

Ike Outlines 'Program for the Republic'

WASHINGTON (P) — President Eisenhower laid before Congress Thursday a massive "program for the republic" that contemplates a balanced budget—a token payment on the national debt—but no tax cuts now.

In language paralleling that of some leaders of both parties in Congress, Eisenhower spoke against lowering taxes at the expense of "fiscal integrity" and a balanced budget; against "going further into debt to give ourselves a tax cut at the expense of our children."

He forecast that government

for limited authority to make longer-term foreign aid commitments, a request for a substantial boost in funds to spread understanding of America through the

Message Brings Varied Opinions

WASHINGTON (P)—A chorus of praise for President Eisenhower's State of the Union message rose from the Republican side of Congress Thursday. Democrats heard "political overtones" in it and found fault on many other counts.

The President's emphasis on a balanced budget won widespread applause but some legislators in both parties still spoke hopefully of a tax cut this year.

"I am still hopeful that the budget will be balanced in 1956 and will justify some reductions in lower and middle income brackets," said Sen. George of Georgia—a Democratic leader.

"There may be a possibility of reducing individual income taxes," commented Sen. Flinders (R-Vt.), while another leading Republican, Sen. Dirksen of Illinois, said he considers Eisenhower has left the question of taxes "open pretty much for what action Congress may decide."

Criticism of the President's report was concentrated mainly on what party members called its vagueness and overly optimistic tone.

The Democratic leader in the Senate, Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas, expressed "deep disappointment and great regret" at the "political overtones."

The presidential report encompassed recommendations — some new, some old, most of them advertised in advance—for a stepped-up, "many-sided attack" on the farm problem, for highway, school, housing, health and disaster relief programs.

It urged immigration legislation, aid for chronically depressed communities, labor law changes, an atom-powered commercial ship, water and power projects, equal pay for equal work for women, and an investigation to determine whether Negroes are being deprived of their right to vote and are being "subjected to unwarranted uneconomic pressures."

Defense Improvement

With Russia's leaders following "tactics of retreat and zigzag" and still unwilling "to create the indispensable conditions for a secure and lasting peace," Eisenhower proposed "constant improvement" of America's defenses and those of the Free World.

He backed up this with a bid U.S. Information Agency, and a

promise to keep up the pressure against the "vast wrongs" of a divided Germany, the "bondage of millions elsewhere, and the exclusion of Japan from United Nations membership."

President at Key West

The 8,500-word document was plunked down in Senate and House and read to the legislators while the chief executive continued recuperating from a September heart attack at Key West, Fla.

Nowhere in it was there a definite clue as to how long Eisenhower proposes to stay around to give stewardship to his program—the biggest political puzzle of a politically-minded Congress.

But in tone and content it was much like the message a year ago which a number of Democrats, at least, interpreted as something of an announcement for a second term try.

KEY WEST, Fla. (P)—President Eisenhower Thursday sent Congress a generally optimistic State of the Union report, had break-

fast with the President-elect of Brazil, and then relaxed with friends in the Florida sun.

It was another day of almost complete leisure for the convalescing president, preparatory to a work session here Friday with Secretary of Agriculture Benson on the special farm message Eisenhower plans to present to Congress Monday.

The problem of declining farm income brought one departure from the generally bright picture the chief executive painted in his State of the Union document.

After dispatching the message to Washington, Eisenhower went to his office in the naval base administration building here and discussed its contents for about seven minutes before television cameras and a radio microphone.

Shortly after 8 a.m. Eisenhower breakfasted at his naval base living quarters with President-elect Juscelino Kubitschek of Brazil—who arrived here by plane on the first stop of an informal visit to the United States.



income will match outgo by mid-year—and said he would propose a continued balance for the year following.

Many Republicans and some Democrats applauded that, but the reaction to the message in general was the usual melange of plaudits and digs, keyed pretty much to party allegiances in this election year Congress.

Newspaper Witnesses Balk

WASHINGTON (P)—Four witnesses refused Thursday to tell senators searching for Red influences in the press and other news fields whether they had ever been Communists.

One of the witnesses—Dan Mahoney, a rewrite man on the staff of The New York Daily Mirror—said "No sir, I am not," when asked whether he now is a Communist. However, he refused to tell whether he had ever been a Communist.

The other three, William A.

Price, a reporter for the New York Daily News; Richard O. Boyer, a free lance writer of Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y., and Otto Albertson, a composing room employe of The New York Times, refused to say whether they now are Communists or have been in the past.

First Amendment Cited

Price based his refusals on the First Amendment, which covers the right of free speech. Price said it was beyond the power of the Senate internal security subcommittee to inquire into his personal and political beliefs, as well as his associations.

Chairman Eastland (D-Miss) repeatedly "ordered and directed" Price to answer questions put to him, saying the subcommittee did not recognize his refusal to answer on the ground of the First Amendment.

Eastland and counsel J. G. Sourwine told him he could refuse to answer under the Fifth Amendment, but not the first.

In New York, the News said Price had been fired.

The newspaper published this telegram sent to Price by Richard Clarke, executive editor of The Daily News:

"Your conduct as a witness before the Senate internal security subcommittee in Washington, D. C., today has destroyed your usefulness to the News. Therefore your services as an employe of the News are being terminated immediately."

Boyer and Mahoney invoked the Fifth Amendment's privilege against compulsory self-incrimination after being told their refusal to answer on the ground of the First Amendment was not recognized.

Albertson was the only one of the four witnesses heard Thursday who did not make an issue of the first amendment. He claimed protection of the Fifth.

The New York Times said editorially Thursday "it seems quite obvious that the Eastland investigation has been aimed with particular emphasis at The New York Times."

Grace Kelly to Marry Prince Ranier of Monaco

PHILADELPHIA (P) — Grace Kelly, blonde, beautiful and elegant star of the movies, Thursday announced her betrothal to Prince Rainier of Monaco and said the wedding date will be soon after Easter.

Announcement of the engagement, which came after a courtship on the Riviera, was made jointly in Monte Carlo and by Miss Kelly's parents in Philadelphia.

Plans for the actual marriage were disclosed later in the day at a news conference in the Kelly home—an event which sent hundreds of newsmen and photographers, film cameramen and television technicians to the scene.

Grace's father, John B. Kelly, millionaire builder, gazed with a slight touch of dismay at the big crowd and said:

"It's a good thing that I built this house myself or there'd be no place for any of them."

Father Is Happy

The humor in his voice and in his demeanor generally showed

plainly that it was to be a jolly occasion.

Both Miss Kelly and the Prince, head of the tiny European principality and considered one of the most eligible bachelors in the world, were in high spirits, indeed.

Someone asked the star if she planned a large family.

She laughed, nodded a blithe

yes. Then her mother, herself a decidedly attractive woman, cut in: "Why certainly she'll have a large family. I'm a grandmother and I like a lot of grandchildren."

The prince, all in blue except for his shoes, told the gathering that his bride-to-be will be known in Monaco as "her serene highness, Princess of Monaco."

Wedding Date Not Set

Miss Kelly said the actual wedding date has not been set, nor has it been decided where the ceremony will be performed. She added that it doubtless will be either in Philadelphia or Monaco.

"I am leaving for the West Coast this weekend," she went on, "to start work on one of two pictures I'm contracted for."

Stevenson's Son Leaves Hospital

CHICAGO (P)—John Fell Stevenson, son of presidential aspirant Adlai Stevenson, limped out of Passavant hospital Thursday where he has been undergoing treatment for injuries suffered in an automobile accident Dec. 21.

Stevenson was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Ellen Borden Stevenson, and rode with her in a friend's car to Mrs. Stevenson's home on the Near North Side. Mrs. Stevenson and Stevenson are divorced.

He expects to return to Harvard University Sunday to continue his sophomore year.

Young Stevenson was injured near Goshen, Ind., in a truck-auto crash that killed two Harvard companions riding with him.

A plaster cast was placed on the leg Wednesday after Stevenson's shattered kneecap was removed by surgery on Dec. 26.

Dr. James K. Stack, Passavant hospital's chief of staff, said that young Stevenson will have to use a cane until the cast is removed in about six weeks.

Monaco Relieved By Wedding News

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (P)—All Monaco heaved a sigh of relief Thursday. Their monarch, Prince Rainier III, is going to marry American actress Grace Kelly, and maybe have a family.

It's a serious matter for Monacans. Unless the prince has an heir, the 370-acre principality will come eventually under French rule—which means French taxes and military service.

News of the engagement was so welcome the director of the Cabinet, Paul Noghes, was shaky of voice as he informed high government officials.

An 1861 treaty with France provides that the territory becomes French in the event the family dies out.



MERLE TRAVIS (left), 37-year-old composer of the hit tune "Sixteen Tons," leaves his North Hollywood, Calif., home with a friend, Joe Maphis (right) and a police officer after his arrest on suspicion of wife beating. Officers said Travis slugged his pretty wife, Betty, 31, and then barricaded himself in his home. He surrendered meekly later, though, while police surrounded the house. Police said Travis, whose record has sold two million copies, was intoxicated and heavily-armed. (AP Wirephoto).

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