

Johnson's Plan To Close Bases Draws Praise From Businessmen

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A top business leader today praised President Johnson's efforts to cut federal spending and urged local businessmen to support, rather than protest, economy closings of defense bases in their areas.

The business spokesman, President Edwin Neilan of the

Oakland Family Forced To Flee Midnight Blaze

The third Douglas County family to be routed out of its home by fire this week is that of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beahm Jr. and two children of Oakland who lost their home in a midnight blaze Wednesday.

According to Edith Dunn, correspondent, the Beahms were barely able to escape with a few clothes after discovering the fire about midnight in the back part of the house. A wood stove is believed to have been the starting point. The house, located just outside the northeast city limits, was a small, older-type frame dwelling, Mrs. Dunn reported. Also lost in the fire was a 1956 model sedan quartered in a garage attached to the house.

The Oakland Volunteer Fire Department, called to the scene, was unable to save the structure or any of its contents. Rapidity of the fire's spread was evidenced in a report from Oakland Police Chief Walt Manning who had been cruising in the neighborhood a short time earlier and had seen nothing amiss.

The Beahm's children are two little girls, one 2 years old and the other a baby born within the past few weeks, Mrs. Dunn said. The family is staying with Mrs. Beahm's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Topping, in Oakland. Some insurance was believed to have been carried on the house and contents.

DON'T FORGET OATS

In the recipe for "Marbled Oatmeal Squares" appearing in today's food section, the quantity of rolled oats needed was omitted. The amount is 1/4 cup.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce, even left open the possibility that he might vote for Johnson next year.

Neilan visited with the President at about the same time as disclosure was made that Johnson issued an order to department and agency chiefs to take still another whack at cutting their budgets. He told them to let him know by Friday night what they had done.

Neilan's comments about the bases came as the Pentagon prepared to detail the closing of some defense installations over the vehement protests of congressmen.

Consider National Interests

Neilan said after his discussion of the budget with Johnson that he would urge business to try to adapt some of the abandoned installations for private use or move into the area and provide jobs for those thrown out of work by the closings. He said he hoped businessmen in the localities would consider the national interest before protesting.

Neilan had unusual praise of Johnson for a major spokesman for business. He said he felt most businessmen have been impressed by the way Johnson

Local Man Convicted On Charge Of Forgery

David Romaine Wood, 20, of Roseburg, Wednesday was convicted of forgery on jury trial before Circuit Court Judge Charles S. Woodrich. Imposition of sentence was postponed until Monday at 9:30 a.m.

Wood was accused of forging the signature of E. C. Beckius to a check for \$60 made out to him on the Douglas County State Bank Oct. 23. He had pleaded innocent to the Grand Jury indictment.

The trial opened at 10 a.m. with Thomas O'Dell handling the prosecution and Thomas Garrison the defense. The state rested at 1:30 p.m. and the jury retired at 3:15, returning its verdict at 3:47 p.m. Wood took the stand in his own defense as the concluding witness.

School Meet Postponed

The Roseburg School Board meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday night was postponed because of the lack of a quorum of School Board members. The meeting was held at noon Thursday.

has taken over the White House. He indicated he particularly favored Johnson's efforts to cut expenditures although he said the President regarded some reports of his economy moves as exaggerated.

Neilan already supports the administration's \$11 billion tax cut program. Johnson has urged Congress to speed action on the tax reduction measure, presently under consideration by the Senate Finance Committee, but passage is not expected until next year.

Castro Blames JFK Remark For Soviet Missiles In Cuba

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Fidel Castro has been quoted as saying that a remark by President Kennedy convinced him and Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev that a U.S. invasion of Cuba was imminent and led them to place Russian missiles on the island.

The White House said Wednesday, however, that the late President stated at the time to Khrushchev's son-in-law, Alexei I. Adzhubei, that no U.S. invasion was planned. Castro's reference was to the talk Kennedy had with Adzhubei, the editor of the newspaper Izvestia, in January 1962.

Castro's statements were reported by Jean Daniel, a French newsman who interviewed the Cuban premier shortly before the Nov. 22 assassination of Kennedy.

Castro said Kennedy recalled for Adzhubei that the United States did not intervene when Russia put down the 1956 revolt in Hungary. According to Daniel, Castro said he and Khrushchev took this to mean that the United States planned a second invasion attempt against Cuba and did not expect Russia to intervene.

White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger, who was among those present during the Adzhubei interview, said Wednesday that was not the way it was at all. He said his notes showed no mention of Hungary, but an interpreter's notes showed that Kennedy "did use the word Hungary, but not in the context used by Castro." According to Salinger, the President said the United States found the Cuban situation difficult. To show the importance of the Cuban problem, Salinger said, Kennedy told Ad-

Local Government Gets Blame For Dunes Row

One reason for so much federal control — big government — is that government at the local level is failing in its duty. The opinion is that of U.S. Representative Robert Duncan who visited in Roseburg Wednesday, following a meeting of seed growers in Portland where he was one of the chief speakers.

Duncan was en route to Medford where he planned a short visit with his son. He planned a one-day vacation "away from the telephone" in Medford, then proposed to fly to San Francisco. He said he hoped to arrive back in Washington, D.C. by late Friday.

Cliff Ouellette, administrative assistant at the congressman's

Eugene office, accompanied Duncan during his visit here. Duncan visited with several friends, including State Sen. Al Flegel and Mrs. W. O. Kelsay, recently named to serve out the term of her late husband as state representative.

Rep. Duncan has shown interest in Roseburg's air service problem and improvement of the Municipal Airport. He took advantage of his visit in the city to make a personal inspection of the airport property in the interests of finding ways to maintain local air service.

In his remarks about government at the local level failing in its duty, Duncan was speaking especially of the proposed Sand Dunes National Park, which would take in the coastal area of western Lane and Douglas counties and the northern part of Coos County. The park, following boundaries offered by Duncan as a compromise to the much larger proposal by Sen. Maurine Neuberger, would include chiefly the land between Highway 101 and the ocean. It would provide access to fresh water lakes on the east side of the road.

The bill would, however, apply federal supervision to a strip 500 feet wide lying east of the highway. This provision is made, Duncan says, to prevent honky-tonk development abutting the park boundary. The bill would require that any business, commercial or industrial development within this zone along the highway would be subject to federal approval.

He praised residents of western Douglas County for adopting a zoning ordinance and zoning procedure for the region from Gardiner north to the

county line. If the rest of the area had shown such initiative, Rep. Duncan says, it would not have been necessary for the federal government to exercise control over the border strip. This same lack of local control, forcing action by the federal government, is to be found in many areas, he says.

One, in particular, is that of water pollution. Many states have failed to do anything about water pollution. In other cases, where rivers pass through several states, such as the Columbia River, states, instead of forming compact to act in unison, are doing nothing. This forces the federal government to set up machinery for control of water pollution.

Federal participation in anti-pollution activities is arousing much opposition from industrial users, Duncan reports.

Industry, he says, is seeking to limit federal action and is demanding that pollution abatement be made the duty of state governments. In many cases, in his opinion, industry is able to stave off state controls and to use rivers and streams as easy places in which to dispose of wastes and effluents, often of a damaging nature and, in any case, leaving water polluted.

Local Control's Fail In fields of education and elsewhere it frequently is failure of local controls that force federal action, Duncan says.

Speaking of congressional activities, Duncan asserted that "the statement nobody is working is strictly for the birds!"

The Oregon congressman is a full member of two committees and eight subcommittees. He is particularly pleased with

membership on the committee of Interior and Insular Affairs, a committee which handles some \$71 billion. The committee, he reports, handles more bills than any other except Judiciary, to which comes general legislation. The most important fact, however, he asserts, is that from 70 to 85 per cent of the measures adopted by the committee finally is enacted into law.

Another pleasurable situation, he reports, is that "you couldn't tell Republicans from Democrats unless they sat on opposite sides of the table."

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