

Affirms Willingness to Go to Jail

Ike Protests Government 'Threats'

NEW YORK (AP) — Former President Eisenhower says he meant it when he said privately he was willing to go to jail if necessary to protest government "threats and compulsion."

Eisenhower made the remark in resentment at Kennedy administration farm policy during an informal huddle with Republicans last spring near his Gettysburg, Pa., farm.

Eisenhower details the jail offer for the first time in a Saturday Evening Post article criticizing the administration as "on the wrong track in many of its domestic policies."

The incident first had been reported last May by Rep. Catherine May, R-Wash., in a letter to her constituents.

Eisenhower noted in his article that the administration farm bill contained a provision, later dropped, involving possible jail terms for farmers who failed to comply with certain regulations. "When I learned of this proposal," he wrote, "I rather explosively exclaimed that if these provisions were enacted into law and applied to a raiser of beef cattle (which I am) I would offer myself as a test case."

"I said that I would go to jail if necessary and conduct a public monologue on human rights from behind the bars."

"Although these remarks were made only in conversations with

friends, they were inevitably made public and were noted in the newspapers. Because this position had already been abandoned by the agriculture department, everybody had a good laugh, and that was that."

"However, as I then understood the matter, I meant what I said; I felt just that strongly about the use of threats and compulsion to control the lives of Americans."

Accusing the government of an "apparent thirst for more and more power," he wrote that it used intimidation in its crackdown on a big steel price increase last spring.

Eisenhower called it a "sorry episode" incompatible "with our free enterprise system, except in grave emergency," and added:

"In the end this arbitrary display of power by the executive branch might turn out to be a good thing! It might be the danger signal that this country needs."

"I suspect that it was an eye-opener for millions of citizens who had grown rather indifferent, if not complacent, about the mounting powers of federal government."

Eisenhower wrote that his article "is in no sense intended as a campaign speech—for anybody. Rather, it is an argument for what I believe to be good government policies."

He reiterated his doubts about the wisdom of racing the Soviet Union to put a man on the Moon. He wrote:

"By all means, we must carry on our explorations in space, but I frankly do not see the need for continuing this effort as such a fantastically expensive crash program. . . . From here on, I think we should proceed in an orderly, scientific way, building one accomplishment on another, rather than engaging in a mad effort to win a stunt race."

He wrote that the problem of adequate medical care for the aged must be solved but he opposed trying to do so through Social Security, "not only because it is compulsory, but because it doesn't really solve the problem."

"I believe we should give our rapidly growing private medical-insurance plans, supplemented by the Kerr-Mills Act to assist those older people in genuine need, a better chance to prove their worth," he wrote.

He suggested it was not too late to amend the Kerr-Mills act to include a provision for coping with catastrophic illness among the aged.

At another point, the former president said the tax burden faced by young couples was so great that many find it impossible to start a home with even minimum essentials.

"I suggest," he wrote, "that it is high time we think a bit about our young people, and the young people to come, instead of concentrating all our compassion on the indigent and the elderly."

Strike Idleness 60% Higher

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The number of workers idled and time lost as a result of strikes during the first half of this year was significantly above the same period in 1961, the Labor Department reported Saturday.

Strike idleness during the first half of 1962 was 60 per cent higher compared to last year. The department noted, however, that the 1961 figure was a record postwar low.

Total strike idleness for the first six months of 1962 amounted to 9.8 million man-days, according to preliminary figures. This compared to 6.1 million for the same period in 1961 and 10.9 million in 1960.

The department said work stoppages in the first half of 1962 totaled 1,920 and involved 800,000 workers. The figures in 1961 were 1,622 and 604,000.

Introducing The Register-Guard's Emerald Empire News Bureau

Today, the Register-Guard is establishing a new system of reporting news of the Emerald Empire. Full-time staff reporters are being assigned to gather and write news formerly handled by correspondents. This method of reporting news and features is called the "bureau" system.

Three of the four reporters pictured here will live in centrally located cities and will cover adjacent communities. The fourth man will work out of the Register-Guard office. These "bureau" men will be equipped with cameras and will be in close contact with the Register-Guard county desk through a high-speed communications system.

These changes are being made to meet the demands of more timely and comprehensive coverage of a growing Emerald Empire.



Ed Beeler

Ed, who is the assistant county editor, will report news of Junction City and communities along the McKenzie River and west of Eugene.



Bill Richmond

Bill and his wife will make Florence their home. He will cover the Siuslaw River country and the Oregon Coast south to Reedsport and north into Lincoln County.



Pete Downs

Cottage Grove will be Pete's home. From his headquarters there, Pete will be in touch with news events in Creswell, Drain, Oakland, Yoncalla, Elkton and Sutherlin.



Mike Richmond

Mike, his wife and their two children will live in Oakridge. He will cover that city as well as the Upper Willamette communities of Westfir, Willamette City and Lowell.

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