

# Sec. Benson Says President Would Veto Legislation Freezing Farm Price Pay

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Agriculture Benson said Thursday President Eisenhower would almost certainly veto pending legislation to freeze farm price supports and acreage allotments at not less than 1957 levels. Such legislation was debated in the Senate Thursday.

Calling such proposals bad for agriculture as well as for the nation, Benson told a news conference: "It would seem to me, that if it passed in its present form, it would be almost certain to face a veto."

**Effects Told**  
Benson said he considers the legislation bad because he said it would:  
Further destroy markets.  
Pile up additional surpluses.  
Cripple standards set for determining price supports and acreage allotments.  
Increase greatly the cost of farm programs.  
Give little help to small farmers.  
Establish mandatory supports on nine additional commodities.  
Ignore effects of a transition to a modernized parity formula.  
Be unfair to winter wheat growers who signed up under the 1958 acreage reserve of the soil bank program.  
Ignore most of the recommendations made by Eisenhower for further legislative action which

the administration says would expand markets and reduce government control over farmers.  
Under questioning, Benson said that he knows of no plans anywhere in the executive branch of the government to modify the dairy price support reduction set to go into effect April 1. The new supports will be put at a minimum level permitted by law.  
Pending as the Senate met two hours early were two resolutions that would freeze farm price supports at not less than last year's level. One would apply to all major crops, the other to dairy products alone.

## Closed-Door Fight Looms Today Over Disability Measure

WASHINGTON — House Republicans squared off today for a closed-door fight with Democrats over presidential disability legislation.  
The Republicans were encouraged in advance by a Senate subcommittee's acceptance of President Eisenhower's views on the matter.  
Scene of the battle was the House Judiciary Committee, which was set to take up again the controversial problem of providing for a temporary succession by the vice president if the president becomes disabled.  
So far the Democrats, who outnumber Republicans on the committee, have been faithful to the line laid down by Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.). They have held out for a simple law on the subject. Eisenhower wants a constitutional amendment.

## Nathan Leopold Leaves Prison After 33½ Years

JOLIET, Ill. — Nathan Leopold, who served 33½ years in prison for a hobbled effort to commit a perfect murder, walked to freedom Thursday determined to become a perfect example of prison rehabilitation.  
Leopold waved his hat as he stepped through the gates of the administration building.  
There were a few townspeople from nearby Joliet on hand as Leopold ended his long prison sentence.  
Leopold was escorted to the prison gate by Warden Joseph Hagen. He walked slowly, almost casually.  
He had been behind bars since Sept. 11, 1924 for the thrill killing of a neighbor boy, Bobby Franks, 14, in Chicago May 21 of that year. His companion in crime, Richard Loeb, was slain in a prison fight in 1936.  
The much publicized prisoner handed out copies of a mimeographed statement to newsmen.  
The statement asked newsmen to grant him "a gift almost as precious as freedom itself — a gift without which freedom ceases to have much value — the gift of privacy."  
Leopold left the prison entrance shortly after 10 a.m.  
A reporter asked him, "Do you feel free?"  
Looking at the crush of newsmen around him he quipped, "I feel pretty hemmed in now."  
Leopold is bound by conditions of his parole not to grant interviews or direct any publicity to himself.

## Port Of Umpqua Hires Engineers For Harbor Study

The Port of Umpqua Commission voted unanimously during a special meeting Wednesday to hire the Corvallis consulting engineer firm of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield to assist Robert Hickson in preparing a study for a so-called "crash program" to modernize the Umpqua River entrance.  
The move was aimed at setting up a hearing soon with the army engineers in hopes of acquiring aid from emergency programs now being studied by President Eisenhower and congress. Hickson has been working as consultant on the deep harbor project.  
The action followed a report by O. H. Hinsdale that army engineers have indicated they might be receptive to "practical" proposals.  
Cost of such a project, according to recent estimates, might run as high as \$5 million. The program would include extension of the present training jetty to the "block" at the end of the old south jetty.  
There have been local objections to the cost on the grounds it is too high relative to benefits to be acquired.

## Huge Military Contracts Will Be Placed Soon

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billion for other goods and services.  
**Obligations Listed**  
"Gross obligations for major procurement in January, 1958, totaled about \$1,200,000,000," McElroy wrote. "We expect obligations for the remaining five months of the fiscal year to average about \$1,700,000,000 to \$1,800,000,000 per month."  
Plans for the first half of this year call for placing contracts for 62.5 per cent of the total obligations for major military purchasing, as compared with 37.7 per cent during the last six months of 1957, McElroy reported.  
At the Capitol, House Democratic leader McCormack of Massachusetts said he had "no fears" that the current recession would develop into a full pledged depression.  
Committee approval of McCormack's public works resolution was the latest in a series of swift moves by Senate and House Democratic leaders urging the administration to step up the spending of funds already appropriated.

## HUBCAPS STOLEN

Theft of four hub caps and a pair of fender skirts from his 1956 car while it was parked at Roseburg Lumber Co. Tuesday night was reported to state police Wednesday by Gerald Lee Nelson. He said the lost items valued at about \$50.

## Riddle School District Budget Given Approval

The board of School District 70, Riddle, and the budget committee this week approved a 1958-59 budget of \$284,115, a figure some \$1,400 below last year's total.  
A public hearing on the budget will be held April 7. The budget will go to a vote on May 5, along with the rural school budget and election of a rural board member and a Riddle school board member, reports Riddle correspondent Erma Best.



**PLANNING FOR DANCE** — Committee heads for the annual St. Patrick's Day dance sponsored by St. Joseph's Catholic Parish review plans for the Monday night affair. Left to right, they are: Don O'Neill, publicity chairman; Mrs. Paul Erno, decorations, and Mrs. Jack Hasbrouck, general chairman. The public dance will be Monday night in the Gold Room of the Umpqua Hotel, with music by the Dajados. Dancing will be 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Mrs. Arnold Mentzer heads the ticket committee. (Photo-Lab)

## Adult Education Classes Registration Next Week

Registration for general adult education classes will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, Richard D. Boss, Roseburg School District adult education director, announced.  
Persons interested in the classes may register at the Adult Education office in the Social Arts Building of Roseburg High School, 547 W. Chapman Ave. Registration can also be completed at the first or second class meeting, but to assure a place in the class, arrangements should be made early, Boss said.  
Most of the classes are held in the high school buildings. All classes will start the week following registration.  
Details concerning courses may be obtained by visiting or telephoning the Adult Education office at OR 3-5152, OR 3-4438 and OR 2-2696.  
Homemaking classes being offered are beginning bishop sewing, bishop method dressmaking, party foods and cake decorating and general sewing problems.  
Constitution and government is being offered for aliens who wish to become citizens.  
Six general adult classes are included on the schedule. They are public speaking, Spanish, woodworking and fiberclass, power sowing training, photography for beginners and drawing and painting.  
Trade extension classes will be radio, welding, advanced welding, mathematics for industry, industrial electronics, supervisory training and nurses aid training.  
Persons engaged in one of six different trades may enroll in apprentice classes. These classes will be for carpenters, auto mechanics auto body and fender workers, electricians, power linemen and plumbers.  
Business education classes will be typewriting, bookkeeping, shorthand and business English.  
Certified instructors are provided from the local school system or other qualified persons from the community, Boss said.

## Budget Director Brundage Quits; Stans Appointed

WASHINGTON — Percival F. Brundage resigned Thursday as Director of the Budget.  
President Eisenhower appointed Maurice H. Stans, now deputy director, to succeed Brundage.  
Eisenhower also named Robert E. Merriman, currently an assistant to the director, as deputy chief of the bureau.  
In a letter to Eisenhower made public by the White House, Brundage said he is stepping down because he "must attend to some personal matters that have been neglected."  
His resignation is effective on or about March 15 — two days from now.  
Replying to a question, White House press secretary James C. Hagerty said "of course not" when asked whether Brundage was leaving because of any fiscal policy differences with the administration at this time of business recession.  
Eisenhower accepted Brundage's resignation "with great regret and reluctance." Brundage has served as budget director since April 2, 1956. Eisenhower chose him to succeed Rowland H. Hughes.

## Navy Calls Off Vanguard Effort

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The Navy's Project Vanguard, grounded by repeated frustrations apparently floundered in serious difficulty today.  
None of the officials in charge would comment. The Navy has lowered a strict curtain of secrecy over space research program, dogged by misfortune.  
There were definite indications a Vanguard satellite launching might be days or even weeks away.  
Meanwhile, the rival Army Jupiter-C program, despite troubles of its own pushed to the fore.  
Secretary of the Army Wilber Brucker said in Washington that launching of a third Explorer satellite has been authorized.  
The Navy called off its third attempt in a week to launch the Vanguard three-stage rocket with a grapefruit-size satellite in its nose.  
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Mrs. Paul Patterson, wife of the former Oregon governor, said in Roseburg Wednesday that "G. G. Unander" will be held in Roseburg during the third week in April.  
Mrs. Patterson is vice-chairman of the Sig Unander for Governor campaign. She was in Roseburg briefly Wednesday as part of a tour in which she is organizing prospective Unander campaigners.

## Elvis Presley Heads Home, Ready For Army

HOLLYWOOD — Elvis Presley left for home last night after a surprise party at a studio upon finishing his last movie before he enters the Army.  
The rock 'n' roll singer's co-star, Dolores Hart, Director Michael Curtiz and the rest of the cast of "King Creole" attended the party in the Paramount studio commissary.  
Elvis left to visit with his family in Memphis, Tenn., before donning his uniform later this month.

## Lost Cocker Spaniel Puppy Held For Owner

The person who lost a tan cocker spaniel puppy will find the pet in good hands.  
Wednesday, young George Alden, 1911 SE Ichabod St., brought the pup to the police station where he told officers he had found the canine near his home. George said he had tried to locate the owner and would keep the pup at his home until it is claimed.

## SEATO Council Ends Session; Hits Neutrals

MANILA — The SEATO Council ended its fourth annual conference Thursday with a swipe at neutralist nations which won't recognize the dangers of communism and a promise of only slightly more economic aid to help the Asian pact members develop their resources.  
The foreign ministers of the eight nations outlined the results of their meeting in a 1,200-word communique which pinpointed "the insidious character" of Communist subversion as Southeast Asia's "most substantial current menace."  
Without naming them, the council warned "some non-Communist governments" against "failing to distinguish between the aims and ideals of the free world and the purposes of international communism." The communique said because of "the insidious character of Communist subversions, there was particular danger arising" from these governments.  
The communique announced no big new program of economic aid to meet Pakistani charges that such neutral nations as India were getting more help than free world allies.  
Instead the Council of Ministers pointed out that SEATO's three Asian members — Pakistan, Thailand and the Philippines — had gotten more than 700 million dollars in economic aid in the past year, principally from the United States.

## Riot-Torn Prison Back To Nearly Normal Routine

PETROS, Tenn. — Riot-torn Brushy Mountain State Prison resumed a nearly normal routine Thursday, as officials continued to mull over alleged grievances which prompted the disturbances.  
Warden Frank Llewellyn maintained no settlement had been reached with the prisoners, who reduced their cell block to rubble in riots Monday and Tuesday.  
"All I can say," Llewellyn said, "is that we're still talking with them."  
The rioters' chief spokesman, Kenneth Ray Lawson, had told newsmen the convicts won several concessions from authorities. He did not elaborate.  
He had presented a long list of grievances, including what he termed cruelty of guards and unequal treatment of prisoners.  
The night shift of 150 convicts returned to the prison coal mines Wednesday night—the first work detail to enter the mines since the disturbances Monday night.

## Canyonville Cuts School Budget

A proposed school budget in Canyonville School District No. 8, reduced by \$5,394.30 from last year's, was completed Wednesday by District Clerk Helen Altire.  
The proposed budget for the 1958-59 school year is for \$182,448.58. Estimated receipts on the budget total \$70,764. The balance must be raised from the rural school board and local taxes.  
Last year's budget totaled \$187,842.88.  
Election for the budget and for the election of one school board five-year term position, as well as the regular rural school board election, will be Thursday, May 15.  
The budget reduction was brought about by the discontinuance of one school bus to the Cow Creek District and the use of the Canyonville Youth Center for band practices. The band will hold practices in school rooms. Both of these items may be added back in future budgets if attendance warrants reviving their use.  
According to Supt. O. J. Monger, "this budget enables us to have a first class school despite the savings."  
The entire budget will be published in the News-Review, March 18 and 25 will be posted in a public place March 21. Scheduled budget hearing date is Monday, April 7, at 8 p.m. at the high school.  
Notice of the budget voting date will be published in the News-Review legal page, April 14 and 21. And it will be posted in a public place, April 15.

## PGE Turns On Pelton Hydroelectric Generator

MADRAS, Ore. — Portland General Electric Co. Wednesday switched on the second of three hydroelectric generating units at the Pelton project.  
The first 30,000-kilowatt unit was placed in operation in late December. The second also is of 30,000 kilowatts. A third unit is scheduled later.  
Morgan said the board's findings were binding on all state agencies.

## Income Tax Cut Would Fatten Paycheck Of Average American

WASHINGTON — An income tax cut of the sort now under consideration in Congress would add an extra \$2 to \$3 to the weekly pay check of the average American breadwinner.  
In the aggregate, it would mean the quick addition of an estimated five billion dollars of new consumer buying power.  
This immediate release of new buying power is the primary goal of tax planners seeking a quick antirecession stimulant.  
Whether a tax cut actually will be attempted, and when, have not yet been decided. It is one of several things under study.  
Congressional tax experts say that any tax cut would be reflected immediately in the form of larger employee paychecks because of lower tax withholdings.

## Administration Prodded For Early Decision On Taxes

WASHINGTON — Congressional Democrats prodded the Eisenhower administration today for an early decision on possible antirecession tax cuts.  
The administration, meanwhile, waited to assess the results of stepped-up spending programs it has ordered and recommended before deciding whether a tax cut is needed to spur production and create jobs.  
Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas and his assistant Sen. Mansfield of Montana urged action to make it clear whether there are going to be tax reductions and what kind.  
Johnson told the Senate that "we will face up — I hope very quickly — to the question of tax cuts." Saying that he hasn't reached any firm conclusion himself, he added: "But I believe we owe it to our fellow Americans to end the suspense at the earliest possible moment."  
Mansfield said in an interview he is glad Secretary of the Treasury Anderson has announced he will confer with leaders of both parties on the tax question.  
"I hope these conferences are held quickly and the results announced immediately," he said. "The people ought to be told where they stand."

## Employers Will Begin Paying Higher Tax Rate

SALEM, Ore. — Twelve thousand Oregon employers will pay higher payroll tax rates beginning in April, while 14,000 won't be affected, the Oregon Unemployment Compensation Commission said Thursday.  
The 12,000 employers who are affected hire about two-thirds of the workers in the state, however.  
Because the unemployment trust fund has been hard hit by heavy unemployment, the rate next month becomes a flat 2.7 per cent of payrolls. The rate now ranges from .6 to 2.7 per cent.  
The flat 2.7 rate goes into effect because the trust fund fell below the 31.5 million dollar mark.  
By the end of the month, it will be below 28 million.  
It is likely that the higher rate will remain in effect for at least six months, and possibly longer.  
But the rate can't be reduced again until the fund is built up to the 31.5 million mark again.  
The average payroll tax rate now is 1.85 per cent, the commission said.  
There are 2,261 employers paying at the 6 per cent rate, so the new rate will be 4½ times as great for them.

## Board Refuses To Rescind Stand On Snake Dams

SALEM, Ore. — The Oregon Water Resources Board refused Wednesday to rescind an earlier action calling for a halt to Idaho Power Co.'s dam construction program on the Snake River.  
Two members of the board, Chairman L. C. Binford of Portland and Robert Foley of Bend, urged the board to change its stand. But they were voted down.  
The earlier action, which was approved unanimously, urged that Congress take steps to halt construction of the dams at least until the Army Engineers have completed a survey of the region's water resources.  
This stand of the board was the basis cited by Oregon Public Utilities Commissioner Howard Morgan Tuesday when he turned down IPC's application for approval of a 20 million dollar securities issue to finance construction of the dams. Morgan said the board's findings were binding on all state agencies.

## Glendale Benefit Set For School Bus Driver

A benefit dance aimed at assisting a critically ill Glendale school bus driver will be staged Saturday night at Azalea Grange Hall.  
Proceeds will go toward aiding Gene Clark, bus driver and custodian for Glendale public schools. He currently is a patient at Josephine Hospital, Grants Pass.  
Sponsor of the dance is the Teen-Age Club of Azalea Grange. Clark is an adviser for the club.  
The dance will get under way at 8:30 p.m. Admission will be by donation. Ladies have been asked to bring cakes or pies to be used as refreshments.

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