

Douglas Backs Hoover Report

Ex-President Cites Wave of Scandals

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Sen. Paul H. Douglas Tuesday endorsed former President Herbert Hoover's suggestion that a new citizens committee be established to carry on the work of the Hoover commission.

The Illinois Democrat said the group should be set up on a "broad, bipartisan" basis to protect taxpayers from the "welfare state of the wealthy" and work for efficiency and economy in government.

It would take over the work of the citizens committee for the Hoover report when the group disbands May 31 "to avoid becoming involved in politics" during the election campaign.

At a meeting of the Hoover commission Monday night, Mr. Hoover suggested that a new citizens committee be set up, possibly with the help of members of the present group. The commission met to touch off its final drive for congressional approval of its remaining recommendations for streamlining the government.

Mr. Hoover said the "humiliation" of the wave of scandals in government could have been avoided if Congress had approved civil service reforms proposed by the Hoover commission.

School Dean Talks to Lions

Democracy is here to stay, but Americans must continually make it stronger and more workable, Dr. Victor P. Morris of the University of Oregon, told Springfield Lions Monday noon.

The dean of the business administration school, a Lion himself for 26 years, spoke in American Legion Hall on "The Future of Free Enterprise." An important phase of the free enterprise system, he said, is its high production potential and attendant high standard of living.

"I see no reason why any of us should become discouraged with hopes for the future," he said. Free enterprise has never exactly been free, he pointed out; but in America it has permitted expression of moral and spiritual values. He urged Americans to improve government on local and regional levels to eliminate necessity of federal controls which increase yearly.

Idaho Property Values Jump

BOISE — (AP) — The taxable value of all property in Idaho jumped more than 38 million dollars in 1951, to \$553,809,615, the largest increase in the last 30 years.

More than 34 million dollars of it was due to increased valuation of locally assessed property, which now totals \$425,247,403, the State Tax Commission said in its annual report Monday.

Taxable valuation of utilities rose nearly four million dollars to \$128,216,800.

The state's 1,662,970 acres of irrigated land are more valuable—taxwise—than any other class of property. They are valued at \$68,829,140.

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Indian Timber Sale Might Be 'Too Raw'

PORTLAND — (AP) — A case involving the sale of Indian timberlands Monday was brought before Circuit Judge Ashby Dickson who said it might be "just too raw to get by this court."

The case involves 800 acres of timberland sold by two Indians for \$135,000. The land then was re-sold to another Indian, who is not under jurisdiction of the Indian Affairs Office, for \$160,000. It next went on option to two white men for \$300,000.

LEROY LOMAX, attorney for the two Indians, contended that the Indian Affairs Office had not allowed the Indians to arrange their own price on the original sale.

Explorer Swim Set for April 11

The third annual Explorer Swim of the Oregon Trail Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held Saturday, April 5, at the University of Oregon Men's Pool. All Explorers are eligible to compete.

The following height classifications will be used:

1. Four feet, 10 inches and under.
2. Five feet, two inches and under.
3. Five feet, six inches and under.
4. Unlimited.

Each contestant must enter the class applicable to himself unless he desires to enter a class above his own.

The meet will begin at 1:30 p.m. but all contestants are requested to be at the pool by 1 p.m. Trunks and caps must be worn. Between races contestants must wear bathrobes, blankets or sweaters.

No registrations will be accepted later than April 2, and all Explorer advisors are urged to register mail or at the Scout office. No teams early.

Registration may be done by phone registrations will be accepted. No fee is required.

Springfield Lions Plan Sponsorship of Choir

Springfield Lions tentatively have scheduled sponsorship of the Humboldt State Teachers College choir Friday, March 7, at Springfield High.

Al Stockstad, president of the club, said Monday the Arcata, Cal., group of 40 will be in the local area at that time. Final arrangements are being made, he said, under which the high school music department and Lions would work together in the project to aid the club's sight conservation fund and the school.

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Bank Robbery Blamed on GIs

TOKYO — (AP) — A \$8000 bank robbery popped into the cold war Tuesday.

Two Caucasians in army uniform and one English-speaking Japanese robbed a suburban bank Monday. Police said the trio may have been responsible for two similar robberies within the past two months.

In Parliament Communist Rep. Jintaro Yokota shouted:

"The government subservience to the U.S. occupation is responsible for this stickup. I heard police had to let the robbers escape, for their orders were not to fire at Americans."

Tokyo's three major dailies splashed the robbery and warned the government not to grant Americans extra-territoriality after the peace treaty.

Oil Workers Set Deadline

DENVER — (AP) — A strike deadline for the nation's oil industry will be set here Wednesday by a coordinating committee representing CIO, AFL and independent unions.

The oilworkers are set to walk out to back up demands for a \$2 per day pay increase.

O. A. Knight, president of the CIO Oil Workers International Union, said here that strike votes involving key installations of the oil industry have carried by an overwhelming majority.

Knight said the balloting had virtually been completed among the 300 bargaining units of his union.

The groups voting to strike represent a total of more than 50,000 oil workers, he said.

Acheson Apologizes To Puerto Rican Leader

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — (AP) — San Juan newspapers reported Monday that U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson has apologized to W. A. Bustamante, Jamaica political leader.

Bustamante was detained here briefly Feb. 10 by an immigration

officer who said the Jamaica labor party leader's identity card indicated he was a Communist. The officer apologized almost immediately but Bustamante said he would demand an apology from the U. S. government.

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