

Eisenhower Still Confident of U.S. Business Upturn

By NORMAN WALKER
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower apparently remains fully confident that the country will soon recover from its present economic downturn without any special government help.

The widespread impression that Eisenhower is thinking of triggering a big new government-aid plan unless the unemployment situation improves in March seems to be a mistaken one.

In his tax speech to the country this week, counselling against Democratic efforts to reduce personal income taxes, the President said:

"Economic conditions do not call for an emergency program that would justify larger federal deficits and further inflation through additional tax reductions at this time."

Unemployment Rises
This statement, made only a few days after the government reported unemployment had increased in February to 3,671,000, indicated some people had overdrawn the meaning of what Eisenhower had told a news conference a month earlier.

On February 17 the President said he considered March a key month. He said the usual spring upturn in employment normally begins to make itself felt in March. If that didn't happen this year, he said, it would be a definite warning calling for government measures. Larger tax concessions for consumers, he added, would be possibly considered.

Hiring Increases
"It's important to note the President referred to an employment upturn. Because larger numbers of people look for jobs when the weather warms up, and hiring increases too, it could be that employment would increase considerably without any substantial change in overall unemployment."

At any rate, the government estimates of employment and unemployment for March won't come out until nearly mid-April.

A Labor Department survey of major labor market areas this week indicated unemployment was increasing into March, but the rate of increase was slowing down.

Military Roundup

Two Salem Army Officers At Ft. Lewis

Several reassignments for Salem area military personnel were announced this week.

Two Salem Army officers have been assigned to duty with the 44th Infantry Division at Ft. Lewis, Wash. They are 2nd Lt. Gordon A. White, son of Mrs. Earl R. Vieske, 3120 S. 12th St., and 2nd Lt. Truman E. Cummings, whose wife, Mrs. Sally R. Cummings, lives at 320 Cummings Lane.

Recently reporting for formation flight training at the Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla., was Lowell H. Weese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Weese, 3550 Cherry Ave. Following his present training he will study gunnery at Foley, Ala.

Serving with the Army in Korea are 1st Lt. Roger R. Welty, whose wife, Mrs. Betty Welty, lives at Salem Route 5, and Sgt. f.c. Clifton R. Dickerson, son of son of Silverton. Welty is serving with I Corps and Dickerson with the 7th Infantry Division.

To Go to Orient

Pfc. Richard D. Pflug, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pflug, Turner, has been assigned to the Marine Corps staging area at Camp Pendleton, Calif., in preparation for duty in the Far East.

Scheduled to return to the United States from Korea in April is Cpl. Bob O. Burbank, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orlando N. Burbank of Monmouth Route 2. He has been serving with the 45th Infantry Division.

Airman Allen P. Danskey of the U. S. Navy, has returned to San Diego, Calif., after completing a tour in the Far East on the carrier USS Yorktown. He is the son of Mrs. Anna Danskey of Woodburn.

On Rescue Vessel
Miles D. Hoeye, fireman with the U. S. Navy, is serving aboard the escort vessel USS Hanna which operates out of Guam as a search and rescue vessel. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hoeye of Mill City.

Taking part in "Exercise Ski Jump" at Camp Hale, Colo., is Pvt. Darrell H. Schei, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schei, Hubbard Route 1. The exercise is part of the Army's 1954 mountain and cold weather training maneuver.

Also taking part in the same operation is PFC Wayne L. Schunk, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Schunk, 2415 Fisher Rd.

Pvt. William F. Richard, husband of Lotus Jo Ann Richard, Silverton, recently completed engineer basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., with a unit of the 6th armored divisions. A/3C Donald R. Satter, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Satter, Salem route 6, graduated recently from the general drafting course at the Fort Belvoir, Va., Army engineer school.

Airman Second Class Charles Phillips Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Phillips, 1149 Seventh St., was named "Airman from Oregon" recently in a survey at the 51st fighter interceptor wing in Korea. Phillips is a K-9 dog handler.

Gates Postmaster Nomination Okehd

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate has approved the nomination of Floyd K. Volkel for postmaster at Gates, Ore.

Rep. Norblad has recommended appointment of Lester R. Rivers as postmaster at Eagle Creek, Ore. Rivers now is acting postmaster there.

160 at Polk Lumber Safety Conference

Statesman News Service
RICKREALL — Loggers and lumbermen 160 strong converged on Rickreall Saturday for the first big safety conference to be held in Polk County on all phases of the two allied timber industries.

Representing labor and management, the conference drew persons from all levels of the profession. Interest in the safety rally was so great, according to general chairman Roger Byan, Dallas, that the conference committee is now working on plans to hold future sessions along the same pattern.

Object of the conferences, Byan said, will be to teach the best safety methods to every man in the woods and mills of this area.

According to the State Industrial Accident Commission, Polk County's industrial accident rate in 1953 was nearly three times the state-wide average.

Polk County Judge C. F. Hayes opened the conference with a welcoming address at 9 a.m. and sessions continued until 3:30 p.m. when the meeting adjourned for lunch. Master of ceremonies was R. P. Miller, safety director for Long-Bell Lumber Co.

Two panels on safety programs for loggers and mill workers gave representatives a chance for a question and answer period. A motion picture produced by Western Logging Co., Valselt, gave a comprehensive story of the lumber industry and covered every phase from woods to mill. A second film, "Miracle of Paradise Valley," was shown by the State Industrial Accident Commission which cooperated in staging the conference.

Labor was represented by members of the CIO and AFL while management from both large and small operators was on hand for the meeting.

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