

Ike's Total Support Of Benson Seen As 'Big Election Issue'

DENVER (U) — President Eisenhower's 100 per cent support of Secretary of Agriculture Benson put the Democrats on notice Sunday that they face a 1956 Eisenhower battle for administration policies—whether he runs again or not.

PTA Council To Discuss Shot Clinics

The Marion County Council of Parent-Teachers Associations at a meeting 8 p.m. Wednesday in Mill City High School will hear a report by a special committee appointed to investigate the school immunization program of the Marion County Health Department.

The committee was appointed following announcement by the health department that immunization in the schools for whooping cough, tetanus, diphtheria and smallpox would be discontinued although it would continue to be available free at clinics at the health office and regional offices.

The program arranged by Dennis Patch, school education chairman, will include a panel discussion of "What Is Right with Education." Willard Baar will be moderator for panel members Dick Sorig, Miss Jean Spaulding and John Conway, all of the State Department of Education.

And by backing the besieged Cabinet officer all the way the recuperating President in effect served another notice—that any Republican grumbling about Benson on the politically hot farm price issue isn't likely to move the chief executive.

Those points stood out as Eisenhower made encouraging new progress in recovery from his Sept. 24 heart attack. The doctors at Fitzsimons Army Hospital reported that the President Sunday morning took the longest unassisted walk of his convalescence—about 30 to 40 feet from the corridor back to his room.

In the room earlier he walked from his bed to the bathroom for the first time, and shaved himself.

Eisenhower's 30 to 40-foot walk was not only his longest so far but the first outside his room. He had been rolled in a wheel chair to Mrs. Eisenhower's room across the hall from his own.

On the way back in the chair he had hospital attendants halt near the elevators, saying with a grin: "We'll stop here."

Then he got out of the chair and walked the rest of the way to his room.

Little Change Seen In Swiss Balloting

BERN, Switzerland (U) — Early returns from Switzerland's general election Sunday indicated there will be little change in the 196-member National Council (lower house) of Parliament.

'Flying Sub' Patent Told By Inventor

WILMINGTON, Del. (U) — Donald B. Doolittle, 37, an inventor and vice president of the All American Engineering Co., said Sunday night he has patented an idea for a "flying submarine."

He said the idea has been kept under wraps for several years by the Defense Department, but that he has now been given permission to disclose some of the details.

He said that basically the idea involves a jet plane that could land on water on a ski landing gear, batten down all openings and then submerge by taking on water as ballast.

While submerged, the craft would be propelled by propellers and would be guided by the same controls that guide it while in flight he said.

To surface, the craft would expel its water ballast by means of compressed air, much the same as ordinary submarines operate.

Doolittle said there are no immediate plans for construction of the flying submarine and the "armed forces haven't shown any active interest yet."

He said he got the idea for the flying submarine while working on plans for ski-type landing gear, which his company now manufactures.

Coat Thief Halts Council Meeting

TAIPEI, Formosa (U) — Councilman Chang Chuan-sheng jumped to his feet at a meeting of the Taipei city council Saturday at the height of a debate and demanded the floor.

Granted it, he shouted, "Mr. Speaker, somebody has stolen my coat."

Police were summoned, but could find neither the culprit nor the coat.

Both are still missing.

GE Reveals 'Catastrophe Insurance'

NEW YORK (U) — The General Electric Co. announced Sunday what it termed "the most extensive catastrophe health insurance program in American manufacturing."

The plan — with benefits that could reach \$7,500 in a year for 200,000 GE employees and their dependents — takes effect Nov. 1.

L.R. Boulware, GE vice president for employee and plant community relations, said the program is a "trail-blazing step that practically eliminated the need for employees to worry that a sudden major illness will eat up their lifetime savings or create huge debts."

Although called "catastrophe insurance," the plan helps pay bills for illnesses by no means catastrophic, Boulware said.

The complete package is underwritten by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in states other than California, where both Metropolitan and Aetna life insurance are the carriers.

More than 90 CIO, AFL and independent unions have accepted the program as one of several features of a five-year "better living" plan for GE employees, Boulware said.

In addition to health coverage, Boulware said, effective Nov. 1 employees will receive such benefits as life insurance equal to an employee's yearly pay or triple in the event of accidental death; broad dismemberment insurance; and weekly sickness and accident benefits of up to \$85 a week for hourly-paid employees kept off their jobs by disabilities other than those connected with their jobs.

The company expects to pay two-thirds of the cost of the entire insurance package for individual employees, Boulware said, with the cost to employees representing 9 per cent of their annual wages.

To cover dependents employees will pay 2 per cent of the first \$5,000 of normal annual pay, Boulware said.

Solons to Oppose Tax Reductions

WASHINGTON (U) — Sens. Byrd (D-Va.) and Williams (R-Del.) said Sunday they will oppose any move in the next session of Congress to cut taxes until there is an actual federal surplus in hand.

But a survey by legislative experts indicated any prediction by President Eisenhower that the budget will be balanced in the fiscal year beginning next July 1 will signal a headlong rush by Congress to reduce individual income taxes.

Pickets Hoot Woodworkers At St. Helens

ST. HELENS (U) — For the second day in a row striking AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers Sunday hooted at employees who passed their picket lines to enter the Fir-Tex Insulation Co. plant here.

There was none of the minor violence that marked Saturday's disturbance when an automobile window was smashed and there were reports of a crowd attempting to overturn cars. There were some 25 state patrolmen on hand Sunday when the plant changed shift.

Marvin Harper, a member of the strike committee, said that Saturday's violence was touched off when a "strike-breaker" entered the plant in an automobile and squirted ammonia water at the crowd around the pickets.

The plant was struck by the union last April. It has been operating three shifts since then.

Fights Flare On Gaza Strip

JERUSALEM, Israeli Sector (U) — Shooting incidents broke out Sunday in the Irim-Beeri sector east of the Gaza Strip, an Israeli military spokesman announced.

Egyptian positions twice fired mortars and automatic weapons at an Israeli patrol, which escaped without casualties, he said, and Israelis fired on a group of armed Egyptians who had crossed the border in the same area.

The spokesman reported the Egyptians withdrew across the armistice demarcation line into the Gaza Strip.

Israel's Foreign Ministry protested anew about the report presence of Egyptian army units in the demilitarized El Auja-Nizana area farther south.

BIG CROP EXPECTED

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Man Defies Crop Controls; To Face Government Action

(Picture on wirephoto page.) OIL CITY, Pa. (U) — Farmer John Harmon says nobody's going to tell him how to run his acres—not even the government.

But it's going to cost him \$404.28 to have his say.

Harmon's in the dairy farm business in this Northwestern Pennsylvania community. And—here's his gripe—he raises some wheat to feed the cattle and improve his pastures.

John's troubles started last year. The government—with its "blasted forms . . . and all kinds of red tape," as he puts it—told him his wheat acreage allowance was nine acres.

Harmon put in wheat on 24 acres. The Venango County Agricultural Stabilization and Soil Conservation Committee sent two of its members around to talk to him.

'Law's the Law'

As one of them said: "The law's not popular up around here, but the law's the law."

Harmon wasn't having any. The committee, duty-bound, reported him to state headquarters, which passed the case on to Washington, where it was decided he owed \$357.28 in penalties. The U. S. attorney's office in Pittsburgh added \$47 in costs, and sent Harmon a bill for the total.

Harmon said he wouldn't pay. So the U. S. attorney sent him a note saying that if he didn't, his farm could be sold to raise the amount.

Then the government sat back and waited. So did Harmon. And that's about how it all stands now.

The government doesn't want to sell the farm, and Harmon doesn't want to pay the penalties on the wheat.

'Not Worried'

Asked if he was worried about the situation, Harmon replied:

"I'm not worried because I haven't time to be. I'm just going

to go on farming. I can't see as if I've done anything wrong. I don't see the sense of fighting the U. S. government which I'm one of."

The wife of the 46-year-old farmer backed him up.

"We think this thing is worth fighting for. If you can't afford to buy wheat for the cattle, you raise it yourself. That's what a farm is for. He ought to be able to run his own farm."

But, Mrs. Harmon admits, in the end they'll probably have to give in.

Stolen Cars Provide Clues

A MacLaren School for Boys escapee left a trail of three stolen cars in two days before he was found Sunday at Shedd, according to state police.

They said Norman Clyde Butler, reported missing from the institution Friday, had stolen cars in St. Paul, McMinville and Amity. Discovery of the Amity car abandoned near Shedd led to his apprehension and he was held in the Linn County Jail at Albany for MacLaren authorities.

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