

20-Point G.O.P. Program For Speedy Recovery Is Advanced for Congress

Proposals Answer Charges Party Lacking In Constructive Suggestions Says Leader Snell

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(AP)—A 20-point program, openly critical of the administration, was advanced by Republicans in congress yesterday, to bring "speedy and permanent recovery."

Drafted primarily by Representative Snell of New York, and the house Republican steering committee, its general proposals were approved by most other leading G. O. P. members in both house and senate. It was written, Republicans said, to answer charges that their party had no constructive suggestions.

Snell, the minority leader, said that "we do not propose in advance to condemn every proposal of the majority or to accept them 'in toto,' but as far as I am able to speak for the minority, we will meet each legislative proposal on its merits, regardless of its political effects."

"While we shall continue to support the appropriations necessary to meet the present emergency," he continued, "we believe the time has now come for the administration to present a definite and complete legislative program for speedy and permanent recovery."

"Such a program should be enacted at once, and to that end we offer the following:

"1. We favor the restoration of the three coordinate and separate branches of the federal government—the legislative, the executive and the judicial.

"2. We stand for government by laws passed by the regular constituted body for that purpose, and oppose this extravagant bureaucratic government of the present administration, which has already issued 10,000 executive orders that have the force of laws.

"3. We favor the immediate return of all the legitimate power of the states to the states and the subdivisions thereof.

"4. We advocate an honest and speedy balancing of the federal budget.

"5. We favor a sound and stable money policy, both at home and abroad.

"6. We favor permanent insurance of bank deposits.

"7. We stand for restoration of the merit system in government employment.

"8. We believe a protective tariff on all competitive products and strict enforcement of restricted immigration is essential to American labor.

"9. We are for abolishing all child labor and the sweat shop system of contract labor.

"10. We favor strengthening, not weakening, the anti-trust laws.

"11. We stand for honest competition between private business and the government entering the competitive field of private enterprise.

"12. We favor, as an emergency measure for the relief of the unemployed, liberal loans to private business at a low rate of interest as opposed to the many wasteful and extravagant expenditures now being

made and without the restrictive features now imposed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in making these loans.

"13. We favor a liberal legislative policy toward veterans of all wars.

"14. We favor every effort to take profits out of war and to promote continued world peace.

"15. In time of war, we favor the principle of the universal draft.

"16. We favor ample care of the needy, aged and unemployed, but maintain that the responsibility of administering this relief should be left with local communities.

"17. We favor the principle of job insurance to be paid for by the employee, the employer and the state.

"18. We favor the principle of old age pensions and assert that both of these subjects are primarily state functions and obligations.

"19. We favor and will support all sound legislation to restore agricultural buying power and to enable the farmer to refinance himself in this period of depression, and further believe that the administration of agricultural legislation should be placed, as far as possible, in the hands of the farmers themselves, rather than under a bureaucracy in Washington.

"20. We believe in freedom of speech and in freedom of the press, and in freedom of the radio for the discussion of national questions."

Adding that the Republicans "propose to keep in step with the onward march of progress," Snell said appropriate bills embodying these suggestions would be introduced by members of his party.

TWO FIREMEN KILLED IN STAIR COLLAPSE

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. — (AP) — Two firemen are dead and eight others are in critical condition today as the result of the collapse of three flights of stairs in a fire-swept Brooklyn tenement house.

The stairways crumbled as 40 firemen stood upon them fighting the last stages of a stubborn blaze last night. The firemen were dropped into the cellar which contained about three feet of water.

Some were pinned beneath debris while others were so dazed by the drop they barely managed to keep their heads out of water.

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OREGONIANS JOIN SAFETY CAMPAIGN FOR CAR DRIVERS

SALEM, Ore. — (UP) — More than 8000 men, women and children have enrolled in the automobile Accident Prevention association of Oregon and 100,000 members are expected in 1935, J. M. Sehon, secretary, said today.

The association is the result of three years of work and study by a group of public-spirited citizens interested in the reduction of automobile accidents.

Governor Julius L. Meier, president of the association, said "It is time that we, as good citizens, take decisive action to put an end to this intolerable situation of accidents."

"There is no reason why the same automobile driver and the pedestrian should be at the mercy of the reckless," the governor said.

"The guardian of happiness; a mark of good citizenship and community service" is the slogan of the association.

When infractions of traffic rules are reported to the headquarters here, letters go out to the drivers and usually the association gets another member to spread the cause of safety, Secretary Sehon said.

Membership in the group is free. A concerted drive has been made to enroll school children, 53 per cent of whom, it is estimated, will be driving cars in a few years.

Port Houston Had Good Year HOUSTON, Tex. (UP)—Combined facilities of Port Houston earned \$442,770.32 during the first 11 months of this year, compared with \$428,280.03 for the same period of 1933, according to the November navigation district report issued by the county auditor.

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MALDIVES ISLANDS BESET BY DISEASE AND LACK WATER

Idyllic Island Existence Impossible on 2,000 Patches of Land Which Pepper Indian Ocean Near Ceylon

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (SpI)—The Maldives Islands lack a sultan. Until recently this Indian Ocean archipelago had a ruler, Sultan Shamsuddin Iskander, who paid tribute to the British government of Ceylon. Caught trying to substitute an absolute monarchy for the established representative government of the Maldives, he has just been deposed by King George V.

"Dreamers who long for an idyllic island existence would find their island punctured by a visit to the Maldives," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic Society.

"Numbering over 2,000, they pepper the Indian Ocean 400 miles southwest of Ceylon. Passengers on steamers approaching them are amazed to see tall coconut palms, some of them 110 feet high, apparently growing out of the blue water. The reason for this illusion is that most of the islands are not more than five or six feet above sea level.

Notoriously Unhealthful "Their hot, unvarying temperature and their many marshes and lagoons have made them notoriously unhealthful. Islanders suffer intermittently from fever and occasionally from beriberi, elephantiasis,ague, eye diseases, and other afflictions.

"The Maldives proper, is in the direct path of ships sailing from the Red Sea to the East. In spite of its light-house erected in 1885, Minicoy has been the cause of many wrecks. So frequent are wrecks on this and other Maldivian Islands that the governor of Ceylon, in granting Cey-

lon's, and therefore Britain's, protection to the Maldives, stipulates that, in return, the islands must aid all Europeans wrecked on their atolls.

"In spite of bad climate, bad water, and other obstacles that would discourage most people, the 80,000 Maldivians live fairly comfortably. Most of them are short, dark copper in color, intelligent and industrious. They weave their own cloth, and make their own boats and nautical instruments. They are skilled navigators and spend much time on the water, fishing for bonito. Several of the islands maintain training schools for sailors. Maldivians are Mohammedans and occasionally make pilgrim voyages to the Red Sea.

"Christmas Shopping" in March "Native products are peddled among the islands in native boats, but all trading with foreign countries is done from Male Island, capital of the group. Male, or Sultan's Island, is one of the nine inhabited islands of a group of fifty which comprise Male atoll. On its small surface, less than one square mile in extent, are crowded trees, houses along sandy streets, forts, the sultan's tomb, and the deposed sultan's walled enclosure. One thousand of its approximate 5,000 inhabitants are soldiers.

"Coral patches and tide ripe make one side of Male Island inaccessible. But the harbor on its east side, protected by a rough breakwater, is good. Once a month, two-masted sailing vessels leave for Colombo, Ceylon, with mail, reaching there in three days if the monsoon winds are favorable, sometimes not for thirty days if they are unfavorable. In August or September, boats leave for Ceylon, and Calcutta, India, carrying principally coir yarn.

"Male Island reaches its peak of activity and excitement when the annual foreign traders call in March. Natives who have brought their products from other atolls gather on the shore to hail with delight ships from Ceylon, Sumatra, and Chittagong.

India. Duty, consisting of bags of rice, red handkerchiefs, and other commodities such as onions, coriander seed and cummin seed, was formerly presented to the sultan and his

Pendletonian



J. V. TALLMAN
J. V. Tallman, Pendleton pioneer, in December, 1934, was awarded a 30-year lodge jewel by the Knights of Pythias.

government officials.

"To watch Maldivians do their equivalent of Christmas shopping is to witness a colorful sight. Foreign traders purchase from them large quantities of bonito, which is in great demand in Sumatra and Ceylon. They also buy tortoise shells, coconuts, coir yarn, woven grass mats, and cowrie shells used as currency by some Asiatics. In return, the islands receive rice, dates, salt, curry, stuff, leaf tobacco and betel nuts. They prize red and white checked ware and Indian pottery go over big. Although they make a kind of sugar from coconuts, they are glad to get coarse brown sugar. They will also trade their cowrie shells for small quantities of steel, thread, and brass wire."

PORTLAND MARKET CONTRACT HINGES ON 5-LETTER WORD

PORTLAND, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Legal interpretation of the five-letter word "going" probably will determine whether the city of Portland will be forced to pay the Public Market company \$1,244,790 for the new market on Portland's west side waterfront.

The company today filed suit in federal court to force the city to buy the structure, in operation for a year.

The market company argues that the city contracted to buy the market at such time as the market became "a going concern." The contention is set up that the market is now on a "going" basis.

In support of this argument the market company cited that on December 24, last, there were 203 tenants, paying approximately \$1,100 rental in the structure. Figured on a yearly basis, the tenants would be paying \$13,200 annually. Disinterested attorneys say the chief contention will be whether a business with an annual return of \$13,200 on a \$1,244,790 investment could be legally interpreted as a "going" concern.

It was cited in the complaint filed today that the city, as an inducement to the financing of the public market by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, represented in April, 1933, that the contract to purchase the structure was in good standing, and a resolution passed on that date subordinated the contract to purchase to the RFC loan.

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