

Ike Urges Intensive Effort To Cut Budget

AUGUSTA, Ga. (UPI) — The White House disclosed today that President Eisenhower has ordered all departments and agencies to make an intensive effort to cut their 1960 budgets in line with his campaign for substantially reduced federal spending.

The chief executive has sent a memorandum to each department and agency head, calling on them to "live with" revisions of their budgets for the next fiscal year as sent back to them by budget director Maurice F. Stans.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the big Defense Department budget remains to be settled. Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy and Stans may fly to Augusta next week to talk over the 1960 budget with the vacationing chief executive.

The President's interdepartmental memo was signed and distributed Thursday just before he flew south for a golfing vacation that will extend through the Thanksgiving weekend.

Hagerty said the memo informed the department chiefs that Stans was revising their 1960 budgets and they shortly would receive from the budget bureau new—and reduced—spending plans for the coming fiscal year which begins July 1.

"He requested all department and agency heads to live within those figures received from the budget bureau unless (in their opinion) they thought those figures would impair the security and welfare of the United States," Hagerty told reporters, after receiving press inquiries about the memoranda.

The press secretary did not want to be drawn into a discussion of details but he made it plain that the Budget Bureau revisions, involving widespread reductions in original budget estimates. The budget bureau customarily pares the departmental requests, but Hagerty said the effort in this direction this year represented "a more intensive budget-cutting drive than usual."

While Hagerty declined to say specifically, the Eisenhower administration has been attempting to devise a new budget that will represent an appreciable reduction in expenditures of \$79,200,000,000 estimated for the current fiscal year.

Chamber Group Talks Over Joint Ag Program

The agricultural program of the La Grande-Union County Chamber of Commerce was discussed at a Chamber luncheon Thursday.

Chamber President Averitt Hickox said the purpose of the meeting was to outline activities which the Chamber might undertake to increase its agricultural program.

Attending the meeting were Hickox, Ray Anderson, Renwick Clark, Don McKinnis, Merle Beck, John Sullivan, and Manager Fred Schneider.

Cove Girl Union County Winner In Recorded Speech Contest

Ruth Elmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Elmer, Cove, has been named the Union county winner of a tape recorded speech contest, "I Speak for Democracy," sponsored jointly by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the National Broadcasting Company.

Her speech was based on a personal experience through visiting a prisoner at the Pendleton county jail a number of years ago. The visit made a lasting impression on her and the thoughts were used for the subject matter of the script.

She portrayed this prisoner as having the ordinary essentials, but missing the most important when she said, "In the prison my friend had all the food he needed. He was clothed and housed, and had all he needed to live. Yet with all he needed to live, he lacked the essential of life; — liberty; — for life begins with liberty."

Her script then gave an explanation about the blessings of liberty, pointed out its advantages, and how through fair trial even the prisoner could again be free, if innocent, to enjoy the privileges of liberty. She further stated, "There are governments in the world under which the people do not have as many freedoms and are not as well taken care of as the prisoners in a democracy."

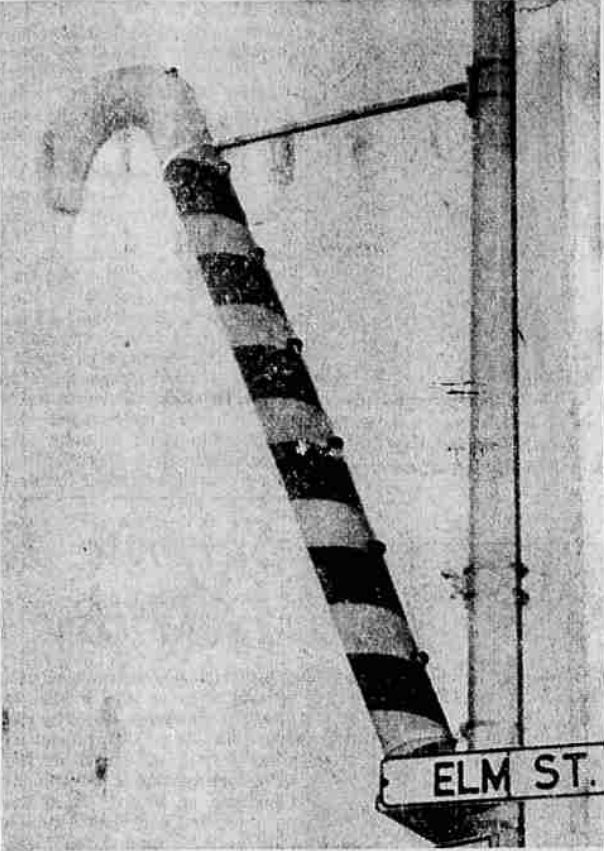
She concluded by saying, "I speak for democracy, the only form of government that puts life into living and I proudly say democracy is my way of life."

Nine contestants, two from Cove and seven from La Grande, entered the Union county contest. Judges were Richard Hiatt, Dr. Alvin Kaiser, Ross Hearing and Frank Cooke. Jack Piper was chairman of the judging committee and the representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Miss Elmer's script will be entered in the district contest, and if it becomes a district winner, it will be entered in the state finals.



RUTH ELMER



CANDY CANE LANE — City street department crews yesterday started installation of Christmas decorations along Adams Avenue, but the full beauty treatment will not be completed until later next week, but in time for the opening of the Christmas season next Friday. City officials and workers are working in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce to change Adams Avenue to Candy Cane Lane for the festive season. (Observer Photo)

Police Hunt Escapee

State Police and Union County burglary broke for freedom about 6:30 p.m. yesterday while jailer Jay Conley was putting another prisoner into a cell with Brown.

Brown was spotted earlier this morning near Ladd Canyon by a motorist who reported to State Police that Brown was apparently attempting to hitch hike along Highway 30.

State Police said Brown was wearing a red jacket, levis, bare-headed, and has brown bushy hair. Brown weighs about 180 pounds and is five-foot, nine-inches tall. Klinghammer said that Brown has previously served time in the state penitentiary for assault.

The sheriff added that he did not think the man was armed but considered him dangerous.

Effort Being Made To Salvage Timber

An all out effort is being made to get the estimated 3 million board feet of timber up for sale which blew down during the severe wind storm in this area the night of Nov. 3, spokesmen for the U. S. Forest Service reported today.

The official said the timber was blown down in the Chesnimus district of the Wallowa-Whitman national forest.

Legislative Matters Topic Of Meet Here

State Legislators Dwight Hopkins and Don McKinnis have scheduled a day-long meeting in La Grande Friday to discuss legislative matters with Union County residents.

The informal meeting will be held in the Saccawewa hotel small parlor. Senator Hopkins and Representative McKinnis will be available for discussion and questions from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Any persons interested in forthcoming legislation are welcome to attend the session, the legislators said.

Greenwood School, Fire Hazard

The Greenwood elementary school was described last night as an extreme fire hazard and the State Fire Marshal has reported that "something must be done immediately" according to a survey by the state on the fire hazards in the building and the electrical wiring throughout the structure.

A discussion was also held in current school reorganization plans. Reports on the surveys were made during a Parent Teacher's Association meeting in the school last night by Henry Bates and Walter Parker.

During the discussion on the building reports it was suggested that because it will take a minimum of \$10,000 to bring the building up to state safety standards, according to Mrs. Howard Murphy, it might be advisable to build a new school. Mrs. Murphy, chair-

man for the building discussion last night, is a member of a special citizen's committee studying La Grande school conditions.

Bates, reporting on the State Fire Marshal findings, said the state listed 15 major items which should be corrected to make the structure fire safe for the 220 students. These items included changing the furnace room so that fire could not spread from there, installing fire-proof doors where needed, installation of adequate fire escapes, fixing the building so the center stairwells could be closed off to keep fire from spreading to other floors, special doors in the kitchen to keep fire from spreading and a number of other major items.

Parker's report covered the electrical inspection which showed that

Berlin Situation Critical

TWA Hit By Strike; More Seen

United Press International

Planes of an intercontinental air line were grounded by a strike today and walkout threats against two other lines appeared likely to wipe domestic skyways clean of passenger traffic over a broad section of the United States.

Trans World Airlines, whose 196 daily flights normally carry about 12,000 passengers throughout the United States and to and from 23 foreign cities, was grounded by a walkout of 6,700 machinists. The strike began Friday morning, and planes in the air at deadline time were allowed to finish their flights.

About 19,000 TWA employees were given furloughs without pay. They include some in Europe and in Asia.

The machinists have been working without a contract since Oct. 1, 1957. A company offer was rejected by a 63 per cent majority. Wages and length of contract were two of the prime points of argument.

At Miami, the Flight Engineers International Association called a strike beginning Monday against Eastern Airlines, and a union spokesman said "we expect to completely shut the airline down."

Four Wrecks Reported Here

Four car accidents occurred in La Grande and vicinity during the past twenty four hours, state and city police reported this morning.

Shirley Ann Williams, Route 2, La Grande, was taken to the hospital by ambulance after receiving a broken right arm and head injuries in a car collision six miles east of La Grande on Highway 30. She was making a left turn when a car driven by Charles A. Myers, 1318 Jackson, La Grande, tried to pass, according to State Police.

Near Five Points on Highway 30, George E. Counsell, Route 2, La Grande, had his car parked on the side of the road and it was rammed in the rear by a car driven by Benny J. Roehl, Boise, (Idaho, Roehl) was issued a citation by state police for violation of the basic rule.

La Grande police reported a collision near the corner of K and 3rd streets between cars driven by John Warren Lyell, 2908 2nd, and Larry Lee Campbell, Route 1, La Grande. No injuries resulted.

Another accident at the intersection of 6th street and G avenue by cars driven by Glenn Alfred Raff, 1712 Walnut street, and Margaret G. Hill, 1107 C street, with damage resulting to both vehicles, was reported by city police.

Industrial Promotions Stockholders To Meet

The fourth annual stockholders meeting of La Grande Industrial Promotions, Inc., is scheduled Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Saccawewa ballroom.

Meeting notices are being mailed to stockholders by the Chamber of Commerce. The notices include a proxy to be used by members who are unable to personally attend the annual meeting.



GENE STOCKOFF Wins Trip

Local Rancher To Tour U.S.

Gene Stockoff, a Ladd canyon rancher, has been chosen as one of five Oregon Farm Bureau chapter presidents to tour the United States as guests of the federation.

The group will arrive in Boston, Mass. in time to participate in the organization's convention Dec. 10.

They will visit Michigan and New York bureau offices and Farm Bureau headquarters in Chicago. The final stop in the tour will be in Washington, D.C.

Following their return to Oregon the five ranchers will meet with Farm Bureau state leaders to make recommendations as a result of their trip.

Gerald Detering, state bureau president, has asked members to consider whether or not the organization should expand into the farm marketing field, tax research or other promotional work. The five traveling farmers may have gained some ideas on these proposals, organization officials said.

Guest Expected For Concert

There will be a special guest from Johannesburg, South Africa, at the Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra concert at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Eastern Oregon College as a result of concert conductor L. Rhodes Lewis.

Lewis knew that S. J. Marais Steyn, a free lance writer who likes music, was due in La Grande Sunday night, but his original schedule would have brought him too late for the concert.

Using long distance telephone lines to "track him down," Lewis finally caught the assistant public relations officer for the Transvaal Chamber of Mines in Denver, last night. Steyn was certain he could change his schedule, but wanted to check. At 1:30 a.m. today Lewis received word that Steyn could make it here in time for the concert, to hear guest soloist Wilbur Jensen from Lewis and Clark college and the symphony orchestra.

Steyn is a member of Parliament for Transvaal, South Africa, and is foreign editor of the publication "Die Suidsterm."

He is traveling under the Foreign Leader Exchange program for the U.S. Department of State and is visiting all parts of the United States.

Transfer Of Control Could Cause Dispute

BERLIN (UPI) — Soviet Russia was expected within a matter of hours today to hand control of Western Allied lifelines to Berlin to the East German Communists. The transfer could plunge the world into one of its most critical East-West disputes since the end of the Berlin blockade.

West German Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano flew into Berlin today to confer with West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt on the increasingly grave situation touched off by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's announcement that Russia soon would bring Berlin's occupation status to an end. Cat-and-mouse tactics in Moscow increased the tension.

An East German radio broadcast said the Soviet Union would make its proposals on the "eradication of the occupation status of Berlin in Moscow this morning."

Western ambassadors summoned to the Soviet Foreign Office fully expected to receive the text of a Russian plan clarifying their Berlin program.

On his arrival here today, Brentano reiterated that "I do believe that the Berlin position will be maintained, although of course the situation is serious."

He was scheduled to leave Berlin Sunday for the West German city of Darmstadt to vote in the Hessian State elections, returning from there to Bonn.

Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev has declared that a Soviet note on "the status of Berlin" can be expected soon, and a Communist commission has already been set up here to work out details of the surrender of Soviet controls to the local Reds.

It had been expected that control of the lifelines of isolated West Berlin might be transferred to Red Germany's satellite regime within a matter of hours, but it now appears that no change is likely until next week at earliest.

Although the Communists have promised that there will be no immediate interference with West German traffic, they could clamp a total blockade on West Berlin at any time.

They have even hinted that they may try to block the airlines that kept West Berlin alive through the Soviet blockade, despite warnings from the West that any attempt to do so might touch off World War III.

Sources at the "vacation White House" in Augusta, Ga., declared Friday that the United States has "firm intentions" of preserving West Berlin's integrity despite the new Red threat.

Similar firmness is expected from Britain and France.

Khrushchev has promised that Russia will not attempt to drive the Western allies out of the city by force, but he simultaneously pledged the full support of the Communist world to the Reds in Germany if they become the target of any "aggressive act."

The specific aim of the Communists appears to be to try to force Western recognition of the East German puppet regime. Captured U.S. servicemen have been held as hostages in past efforts to achieve the same goal.

In the current situation, the Communists are expected to demand recognition of the East German regime as the price for allied use of the highway railroads — and perhaps airplanes — linking Berlin with the West.

West Backs Outer Space Study Group

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (UPI) — The West moped ahead today with plans to create an 18-nation outer space study group, including three Communist members, despite the possibility of a Soviet boycott.

The United States and 19 other sponsors of a Western draft resolution on outer space prepared to publish the names of the countries they hope will join in the first international effort to control man's probes above the atmosphere.

Informed sources said the West planned to include Russia and two other Communist nations on the list even though the Kremlin turned down Western suggestions on the list for a previously-proposed 11-power study group.

Russia had proposed that the Soviet Union and three other Communist countries be included in the 11-nation preparatory commission. The West considered this to be disproportionate representation for the Soviet bloc, which includes only nine of the UN's 81 members.

The proposed membership, sent home Friday night for approval of governments concerned, was:

The United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France, Canada and Australia as the countries most knowledgeable in the space field; Belgium, Italy and Sweden for Western Europe; Czechoslovakia and Poland for Eastern Europe; Argentina, Brazil and Mexico for Latin America; and India, Iran, Japan and the United Arab Republic for the Afro-Asian group.



SOIL JUDGING AWARD—Mr. and Mrs. James McCrae of Wallowa, center, and Merton Wade of Enterprise, right, are shown receiving their soil judging awards at the Oregon Association of Soil Conservation Districts at Baker. George Kitzmiller of Portland is shown at left presenting the steak knife sets to the winners. The McCraes also received a \$75 cash award as state champion judging team. Wade won second place in individual men's judging competition. McCrae was elected vice president of the Association and state board chairman for the area.

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