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## Eisenhower's 2 Helicopters Cost \$201,000

Contract Sum Is Well Above Hagerty's Estimate

WASHINGTON (UP)—President Eisenhower's two helicopters, with necessary spare parts, are costing a total of \$201,000, the Air Force has advised Congress.

The contract figure compares with White House press secretary James C. Hagerty's report on April 9 that the new whirly-birds would cost about \$60,000 each, or \$120,000.

Hagerty at that time denied a report that the machines were "plush" versions costing about \$30,000 each, \$20,000 more than the comparable military or commercial models.

Air Force officers answered questions about the helicopter purchase in recent closed-door testimony before a House Appropriations Subcommittee. The testimony was made public today.

Subcommittee members, in pressing for details on the purchase, emphasized that they were not opposing it Chairman George H. Mahon (D-Tex.) said the Presidentia

H. Mahon (D-Tex.) said the President's experiment with helicopter travel looks like a sound one.

Rep. Errett P. Scrivner (R-Kan.) said he is for the purchase even if the helicopters are used to fly the President from the White House to the Burning Tree golf club—a trip which Hagerty said is not planned.

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Scrivner said the drive to the club is dangerous and that, besides, a 10-minute to 20-minute saving in the President's time will make his flying cheaper for taxpayers in the long run than driving.

Brig. Gen. Waymond A. Davis, procurement officer, and Maj. Gen. Frank A. Bogart, budget director, discussed the helicopter purchase on March 6. The two ships since have been delivered to the Air Force and currently, are being tested before being put into White House service.

## State, County **Probing Berry**

Camp Eviction

PORTLAND & Clackamas
County officials said Wednesday
they would join an investigation
ordered by Gov. Holmes of the
transient labor problem growing
out of the eviction of 26 workers
from a berry camp.

The workers were brought here
from the camp near Boring and
given hotel lodging paid for by
the Clackamas County Welfare
Department.

Clackamas County Commissioner Darrell Jones said the workers

Clackamas County Commissioner Darrell Jones said the workers were brought to Oregon April 9 from Eloy, Ariz., by two labor contractors, H. J. Harmon and E. J. Honeycutt, Jones added that he had been advised 200 other transients are en route to the area and that another 1,000 had been recruited in Arizona.

It will be several weeks before any large number of workers are needed, berry growers reported. The 26 avicted from the camp said they had worked only last weekend.

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At Salem Governor Holmes asked Labor Commissioner Norman Nilsen to look into the situation after he was told the workers at the Boring camp apparently were subsisting on a near starvation diet.

#### Norblad Would Halve Alien Aid

WASHINGTON in — Rep. Norolad (R-Ore) believes that the
four billion dollar foreign aid
budget asked by President Eisenhower should be cut in two.

He said proposed aid of five
million dollars to both Brazil and
Siam and three million dollars to
Ethiopia "can be materially reduced or, elliminated"

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The congressman said that while he supported the foreign aid program after World War II "to aid stricken areas of Europe to prevent their joining the Communist orbit," the program now "seems to be growing rather than diminishing."

#### 6 Oregon Leaders Go to GOP Meet

PORTLAND IP — The Western Regional Republican conference at Salt Lake City will have six Dregon party leaders attending. The six who left Thursday to represent Oregon include Robert Mautz, national committeeman; Dorothy Moore, national committeemans, Lames, Short, states.

bottomy store in account to the chairman; James Short, state chairman; Margaret Von Lubkin, state vice chairman of the Republican Women's Federation, and Thelma Fowler, president of the Young Republican Clubs of Ore-

#### Germany's Reds Deny Pieck Dead

BERLIN & — Communist East fermany denied Thursday widely irculated rumors that alling 81-car-old President Wilhelm Pieck dead.

ADN, the official East German

tews agency, reported Pieck, who ecently suffered his third stroke, received Premier Otto Grotewohl ee party thing Walter Ulbright

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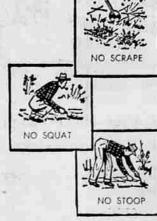


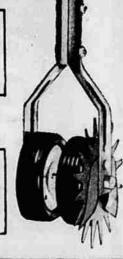
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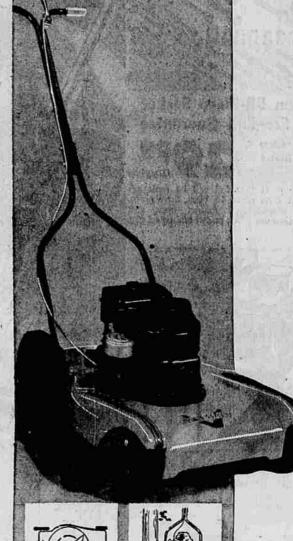
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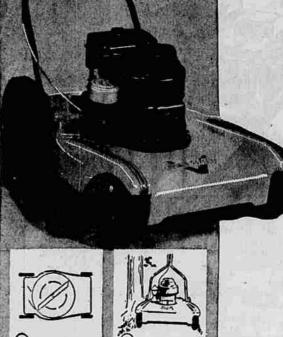
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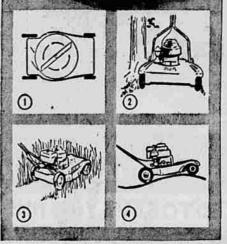


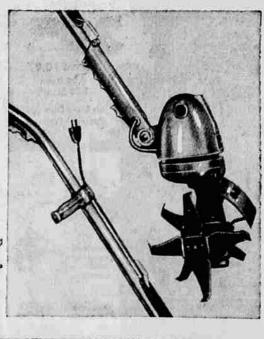


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