

President Will Ask Congress To Approve Domestic Legislation

Measures Scuttled During Last Year To Be Presented

Good Chance Seen For Some Approval

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower's State of the Union message Thursday will ask a Democratic congress to approve domestic legislation scuttled last year when his own Republican party was in control, congressional leaders said today.

The facts of political life being what they are, the President stands a good chance of getting at least some of these measures approved.

A more liberal reciprocal trade agreements program, for example, Mr. Eisenhower plans to ask for a three-year renewal of this program with new authority to cut tariffs. This idea was initiated by the Democrats 20 years ago and it still gets more support from Democratic ranks than it does from the GOP.

The President also probably will find greater sympathy among the Democrats than he did among Republicans for additional public housing units, and for revision of the Taft-Hartley law.

May Resist Postal Rate Hike

On the other hand, the Democrats are expected to resist his proposal for higher first-class postal rates, and for Hawaiian statehood without simultaneous Alaskan statehood. The last Congress pushed through a bill increasing the pay of federal Civil Service and postal workers without an increase in mail rates. Mr. Eisenhower vetoed the bill.

Democrats succeeded in linking Alaskan statehood with Hawaiian statehood in the last Congress. They will do the same thing again. Whether the President would veto a bill providing statehood for both remains to be seen.

To Be Discussed in Message

All these domestic problems, along with many others, will be discussed by the President in his 6,400 word message. Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr. (R-Mass.), retiring speaker of the House, told newsmen after a GOP huddle at the White House Monday that the message would contain "no surprises."

He said that with a limited number of exceptions the President would renew proposals previously made.

Former Code Expert Gets Seven-Year Term

Alexandria, Va. — (U.P.) — Joseph S. Petersen Jr., former code expert in the super-secret National Security Agency, was sentenced to seven years in prison today for using government secrets to the harm of U.S. security.

Federal Judge Albert Bryan said Petersen "has deliberately violated both the trust and the confidence placed in him by our country."

Benson, Adams Confer On Ladejinsky Ouster

Washington — (U.P.) — The White House disclosed today that Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson has conferred with Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams about the controversy over the Agriculture Department's security ouster of Tokyo attache Wolf Ladejinsky.

Road Conditions

Motorists driving in all higher elevations in southern Oregon were advised to carry chains today. State police said it was snowing in mountain areas, with the snow still breaking up at mid-day. However, they warned that colder temperatures would cause trouble. Spots of ice were reported at Siskiyou summit this morning.

Weather

FORECAST Rain tonight, changing to snow showers early Wednesday. Warmer tonight, low 42; high Wednesday 56 to 58.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest this Morning	41



RIDING ON SWEEPSTAKES WINNER in Pasadena's Rose Parade is Miriam Stevenson, "Miss Universe." Float is Long Beach, Calif., entry, "A Thing of Beauty is a Joy Forever." —(Int'l.)

Federal Agricultural Payment Application Withdrawn by Firm

Bear Creek orchards, one of southern Oregon's largest orchard firms, has withdrawn applications for federal land improvement assistance and will accept no further aid of this type.

In a letter to the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation office in Medford, David H. Holmes, president of Harry and David, Inc., said the applications are being withdrawn because "it is our feeling that such payments are, in effect, subsidies reimbursing us for costs which we feel our government should not be called upon to assume."

On Two Properties

The applications were for federal reimbursement on irrigation and drainage projects on two of the company's orchard properties. Harry and David, Inc. operates Bear Creek orchards.

Talbert Schorn, in charge of the Medford ASC office, said the payments could have amounted to up to about \$600.

The applications were made under provisions of the Agriculture Conservation program, in effect since 1936, which entitles land owners to refunds from the government on certain land improvement projects.

Holmes noted that, in the past, his firm has applied for and received assistance on similar projects. He added, however, that "we have changed our policy in connection with the acceptance of such funds. Hereafter, it will be the policy of this organization not to make applications for or accept assistance for such improvements of our properties."

"We cannot complain about high taxes and government entry into private business on the one hand while holding out the other hand for giveaway dollars," he added.

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Accident Victim Taken To Portland Hospital

Charles Blackshear, 20, who suffered the loss of parts of both legs as the result of a recent automobile accident, was taken from Community hospital to Good Samaritan hospital today by Peri ambulance service.

The young man, whose home is in Bend, was scheduled to go by Mercy Flights plane but because of weather conditions the flight was cancelled. He has been receiving treatment at intervals at the local hospital and will receive further treatment at the Portland hospital. He was working for the State Highway commission when the truck on which he was riding was struck by an automobile.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 466.17, off 2.72; 20 railroads 145.80, off 0.74; 15 utilities 62.76 up 0.32; 65 stocks 150.67, off 0.64. Sales today were about 4,420,000 shares, compared with yesterday's 4,570,000-share total, the heaviest since June 27, 1950.

Several Lumber Operators Grant Hourly Pay Boost

Portland — (U.P.) — Several Oregon lumber operators were reported today to have granted the 7 1/2 cent hourly pay increase recently recommended by the governor's seven-man panel which investigated issues in last summer's lumber strike.

The executive board of the Northwestern Council of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Worker's Union was to meet here tomorrow to consider the recommendation. The regional negotiating committee of the CIO Woodworkers Union recently recommended to locals the increase, effective to April 1, 1956, be accepted.

Booth-Kelly Lumber Company of Eugene, Hult Lumber Company of Lane county and the logging division of West Coast Plywood of Springfield had agreed to pay the new scale.

The Diamond Lumber Company of Tillamook and Forest Grove signed up earlier. A. F. Hartung, CIO Woodworkers president, said three companies in the Lebanon area had signed up.

Meetings between CIO and AFL unions and plywood employers are scheduled for Jan. 11 and 12, respectively.

Hammarskjold Lands On Red China Soil

United Nations, N. Y. — (U.P.) — U. N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold reached Hankow on Red China's Yangtze river today and elected to stay overnight before proceeding to Peiping tomorrow on his delicate mission to obtain the release of 11 imprisoned American airmen.

The first message from the general secretary and his party from behind the Bamboo Curtain said "All is well."

Hammarskjold, who has been entrusted by the United Nations with the task of obtaining release of other imprisoned U. N. personnel in Red China as well as the American airmen, reached Hankow after a 500-mile flight from Canton where his plane first touched Red Chinese soil.

Sen. Neuberger Found More Ready Than Cordon To Meet Press

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Washington — Among the many sharp contrasts between Senator-elect Richard L. Neuberger and Sen. Guy Cordon, the most noticeable on Capitol Hill this past week as the former checked in and the latter checked out was their contrasting relationship with the Washington press corps.

Just before he moved to a downtown law office, Cordon welcomed Oregon reporters into his office for a final bull session, a rare give-and-take which the newsmen told him he should have conducted much more often in his 10 years in office but which he neglected for "more important matters." The

senator, however, true to form, was relishing the thought that he would soon "no longer be news," which probably best expressed his delight in public obscurity.

But it was not simply that Cordon hesitated to put himself forward into the spotlight. Take the time he was asked off the Senate floor to explain his vote against a foreign aid bill. He told the reporter brusquely he would explain that to Oregon voters in due time, turned on his heel and marched away. Far from being an isolated incident, this illustrates the manner in which Cordon generally conducted the public's business as though it were a confidential law case, too important to be

shared with his citizenry.

Neuberger's arrival here was greeted by newsmen who immediately called for a press conference in which to fire questions at the newcomer. They found him articulate on issues with which he is familiar, but not ready with solutions to most national problems with which he admitted unfamiliarity in adequate detail. But he answered all questions reporters asked without resort to a "no comment" defensive maneuver.

In Republican circles, the fact that the new Democratic senator-elect "made news" on arrival caused remarks about his being a champion self-publicist. Perhaps sensitive to this

charge, Neuberger was plainly taking a go-slow approach at the outset. But like any colorful public figure, so long as he has something new and meaningful to say on current public issues, he will make legitimate news. And Oregonians can make their day-to-day judgments accordingly, however large or small the headlines in the Oregon press.

Quite apart from his demonstrated effectiveness and his long-houred conscientiousness, Cordon strayed too far in the direction of secrecy, cloaking much of his activity from newspapermen whose only reason for inquiring was that he was engaged in important public endeavors and that it was their

duty to keep the voting taxpayers as closely informed about these undertakings as possible. The senator didn't see it that way, and that was that.

Every elected official has his own personal approach to public offices, and only a few stray too far toward being headline hunters or being mysteriously secretive. Sen. George Malone (R-Nev.) is an example of a headline hunter on whom the press exercises tempering control, often ignoring for the most part his long-winded repetitious oratory on the Senate floor against foreign trade. Some years ago he sought to overcome this by telegraphing copies of his speeches to newspapers all over the country at federal expense, until this back-

fired with more complaints than headlines.

But against the secretive wall of "no comment," newsmen are severely handicapped to inform the public either accurately or completely, to the detriment of free elective government.

It is generally believed that Cordon helped dig his own political grave by his behind-the-scenes approach to public affairs—yet the real indictment of political secrecy is not that it may contribute to any individual's defeat at the polls, but that it destroys the very ideal of a sovereign, democratically governed people being sufficiently well-informed to make wise, mature political judgment upon which the future course of the American nation depends.

Building Valuation In 1954 Increased 52% Over Year Ago

Medford's building permit valuation for 1954 rose 52 per cent over 1953, and the trend looks even better for 1955, according to Herbert Mackie, city building inspector.

Last year's total was \$2,513,029.71 in construction value, for 608 permits. During 1953, the valuation was \$1,649,942.13 for 563 permits.

Mackie said, "There is every

indication that permits for the new year will be larger than 1954, and will probably approach the post-war high recorded in 1950."

Rose After War
After World War II, Medford building rose steadily to a peak of \$3,551,442 valuation in 1950. It declined to \$1,631,000 in 1952, rose slightly in 1953, and jumped higher last year.

The upward trend here appears to be considerably greater than the Oregon average, Mackie said. For the first nine months, Oregon was up over 1953 by only 5 per cent, whereas Medford valuation increases for the same period soared 74 per cent. It finally settled back down to 52 per cent at year's end.

Doesn't Include School
The inspector added that the 1954 total does not include new junior high school construction.

December's total valuation was \$94,935, an increase from December, 1953, of \$26,448.12. Included last month were \$59,500 in new residences, \$5,335 residence remodel and repair and \$13,140 in business remodel and repair.

Juvenile Court Will Handle Case Of Armed Robbery

The case of Lyle Vernon Doty has been turned over to Jackson county circuit court's juvenile department.

The 16-year-old Doty, whose home is at 1125 Maple Park dr., was arraigned last week on a charge of assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon. He has been held on \$7,500 bond.

The charge grew out of the armed theft of a delivery truck Dec. 23 from Wallace A. Stearns, Grants Pass merchant. The Doty boy was arrested the same day by state police while in a car stolen from Allen Guehes, Griffin Creek.

Motion Filed
District Attorney Walter Nunley filed a motion in district court on Dec. 29 for the juvenile department to be given jurisdiction on the case. District Judge Rawles Moore signed an order for the transfer yesterday. In the order, Judge Moore noted that law requires that the transfer be made.

In another case, six Eagle Point area teenagers appeared in district court yesterday and each paid \$15 fines and \$5 in court costs on charges of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor.

Two of the boys, a 15-year-old and a 17-year-old, spent a short time in jail yesterday when they were committed in lieu of payment of the fines. Payment was made later in the day, and the two were released. All six pleaded guilty to the charge. They were arrested the evening of Dec. 29 by state police.

University President Schedules Talk Here

Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, president of the University of Oregon, will be the speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Jan. 18, it was reported today.

Dr. Wilson came to the university earlier this year. This will be his second visit to Medford since he assumed the university position.

The meeting will be in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel. Jimmy Dunlevy, manager of radio station KJYC, will be master of ceremonies.

Dr. Wilson is tentatively scheduled to speak in Grants Pass the following evening.

City Council Slates First 1955 Meeting

Medford's city council will hold its first meeting of the new year tonight in the city hall at 7:30 o'clock.

Heading the agenda will be the consideration of plans and specifications for airport improvements under the \$45,000 in federal aid allocated last fall.

Other matters will include a report on negotiations for sale of city-owned land to Fir-Ply, Inc., at Camp White and adoption of assessment ordinances.

Newly-elected Mayor Earl Miller is expected to make his appointments to committees and commissions and boards where there are vacancies.

Young Father Held For Beating Infant

Portland — (U.P.) — A 22-year-old former Army corporal was jailed by Multnomah county sheriff's officers here last night on a charge of assault with intent to kill his 18-month-old son. Officers responding to a call from the operator of a motel found the child, Willis L. Russell Jr., suffering from shock and his face swollen from a beating. Hair had been torn from his head.

The mother, 19-year-old Betty Jean Russell, told officers her husband had become enraged at the child and had stuffed its head first into the toilet. She said the hair was torn out when Russell pulled the baby out of the toilet. She fled to the motel office to get help when the young father continued to beat the child as it lay on the bed.

Russell told police he had lost his temper and admitted striking his son and pulling his hair.

JURY IN SESSION

Jackson county's grand jury was called into session this morning, according to District Attorney Walter Nunley. He said several matters are on the agenda for consideration by the jurors.