

# Eugene Pastor Assails Proposal By Governor For Aid To Aged

Story on Page One also. STATEHOUSE (Special) — Dr. Wesley G. Nicholson, a Eugene pastor and member of Gov. Mark Hatfield's medical care for the aged study committee, said Wednesday he was in disagreement with the rest of the committee on the rigidity of allocating a set amount for medical aid for the aged in Oregon.

"We should not be bound by a figure . . . of an administration," he said. "At least then we would have put on paper our best judgment of what is the need of our people."

Dr. Nicholson, chairman of the Oregon Council on Aging, who leaves Thursday for a National Council on Aging meeting in Washington, D.C., said he thinks too few will be helped "and I think the need of the people is much greater than this document says." His comment referred to the \$13 million Medical Aid for Aged

plan adopted Wednesday. Another committee member, Freeman Holmer, Hatfield's director of finance and administration, said Nicholson was correct in saying the committee had not determined the full extent of the needs, but

## 5-Car Wreck Blocks Road

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Robert Kermeth Fisher, 4235 NE Garfield St., was treated at Emanuel Hospital for scalp lacerations Wednesday following a five-car collision.

None of the passengers of the cars involved was believed to have been seriously injured. Traffic was stalled for at least half an hour on Grand Ave., as police officers towed away the cars involved. Fisher's car collided with four other cars, two heading west and two east on Burnside.

Involved in the five-car collision were: Walter R. Vernstrom, 6414 SW Boundary St., and his passenger Roy Vernstrom; Larry Parker, 18, of Tillamook, and his passenger, Cary Wiseman, 18, 1626 SW Montgomery St.; George Blackwell, 3244 E. Burnside St.; Art Schaler, Gladys Schaler, and Rudolph Schaler, all of 2014 SE Ash St.

### GARDEN CLINIC SET

Fred Edmunds Jr. will lead a discussion on "Roses at a garden clinic class of Portland Men's Garden Club at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 12, at 1132 SW Vista Ave.

### SUPPER DANCE DATED

A potluck supper dance will be held by the Minnesota State Society of Oregon Saturday at 6 p.m. in Odd Fellows Hall, corner of NE 7th Ave. and Dekum St. Election of officers will precede the dance.

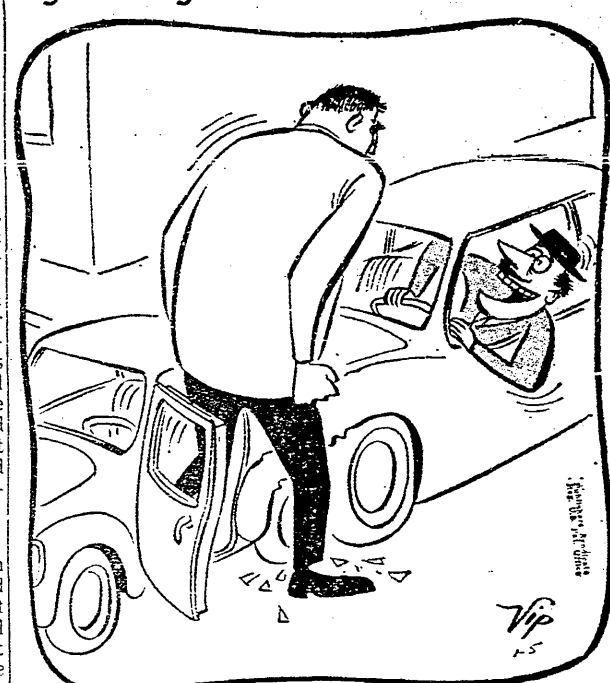
had no actual way of measuring them as yet. He felt it was better to start with the modest program, then amend it as needs become apparent.

Dr. James H. Seacat, Salem physician and also a member of the committee, said he believes such program as is adopted will furnish "very real help to old people above the totally indigent group," and that if nothing else came out of the plan, at least it would help find out valuable information.

Program Needed Committee Chairman Joseph E. Harvey Jr. said he believed that the actual need might come fairly close to the full medical help as at present set up in the Old Age Assistance program of welfare. But he couldn't see that the state of Oregon could even come near establishing such comprehensive medical coverage for the other old people as those under OAA are provided.

Harvey said the plan has been submitted to the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare, which must approve before any federal funds are forthcoming.

Hatfield noted that the new administration has uttered intentions of placing the entire health program under Social Security, "but in the meantime, we have to move ahead here and have a program ready to go — even if it is inadequate."



"What did I say? Why, I said: I didn't say ANYTHING! That's what I said."

## Bankruptcies Reach Record

For the third straight year, Oregon bankruptcies in 1960 created a new record. Total for the year was 3,507, with 307 coming in December, according to the federal district court here.

The total for 1959 was 2,879. The number in 1958 was 2,786. A prime cause for the state's high rate compared with other states, according to Estes Snedecor, federal referee in bankruptcy, is the \$175 monthly exemption clause

in the garnishee law. Most states have much higher exemptions. About 85 per cent of the bankruptcies filed in Oregon are by people working for wages and salaries.

### DANCE CLUB MOVED

Moving day for the Columbia Park Dance Club to Knott St. Center, 77 NE Knott St. will be Jan. 11. Elderly people are invited to the dance which will start at 12 p.m.

# Bulbous Russian Dome Tops Church Where Old World Rites Hold Sway

By MERVIN SHOEMAKER Staff Writer, The Oregonian

One of the most intriguing sections of the Portland skyline can be seen only from a small area near the intersection of N. Union Ave. and Fremont St.

Here are busy American thoroughfares, lined with ordinary American business places, and here is a neighborhood of typical American homes. But a strange sight in the sky is a stylized piece of architecture that is straight out of Russia.

It is nothing to alarm a patriot. It was not put there by Communists.

This is the bulbous dome that tops the St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church at 3605 N. Mallory St. The building itself looks like thousands of other small places of worship over the country. It is a frame structure with white-painted siding and conventional belfry. The belfry originally was roofed by the four-sided pyramidal peak which is the economy form of a spire. But this belfry is crested by the onion-shaped dome—pointed top and bulging sides—which is a distinctive mark of Russian church architecture. And over it all is a large double-transom cross with slanted foot-piece, the characteristic cross of the Orthodox Eastern Church.

St. Nicholas is about to celebrate Christmas Jan. 7—13 days behind other Christian faiths. The Russian Orthodox Church has never accepted the 16th century modification of the Julian calendar by Pope Gregory XIII.

### 2 Typify Russia

Two men of St. Nicholas typify the qualities that gave this little church its Old Russian flavor. Both served in the Czar's army. Both fled the Bolsheviks.

One is the pastor, the Very Rev. Nicholas Sherotsky. He is a native Ukrainian. After World War I he went to Poland to become first a teacher and then a priest. He was driven from his post as pastor of the Church of the Virgin Mary in Vladimir-Volynski when Stalin's troops rolled across Poland in World War II. He is 66 years old, and came to the United States in 1949.

G. V. Krivoshein, 64, a Portland cabinetmaker, is the other. The dome atop St. Nicholas is his brainchild, and largely his handiwork. He fought the Communists in the civil war following the October revolution in 1917, and worked on railroads in China for a time before coming to Portland in 1923. His wife teaches Russian language at Reed College and in the Portland Extension System. She, too, is a White Russian refugee.

### Church Started Twice

St. Nicholas Church has had two beginnings.

In 1898 Laventy Chernov came to Portland from Alaska and went to work in the boiler room at the Union Station. He had been a member of the Russian Orthodox Church at Sitka, which is 150 years old. Chernov purchased land and built a chapel on SE 20th Ave. between Belmont and Morrison Sts.

But there weren't enough Russians here. Krivoshein led a renovation project, and the little band of faithful had a priest when it could get one. Some of the Russians here declined to have anything to do with it. Religion was "out" in the mother country, they argued. They would participate in a club, but not a church. When Krivoshein's group went ahead with chapel services, the other group secured a fire department ruling that the chapel could not be used.

The church-minded group then undertook to purchase a frame dwelling on NE 9th Ave. between Failing and Shaver Sts. for \$3,500.

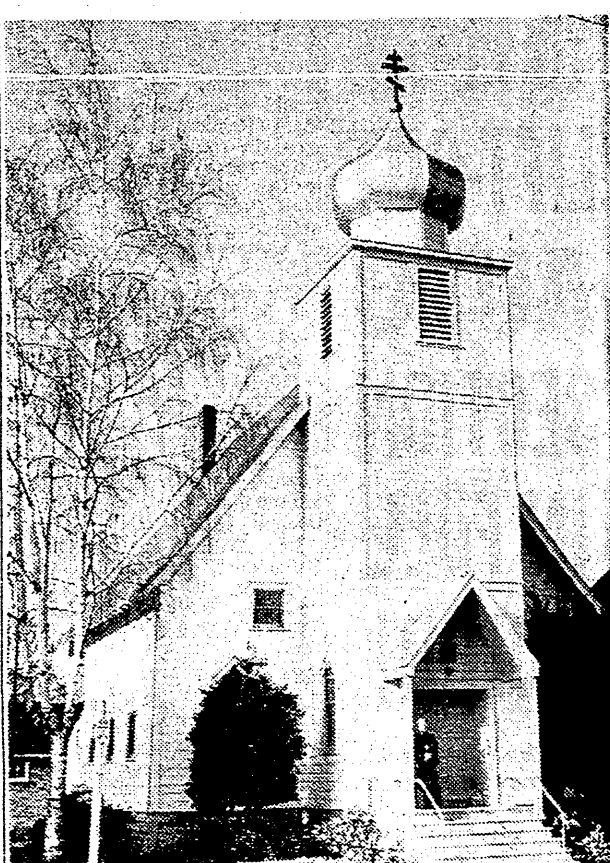
The fire department said the chapel must be razed by the congregation, or the lot would be assessed for the cost of that operation. Members of the congregation demolished the building, taking the lumber to the 9th Avenue location, and the lot was sold for \$600.

### New Way Found

Then another way to get a church presented itself, and the Russians could deal with someone who spoke Russian. The Brethren Congregational Church was ready to build the building it now occupies at NE Garfield and Mason Sts. This congregation was made up of members of a colony of Germans who had farmed along the Volga in Russia for many years. Their ancestors were invited to Russia by Catherine the Great. They came to America after World War I. Their old building was taken over by the St. Nicholas group in 1927. Part of the lumber from the old chapel was used in remodeling, and two icons from the chapel hang on the altar screen.

But to Krivoshein it wasn't a Russian church without the bulbous dome so familiar in pictures of Russian churches for some 800 years. He set plans in motion for construction of a dome which, in truth, did not originate in Russia, but which has been used there more widely than in other Western countries.

Origin of the bulbous dome is traced to India by Dr. W. Born, writing in a 1943 issue of "The Journal of the American Society of Architectural Historians."



THE BULBOUS DOME and unusual cross atop St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church give a distinctive appearance to the skyline in the 3600 block of N. Mallory St.



MISS LUDMILA KORNEEV, 19-year-old Polish native and member of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, talks over party plans with pastor, Rev. Nicholas Sherotsky.

Krivoshein drew a rough sketch of the desired dome, and it was presented to the architect, Ralph Appleman. Then Krivoshein and Leo Lambo, also a Portland cabinetmaker, used a bandsaw to shape the curved members of the bulging dome. The frame was covered by galvanized steel.

Friday will bring a big night—Christmas Eve—at St. Nicholas. A choir director will come from Seattle. Other Portland members of the Orthodox Eastern Church community will be represented by the bulging dome. The frame was covered by galvanized steel.

### 8 Pastors Served

The exotic dome is 10 feet in diameter, 10 feet in height, and its bottom is 48 feet from the sidewalk. The two-transom cross—called the archiepiscopal or patriarchal cross—is made of steel pieces four inches square, and rises 5½ feet above the dome.

St. Nicholas has had eight pastors in its 37 years. Several of the pastors, particularly in early years, were abbots, rather than parish priests. "The reason for so many changes," said Rev. Mr. Sherotsky, "is that the parish has been very poor. Sometimes a minister was paid only \$5 a month. An abbot had no family, his expenses were less, and he could work. Orthodox priests may marry, but monks and bishops may not." Two ministers held factory jobs.

Mrs. Sherotsky works for a plastic manufacturing firm. This economic aid enables Rev. Mr. Sherotsky to concentrate on building up the parish. He has more than doubled the church's membership but there are still only 67 parishioners, although about 100 participate in the services. Ten Russian families are represented in the congregation. Rev. Mr. Sherotsky has worked among Serbians, Bulgarian and Polish people to build up the total.

Rev. Mr. Sherotsky's theology studies at Kiev were interrupted by World War I. He became a communications officer in the 24th Siberian Regiment. Hospitalized for a time with injuries from concussion and mustard gas, the young divinity student then returned to his outfit, and was on the Austrian front when the war ended for Russia in February, 1918.

Members of the Sherotsky family have been Orthodox priests for 200 years. Rev. Mr. Sherotsky was chaplain as a displaced persons camp in Bavaria for several years before coming to America. After six months in San Francisco, he served as priest three years at Santa Rosa and four years at San Diego before coming here in July 1950.

Another big night for St. Nicholas will be the church party Jan. 14 for members of the congregation and their friends. The church does not have party facilities, and will use the auditorium of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. There will be a program of singing, instrumental music and ballet under the direction of Miss Ludmila Korneev, a Polish native who is a sophomore at Portland State College. Food will be furnished by the Sisterhood of St. Nicholas. The program will be followed by dancing.

Miss Korneev and her parents are also among those who contribute to the Old World flavor of St. Nicholas. The 19-year-old girl was born in Poland, spent the first nine years of her life in various displaced persons camps, and was in Berlin and several other German cities when those cities were bombed by the Allies. She came to the United States in 1950.

## Dam Visitors Hit 608,898

Bonneville Dam had 608,898 visitors during 1960, the second largest number since the dam was completed in 1938, according to Col. Walter L. Winegar, Portland District Army engineer. The record of 643,650 visitors was set in 1949.

In addition to the registered visitor total, some 7,000 additional persons came in buses or fished on the property. Since World War II the dam has had more than 200,000 visitors every year except 1951 when the powerhouse and navigation lock area was closed owing to the Korean War. August was the leading visiting month in 1960 when 143,912 persons were logged. In July 132,213 were registered.

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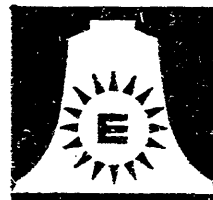
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