

Federal Program To Ease Slums Rests On Decision Of Communities, Large Cities

By JAMES MARLOW
WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)— Jones lives in a slum. What's the government's new program — slum-clearance and public housing — going to mean to him? Maybe nothing. Maybe a lot. It depends on whether his own city wants to take part in the program. No city has to.

The government itself doesn't go in and tear down a slum or even start a slum-clearance going. It stands on the sidelines like a combination banker and rich uncle.

It's ready to help with money — in gifts and loans — any city which wants to tear down a slum and set up low-rent public housing for low-income people.

How Program Works
The program goes like this: A city has a bad slum. It wants to get rid of it. It gets permission from its state legislature to do so and it gets a small loan from the government to survey the whole problem.

This includes public hearings where people with an interest in seeing the slum stay or go can speak their piece. Suppose, then, the city decides to go ahead and tear down the slum.

This is where money, maybe big money, comes in. Buying up the slum property and tearing down the rotten buildings may take a lot of money, more than the city can spare, even though the city gets some of it back later by selling the leveled-off land.

The government step in. It's willing to stand two-thirds of any loss on the deal. The city must

agree to bear the other one-third of any loss.

The government is willing to lose up to \$500,000,000 on slum clearance to get these blights out of the way and their tenants moved into better, low-rent homes.

So, for slum-clearance, in the next five years the government is prepared to hand out \$1,500,000,000 to the cities in loans and grants, this way:

1. Loans — \$1,000,000,000. This money all has to be paid back by the cities at 2½ to 3 per cent interest. But they get 40 years to do it.

2. Grants — \$500,000,000. These grants are really gifts which the cities never have to pay back. Since the loans have to be paid back, but the grants don't, the most the government figures to do on all slum-clearance is \$500,000,000 in grants.

'Musts' For Cities
But — and this is important for Jones and his neighbors in the slums — the government will not help any city in any way in getting rid of a slum unless:

The slum-dwellers forced to move can be placed temporarily, or relocated, in housing at least not worse than they left and at rent within their means.

And people forced out of a slum, because the city is tearing it down, will get first crack at a new, low-rent public housing unit, provided they're otherwise eligible.

That is one of the reasons why a lot of cities, before starting slum-clearance, probably will build public housing, also with government help.

The government's end of the deal — checking, investigating, and deciding what city gets how much money and for what — will be handled by the Public Housing Administration, a government agency.

Atomic Energy Head Answers Solon's Charges

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)— David E. Lilienthal said today the United States was "virtually unarmed atomically" in 1947 when the Atomic Energy Commission was created.

Formally answering charges of "incredible mismanagement" by Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa), Lilienthal said the AEC couldn't be poorly managed if its production of A-bombs was as good as the Iowa senator admits it is.

Lilienthal said the commission's whole program was directed toward giving this country "unquestioned and unqualified leadership" in the atomic field.

For that reason, he said the commission had to ignore many "useful" things it might have done and had to put up with some "careless, stupid and negligent" personnel at times.

Pursuing a policy of letting nothing "stand in the way of arming the nation atomically" has meant "sticking our necks out" and disregarding "bureaucratic procedures," the AEC chairman went on, but it has also gotten a job done.

And, drawing on the Bible, Lilienthal declared: "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Lilienthal was in the witness chair of the Senate-Atomic Committee, formally replying to Hickenlooper's charges.

'Being Broke' Good Sign, Active Club Is Told
PORTLAND, July 7.—(AP)— A civic club that is always short of cash was described by the president of Active International as a good one.

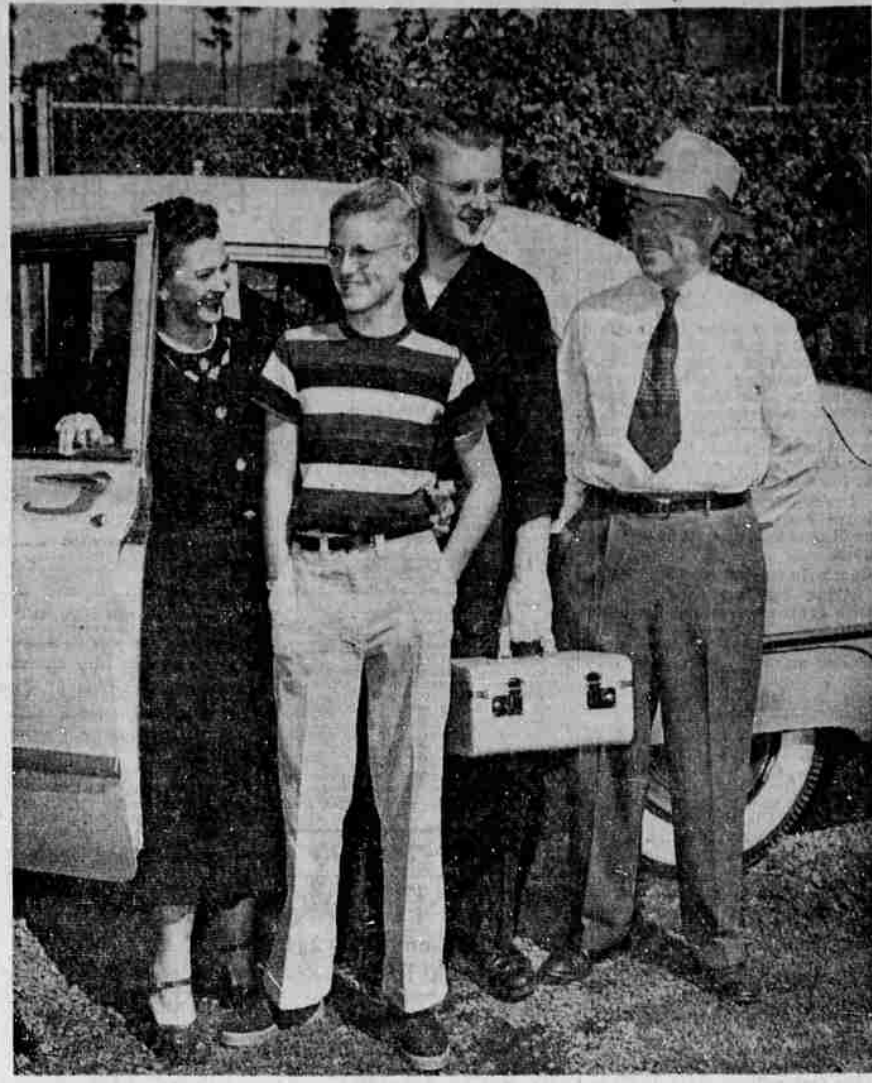
Dr. Charles A. Benson, Omak, Wash., told delegates to the 25th convention that "being broke" was a motto of the young men's organization. He explained it meant the money was being spent for civic programs.

Douglas in Territory Of New Fruit Inspector

SALEM, July 7.—(AP)— Fred Bock, who has been state horticultural inspector in Clackamas and Eastern Multnomah County

for three years, has been transferred to Salem, the State Agriculture Department announced.

He will make nursery inspections in Marion, Polk, Linn, Benton, Lincoln, Douglas and Lane counties.



MR. AND MRS. CHESTER MORGAN, 940 Chapman St., left Sunday with their two sons, David and John, for Seattle where they will embark for a protracted cruise by steamer to Alaska by way of the Inside Passage. While there they will visit points of interest in the interior by rail. The Morgans are proprietors of the Roseburg Book Store. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

Business Men Need 'Pep' Talk To Banish Fears, Sen. Flanders Says

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)— Senator Flanders (R-Vt.) said yesterday the only real danger to the nation's economy is the possibility of businessmen "frightening themselves into a recession."

The Vermontor, who used to be a manufacturer, expressed the hope that President Truman will address a "darn good pep talk" to merchants and manufacturers in the economic report he is scheduled to send to Congress soon.

"Many of them are pursuing a perfectly silly course by curtailing their supply of goods and materials when there is no good reason for doing so," Flanders told a reporter.

"There still is plenty of consumer demand for goods at the right prices, but a reduction of inventories and a subsequent cut in production could dry up the market artificially and cause trouble."

Flanders is a member of the Senate-House Economic Commit-

tee, which will study the President's forthcoming report. He was chairman of the board of Jones and Lamson Machine Co., in Springfield, Vt., until he resigned in 1946 to become a senator.

The senator said he is inclined to think it would be best for the government to adopt a hands-off policy with respect to business conditions at present.

"This situation, this slight falling off of business will be over very shortly if the government will just go slow and confine its role for now to just some good advice," Flanders declared.

There has been some talk in Congress that Mr. Truman, in his mid-year economic report, might finally stop insisting on enactment of the anti-inflation program he first outlined in 1947.

Senator Sparkman (D-Ala.), for one, has said that the President ought instead to map plans for "safeguarding us against a skidding economy."

REEDSPORT

Lions Install; Pumice Block Building Rises

Installation of new officers of the Gardner-Reedsport Lion's Club was held Tuesday night, June 28, at the Reedsport Grade School Cafeteria, with a large attendance of members, their wives and invited guests. The following were installed by Ernest Zinke, past president: Darwin Bernhardt, Reedsport, president; Ray Hookard, Gardiner, first vice president; Alton Elwood, Reedsport, second vice president; Tom Richmond, Reedsport, third vice president; Harold Johnson, Reedsport, Tail Twister; George Gratke, Reedsport, Lion Tamer. Two new directors were also installed.

New Building Rises
The new pumice-block building on Highway 101 in Reedsport, across the highway from Sam's Steak House, is almost ready for occupancy by its owners, Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Stormy) Love. They will operate it as a garage and service station, and sales room for the Pontiac automobile, for which they have the agency. At present, the Loves, assisted by their sons, are operating a garage at their home on Fir Street, near the Southern Pacific Depot. The new building is an attractive one, with large display front windows and good highway frontage.

Take Over Resort
Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Anderson, Umpqua River residents for many years, have recently taken over the management of the resort property known as Bill's Trout Farm on the Umpqua Highway near the Mill Creek Bridge. Trout are no longer raised as they were when the property was operated by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris, but the boat rentals and other resort attractions have been developed. The Anderson home, located across the river, has been leased to Scott Branson.

On Vacation
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Nichols of Reedsport, accompanied by their daughter, Norma, are spending some of Mr. Nichols' vacation from his duties with the Central Lincoln P.U.D. at Cokeville, Wyo., with relatives.

Crab Catches Drop
Catches of crabs along the coast have dropped off so much that most operators of crabbing boats are picking up their pots and storing them until the opening of the new season next fall. Fairly good catches were made during most of the past winter, when weather conditions permitted crab pots to be "run" regularly during the best of the season. However, many of those caught recently proved to be of the "soft-shelled" variety so common at this time of the year.

Mills Close
The Bridge Mill in Reedsport and the Gardner Lumber Company mill in Gardiner, both operated by the Gardner Lumber Company, closed Friday night for the Fourth of July holiday. They will resume operation July 11.

BLAME U. S. EGG POWDER
MOSCOW.—(AP)— The Soviet medical paper "Medical Worker" claims that large numbers of Europeans are suffering from stomach ailments as a result of eating Marshall Plan egg powder.

"Medical Worker" claims that most American egg powder sent to Europe is infected with bacteria of the salmonella family, dangerous bacteria held responsible for epidemic meat poisoning and other serious diseases.

"Medical Worker" cited an essay by a German doctor which appeared in the American zone of Germany. The Soviet paper said

Virginia Officer Accused Of Slaying in Maryland Waters

CRISFIELD, Md., July 7.—(AP) A murder charge was filed on Wednesday against a Virginia fisheries officer who shot and killed a Maryland crab fisherman in Chesapeake Bay.

The warrant named 23-year-old David Acree of Weirwood, Va., a deputy patrol officer for the Virginia Fisheries Commission.

A charge of being an accessory after the fact was filed against George Colonna Jr., pilot of a Commission plane which landed beside the 26-foot motor boat from which the Maryland waterman was crabbing.

Early Lee Nelson, 50-year-old former member of the Crisfield Police Force, died of a bullet

wound after Acree boarded the boat to arrest him for crabbing in Virginia waters.

Acree reported to superiors that Nelson had tried to grab his rifle and had been shot accidentally.

Filing of charges by Maryland authorities indicated that they had decided after an investigation that Nelson was shot and killed in Maryland waters.

The scene was at the junction of Pokomoke and Tangier Sounds on the east side of Chesapeake Bay, where the Maryland-Virginia line zig-zags across the water.

There is a tense rivalry between watermen of the two states because of conflicting conservation laws. They may crab only in their own waters.

Boettiger Sues For Divorce From Daughter Of President Roosevelt

PHOENIX, Ariz., July 7.—(AP)— After 14 years of marriage, a romance that started between the President's daughter and a newspaper reporter appeared to have ended yesterday.

John Boettiger, the reporter, was suing his wife, Anna, daughter of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, for divorce in Maricopa County Superior Court.

The couple first met in 1932 on a presidential campaign trip. Boettiger, who later became the publisher of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, and the Arizona Times of Phoenix, then was a reporter for the Chicago Tribune.

They were married in 1935, after Anna had divorced her first husband, Curtis Dall, a New York broker. She obtained the divorce in Reno in 1934.

In a suit filed in the Superior Court Tuesday by his lawyer, Boettiger charged his wife with mental cruelty.

The couple reached agreement July 15, 1948, settling their property rights. They have a son, John R., 10, who now is living with his mother in Hollywood.

Mrs. Boettiger said in Hollywood she would ask her attorney to file an answer and a cross-complaint but added she has "no intention of making a lengthy trial" of the suit. She said she will seek custody of the children.

"All family break-ups are very sad things," she said.

Mrs. Boettiger had two children in her first marriage, Anna Eleanor and Curtis, who became known nationally as "Sister and Buzzer" when they lived at the White House.

July 8, 1948, to Van H. Seagraves of Oregon City, Ore., after the Boettigers had separated and sold the Times to a group of Phoenix businessmen. Kirk C. Dumbear now is publisher of the paper.

4 Texans Nabbed In Portland On Burglary Charges

PORTLAND, July 7.—(AP)— Four men were booked on burglary charges Wednesday after an off-duty detective noticed a car swerving about in traffic.

Detective Rudolph Bouwman said he saw an erratically driven Texas-licensed car, and called a police car to chase it.

The detective and the police patrolman found a rifle, chisels, and crowbar in the car, and arrested the four occupants on a charge of burglarizing two stores early Tuesday.

The loot from the burglaries was recovered — some hidden in brush on Portland's outskirts, and some checked in a locker at the bus depot. The stores were the Williams Market at Clackamas and the James W. Eldridge Grocery in Portland.

The four men were booked as John E. Fairfax, 21; Earl Klein, 19; Lloyd D. Bogle, 25, and Harold Mullins, 21, all of Amarillo, Tex.

For picnic sandwiches allow pimento cheese to soften and then mix with a little mayonnaise and some crumbled crispy cooked bacon; spread on whole wheat bread.

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