

Ike Puts Payment on U.S. Debt Ahead of Tax Cut

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'Gas Mask'-Like Recorder Used at NLRB Hearing



Testifying at National Labor Relations Board hearing in Marion County Courthouse Thursday is Milo O. Holt (left, facing camera), Salem, business representative for the International Machinists Union, which answered charges brought against it by Valley Motor Co. Man with the mask is the official hearing reporter, M. J. Montgomery of Portland, who recorded proceeding by re-

McKay to Keep Post 'As Long as Ike Wants Him'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of the Interior McKay said Thursday he plans to continue to serve as long as President Eisenhower wants him, but he hopes to retire at the end of a four-year stint.

McKay said in Hawaii on Dec. 29 that he hoped to retire "next year" but he explained to a reporter Thursday that he meant in 1957.

"I came here for a four-year enlistment or to serve at the pleasure of the President, and I expect to carry that out," McKay said.

Judge Rules McCarthy's Probe Illegal

BOSTON (AP)—A federal judge ruled Thursday that Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) acted outside the jurisdiction of his committee two years ago in a one-man probe of subversion in defense plants.

In handing down his lengthy opinion, Judge Bailey Aldrich acquitted Leon J. Kamin, 28, former research assistant at Harvard, of charges of contempt of Congress.

Aldrich said the Senate Committee on Government Operations — of which the Senate permanent subcommittee on investigations is a part — had no powers to investigate the general subject of communism; that government operation meant the operation of government departments, not private operation of private industry, even though under government contract.

Kamin, now connected with Queens University, Kingston, Ont., refused to answer Senator McCarthy as to whether he knew any communists in defense plants.

The court agreed that the presence of Communists in defense plants could be a matter of legitimate congressional concern, but said the investigation sought to be carried on by this committee was beyond the scope of its granted authority.

Salem Man Asks \$319,831 In Damages

A \$319,831 suit, believed to be the largest personal injury damage suit filed in a Marion County court, was filed here Thursday by a Salem implement and car dealer.

Claude Easton Bird, 4195 Gardner Rd., is seeking the judgment against Howard DeSully Hodson, retired Seattle doctor, who he blames for an automobile collision 11 miles north of Medford on the Pacific Highway last Jan. 28.

Bird, alleging that Dr. Hodson was negligent in the operation of his car, claims he incurred serious and permanent injuries which will prevent him from being able to work again. He says he suffered numerous fractures and lacerations and shock which have already required long hospitalization, and that additional surgery is still ahead.

The plaintiff seeks \$300,000 for loss of income for the rest of his lifetime. The remaining amount is listed in loss of income up to the time of the filing of the suit, and for medical expenses.

A suit for some \$300,000 has also been filed against the doctor by Bird's wife, also injured in the collision. It is pending in Federal District Court at Medford, according to Bruce Williams of the firm of Williams and Skopel who are attorneys for the Birds.

Marion County officials including the three circuit judges could not recall a larger personal injury suit in Marion County legal history.

Polk County's Loss Talled At \$420,000

Polk County suffered damages of \$420,000 in recent storms and floods, Gov. Paul Patterson announced Thursday in reporting the results of a survey which showed statewide losses in excess of \$4 million. Marion County got off relatively easy with an estimated \$40,295 loss.

The State Civil Defense Agency estimated that flood and wind damages in 14 Western Oregon counties caused \$2,062,245 losses to public properties and \$2,180,000 to private holdings.

The survey, conducted by state and national Civil Defense officials, showed Jackson County to be the hardest hit with \$864,999 total losses and Coos County next with \$700,000 damages. Ranked third in loss was Douglas County with \$543,000, fourth was Josephine County with \$425,000 and next in line was Polk County.

The Polk estimate included \$142,000 damage to public property and \$278,000 to private facilities. The survey showed \$25,295 in public losses in Marion County and \$15,000 to private properties.

Most damage found in the survey was related to such facilities as roads, bridges, sewage disposal plants, power lines, dwellings, soil erosion, household goods and livestock.

Other losses by counties: Benton, \$43,250; Clackamas, \$215,000; Clatsop, \$50; Columbia, \$150,000; Curry, \$34,000; Lane, \$350,000; Linn, \$54,000; Washington, \$255,000.

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Wind, Clouds On Forecast

Storm and flood threats eased Thursday in the Salem and mid-Valley areas as rains dwindled and the Willamette River crested at 16.9 feet.

Weathermen at McNary Field reported that only a trace of rain fell Thursday in the Salem sector, compared with Wednesday's 24-hour deluge of 2.36 inches.

Strong gusts Thursday, particularly in the early evening, hit a maximum velocity of 49 miles an hour. Forecast for today is cloudiness, a few showers and continued windy conditions.

Chains were advised by state police on Santiam Pass where six inches of new snow was reported.



Norman W. Merrill, manager of Blue Lake Packers, Inc., Salem, was Thursday elected to head the Northwest Cannery Association, now in convention at Portland.

Salem Man to Head District Cannery Group

By LILLIE L. MADSEN Farm Editor, The Statesman
PORTLAND—Norman W. Merrill of Blue Lake Packers, Inc., Salem, was Thursday elected president of the Northwest Cannery Association, H. G. Howiesner of Starr Foods, Inc., also Salem, was elected second vice president.

The two men, along with other officers, were named at the 42nd annual convention of the cannery, which opened Thursday with headquarters at Multnomah Hotel. The convention will continue Friday and close Saturday with the 1 o'clock All-Industry luncheon at which Gov. Paul Patterson will speak.

Other officers named Thursday were first vice president, Larry D. Jones, Washington Cannery, Vancouver, Wash.; executive vice president, C. R. Talley, Portland, who is also secretary treasurer, and assistant, Thomas B. House, Portland.

New directors include L. D. Jones, Richard Renfro, Springbrook Packing Co. Co-op; Max Lehmann, Northwest Packing Co., Portland; Chester Roche, Western Oregon Packing Corp., Corvallis, and E. A. Seifer, Post Falls, Idaho.

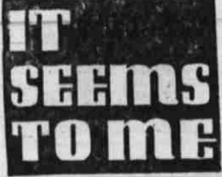
Salem, second to the largest food processing area in the United States (San Jose, Calif., the largest) is also the most heavily represented with 773 registered by Thursday night at the convention. The attendance figure is expected to top 1,000 by Friday noon.

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State Flood Damage Total Tops \$4 Million



By Charles A. Sprague

President Eisenhower's message to the Congress delivered yesterday proves that, though his heart was afflicted in September, his head remains clear and his thinking sound and strong. Both in substance and in style the message will rank among the best of his state papers. It is statesmanlike in tone and in content, free of invective, even where Russia is concerned, free also of cant and vain promises. It is a sober call to Congress and to the country to duty, to responsible exercise of power and to orderly progress.

Marriage of State Rep. Meriwether To Newsman Told

PORTLAND (AP)—The marriage of State Rep. Kay Meriwether and Eugene Kelly, Portland public relations man, Jan. 1 at Tillamook was announced here Thursday.

The ceremony was performed in the home of State Sen. and Mrs. Warren McMinime.

Mrs. Kelly said Thursday that she will not be a candidate for re-election to the Legislature nor for any other office. She also said she had resigned her position as secretary of the National Hells Canyon Assn.

Mrs. Kelly is the daughter of former Labor Commissioner W. E. Kimsey and Mrs. Kimsey, Salem. Kelly is a long-time editor of the Oregonian and former publisher at Garibaldi and Eugene.

Licensed Doctors Given State Job Priority, Examiners Told

The State Board of Control told the State Board of Medical Examiners Thursday that non-licensed doctors would be hired at state institutions only when licensed doctors are not available.

The medical examiners protested the hiring of non-licensed doctors. Five of them, all foreign refugees, now are working for the institutions.

The board of control said it has been compelled to hire non-licensed doctors in order to staff the state hospitals.

The board of control called for bids on a \$340,000 project to locate the prison heating plant outside of the walls. The plant now is inside the walls.

Winds Smash At Northwest; Bridge Sags

(Picture on Wirephoto page.)

Smashing gusts of wind and pelting rainstorms hammered Thursday night at the Pacific Northwest coastal area even as the region was digging itself out of the mud left by earlier storms.

Crumbling roads prompted the closing of a number of schools in King and Snohomish Counties in Washington. More than 900 miles of road were closed to heavy traffic in King County alone.

Post-storm slides had blocked a railroad, undermined a bridge on Highway 99, and covered several roads in Oregon and Washington.

A slide two miles below the Portland Water Bureau's Bull Run watershed shifted the city's new 200 million gallon conduit three feet out of line.

Portland was receiving sufficient water through two other conduits but Chief Engineer Kenneth Anderson said the damaged line would be out of service about 15 days. He estimated damage at \$15,000.

Traffic on the Union Pacific Railway was restored Thursday morning. A slide in the Columbia gorge blocked the route Wednesday night.

Five miles north of Vancouver, Wash., the Salmon Creek bridge on Highway 99 was undermined and left sagging. Two 80-foot Bailey bridges were obtained from the Army at Fort Lewis and an Army spokesman said they would be in use by Friday afternoon.

East of the Cascade Mountains more snow was in prospect. A low pressure area hovering in the Gulf of Alaska keeps poking its drippy nose into the Pacific Northwest; the Weather Bureau reported. It hurled drenching rain and 85-miles-per-hour winds at Campbell River, B. C., Thursday.

The Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	53	41	.03
Portland	56	43	.01
Baker	44	33	.00
Medford	54	34	trace
North Bend	54	43	.26
Roseburg	54	43	.00
San Francisco	55	51	.14
Los Angeles	63	47	.00
Chicago	47	28	.00
New York	43	33	.00

Willamette River 16.7 feet.
FORECAST—From U. S. weather bureau, McNary Field, Salem: Mostly cloudy today with a few showers; continued windy; high today 54, low tonight 42. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 53.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year Last Year Normal
33.28 16.30 19.30

from seizing the prison boilers, as well as the penitentiary power system.

Other business accomplished by the board:
Took no action on a proposal to name the new mental hospital after Dr. F. H. Dammach, who died last week. Gov. Paul Patterson said the proposal is "premature" because the site hasn't even been bought yet.

Called for bids for digging a well at the proposed state reformatory at St. Paul. The architects said they would have completed plans within three months.

Referred to the forestry department a suggestion that a natural resources building be built on the capitol mall. The suggestion was put into the employes suggestion box for state employes.

Plans to Balance Budget

Farm, Highway, School, Health Needs Stressed

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower laid before Congress Thursday a massive program for the republic that contemplates a balanced budget, a token payment on the national debt, but no tax cuts now.

In language paralleling that of some leaders of both parties in Congress Eisenhower spoke against lowering taxes at the expense of "fiscal integrity" and a balanced budget; against "going further into debt to give ourselves a tax cut at the expense of our children."

The language did not rule out the possibility, suggested in his messages to Congress a year ago, that "modest" tax reduction may be possible this year.

He forecast that government income will match outgo by mid-year, and said he would propose a continued balance for the year following.

Many Republicans and some Democrats applauded that, but the reaction to the message in general was the usual melange of plaudits and digs, keyed pretty much to party allegiances in this election year Congress.

The presidential report encompassed recommendations — some new, some old, most of them ad-

President Lists Needs of Nation

WASHINGTON — The principal needs of the nation, as outlined by President Eisenhower in his annual message to Congress Thursday, included:

- Balanced federal budget
- Payment on U. S. debt
- Fortified defenses
- Start of river projects
- Help for disaster areas
- Highway program
- Assistance to schools
- Health Reinsurance
- Public housing projects
- End to race discrimination
- Hawaii-Alaska statehood
- Immigration law changes

vertised in advance — for a stepped-up, "many-sided attack" on the farm problem, for highway, school, housing, health and disaster relief programs.

He urged immigration legislation, aid for chronically depressed communities, labor law changes, an atom-powered commercial ship, water and power projects, equal pay for equal work for women, and an investigation to determine whether Negroes are being deprived of their right to vote and are being "subjected to unwarranted economic pressures."

With Russia's leaders following "tactics of retreat and zigzag" and still unwilling "to create the indispensable conditions for a secure and lasting peace," Eisenhower proposed "constant improvement" of America's defenses and those of the Free World.

He backed this up with a bid for limited authority to make longer-term foreign aid commitments, a request for a substantial boost in funds to spread understanding of America through the U. S. Information Agency, and a promise to keep up the pressure against the "vast wrongs" of a divided Germany, the "bondage of millions elsewhere and the exclusion of Japan from United Nations membership."

Read to Legislators
The 8,500-word document was plunked down in Senate and House and read to the legislators while the chief executive continued recuperating from a September heart attack at Key West, Fla.

Nowhere in it was there a definite clue as to how long Eisenhower proposes to stay around to give stewardship to his program — the biggest political puzzle of a politically-minded Congress.

But in tone and content it was much like the message a year ago which a number of Democrats, at least, interpreted as something of an announcement for a second term try.

(Additional details Sec. 1, Page 2 and Sec. 2, Page 3.)

Movie Queen to Add Real Title



PHILADELPHIA — Grace Kelly, queen of American movies, poses with Prince Rainier 3rd, of Monaco, after their engagement was announced Thursday. (AP Wirephoto).

Grace Kelly Engaged To Prince of Monaco

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Grace Kelly, blonde, beautiful and elegant star of the movies, Thursday announced her betrothal to Prince Rainier of Monaco and said the wedding date will be soon after Easter.

Announcement of the engagement, which came after a courtship on the Riviera, was made jointly in Monte Carlo and by Miss Kelly's parents in Philadelphia.

Plans for the actual marriage were disclosed later in the day at a news conference in the Kelly home—an event which sent hundreds of newsmen and photographers, film cameramen and television technicians to the scene.

Both Miss Kelly and the prince, head of the tiny European principality and considered one of the most eligible bachelors in the world, were in high spirits, indeed.

Someone asked the star if she planned a large family. She laughed, nodded a blithe yes. They are both Roman Catholics.

The prince told the gathering that his bride-to-be will be known in Monaco as "her serene highness, Princess of Monaco."

"I am leaving for the West Coast this weekend," she went on, "to start work on one of two pictures I'm contracted for." She declined to say whether she would retire from the screen after her marriage.

Actress Plans to Live in Monaco

"I plan to live in Monaco," she said. And that was all. The lovely star proudly showed her engagement ring of interlocking rubies and diamonds.

Rainier has reigned over his tiny domain since his ailing grandfather, Prince Louis II, abdicated in 1949. Louis died only four days later. The principality, covering one-half a square mile, will become a French protectorate if Prince Rainier dies without heirs. Monacans oppose this because it would mean French taxes and military conscription would be forced upon them.

Grace's father, who started life as the bricklayer son of a County Mayo farmer in Ireland, has built up one of the biggest brickwork construction companies in the United States.

A champion sculler, Kelly went to England to participate in the Henley Regatta. But he was ruled out by the Henley committee because he had once "worked with his hands," which disqualified him as a "gentleman" sculler. But Kelly went to the Olympics where he beat the Henley winner.

In 1947, Kelly's son John B. Jr. ("Kelly"), wearing the University of Pennsylvania's colors, went to Henley and won a smashing victory. His father had coached him.

Grace has had a long series of top leading men, including Cary Grant, with whom she was co-starring when the Prince met her; William Holden, James Stewart, Clark Gable and Ray Milland.

Winner of Coveted Oscar in Movies

Last March she won a coveted Oscar as the long suffering wife of a drinking actor in "The Country Girl."

There's a palace on the blue Mediterranean, a sleek yacht, four shiny cars and a budget in six figures waiting for the actress in Monaco. There's even a private zoo with a pair of chimpanzees.

Prince Rainier III is given 52 million francs yearly (\$148,571) — no taxes to pay — to run his household and keep up his activities as a sportsman.

The Prince is a sports car enthusiast, a sculptor of sorts and enjoys skin-diving. (Story also, Sec. 1, Page 8.)

Today's Speller

(Editor's Note: A list of 25 words is being published each school day to make up the 900-word basic list for semi-finals and finals of The Oregon Statesman-KSJM Mid-Valley Spelling Contest in which nearly 4,000 7th- and 8th-grade students are participating.)

ancient	orchestra
awkward	variation
description	terrible
landlord	warehouse
natural	navigate
incident	creature
honor	furniture
municipal	impartial
luncheon	grateful
ordinary	janitor
nourish	nutmeg
bungalow	contentant
	descending

Fire 'Roars' In Wet Grass At Sublimity

Statesman News Service

SUBLIMITY — It stopped raining here Thursday and Sublimity firemen rushed to their first grass fire of the year.

"It's hard to believe," admitted Asst. Chief Delbert Ditter, "but a roaring fire got started in a patch of dead grass that had been rained on all week."

Ditter said the blaze burned over an area 75 by 200 feet and was racing toward a garage on the Bernard Zuber property. He credited a strong wind with stirring up the fire. Cause was undetermined. Six firemen quelled the blaze.

Polio May Take 15 Years to Erase, March of Dimes Speaker Asserts

By CONRAD PRANGE Staff Writer, The Statesman

It may take as long as 15 years to entirely eradicate poliomyelitis, a polio authority said in Salem Thursday.

"Salk vaccine, which has proven more effective than originally hoped, is our only present weapon," said Dr. Charles E. Price of San Francisco, Calif.

Speaking at the kick-off program Thursday noon of Marion County's month-long 1956 March of Dimes campaign, the medical consultant for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, said that "protection" is the key word in the battle against polio.

"The vaccine does no good

standing on druggists shelves. It must be used. Parents must take their children to their doctors. Physicians can't go to their patients."

Research for an improved vaccine will continue, he said. But he cautioned people against delaying polio shots waiting for a new vaccine which might be years in arriving. He said family vaccinations should start now to be effective for the polio season next summer.

March of Dimes funds, he said, are desperately needed to care for 70,000 current cases of polio, to finance more research, to train nurses, doctors and therapists in the care and treatment of polio.

In pointing up the safety and effectiveness of the Salk vaccine, Dr. Price said that of the 48,000 Oregon school children who got two shots in the recent free program not one case of polio developed. In a similar group of unvaccinated children seven cases developed.

William Healy, Marion County drive chairman, pointed out that there are five polio cases in Salem hospitals right now, two of which are in iron lungs. The Marion County chapter has spent all its funds, more than \$14,000, in helping local patients, during the past year, and it expects an even bigger case load in 1956.

(Additional story and photo Sec. 2, Page 8.)

Portland Woman Killed

WICKENBURG, Ariz. (AP)—Mrs. Claire Warner Thompson, 55, of Portland, Ore., a winter visitor here, died in a hospital Thursday of injuries suffered in an auto accident Sunday.

