

# President Reveals Plan For Federal School Aid

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WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower outlined Tuesday a three-year attack on the nation's school shortage which would throw \$1,100,000,000 of federal money into emergency construction.

### State Responsibility

He said the program would preserve "the responsibility of communities and states in educating our children."

Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-NJ) and Rep. Freylinhuysen (R-NJ) immediately introduced bills to put the President's proposal into effect.

### Some Criticism

Congress received the program with many expressions of approval, but some criticism that

it could not meet immediate needs.

Senate Republican Leader Knowland of California said the outline had been viewed favorably by top GOP legislators. He said he was pleased that the plan continues the principle of local responsibility for schools.

Sen. Hill (D-Ala) said on the other hand that none of the fiscal approaches recommended by Eisenhower "promise to bring immediate construction of school buildings, as would outright grants" contemplated by bills previously introduced.

### Three Categories

The Eisenhower plan is aimed at assisting school districts in three categories:

1. Those which are able to issue building bonds but which cannot market them at reasonable interest rates.

2. Those which have issued all the bonds they are legally permitted but which still have some money available.

3. Those which are flat broke. For the first group the President's plan would do this:

### \$750 Million

The federal government would appropriate 750 million dollars over a period of three years to help states buy bonds which could not be sold at an interest rate of less than 3½ per cent. The federal government would buy from 50 to 80 per cent of a state's total bonds, depending on the state's per capita income. The federal funds would be repayable in 30 years.

To help schools in the second category, states would set up school building authorities which would erect schools and rent them to local school districts.

The federal government would join on a 50-50 basis to provide enough to make annual payments on bonds issued by state authorities to build the schools.

### Rents Pay Bonds

Rents from local districts would be expected to pay off the bonds in 30 years. The buildings would then become the property of the local districts.

The President called for an appropriation sufficient to allow the states to build six billion dollars' worth of new schools in three years.

### Direct Grants

Districts in the third category would be eligible for direct federal grants on a matching basis from a 200-million dollar fund to be expended over three years. This money would be allotted to states according to per capita income, with no state getting less than 40 per cent or more than 60 per cent of the total it plans to use to aid such districts.

In addition, Eisenhower proposed that 20 million dollars be appropriated to aid states administer the costs of school improvement studies, with no state to receive less than \$25,000 a year for three years.

# Norway to Offer Summer Session

Students who are thinking of studying abroad this summer and are interested in Norway should consider the summer sessions to be held at the University of Oslo from July 2 through August 13.

Courses are offered in the fields of humanities, social studies, and on the education system of Norway. Three graduate seminars in Norwegian education, literature, social and political problems are also offered. Two new courses in physical education in Scandinavia with special emphasis on Norway will be featured.

Six semester credits may be earned in the six weeks course. The program is approved for veterans under the P.L. 346 and P.L. 550 by the United States Veterans Administration.

A limited number of scholarships are available for exceptional students. Housing and transportation are guaranteed with each admission. Applications should be filed by March 5. Further information about the sessions may be secured from the Oslo summer school admissions office, St. Olaf college, Northfield, Minn.

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# Fong Trial Starts; Pair Plea Innocent

PORTLAND (AP)—Wey Him Fong and his wife, Majorie Lovell Fong, pleaded innocent Tuesday to charges of first-degree murder, stemming from the death of 16-year-old Diane Hank a year ago.

The girl told friends she was going to stay overnight at the home of her friends, the Fongs. She did not show up for high school the next day, and her body later was found trussed in blankets and rope near Washougal, Wash.

The Fongs maintain the girl disappeared after she left their home for school.

# Coffee Prices Cut In Portland Stores

PORTLAND (AP)—Portland stores, following a national trend, cut coffee prices Tuesday 5 to 8 cents a pound on advertised brands.

Big store chains said the cut results from anticipated wholesale price drops, following a price drop in Brazil.

Advertised brands sold at 85 to 88 cents a pound in many stores. Coffee companies said the carload wholesale price was 98 cents a pound, but a downturn was expected.

# Young Child Dies From Rifle Wound

CORVALLIS (AP)—Brendy Bliss, 2, died in a hospital Tuesday from a bullet fired accidentally from her step-father's rifle.

She was sleeping between two sisters in an upstairs bed when the bullet tore through the ceiling and floor below her and pierced her neck.

The stepfather, Daniel Zandofski, said he was cleaning a big-game rifle in the living room, 25 miles west of Corvallis, when the gun fired accidentally Monday night.

# Yeggs Wreck Tavern, Store

WHEELER (AP)—Vandals broke into five business establishments early Tuesday, took about \$150 cash and did their best to wreck the places.

They smashed light fixtures and pottery, overturned refrigerators and other appliances in a hardware store, threw knives into wards, broke bottles, wrecked furniture, smeared pie on the walls and left beer taps running in a tavern.

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