes; Looks to Trade With Canadians

By ROSS CUNNINGHAM, Associate Editor

RECURRING interruptions of steamship service to and from Alaska are somewhat like the legendary battle between an ancient warrior and a many-armed giant: Every time the warrior cut off one of the giant's arms, two new arms branched out.

A labor dispute interrupting Alaska service is no sooner settled than another takes its place. A number of conferences this winter held recently with Alaska business men revealed that they have little hope of any continuity of service to and from Seattle in ships flying the American flag and are looking for ways and means of circumventing the tie-ups.

A TRICKLE of freight already is moving northward over the Alaska Highway. Whether this will become a major factor in the diversion of business away from Seattle and other West Coast ports is a matter of conjecture. Weather and maintenance of the long highway may be the determining factor.

But if the trickle turns into an important flow, the business will not originate in West Coast cities. A map of North America will show that the present Alaska Highway points to the markets of mid-Canada and the mid-West section of the United States.

The Alaska Highway, however, cannot serve Southeastern Alaska, because cities such as Ketchikan, Petersburg and Wrangell have no link with it.

The highway passes far to the east and north of those cities but leads into Fairbanks and such central Alaska cities as Anchorage, which is becoming Alaska's major city as the territory develops.

SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA is looking more and more to Canadian transportation services for their supplies.

Three Canadian steamship companies now serve Southeastern Alaska, the Canadian Pacific, Canadian National and Union Steamship Companies. The first two operate as far north as Skagway, touching all important Southeastern Alaska cities.

The Union Steamship Company operates only as far as Ketchikan, but is studying the possibility of running into Wrangell, and perhaps farther north.

It is in an excellent position to drain off an important part of the passenger business and a small amount of freight—which would cut into the business of American flag services and make their chances of a profitable operation even more difficult.

PRINCE RUPERT, northwest terminus of the Canadian National Railroad, sees in the Alaska shipping dilemma its opportunity to realize its long-sought ambition to increase its business.

Freight rates from the Midwest to Prince Rupert are comparable to those from the Midwest to Seattle. Thus freight can be laid down on the Prince Rupert docks for the same transportation costs as it can be laid down at the Seattle docks.

The Canadian port is about 400 miles closer to Alaska than Seattle. This advantage, however, is more or less overcome by other advantages of American transportation companies.

CANADIAN carriers cannot carry freight or passengers between two American ports except in bond. This at least hampers the Canadians competing freely through Prince Rupert.

Canada's price structure, in many instances, is lower than in the United States. At first glance this would indicate a situation where goods could be purchased in Canada and shipped into Alaska at an advantage.

But the American tariff overcomes this advantage in almost all cases. Duty must be paid on the importation of Canadian goods into Alaska.

The law preventing a Canadian carrier from hauling freight and passengers between two American points is known as the Jones Act. The Canadians, of course, would like to see it repealed as it would remove a major barrier against their entry into the Alaska business on a free-wheeling basis.

Wife Refutes Divorce Story; Spouse Happy

A middle-aged couple, married 20 years, who have quarreled since Thanksgiving Day because the husband insisted he had read a newspaper notice that his wife was divorcing him, had made peace today after a visit to the county clerk's office. Deputies of Clerk Norman R. Riddell told the story today.

The husband confronted the wife Thanksgiving Day with a line in the vital-statistics column which listed the wife as having been granted an interlocutory-divorce decree from the husband.

"That's us, correct even to your middle initial," the husband told his wife. She answered that it must be another couple.

Finally, the couple went to the County-City Building, and Deputy Clerk Reinhold Loeve took them to the vaults and found the case file. The husband was not convinced his wife had not divorced him until he found in the complaint the other couple had been married only since April 3, 1944.

Having been married 20 years, the not-divorced couple happily went home together.

Sixth Army May Go to Ord

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—(UP)—If the United Nations should take over the Presidio for its permanent headquarters, the Sixth Army will move its headquarters to the vicinity of Fort Ord at Monterey, Calif., Maj. Gen. George P. Hays, Sixth Army commander, indicated today.

G. O. P. Solons Plan To End 1-Man Rule

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to decentralize the government as much as is possible in keeping with efficiency."

The program for revising the state's budget-control system was originated by Huntley, a veteran leader of the Republican bloc in the Senate and student of the state's financial program.

What Is Planned
The Republican senators announced that these proposals had been agreed upon:

Abolition of the Commission on Interstate Cooperation, which was created by the Democratic 1945 Legislature as a method of increasing salaries of state officials in circumvention of the State Constitution;

Submission to the voters in the 1948 general election of a constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to increase the salaries of state officials;

Authorization of the Legislature's interim committee to make investigations of any charges of irregularities in the state government which may arise while the Legislature is not in session;

Scrutiny of all of Wallgren's appointees whose appointments must come before the Senate for confirmation;

A new law to prevent legislators from accepting positions on the state payroll under the governor;

Revision of the state election laws to tighten them up against possibilities of duplicate registration and voting;

Removal from the state director of highways of the authority to determine where the state highway funds will be spent.

The senators said this latter move can be accomplished by the

legislature's returning to the former practice of appropriating highway funds for specific projects. A huge sum is involved in the state's postwar highway program, being estimated at from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000. Under the present system the highway funds are spent entirely within the discretion of the director of highways, a gubernatorial appointee.

Huntley explained that under his proposal for a budget authority it would be constituted by five members from each branch of the Legislature. He explained that there may be some constitutional provision which would block such a move, and for that reason has employed counsel to see if it can be worked out.

Scattered Registration Hit
Zednick explained that the Republican senators, who met yesterday here to work out the over-all program, are agreed that state officials are underpaid, but that any means of raising their salaries should be done in a legal manner. Thus the proposal for a constitutional change, which would have to be voted by the people to become effective.

Wall declared that leftist elements in the Democratic Party deliberately had set out to weaken the integrity of the election laws by scattering registration forms in schools, fire stations and other places where it is next to impossible to prevent duplications.

"Several million of our young men and women went overseas to fight for the right to vote—I think that right is worth going down to the City Hall to register for," Wall added.

Senator Don Miller of East Wenatchee, a leader of the conservative Democrats joining the Republicans in the coalition, said that it

is necessary to make many changes in the procedures to carry out the mandate of the people in the election and predicted that the conservative Democrats and Republicans will work as a unit toward that end.

Housewife Hangs Herself in Home

A 28-year-old Japanese housewife, Mrs. May Nakamura, hanged herself today in the basement of her home at 483 Burns Ave., Coroner John P. Brill, Jr., reported.

The woman's body was found by her husband, Jack Nakamura, who told coroner's deputies that he last saw his wife at about 9 o'clock this forenoon. Mrs. Nakamura is survived by her husband and two small children.

Tourists are invading Mexico by air, rail and road, and the country expects the number arriving during the winter season to break all records.

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RESERVE AREAS FOR AIRPORTS

—Says Planning Group

All city-owned property within the boundaries of four open areas in Seattle should be reserved for possible airports "or other public uses," the City Planning Commission recommended today to Mayor William F. Devin and the City Council.

Areas in which the commission said land should be so reserved are: Smith Cove, or interbay sanitary fill; 22nd Avenue South sanitary fill; a site in White Center, and another at Wetmore Slough, off Lake Washington Boulevard in the vicinity of 44th Avenue South.

While the city owns a substantial portion of most of the land in some of the sites, King County also owns a large portion, and the commission urged that arrangements be made with the county to reserve its land also in those areas for possible airport use.

Spokane Legion O. K.'s Plan
SPOKANE, Dec. 3.—(UP)—Formal acceptance of sponsorship of the 1947 state American Legion convention to be held here August 21-23 of next year was made by the city's three Legion posts last night.

Milkweed, once considered a pest, served in the war. Its floss was used in mattresses, aviation suits, and soundproof linings.

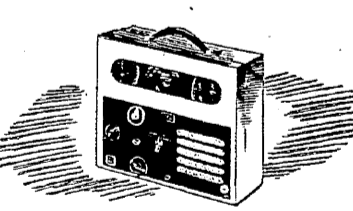
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