

Eisenhower Asks Extension of Draft, Army Pay Boosts

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower Thursday asked Congress to extend the draft law four years, grant pay increases to "career" servicemen and create a powerful military reserve to deal with any "aggressor so criminally unwise as to attempt an atomic attack."

The President set out the administration's military manpower program in two special messages to the lawmakers, saying the measures he proposed would give this country the "proper military posture" for the first time in peacetime.

On pay, he proposed increases only for men willing to serve longer than a minimum time, saying it is necessary to maintain "the experienced hard core of a modern fighting force."

Popular Vote May Decide Tax Program

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. Of The Associated Press

SALEM (AP)—Possibility that the Oregon Legislature's tax program would be referred to the people at a special election next spring loomed large Thursday, after presiding officers of both houses took a dim view of Gov. Paul Patterson's tax recommendations.

Senate President Elmo Smith and House Speaker Edward A. Gentry flatly opposed the governor's plan to raise \$30,000,000 in the next biennium by removing the federal tax deduction in figuring state income taxes.

FEAR PROPERTY TAX

They also said they fear the effect of levying a state property tax to raise another \$30,000,000.

Smith and Gentry added that they didn't know if these or different proposals would be passed by the Legislature.

But they agreed it is likely that whatever taxes the Legislature votes will be referred to the people at a special election to be held soon after the Legislature adjourns.

If the people then reject new taxes, the Legislature would come back into special session to make appropriations, chiefly for schools and public welfare.

To finance the \$219,000,000 budget, the state needs about \$63,000,000 more revenue.

Gentry and Smith believe that if the people continue getting the services they want, they'll have to vote the money to finance them.

'IMMORAL TAX'

As to the governor's proposal, to deny the federal income tax deduction, Gentry said:

"It would be an immoral tax. It would be a tax on a tax. Increasing income tax rates would be a more honest way of doing it."

Smith agreed, saying it should be done only as a last resort.

Gentry and Smith said they fear that a state property tax would make it hard to collect local school taxes. The state would get first claim on its share of the property taxes, regardless of whether enough would be left to finance local activities.

Gentry said a state property tax might cause a "taxpayers' revolt," and that it probably would increase the rate of tax delinquencies.

Jets Take Off From Trucks

BALTIMORE (AP)—The Air Force doesn't need long runways any more to get its fighter jets into the air. It can launch them from a 33-foot platform mounted on a truck.

The Air Force announced Thursday it had launched F84 Thunderjets from what it calls "zero length" launching platforms during tests at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

The tests, conducted by the Air Research and Development Command and Glenn L. Martin, used the same principle and equipment employed to launch the Martin Matador, a pilotless missile.

A "booster bottle" filled with propellant is attached to an F84 and the plane raised into launching position on the platform by mobile cranes.

The plane's turbojet engines are raced at full speed, then the propellant in the "booster bottle" goes into action, giving the plane a rocket kick that sends it off so swiftly it is airborne almost instantly.

The "booster bottle" is dropped once the propellant is exhausted. Martin test pilot Bob Turner says the strain of the takeoff is less than that which pilots normally experience during catapult takeoffs such as those used on ships.



WILLIAM TELL ON SKATES—If this trick skater fails to slice the potato, he'll slice a bean. Potato on head, Kathy Warren of Brighton, England, sits quiet as a mouse while the flashing blades slice the spud in two and leave Kathy intact. The unseen skater is Desmond Scott, 22-year-old Sydney, Australia, trickster who says it took him 10 years to perfect the stunt. It's a feature of the ice pantomime "Humpty Dumpty" at Edinburgh, Scotland.

Commission Seeks To End Latin War

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP)—A five-nation commission arrived in a U.S. Air Force plane from Panama Thursday to conduct an on-the-spot investigation of spreading warfare in Costa Rica.

A short time later the Army command announced the capture of Carlos Lara Hine and said he was one of the "rebel leaders" who started the uprising at Villa Quesada that set off the warfare on Tuesday.

FIERCE FIGHTING

The announcement said he was captured uninjured in fierce fighting Wednesday at Rio Peje, a town near Villa Quesada. The announcement gave no details on Lara's background. It added that large supplies of ammunition, including seven Browning machine-guns and many Mauser rifles, were seized from retreating rebel forces.

In addition to Lara, "many" other rebels were captured, including two seriously wounded.

A nervous airport guard gave a trigger happy welcome to a

U.S. Air Force transport plane that arrived in advance of the commission from the Organization of American states (OAS).

Arrival of the commission in another U.S. Air Force plane from Panama a short time later was without incident. But a single shot was fired at the transport by a guard apparently still nervous over Wednesday's air attack on San Jose by a single plane. The U.S. plane was a considerable distance away and the shot was aimed low, so no damage was done.

The commission was named by the OAS to conduct an on-the-spot survey of the tense situation that has developed between Costa Rica and Nicaragua. One of the points still to be established definitely is the origin of the opposition forces.

Costa Rica charges that the warfare was instigated and has the active participation of exiles and others from Nicaragua. But the Nicaraguan government, denying this, said it was a rebellion inside the country aimed at the overthrow of President Jose Figueres.

The U.S. State Department announced it was cooperating by ordering American planes to the battle area to make "pacific observation" flights requested by OAS in the hope such flights would halt air raids on Costa Rican towns.

Luis Quintilla of Mexico, chairman of the commission, said it would get down to work immediately after calling on President Figueres. U.S. Ambassador Robert F. Woodward was among diplomats at the airport who greeted the commission.

Across the border, Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza continued to deny the Costa Rican accusations, classing the fighting in Costa Rica as a "civil war."

He said he had ordered all rebels crossing his borders disarmed and all Costa Ricans in the country rounded up for questioning.

DUEL PROPOSED

At a news conference in Managua, Somoza also challenged Figueres to meet him at the border and settle their long-time feud with a duel between the two of them. "Somoza must be mad," a source close to the Costa Rican President commented in San Jose.

Fighting flared at half a dozen points Wednesday and planes strafed nine towns including the capital. Unofficial estimates placed the rebel force at 400 men.

As a result of the air attacks, Figueres suspended civil rights, Airline flights out of San Jose were canceled and planes bound for the capital were diverted.

Aufderheide also announced that Alvin L. Sorseth has been selected to replace S. T. Moore as ranger of the Detroit Ranger District. He has been a USFS employe since 1938 and recently has been ranger of the Drewsey district in the Malheur National Forest. Moore last month was appointed to a headquarters position on the Rogue River forest at Medford.

4 OUT OF 5 LIVE UP TO TERMS

Parole System Termed Successful

Oregon has paroled some 10,000 felons since 1939 and less than 20 per cent of them have been taken back to prison.

Most of the 20 per cent have gone back for technical reasons—violations of the parole conditions—rather than for crimes.

H. M. Randall, director for the State Board of Parole and Probation, gave these figures in a talk Wednesday to the Eugene Lions Club. He said that "if we can straighten out 80 per cent of these men, I think our case for parole and probation has been proved."

He said his department has a staff of 20 men who supervise between 1,600 and 1,625 released felons. Two of these men, Ken Hunt and Don Lovell, are stationed in Eugene.

One function is to make present investigations for the courts. This is done at the request of the judge and is to enable him to decide disposition of a confessed or convicted criminal.

Then, should the criminal be placed on probation by the judge, men like Hunt and Lovell, "help this person over the rough spots," Randall said.

If the man goes to prison and serves his minimum time, the parole and probation men advise the parole board on the man's possibilities of readjustment.

PAROLEE HELPED

When parole is granted to a prisoner, the supervisor keeps an eye on him, helping him get a job, advising him, and making sure he doesn't violate the provisions of the parole.

There are two main reasons for a parole system, Randall explained.

W. T. Grant Store Slated At 9th, Olive

A San Francisco architect Thursday announced plans for construction of a new W. T. Grant Co. store near Broadway and Olive St. in downtown Eugene.

The architect, John S. Bolles, said construction of the new building will start "in about three or four weeks after we get some zoning matters cleared."

Bolles has a request before the Eugene City Council for a waiver of alley setback and loading dock requirements. It may take about a month before final action is completed by the council.

Bolles predicted that the new building would be completed and in use "in about six months."

The Grant Co. is a large retail "chain" firm operating throughout the United States. Headquarters is in New York.

The firm specializes in department store merchandise.

There will be a basement and two stories in the building to be located next to the new Bon Marche. The second level will contain Grant Co. offices.

The store will face Broadway, extending from the alley between Olive and Charnelton St. about 106 feet to the east. The building will extend to the alley between 8th Ave. and Broadway.

Bolles did not reveal the cost of the new building. He said, however, that Hilp and Rhodes, San Francisco contractors, will do the major construction work.

Nationalists Bomb Islands

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP)—The vest pocket war quickened Thursday with new nationalist bombing raids on Red islands, dog fights north of Formosa and a reported sea battle between guerrillas and Communist junks.

There also were rumors from Chinese correspondents that U.S. destroyers—which guard Formosa from invasion—had been sucked into the conflict but these were officially discounted.

The Air Force said four-engine bombers touched off big fires in raids on Ilenao and Toumen Islands, 15 and 13 miles, respectively, north of the invasion-threatened Tachens, 200 miles north of Formosa.

Later in the day, Nationalist propeller planes in undisclosed number engaged in a brief aerial skirmish with Red fighter-bombers northeast of the Tachens. No damage was reported on either side.

The defense ministry said sea-borne Nationalist guerrillas before dawn engaged a convoy of Communist supply junks near the Tachens and captured 12 enemy craft and 114 crewmen after fierce fighting.

Published reports that a U. S. destroyer fired on Chinese Communist planes Tuesday 80 miles south of the Tachens were discounted by Capt. Albert Kilmartin, U.S. embassy naval attache.

Kilmartin said he had not been informed of the incident and was positive the story, which came from Chinese Nationalist correspondents, was without foundation.

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Metcalf Pleads Guilty To Income Tax Count

PORTLAND (AP)—A plea of guilty was entered Thursday by Clyde L. (Tim) Metcalf of Eugene to a charge he failed to file an income tax return.

The 34-year-old publicist was accused of withholding his return in 1951 when he was employed by the Tillamook Chamber of Commerce.

Rt. F Tunnel Likely Project for Summer

By MARVIN TIMS Of The Register-Guard

The State Highway Commission probably will call for bids this summer for construction of a 1,400-foot tunnel between Mapleton and Richardson to make the long-proposed Rt. F project to the coast a reality.

The Lane County Board of Commissioners announced Wednesday that the state may have plans and specifications completed in the next 60 to 90 days. A contract can be let whenever federal funds become available. These funds are expected to be available sometime in July or August.

The tunnel would eliminate a 500-foot hurdle that has blocked the feasibility of extending Rt. F. The hurdle is a steep ridge which rises between Mapleton and Richardson astride the proposed arterial.

TEST BORINGS

Commissioner Ralph Petersen said test borings made by the state indicate that rock formation in the proposed tunnel area may be sufficiently hard to permit construction without lining the tunnel.

Petersen said Lane County after July 1 will have \$428,000 in county-state-federal funds to finance the tunnel project. "It appears now the tunnel can be dug for less than this. If this is the case, there is no question but what the job can be let this summer and completed sometime next year," the commissioner said.

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Costs reduced

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Two Resign At Oakland After Dispute

OAKLAND, Ore. (AP)—A dispute between the city school superintendent and the grade school principal led Wednesday night to the loss of jobs for both men.

At a public meeting, attended by 200 persons, the school board accepted resignations, effective at the end of the school year, from Supt. James Cummings and Principal J. Clyde Akey.

The dispute came into the open a week ago when Cummings charged Akey with inefficiency and demanded his resignation, but the board refused to accept it.

The board told Cummings that Akey's resignation would be accepted only if Cummings also resigned. Board members added they would prefer both men to stay. Cummings said that was impossible; one or both would have to go.

At Wednesday night's meeting, there were speeches from the floor in behalf of each man. Sentiment appeared evenly divided.

Board Chairman Leo Sparks then announced that to avoid a split in the community, the board had decided to accept resignations from both men.

Curtin House Lost in Fire

CURTIN—A fire of unknown origin destroyed the small home and personal effects of the Ted Lyman family here Wednesday. No one was injured.

Lyman was at work and Mrs. Lyman was outside the house, where she was joined by her 4-year-old son, just before the fire broke out.

The structure burned so swiftly and gave off so much heat the neighbors were unable to do more than play a hose over the walls of an adjacent house, the residence of Mrs. Lyman's mother, Mrs. Violet G. Clark. The heat melted some of the asphalt siding of the Clark house but it did not catch fire.

A brother of Mrs. Lyman, Merle Clark, managed to break a window and let out a cat and dog trapped in the house.

Lyman, who is a ratchet setter for the R & R Lumber Co. at Leona, carried no insurance.

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Bomber Crashes

NAPLES, Italy (AP)—A U.S. Navy two-engine bomber crashed into the sea Wednesday night off Salerno but all three Navy men aboard parachuted to safety.

cost an estimated \$300,000. Even this expenditure can be financed, he said, by postponing the lining a year and utilizing that year's federal funds.

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