

T-H Changes, New Farm Program Offered by Ike

Secret Strike Vote Tops 14-Point List

By NORMAN WALKER
 WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Monday proposed that the government give workers a secret-ballot chance to veto union strike plans. It was part of a 14-point program sent to Congress for amending the Taft-Hartley Labor Relations Act.

Eisenhower's program brought praise from Republicans generally and criticism from union leaders and some Democrats.

Freedom of Choice
 The President's key proposal was that the government hold elections among workers to determine whether they approve of a walk-out.

Going out on strike with loss of pay is so important to the individual worker, Eisenhower said, that he should have an opportunity to "express his choice by secret ballot held under government auspices."

Eisenhower's message to Con-

gress did not specify at what point the strike-approval poll should be held.

Poll of NLRB
 However, actual legislation introduced in Congress by Chairman H. Alexander Smith (R-NJ) of the Senate Labor Committee to carry out the administration plan called for polling by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) only after, not before, a walkout began.

This provision of Smith's bill seemed to surprise Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell. He told newsmen he had read Smith's bill earlier and hadn't understood that the strike poll was to be conducted after a strike was in progress.

Majority Action
 Smith's bill provides that "unless a majority of employees eligible to vote casts their ballots in favor of a continuance, such strike as shall cease to be a protected concerted activity within the meaning of this act."

Under Smith's bill if a strike began in a plant with 5,000 employees, the NLRB would hold an election as promptly as possible.

Illegalize Strike
 If a majority, or in this case 2,501 of the employees, voted against the strike, it would then be illegal. The 2,501 approving majority would be required even if only 3,500 of the 5,000 workers took the trouble to vote.

"Where employees failed to supply the required approving majority for continuing the strike, those workers who failed to go back to work could be fired by the employer. Normally, striking workers are protected from being discharged, unless permanent replacements are hired."

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Flexible Price Supports Base For Proposals

By OVID A. MARTIN
 WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower proposed Monday to build a new farm program on flexible price supports, aiming at a goal of agricultural equality with the rest of the economy and a minimum of controls.

In a lengthy special message to Congress outlining plans for future government aid to farmers, the chief executive said present programs — by creating surpluses and pricing crops out of markets — are "hurtful" to those whom they are intended to help.

Result of Study
 The Eisenhower program is the result of nearly a year's study by farm organizations, agricultural educators, and farm officials. It offered little that was new and it proposed to keep much that already is in operation.

In Congress it got a somewhat mixed reception. Sen. Aiken (R-Vt.), chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said it "forms an excellent basis to work out the soundest farm program we ever had."

Heads for Fight
 But there is bound to be a fight over the program in the House, and Rep. Hope (R-Kan.), chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, was noncommittal for the time being.

The major change proposed by Eisenhower relates to government price guarantees for farm products. Where now they are set at a fixed high level by Congress, the President would give the secretary of agriculture discretionary authority to raise and lower them.

Surplus Plan
 As a cushion against an abrupt decline in prices, the President would set aside (he called it "freeze") up to 2½ billion dollars worth of surplus agricultural products now held by the government. They would be barred from regular commercial channels and reserved for special uses such as disaster relief.

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Raging Blizzard Paralyzes East

Reds Bid Return To Talks

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD
 PANMUNJOM (AP) — The Communists Monday formally asked for resumption of talks to set up a Korean peace conference — their first official move here since negotiations broke up Dec. 12.

The brief note was handed over in Panmunjom to a U. S. State Department representative who relayed it to Washington and said he was awaiting instructions.

The Reds' action came amidst a swift series of developments, including a bid by India to reconvene the U. N. General Assembly over the Korean question.

The Reds' note was handed to the U. S. State Department representative, Kenneth Young, under unusual circumstances. Young had not been advised to expect such a message but went to the area strictly on a "hunch."

The note proposed that liaison officers meet at 11 a. m. Wednesday (6 p. m. Tuesday PST) and discuss a time for resuming the talks.

For Duty, Country and Barbara



Miss Barbara Anderson, Willamette University freshman selected as sweetheart of the Marine Corps' Second Oregon Beaver Platoon, is shown above receiving the sweetheart cup from Mayor Alfred Loucks during ceremonies at the city hall Monday. She will also represent the 75-man platoon at a banquet in Portland Jan. 21. On hand for the presentation were (left to right) Robert L. Petersen, Salem, platoon leader; Dennis K. Garland, Salem, squad leader; Mayor Loucks; Miss Anderson, Charles H. Jepson, Dallas, squad leader, and S. Sgt. Robert D. Wilson, local Marine recruiter. (Statesman photo.)

Toll of Death Climbs to 53; Traffic Stops

By ARTHUR EVERETT
 NEW YORK (AP) — A shifting pattern of sleet and still more snow Monday night followed the Northeast's worst snowstorm in five years, sending the fatality toll spiraling to at least 53 known dead.

The sleet extended as far south as North Carolina. It coated heavy treacherous surfaces, paralyzing traffic and skyrocketing accidents on back roads and city sidewalks alike.

The downfall slackened in mid-evening over much of the area after piling up for as much as a foot in some sections since Sunday afternoon.

No Relief in Sight
 Tuesday, late forecasts said, would be fair. But there was no end in sight to the bitter cold which sent the mercury plunging as low as 27 below zero in Maine.

The raging storm brought death in a variety of ways to beleaguered humanity.

Many died of strokes or over-exertion in attempting to shovel away the piled up snow. Still others were killed as they attempted to travel over it. Some died from exposure to the blood-chilling cold.

Air Traffic Cut
 The great arterial highways that snake along the coast from New England south lay lonesome beneath a restless sea of drifting snow.

Airlines fought a stubborn but losing battle against the storm as their planes were delayed or grounded.

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At Farmingdale and Port Washington, N.Y., Republic Aviation Corp. shut down, affecting 29,000 employees. General Motors Corp. shut its Linden, N.J., plant when few of the 2,000 employees showed up.

Philadelphia was hardest hit of the major cities with some 10 inches of snow — heaviest in seven years. All city schools closed and many offices and factories limped along with skeleton work forces.

New York took on a strange small-town look as the storm dumped 8.8 inches on the city in the first 24 hours — the worst since the 15-inch fall of 1949. Then rain and sleet punched the city anew.

Some sections of New York City were abandoned almost entirely to frolicking, snow-suited children. Cars lay half buried at curbsides.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sorenson
 A fresh miracle of the loaves and fishes — an assembly belt basis — is called for by the Population Reference Bureau after taking a look at its projection for the world's population in 1980, 2000 and 2050. Its Bulletin says that if the present growth rate of about 70,000 daily persists, the world population will pass 3.5 billion in 1980, 4.1 billion in 2000 and nearly 7 billion in 2050. It worries over how these added millions are going to be fed.

This accelerating rate of growth is comparatively recent. Though humans have trod the earth for many thousands of years their numbers increased but slowly up to the middle of the 17th century. Wars, pestilence, famine "mowed them down." Infant mortality rates were very high. Few persons lived to ripe old age. After 1650 the growth in numbers became rapid: "it is clear that the world has sustained a fourfold increase in its population in the last 300 years."

There are reasons. Better health; cures or preventives of infectious disease; better nutrition; technological progress permitting increase in food production and transportation of products to areas of need. Disease control will continue; and as the backward peoples catch up in sanitation, child care, prevention and treatment of disease their death rates will fall. Life will be prolonged; and if birth rates remain the same the resulting population increase will bear heavily on food supply. The doctrine of the economist Malthus will really get into operation at some date. With half the world's

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Reformatory Study Asked By Governor

Gov. Paul L. Patterson asked his fellow board of control members Monday to join him in appointing a committee to recommend laws governing the proposed \$1,500,000 state reformatory.

The proposed laws would provide methods of deciding which offenders would be sentenced to which penal institution.

The committee would report to the board of control by Nov. 1 and its recommendations would be sent to the 1955 legislature.

The other two board members, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry and State Treasurer Sig Under, approved the idea.

The big question is whether circuit judges should make the assignments of those sentenced, or if it should be done by the state parole board.

Construction of the new institution was stymied several weeks ago when Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton ruled that the legislature had failed to give the board authority to buy the site for the reformatory.

The state penitentiary and the boys' training school now are the two penal institutions.

Johnny Ray, Wife Agree On Divorce

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Johnny Ray, 26, the weepy singer, and Marilyn Morrison, 23, separated a year ago, will be divorced in Mexico Thursday, Miss Morrison's father said Monday night.

A financial settlement has been agreed upon and the decree will go to Miss Morrison, said her father, nightclub operator Charlie Morrison. He said he had not seen the settlement.

Marilyn, here at present, will leave Wednesday for El Paso, where she will meet Ray, Morrison said. The case will come before a judge in Chihuahua.

Ray and Miss Morrison were married in New York May 25, 1952. They separated the following January.

"I'm sorry, real sorry, but the marriage is definitely over," Miss Morrison told newsmen in New York when they separated. She did not elaborate. Their marriage had been spent almost entirely on the road. Ray doing five shows daily much of the time.

Morrison said his daughter will fly to Chicago after obtaining the decree.

U.S. Gives Go Slow Sign on U.N. Session

By FRANCIS W. CARPENTER
 UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — The United States took a "go slow" attitude Monday to an Indian call for the U. N. Assembly to reconvene and debate the entire Korean problem.

Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, president of the Assembly and sister of Indian Prime Minister Nehru, suggested the delegates reconvene Feb. 9.

She transmitted to the U. N. Monday morning an official request from India for the Assembly to reconvene sometime before Feb. 23, the date on which, under the armistice agreement, India's responsibility as a member of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission ends.

Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld ordered the request sent to all U. N. members and asked for a reply within 10 days.

Mrs. Pandit informed the delegates that if she did not hear from them by Jan. 22, she would assume they had concurred in her suggestion for the Assembly to meet Feb. 9.

Council Studies Widening Ferry Street, Return of 2-Way Traffic

By ROBERT E. GANGWARE
 City Editor, The Statesman
 Putting two-way traffic back on downtown Ferry Street after widening it is up for City Council study as newest move in the controversial one-way grid traffic issue.

Details of the Ferry Street proposal were not mentioned, but Mayor Alfred W. Loucks said Monday night the matter would be taken up with Ferry Street businessmen. In earlier discussions, the Ferry Street widening possibility was contingent upon banning parking or actually widening the street at city or at property owners' expense.

The mayor's brief report came during last night's Council meeting at City Hall, where several new one-way grid developments appeared or came to a head, and a new campaign against "meter feeding" was ordered. (Story on Page 2, Sec. 1.)

For one, the aldermen responded to the recent grid protest move by acknowledging a letter from the citizens' committee and setting a public hearing for Jan. 25 at City Hall. The committee has launched a petition campaign against the grid.

Final action was taken on four grid changes coming out of grid studies and agitation of the past two weeks. These items were authorized:

Restoring two-way traffic on Church and Cottage Streets east of Ferry. Principal tieup here has been over funeral processions from Clough-Barrick Mortuary at Church and Ferry Streets.

Extending one-way eastbound traffic on Ferry Street from Cottage to Winter Street.

Overhead lighted or reflectorized one-way signs for intersections of Church and Chemekeeta, Church and Court, Church and State and Cottage and Court Streets.

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South Korean Defense Pact Asked by Ike

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Monday asked the Senate to ratify a defense pact with South Korea designed to head off future attacks against that war-ravaged Pacific country.

The language of the treaty made it clear that the pact would not require the United States to go to the aid of South Korea in the event that country attacks North Korea in an attempt to achieve unification by force.

Eisenhower described the treaty as a move "to deter aggression by giving evidence of our common determination to meet the common danger."

British Ground Comets After Third Crash

LONDON (AP) — Britain grounded all her world-famed Comet jetliners for a searching inspection Monday night, after the third fatal Comet crash in 10 months.

Thirty-five persons, including two Americans, were killed in Sunday's crash off Elba. High-ranking British airline and civil aviation officials pushed a probe into the tragedy.

The grounding order temporarily suspending British Comet services between London, South Africa, and the Far East at midnight was ordered by the government-owned British Overseas Airways Corp. (BOAC).

BOAC said it had taken its seven four-jet, 500-mile-an-hour plus Comets out of service for "a minute and unhurried technical examination." It called the action "a measure of prudence."

Government Buys Northwest Pears

PORTLAND (AP) — The U. S. Agriculture Department has bought 55 carloads of Oregon, Washington and California winter pears, its office here announced Monday.

Prices ranging to 2.25 a standard box, f.o.b. shipping point, were paid for the pears, which will go to the school lunch program and other outlets. The fruit is U.S. No. 2 grade or better. The Bosc variety makes up 41 carloads.

San Francisco May Give Up Its Cable Cars

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco's public utilities commission voted Monday to abandon a large part of the city's world-famous California street cable car system.

Despite angry shouts of protests from an estimated 140 spectators crowding the meeting room, the commission approved the cable car scrapping after first agreeing to the action in a private session.

However, the commission decision is not the final word — but almost. It can be upset only if 9 of the 11 members of the county board of supervisors vote to retain the system.

1-Way Offers Arms Problem For Policemen

How does a left-handed motorcycle make out on the left side of a one-way street when its driver is wielding a right-handed tire marking stick?

Or—would the combination be better off driving the wrong way on said one-way street?

Salem police department would like to know, because its three-wheel cycles are equipped with left-hand throttles so the driver's right hand can be free to mark tires of cars when they are checking parking.

But now, Police Chief Clyde A. Warren reminded the City Council Monday night, Salem's one-way streets downtown create a problem if police are to check the left side as well as right side of the street.

No, a walking patrolman can't mark tires. The errant parkers can spot him coming too easily, said the chief.

Bloodmobile Collects 61 Pints at Stayton

STAYTON — The Red Cross bloodmobile here Monday collected 61 pints of blood during the drawing sponsored by the Santiam Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Five persons were rejected.

Monday's donors increased collections in Marion County to 183 pints for the month. Only two drawings were scheduled in the county during January, Red Cross officials explained. The county's monthly quota is 550 pints.

Next drawing is scheduled in Salem Feb. 4.

KVAN-TV Due By March 15

PORTLAND (AP) — Vancouver Radio Corp. said Monday its station KVAN-TV will be on the air March 15.

Broadcasting on channel 21, KVAN-TV will be Portland's third television station and its second UHF station. Fred Chitty, general manager, said he expects the transmitter and other equipment to be delivered next month.

The studio will be in Vancouver but the transmitter in Portland's west hills.

Sheldon Sackett, Coos Bay publisher, heads Vancouver Radio, which also operates radio station KVAN in Vancouver, Wash.

School Merger Plan Rejected by Bethany Voters

SILVERTON — Consolidation of Bethany School District with Silverton School District 4, was turned down Monday by Bethany voters 66 to 35.

Voters of the Silverton district approved the consolidation move by 111 to 11, but the question needed approval by both districts to go into operation.

Bethany School District board chairman L. Meisenheimer said the turnout of voters was the largest he had seen.

Discussion on a possible union high school for school districts in the Silverton trading area is expected to be the next issue facing voters. Bethany district is west of Silverton.

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Proponents of 1-Way Grid Narrow Margin in Poll; Visitors Opposed

Drivers favoring the one-way downtown Salem traffic grid outnumbered the opponents in Monday's balloting in The Statesman's informal poll on Salem area sentiment on the new grid.

The tally of 1,286 votes to date shows 745 against the grid and 553 in favor of it. The percentage opposed to the grid is 57.4.

The Statesman counted 219 additional ballots Monday, of which 112 were marked in favor of retaining the grid while 107 wanted the grid abolished.

Of the Monday vote, however, the 39 voters living more than 5 miles from downtown Salem split 25 to 14 against the grid.

Some of the comments from out-of-town residents opposing the grid:

"Am staying out of Salem until the one-way deal is abolished."

"That grid system is sure discouraging to shoppers—why have it when you have such wide streets?"

"We have always shopped for groceries and clothing and everything at Salem, but we are staying out as much as we can on account of one-way traffic is dangerous."

From a city resident opposing the grid:

"Eliminate double parkers and meter feeders first."

"I am really afraid of the one-way grid. . . . Make it so you can go around the block to find a parking space."

Here are a few of the remarks from voters favoring the grid:

"A lot of opposition is due to selfish, personal reasons."

"Let's get out the vote!"

"Those people who think the one-way streets are congested have a very short memory of what the streets used to be."

"We city folk had to learn to drive the one-way grid too, and I don't think it's impossible for the farm folk to learn."

"It's marvelous."

"We ourselves have done more trading in the city since the new system went in."

The ballot will be published daily in The Statesman through Friday, Jan. 15. Today's is on Page 5, Sec. 1.)

Cool Weather Checks Slides

ASTORIA (AP) — The slide which has caused 34 families to move out of their homes on a hillside here appeared Monday to have been checked by cool, dry weather.

No slipping was noted. Rain has not fallen for several days.

Meanwhile health authorities announced that drinking water had not been contaminated by water and sewer pipes broken by the slide. Over the weekend residents boiled water after authorities had warned there was a possibility it had been affected.

Key Witness in Reuther Case Given Reward Before Flight

DETROIT (AP) — The missing key witness in the Walter Reuther shooting, named Monday as a defendant in the strange, tangled case, was given \$5,000 of the \$20,000 reward money, it was disclosed Monday night.

The CID United Auto Workers Union, which Reuther heads, said it paid the money to Elizabeth Ritchie, wife of the missing witness, Donald Joseph Ritchie, after he had told authorities a story implicating four men in the attempted assassination.

The four have been charged with assault with intent to kill and with conspiracy.

After telling his story, however, Ritchie slipped from the protective custody of two policemen in a downtown hotel suite and fled to Canada. That was last Friday and he hasn't been found since.

Convinced that Ritchie would not return on his own, prosecutor Gerald K. O'Brien Monday obtained an assault-with-intent-to-kill warrant against the 33-year-old Canadian.

This, he explained, would bring Canadian police more actively into the search for Ritchie. Also, he said, it would enable Michigan authorities to bring him back if the elusive witness is found.

The UAW, in a statement, said it arranged the payment to Ritchie's wife through "an attorney of unimpeachable reputation of Ritchie's choosing."

"This arrangement was worked out without the knowledge of the law enforcement agencies or the Wayne County prosecuting attorney," the union said.

THE WEATHER

Salem	48	38	60
Portland	46	31	60
San Francisco	55	45	13
Chicago	18	18	01
New York	23	13	62
Willamette River 3.9 feet.			
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem):			
Generally fair today and tonight.			
High today near 46 and low tonight near 25. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. was 35 degrees.			
SALEM PRECIPITATION			
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1			
This Year	17.35	Last Year	20.46
Normal	21.78		

Animal Crackers



Cow Lends Backing To Nursery Rhyme

SHAWNEE, Okla. (AP) — While her amazed owners watched, a holstein cow leaped from a second story barn window, got up and walked contentedly away Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bryant, owners of a large dairy farm near here, said the cow dropped 20 feet without apparent injury.

To get to the loft, they theorized, the animal had to climb a steep staircase in the barn.