

# Democratic Praise, G. O. P. Criticism Meet Message Of President To Lawmakers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Democrats found much to praise, Republicans much to criticize in President Truman's state of the union message to Congress Wednesday.

But not all comment followed party lines, especially on civil rights and foreign policy. Sample reactions:

**Rep. McCormack (Mass.)** House Democratic leader: "It is a courageous message consistent with President Truman's leadership. Internationally, it shows his determination to stop Communism and aggression from the domestic side, the strengthening of the family life of America."

**Rep. Martin (Mass.)** House Republican leader: "It is the same old political hash warmed over in the hope of fooling the people. It falls utterly to come to grips with two great vital needs of the day—cutting down government spending and lowering the tax burden on the American people. These must be done if we are to have prosperity and jobs for the workers."

**Rep. Arends (Ill.)**, assistant Republican leader in the House, said the message opened "the 1950 political campaign." Arends added:

"President Truman once again comes before the Congress and the country appealing to classes and groups of our citizens, asking for special legislation advantageous to only certain segments of our society."

"He cares nothing about the cost of his proposals, the deficit financing involved, the enormous and burdensome public debt, nor does he seem to care why he eventually happen to our Federal treasury."

**Phrases Not Enough**

**Rep. Eaton (N.J.)**, top Republican and former chairman of the House foreign affairs committee: "I'm strongly in favor of continuing the European recovery program until it has finally accomplished its great objective. I'm in favor of every possible effort to hold back Communism in its attempt to conquer the world, but I'm afraid it will not be done simply by pious phrases."

**Rep. Priest (Tenn.)**, assistant Democratic leader: "The President has entered a splendid doctrine of faith in the future of America. I was impressed by his tone of optimism and his emphasis once more on this country's role in leading the world to peace."

**Senator Millikin of Colorado**, ranking Republican on the Senate finance committee, said the people will not support any request for new taxes.

**Rep. Colmer (D-Miss.)**, chairman of a southern group created to fight the President's civil rights program: "Our committee will continue to do everything we can to prevent enactment of the civil rights program."

**Rep. Cooley (D-NC)**, chairman of the House agriculture committee: "I still think it (The Brannan Farm plan) has no chance in the present Congress."

**Rep. Taber (NY)** Republican economy spokesman in the house:

"President Truman's optimistic prediction of a trillion dollar national economy sounds good but in actuality, it means inflation, higher prices and diminishing returns."

**Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.)**, chairman of the House agriculture committee, acknowledged "strong feeling" on draft extension but declined direct comment. From past expressions, however, it is evident his "feelings" are opposed to extension.

**Senate Democratic leader Lucas (Ill.)** said Mr. Truman "gave another eloquent expression of his humanitarian philosophy, and he cited again the high goals of enduring peace and stable prosperity to which his administration is dedicated."

**Chairman George (D-Ga.)** of the Senate finance committee said: "The president wants a 'moderate amount' of new taxes. Well, I want a 'moderate amount' of expenditure reduction. Maybe we can get together."

## Melrose

By **NETTIE WOODRUFF**  
Miss Louise Simmons, of San Francisco has returned to her home following a visit over the Christmas holidays with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Simmons, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollister, and family, recently returned to their home at Springfield after a visit during the holidays with Mrs. Hollister's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Busenbark.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Becker and family spent Christmas at Walla Walla, Wash., visiting Mr. Becker's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jacquins. The Jacquins resided in the Cleveland district for many years.

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## 'Play Day' Set By RHS Girls

High school girls from Glide, Sutherlin, Canyonville, Glendale, Yoncalla, Reedsport, Elkton, Drain and Myrtle Creek will be guests of the Roseburg high school Girls Athletic association Saturday at the high school.

The event, called "Play Day," will involve many different games, skits, and other activities under the direction of the student chairman, Bernice Lounsbury, who is working with the girls' advisor, Mrs. Shirley Toman.

The main purposes of the "Play Day" program, Miss Lounsbury said, are to interest other girls throughout Douglas county in organizing their own athletic associations and to give the girls a chance to compete in sports and get acquainted.

The day's activity will get underway at 8 a. m. and will involve two periods in the morning and three in the afternoon. Sports planned are volleyball, basketball, ping pong, badminton, and deck tennis. Folk tennis. Folk dancing will fill in-between periods.

Mrs. May Matthews has offered to cook dinner for the girls. There will be four or five from county schools outside of Roseburg.

## Swollen Rivers Deal Damage In Illinois

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worked to repair the breaks.

Sections of southern Illinois were threatened by the icy flood waters. The Little Wabash went out of its banks at Carmi. The Wabash passed the 17-foot stage at Mt. Carmel and continued a slow rise.

Cold, floods, rain, sleet and snow dealt damaging blows to wide areas of the nation today from Southern California into Colorado.

Freezing weather has caused some damage to the multi-million dollar citrus and vegetable crops of Southern California despite all night orchard firing. Further damage is feared, although pre-dawn temperatures today were a little above yesterday's lows.

Bitter cold continued in most of the midwest. The arctic belt extended from Montana into Iowa and some parts of the Rocky mountains. Spencer, Iowa, had 22 below zero today, a new Iowa low for the winter season. Temperatures tumbled from abnormal marks to below freezing over most of the Ohio valley and southward to below Memphis in the Mississippi valley.

It looked like the end of the unseasonable mild weather for the middle and north Atlantic states.

Rain and sleet over the Ohio and Mississippi valleys created hazardous driving conditions. The blustery weather was expected to extend over most of Pennsylvania and West Virginia and western Maryland by tonight or Friday.

At Indianapolis, Gov. Henry F. Schickler alerted the National Guard for possible service as major floods over the full length of the Wabash and White rivers were predicted by weather bureau officials.

Heavy rains over the past several days have sent the rivers and creeks in Indiana and Illinois over their banks.

## Parks Will Be Improved By City Commission

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completed in the city park across from the Elks building.

While the park department activities have been rather slow these last three months, considerable maintenance has been done, states the report. Maintenance to the library has been noticeable in that the grounds have been kept clean and a new gate has been erected. Christmas decorations were installed during the holiday season. North Jackson and Commercial street lawns have been cared for, and Laurelwood park has been maintained.

The budget shows adequate remaining funds for the proposed improvements. Of the total budget of \$13,695, only \$4,386.19 has been expended during the first six weeks.

The recreation fund budget item was \$5,000, but only \$797.98 has been used. Most of the contemplated improvements will come from this source.

## Second Soviet Atomic Bomb Blast Forecast

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paper Pravda said Russia hoped to use the atom in building dams. De Courcy said the next blast will be in the Soviet Asiatic republic of Kazak, north of India and west of Mongolia, in a lake region near the Kazak border with Shinkiang.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—President Truman said today he does not know when the Russians will produce another atomic explosion.

The question was brought up at a news conference on the basis of a London report that such an explosion is set for Saturday.

A reporter suggested that since the president was the source of information on the first Russian explosion, perhaps he might know about the next one.

Mr. Truman said that he had no advance notice of the first explosion and has no advance notice if another is to take place.

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## Anti-Histamine Drugs Criticized

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Users of anti-histamine drugs for cure of colds may run into hazardous "side effects."

That was the comment of physicians on a symposium at last night's meeting of the Multnomah County Medical society.

"A high climber up a tree is safer with a cold than with an anti-histamine drug dose," Dr. M. L. Margason, society president, said after three physicians had discussed the now widely used new drugs.

Dr. M. R. Moore said drowsiness, dizziness and headaches might result. "A great deal of caution should be used," he said. "Driving a car might result in serious consequences."

The drugs give a certain amount of comfort, accounting for their popularity, he said. Dr. R. R. Matteri said, however, that the drugs' cold-killing qualities had been exaggerated. He said he could find no results approaching those reported in a naval hospital experiment which is quoted in advancing sales.

Precisely what happens to give the drugs their good results in treatment of some ailments — they are lauded when used against hay fever—is not known, Dr. Frank Perlman said. The body absorbs the drugs quickly, he said, and it is believed that there are no serious harmful effects.

## LIONS TO SEE MOVIE

Educational motion pictures are scheduled for tonight's Lions club meeting at 6:30 p. m. in the Hotel Umpqua.

Frank Von Borstel Jr. is bringing pictures from the Oregon State college library featuring the state of Wyoming and its

## Nationwide Phone Tieup Threatened By Union

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that wage boosts granted since the end of the war cost about double the amount of telephone rate increases. He said any new wage raise would "have to be paid for by telephone users."

The union contended that the 100,000 workers in a position to strike now could effectively stop service all over the country. Two of these groups of workers are equipment installers and salesmen. Jones said picketing of these two groups at exchanges could stop other phone workers from working.

The biggest group now ready to strike numbers 50,000 of all types of phone workers in the six-state southwestern division. They had scheduled a strike on Christmas eve but postponed it until Jan. 12.

Just how effective a strike the union could arrange was uncertain. In 1947 the same union had phone workers idle from coast to coast for six weeks. But automatic dial systems kept local service functioning in most cities. Long distance service was maintained on an emergency basis with skeleton crews.

Last year the union affiliated with the CIO. Jones contended the group is stronger now. The union did not list improvements in the Bell system pension plan among its demands. This was done, union officials said, because the union recently filed charges against the Bell companies with the National Labor Relations board, saying they had altered the plan without consulting the union.

natural resources. The picture is filmed in color with sound accompaniment.

## The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon

Cloudy with occasional rain this afternoon. Partly cloudy with scattered showers Friday. Highest temp. for any Jan. .... 71  
Lowest temp. for any Jan. .... 6  
Highest temp. yesterday .... 40  
Lowest temp. last 24 hrs. .... 32  
Precipitation last 24 hrs. .... 14  
Precipitation from Jan. 1 .... 57  
Precipitation from Sept. 1 .... 12.03  
Deficiency from Jan. 1 .... .13

## Schoolhouse, 50 Years Old, Destroyed By Fire

FOREST GROVE, Jan. 5.—(AP)

A 50-year-old two-room frame schoolhouse northwest of here burned to the ground this morning, well before any pupils arrived for classes.

The blaze in the Lyda school, a part of the Gales Creek system since consolidation a year and a half ago, was well advanced when discovered at 7:30 a. m.

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