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Ike Tells Of Jobless Decline

BALTIMORE, Md. (UPI)—President Eisenhower closed his campaign for a GOP congress Friday night by clubbing the Democrats with advance news of a new drop in unemployment and a claim that only the Republicans could keep the country safe and economically sound.

The President, in a nationally televised address, also struck hard with his most detailed discussion of the campaign on civil rights on which he claimed "reasonable Republican progress."

But the President reserved his big guns for the economic issue. He denounced Democratic "gloomdoggers," "free spenders" and "extremists" in appealing for election of a "sensible and progressive" Republican Congress next Tuesday.

In a last-minute insert in his speech, he announced that as a result of "Republican progress" October unemployment dropped another 300,000—a decrease in the number of jobless of 1,500,000 in three months.

The new total for October of 3,800,000 jobless remained above the level of 2,500,000 unemployed a year ago. The recession peak of 5,537,000 was hit in June. During August the total dropped to 4,699,000 and 4,111,000 in September.

Eisenhower hailed the "very good news" and told his nationwide audience—and some 5,000 cheering, banner-waving Republicans that "this means that—in just the last three months—unemployment dropped by 1.2 million people."

Magazine Ad Has Message For Voters

Newsweek, in the current issue of their magazine, published the following message, under their sponsorship, in an advertisement.

"How important is one vote? We're getting along in years as a nation. Isn't it time this question was answered?"

Remember Rutherford B. Hayes? One electoral vote put him in the White House. One congressional vote saved Selective Service just 12 weeks before Pearl Harbor.

One vote can take a frightened child off a busy highway and on to a new school bus.

A wise man once observed, "Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it." But if you dread it and ignore it, how long can it last?

Freedom, like a receding hair, line, isn't lost all at once. It goes gradually.

If you spend a few minutes each day using hair tonic to save your hair, can't you spend a few minutes each year at the polls to save your scalp?"

Youth Drive Nets \$159.24 For UNICEF

Young people representing four La Grande churches collected \$159.24 in their Halloween Eve drive for funds for the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF).

Mike Andrews, chairman of the group, reported this morning.

Earlier this week the junior high group of the Presbyterian church collected \$74 for the fund.

Money secured in the drive will go to the United Nations headquarters in New York where it will be distributed in the U. S. and in foreign lands for medical purposes and food and clothing for needy youngsters.

Youths from the First Methodist church, First Presbyterian Church, First Christian Church and Hendrix Methodist Church, participated in the fund drive.

INJURIES PROVE FATAL
PORTLAND (UPI)—Richard R. Abernathy, 27, Portland, suffered critical injuries early today when he fell 30 feet onto a steel barge while working on a ship on the Portland waterfront.

Authorities said he was unloading large timbers on the deck of the SS Ocean Mail when he lost his balance and fell over the side onto the barge.



NAMED COMMANDER—Major General Thomas E. Rilea, commanding general of the Oregon National Guard, yesterday named Lt. Colonel David C. Baum, right, La Grande, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 186th Infantry, as temporary commander of the regiment. Colonel Robert L. Irving, Salem, left, retired after 30



years of service. Col. Irving was in La Grande last week for the inspection of Company E. Colonel Baum, La Grande insurance executive, has commanded the 2nd Battalion, 186th Infantry, since 1948.

Car, Tractor Wreck Injures Cove Couple

Two Cove residents were hospitalized for treatment of cuts, bruises and shock early last night when their car crashed into the rear of a tractor on the Island City-Cove highway, careened off and overturned in a borrow pit.

Under treatment at the Grande Ronde hospital are Clyde C. Robinson, 67, cuts and bruises, and his wife, Irene, 66, shock, both of Cove.

According to state police reports the car driven by Robinson struck the rear of a tractor driven by Daniel T. McCabe, 26, La Grande, shortly after it turned into the highway ahead of Robinson. The headlights of another car, approaching the tractor and the Robinson car from the opposite direction, blinded Robinson and he was unable to see the tractor, he told police.

The Robinson car struck a plow at the rear of the tractor, veered off the road and overturned, coming to rest in a borrow pit. Robinson was thrown clear of the overturning car.

New Gas Main Here Put In Operation

California-Pacific Utilities put a new six inch natural gas main into operation in southeast La Grande yesterday. A. B. "Spud" Olson, district manager reported.

The new main begins at the company's regulating and odorizing station on south 12th Street and connects with the gas distribution system at the southeast corner of 7th and K Avenues.

The new main provides additional capacity for the heating loads at Eastern Oregon College and St. Joseph Hospital, and future gas requirements in the south section of the city, Olson said.

The new main will also serve the office of the La Grande Cemetery Maintenance District.

The new main project was constructed under contract by D B S Pipeline Construction Corporation at a cost of \$14,000.

Twisters Merge Into \$1-Million Tornado In Florida

PALMETTO, Fla. (UPI)—Meteorologists said today a collision of warm and cool air set up the disturbance that sent two twisters merging into a million-dollar tornado which carved a short trail of wreckage through upper Manatee County.

Four persons were injured when the storm came in from the Gulf of Mexico Friday and skipped up and down for about two miles inland. It wrecked a motel, service station and drive-in theater and seriously damaged two citrus plants.

The two twisters came in from the Gulf and merged just as they hit the mainland. The storm crossed Snead Island, Terra Ceia Bay and hit the Manatee County mainland on the south side of the mouth of Tampa Bay.

Baum Commands Guard Regiment

SALEM (Special)—Command of the Oregon National Guard's 186th Infantry Regiment changed hands today with the retirement of Colonel Robert L. Irving, Salem, after more than 30 years of military service. The retirement came after Colonel Irving had reached 58, the maximum retirement age for regimental commanders which is prescribed by National Guard regulations.

Major General Thomas E. Rilea, Oregon's Adjutant General and Commanding General of the Oregon Army and Air National Guard, placed Lieutenant Colonel David C. Baum, La Grande, veteran commander of the 2nd Battalion, 186th Infantry, in temporary command of the regiment in addition to his regular duties as battalion commander.

Colonel Irving's national guard service dates back to December 16, 1929 when he enlisted as a private in Company D, 162nd Infantry, which was then located in Roseburg. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Roseburg company on March 9, 1932 and commanded the company as

British Church Paper Assails New Pope As 'Decrepit'

LONDON (UPI)—The unofficial Church of England newspaper charged today that 70-year-old Pope John XXIII is too old for his job and derided the "antiquarian antics" surrounding his election.

The church paper's article was one of the bitterest attacks on the papacy which has appeared in predominantly Protestant Britain in many years. Some London dailies gave banner headlines to their reports on it.

Anglican Archbishop Christopher Chevasse dismissed the attack as "a worthless opinion written by an anonymous editorialist," but C.O. Rhodes, editor of the church paper, said he believes "many official people in the Church of England, and the Church of Rome, too" share its views.

A spokesman for the Roman Catholic archbishop of Westminster declined comment, saying "we don't want to enter into any controversy."

"The election of Pope John XXIII made front-page news, just as (American evangelist) Billy Graham did when he came to England," the article said.

"Now, after all the play-acting, a new pope has been chosen—Cardinal Roncalli, an old man

A. B. Olson Named Dimes March Head

A. B. Olson, District Manager of California-Pacific Utilities Company, has been appointed Union County Director for the 1959 March of Dimes. It has been announced by N. Thomas Stoddard, Oregon State Campaign Chairman.

The drive will be held in January.

Olson in turn announced the appointment of Loren Hughes, owner of Birnie's Credit Jewelers, as La Grande chairman.

The polio-fighting organization is expanding into a broad new force that will tackle health problems on a wider front and no longer will confine its activities to a single disease.

Olson, for many years active in March of Dimes and National Foundation work said, "I am confident that the people of Union County, who helped make possible victory over polio through their contributions to the March of Dimes over the past 20 years, will give even greater support to the National Foundation's expanded program in the future."

captain when the Oregon National Guard was ordered into active federal service shortly before World War II.

During the war, he served overseas with the 41st Infantry Division as a battalion commander in the 186th and 163rd Infantry. He was separated from active duty in 1946.

Following the reorganization of the Oregon National Guard after WW II, Colonel Irving served as battalion commander of the 1st Battalion, 186th Infantry located in southern Oregon until his appointment and promotion to regimental commander in 1953.

In civilian life, Colonel Irving is employed by the Military Department as a construction superintendent in the armories and facilities division.

Colonel Baum, a veteran of World War II, has commanded the 2nd Battalion, 186th Infantry, with units located in La Grande, Pendleton, Baker, Ontario and Milton-Freewater since 1948. He is an insurance executive in civilian life.

The 186th Infantry consists of 21 federally recognized units located throughout the state. Headquarters of the regiment is located at the Portland International Airport.

Four-Car Collision Reported By Police

City police reported a four-car collision at the intersection of Adams and Greenwood yesterday.

Car driven by Gwendolyn Calbert, 1708 Oak, Leslie Gilbert, 803 Grandy, and Duane Hutson, 1514 Jefferson, stopped for a red traffic light when a car driven by John Stokes, Manhattan, Ill., struck the rear of the Hutson car causing it to hit the Gilbert car which in turn hit the Calvert car. Only minor damage resulted.

Stokes was cited for violation of the basic rule.

Seven More Men Saved From Mine

SPRINGHILL, N.S. (UPI)—Seven more miners were brought safely out of the shattered Springhill coal mine at dawn today after nine days of thirst and hunger 13,000 feet below the surface.

"This is a miracle; no more than a miracle," said a mine official.

The men were able to wave weekly to relatives and townspeople who gathered quickly when

news of the rescue raced through the community grieving for 74 men known dead or missing.

The survivors were given water, coffee and soup at the pithead and then were taken to the hospital for treatment and solid food.

The men were in "pretty good condition," according to a rescuer.

The rescue of the men, entombed since Oct. 23, brought to

100 the number of miners rescued from the No. 2 colliery, including 12 who were trapped for six days. Thirty-four bodies have been recovered and 40 men still are missing from the 174 originally in the mine.

Rescuers dug frantically through 112 feet of loose rock and rubble known as "gob" to reach the seven early today. The first clue to the location of the survivors was a groan heard by one of the workers. The rescuers yelled and pounded and got more groans in reply.

All the men had been brought to the surface by 5:15 a.m. p.s.t. Rescue worker Thornton Henwood, first man to reach the little group, said water was given to them immediately.

Those rescued were identified as Maurice Ruddick, 46, father of 12 children, who kept up the men's spirits by singing; Herbert Pepperdine, 36, Byron Martin, 42, Douglas Jewkes, 37, Currie Smith, 35, Garnet Clarke, 29, and Frank Hunter, 49. Hunter's twin, Wilfred, was rescued Thursday and had reported Frank dead.

This stricken community was visited Friday by Prince Philip, Consort of Queen Elizabeth, who cut short an official visit to Ottawa to visit the rescued miners in the Springhill Hospital. He also went to the pithead for a firsthand look and held discussions with company officials.

Today's rescue, described as "miraculous" by the rejoicing members of the survivors' families, came on the second anniversary of a 1956 mine disaster that killed 39 men in the No. 4 colliery, just next to the pit shattered last week.

The main rescue operations have been conducted at the 13,000 and 12,600-foot levels of the mine, the only levels regarded as possible havens for the missing men because of strongly buttressed supporting walls. Other levels probably were caved in or filled with poisonous gas, officials said.

Company doctors entered the mine at 8:15 a.m. to direct the feeding of the survivors as they were brought to the surface. They gave them coffee and soup and planned to give them solid food at the hospital. One doctor said the men had gone without food and water for about as long as a human being can survive without nourishment.

"The maximum time a man can live without food or water is 10 days," he said.

The men had been in the mine eight days and 11 hours.

Thornton Henwood, one of the volunteers who dug the men out, said they were guided to the survivors by Martin, who followed up faint taps on an air pipe with weak yells. Martin was trapped in a pocket close to but separate from the others.

"God, we went crazy down there," Henwood said. "We yelled and hollered. We heard somebody yell. It was Byron Martin. The poor guy was all alone there. All alone for nine days. The poor guy!"

TYPHOON HITS TOKYO

TOKYO (UPI)—A rare late-season typhoon which killed seven persons and caused more than \$1,500,000 damages in the Philippines, moved closer to the U.S. island bastion of Okinawa today with 115 miles per hour winds.

UF Drive Extended To Nov. 16

The United Fund campaign committee decided at a meeting held Wednesday afternoon to extend the annual drive until Nov. 16, in an effort to realize the full quota of \$24,350 budgeted for next year to support the youth and charitable activities of the La Grande area and the Oregon United Appeal.

As of Friday, Oct. 31, the drive had netted \$17,195. This amount represents 71 per cent of the quota of this year's campaign.

Campaign chairman June McManus declared she was hopeful that the entire quota would be met by the new deadline, which extends the drive period for two weeks. She asked all solicitors and division chairmen to make contacts as soon as possible and to turn in pledges and donations as soon as they are available.

Mrs. McManus stated that the recent misfortune of Mrs. Summers, wife of the La Grande area Salvation Army director, Lt. Summers, pointed out the continuing need of the various agencies in La Grande for the financial support of the United Fund. She added that a donation to the U.F. was just as much a way of helping persons as a direct donation.

Mrs. Summers suffered a broken back in an automobile accident near Tollgate last week.

Women's Committee Arranges Ball

The plans for the annual Symphony Ball to be held Nov. 15, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., in the Saeajawa Ball Room are well under way by the Symphony Association women's committee. This committee, headed by Mrs. Howard Schoen, chairman, includes: Mrs. John C. Ladd, Mrs. Connie Braseth, Mrs. Rollie King, Mrs. Dean Brice, Mrs. Jim Adams, Mrs. Jeel Villines, Mrs. George Decker, Mrs. Luther Hall, Mrs. Dwight Mahoney, Mrs. Albert Zieg, Mrs. Harlow Speckhart, and Mrs. Karl Lacer.

The invitations for the ball have been extended by mail and the committee is hard at work on the preparations for the food and decorations. The large 14 piece dance band and the two smaller orchestras are in rehearsal and the arrangements are progressing nicely.

Guests are reminded that reservations are necessary for the ball and may be had by calling Mrs. Dean Brice.

Halloween Marred By Accidents

Reports from around the nation showed that most kids had clean "scary" fun, but pranksters and nervous victims caused several accidents to mar the Halloween celebrations.

Tragedy struck in Pittsburgh Friday night when two youngsters on "trick-or-treat" rounds were run down and killed by a truck on a busy street. The children, Gary Molek, 6, dressed as a space man, and his sister, Gayle, 5, wearing an Easter bunny costume, had strayed momentarily from their mother's side.

Several parents reported their children had been lost during the beggars' night forays, but all were found later—usually at a police station.

There were several shootings associated with Halloween. A Bicknell, Ind. school teacher shot one of her pupils in the throat Thursday night when the boy, Earl Martin, 13, tried to scatter corn on her porch. In Liberty, Mo., a farmer sprayed two youngsters with buckshot for trying to overturn his outhouse.

In Chicago, police held a 40-year-old Negro laborer in the fatal shooting of a white youth Friday night. Louis Shoemate said a group of white teenagers got for Halloween began to jeer and tried to attack him. Dead was Gene A. Stanford, 18.

But it appeared that most youngsters kept the peace, content to be, at worst, playful nuisances. Returning home with their loot, they put away their costumes for the next year—those who would be still young enough to have another go at Halloween fun.

Rock Picking Demonstration Set Wednesday

A rock picking demonstration will be held Wednesday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the corner of Foothill road and highway 30, announced today.

Robinson indicated that the demonstration is planned to show interested farmers what can be expected of the Anderson rock picker. If enough farmers show interest, the First Union District would consider purchasing the machine and renting it to farmers.

Those interested are asked to meet at 10:30 a.m., at the corner of Foothill road and highway 30, on the morning of Nov. 5. The site for the demonstration will be nearby.



AWARD PINS—Chuck Gordon of La Grande, right, shakes hands with Union county 4-H members after he and Andy Gowans awarded fifth year pins to the group at the recent 4-H Achievement Party. Over 250 county 4-H members attended the gathering. (Extension Photo)