

# Eisenhower Asks Four-Year Draft Extension



**PILING UP SNOW DRIFTS** in mountainous areas, storm lashes southern California, flooding many low-lying areas. Four inches of snow causes traffic snarls in Banning. (International)

## Optimism Expressed Locally On Talent Job Fund Request

Initial appropriations for construction of the Talent division irrigation and reclamation project are expected to be submitted to Congress this session, despite reports from Washington that funds for this purpose are not included in the federal budget to be presented next week, it was reported here today.

One of the principal local supporters of the project, a member of the Rogue River Valley Irrigation association who prefers not to be quoted by name, said that even in the event such funds are not in the budget proper, chances are excellent for obtaining approval of a supplemental budget item in good time for Congressional action.

**Funds Allocated**  
He pointed out that \$84,500 in bureau of reclamation funds have already been allocated to the project, and that reconstruction and design work is under way through a bureau office open here last September.

He also stated that it is understood that more than \$350,000 is in the budget for rehabilitation work on the Medford and Rogue River irrigation districts' canal system, which is considered to be the most urgently needed portion of the overall project.

Work is also progressing through the bureau of reclamation and in the Interior Department itself, to revise certain features of the proposal, which have been criticized chiefly having to do with repayment ratios. Congressman Harris Ellisworth is assisting in these efforts, it was reported. The budget is first presented to the House of Representatives.

The Talent project is expected to cost a total of more than \$22,000,000, with work spread over a six-year period. For this

reason the first appropriations needed would be much smaller than the total amount.

The project involves reservoir, canal and powerhouse construction in the Howard Prairie and Greensprings area east of Ashland, as well as in the Talent Irrigation district itself. Eventually, the project will provide a full water supply for 9,680 acres in the TID, plus a supple-

mental supply of some 9,000-acre-feet for use in the Medford and Rogue River districts, in addition to some 13,000 acre-feet in increased runoff water, also usable by the two districts. It would generate some 16,000 kilowatts of power.

It was authorized by Congress and approved by the President in the closing days of the last session of Congress.

## Oregon Retirement Plan in Committee

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Salem — (U.P.)—A bill to provide a new retirement plan for public employees in Oregon, one that will save the state between \$300,000 and \$400,000 a year, was accepted by the joint Ways and Means Committee today for introduction in the Senate.

The committee heard a report by the interim committee on retirement which had drawn up a retirement plan members said would be second to none any-

where in the nation. Savings to the state would result from a decrease in liabilities through withdrawals, turnover in employment, and extension of employment to many persons past the retirement age of 65.

**Benefits Listed**  
New benefits under the committee plan were listed by Sen. John C. F. Merrifield of Portland and included:

1. Increased benefit for career employees who stay in public employment.

2. Decreased costs to low-salaried employees who had complained about losses of take-home pay resulting from heavy retirement contributions.

3. Gradual reduction in the maximum retirement age.

4. Protection against misuse of voluntary retirement provisions of the law.

5. Elimination of inequities for police and firemen.

**Savings for Life of System**  
Max Manchester, head of the state retirement system who helped compile the committee report, told ways and means members that the savings anticipated would not be confined to the 1955-57 biennium but would continue for the life of the system.

Complaints of some members that retirement benefits to low-income employees would be cut were answered by Merrifield, who said most employees who remain in public employment long enough to realize maximum retirement benefits would have progressed out of the lowest income brackets before they reached retirement age.

Salem — (U.P.)—A bill seeking state control of meat slaughtering and processing plants was introduced in the Oregon legislature today.

Sponsored by Sens. Lowell Steen of Milton Freewater and Mark Hatfield of Salem, the bill would force packers to either conform to rigid state inspection or quit business.

Violators of the act would be subject to heavy fines and jail sentences.

**Rest Home Operators Get Fines, Sentences**  
Gresham, Ore. — (U.P.)—The husband and wife operators of the Bel-Air rest home received fines and jail sentences yesterday in connection with their recent arrests here.

Mrs. Blanche May Kephart, 34, was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in jail after Municipal Judge George Flower found her guilty of assault and battery. Buel Kephart, 38, her husband, was fined \$50 and given a 30-day suspended jail sentence on a drunk and disorderly charge.

**DOW-JONES AVERAGES**  
New York — (U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrial 398.34 off 1.44; 20 railroads 142.95 off 1.31; 15 utilities 62.89 up .05, and 65 stocks 148.22 off 0.66. Sales today were about 3,350,000 shares compared with 3,400,000 shares yesterday.

Washington — (U.P.)—The Air Force, using the mighty kick of rocket boosters, now can launch nine-ton jet fighters directly into the air from platforms mounted on trucks.

No valuation for the property was announced by Bishop Dagwell, although it has been on the market in the past, with a price in excess of \$65,000.

## Reservist Program In Request

Six Months Training For Volunteers Asked

Washington — (U.P.)—President Eisenhower today asked Congress to extend the draft for four years, set up a massive reserve training program for young men 17 and 18 years old and raise the pay of the armed services.

Mr. Eisenhower proposed an aggregate pay increase of 6.7 per cent in military pay. This is estimated to cost about \$70,000,000 in pay and allowances for men and women already in the armed services.

The chief executive's reserve plan called for "volunteers" in the 17 and 18-year-old age bracket for six months basic training to be followed by active reserve participation for 9½ years.

Mr. Eisenhower gave no figure as to how many "volunteers" would be needed. He said an "adequate" number. The Defense Department has said the goal is 100,000 a year to start.

The President said if an "adequate" number do not volunteer, authority should be given to draft young men between the ages of 18½ and 19.

Men not volunteering, or selected, for this program, a modified form of universal military training, would continue subject to calls by their draft boards for two years of regular military duty, as at present.

For the first time, reserve duty for discharge draftees would be made compulsory. The President proposed "other than honorable" discharges for those who failed to carry out their assigned reserve duties.

**Military Strength Needed**  
Mr. Eisenhower, in two messages to the House and Senate, said it shall always be the nation's objective, "in the present world situation, to maintain a military force that we can support for the many years that may be necessary to dispel the shadow of Communist threat."

In asking extension through July 1, 1959, of the authority to induct young men for 24 months of training and service, Mr. Eisenhower said he saw "no reasonable prospect that the world situation or technological advances, in the next four years, will render the draft unnecessary."

**Unanimous Vote Approves District**  
Formation of Grandview water district northeast of Medford was approved yesterday by a vote of 94 to 0, according to figures listed by the county clerk's office.

Successful candidates for commissioners of the district were John Ahern, 81 votes; Oweta Richardson, 81 votes; William Auel, 71 votes; Dorothy L. Brown, 67 votes, and Harold B. Cook, 65 votes.

Others receiving votes were Jack Thomsen, 58 votes; Larry M. Rose, 52 votes, and Charlotte Fogelquist, a write-in candidate, 1 vote.

The vote authorized incorporation of the district as a municipal corporation for the purpose of obtaining water for domestic use of the inhabitants of the district.

**Data on O&C Funds Lacking**  
Members of the Jackson county court said this morning that they have received no information concerning plans for distribution of timber sale receipts from controverted lands.

It was announced in Washington, D.C., yesterday that the government plans to start distribution of the funds, which amount to from \$6,000,000 to \$8,000,000. The money will go to 18 Oregon counties, with Jackson county getting one of the largest shares.

The receipts have been held for 12 years pending court fights over the distribution formula.

**1955 Dog Licenses On Sale by County**  
Dog licenses for 1955 are now available in the county clerk's office in the courthouse, according to Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, county clerk.

Cost of obtaining licenses from Jan. 1 to March 1 is \$1.50. A penalty of \$2 is assessed after March 1, bringing the total cost of the licenses to \$3.50.

Sale of licenses has been "very slow" so far this year, deputy county clerks said.

**Marriages Lead Divorces in 1954**  
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## Red China May Consider Demands To Free Airmen Jailed as Spies

### Tax Offset Plan Draws Criticism

### Special Election Declared Possible

Salem — (U.P.)—Edward A. Geary, speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives, today predicted that a special election might be necessary after the current legislative session ends for the people to decide on a tax program.

Both Geary and Elmo Smith, Senate president, said they were opposed to Gov. Paul Patterson's plan to repeal the federal income tax offset in the state income tax law. Under this plan, money paid for federal income taxes could not be deducted when state income taxes are figured.

**More Honest Way**  
"It would be a tax on a tax," Geary said. "Raising the income tax rate would be a more honest way of doing it." Smith said, "We might have to do it, but it should be only as a last resort."

Geary said the people ultimately would decide the question of new taxes. "I think we'll have a special election," he said. "If the people turn down the tax program, they will be voting to reduce services." Smith said there was an "extreme likelihood" of a special election.

**Strike May Result**  
Geary also expressed fear that a taxpayers' strike may result, leading to a serious problem of school financing, if the state attempts to collect a property tax. This was another method suggested by Patterson to raise more revenue if Oregon is to retain all its state services and proceed with a building program. Gov. Patterson predicted a deficit of some \$65,000,000, including his regular budget plus more millions for the building program.

A six-mill state property tax would bring in an estimated \$30,000,000 in the next two years. Geary said last night that more than 60 per cent of the property taxes now collected in Oregon's 36 counties are spent for school. He said: "If the state gets into the property tax field, I'm afraid it might cause the people to go on a tax-strike, and this would be a grave thing indeed for our school."

**McCarthy Renews Treason Charge**  
Washington — (U.P.)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy fired new "treason" charges at the Democrats today.

McCarthy said he was not accusing all Democrats of treason. Then he added, "As far as I'm concerned, there was treason by someone in the party."

The Wisconsin Republican's remarks came in the wake of President Eisenhower's defense of Vice-President Richard M. Nixon against Democratic charges that Nixon used "sneak tactics" in the 1954 Congressional campaign by saying Democratic administrations were soft toward Communists.

**96 Chest X-Rays Given Wednesday**  
A total of 96 chest x-rays were taken yesterday at the chest x-ray center at Community hospital, according to officials of the Jackson County Public Health association, which sponsors the program. The total included two retakes.

The program is conducted Wednesday at the hospital. No appointments are required, and the only charge is for film and costs of the x-ray process.

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## Fog, Ice Blamed for Many Car Accidents

A number of traffic accidents caused by icy pavements and thick fog were reported in the Medford area this morning. However, only one minor injury was listed.

Rain which fell throughout the area during the early hours of the morning turned to ice when it hit streets and roads already below the freezing level. The temperature had dropped to about 28 degrees before the rain started to fall.

**Fog Forms**  
Fog started forming in the valley at about 8 a.m. when moisture began to condense in a pool of cold air in this area. The fog was a local condition, according to the weather bureau.

The only accident in which an injury was listed occurred just west of the Medford city limits on Jacksonville highway when a bus stopped, and was struck from behind by a car, which in turn was hit by another vehicle. Police estimated that about 12 cars were involved before traffic was running smoothly again.

One woman suffered a knee injury in the mishap, but her name was not learned by officers, who were too busy trying to straighten out traffic to check details of the accident. She was not hospitalized, police said.

**Name Not Learned**  
Another accident in which the name of the driver involved could not be immediately learned occurred at the Four Corners intersection on Crater Lake highway. State police radio was inoperative for a time this morning, but it was learned that the driver was not injured when his car overturned in a ditch.

Three accidents inside the city limits of Medford were reported. Cars driven by Edward Conner Jr., 906 South Newtown st., and William Edwin Sherwood,

1020 Jasper st., collided at the intersection of 14th and Newtown sts. at about 8:25 a.m. Sherwood was cited for failure to yield right of way, city police said.

**Cars Collide**  
Charles N. Roswell, Ashland, and Loraine E. Cross, 1375 Stewart ave., were drivers of cars which collided on South Riverside ave. at about 9 a.m. The Medford driver was cited for not having an operator's license.

The third accident involved a parked car owned by O. H. Bengtson, 122 Oregon terrace, and another vehicle which left the scene after leaving information concerning the mishap on Bangston's car.

**C-C Dinner Bids Due; Speaker Set**  
Reservations for the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce's annual membership dinner, to be held next Tuesday evening, are now being accepted at the chamber office.

Speaker for the event will be Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, new president of the University of Oregon, Eugene, who will be making his second trip to Southern Oregon since assuming his new duties last year.

Dr. Wilson's topic will be "The Lengthened Shadow." Born in Mexico.

The university president, who is no relation to the Meredith Wilson of the music and entertainment world, although he is sometimes confused with him, was born in Mexico in 1909. His education was received at Brigham Young university, Logan, Utah, at the University of London, and at the University of California where he received his Ph.D. degree in 1943.

He served as associated dean of the college at the University of Chicago while an associate professor of history, and in 1948 became professor of history and dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Utah, a position he retained until being named head of the university.

He and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of six children.

Washington — (U.P.)—A bill seeking authorization of a \$500,000 irrigation project near Maupin, Ore., has been introduced in Congress by Rep. Sam Coon, (R-Ore.).

**Solons Join in School Measure**  
Washington — (U.P.)—Oregon's two senators joined with Sen. Lister Hill (Ala.) today in introducing an emergency school construction bill which could turn about \$10,000,000 into Oregon.

Sens. Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger proposed an outlay of \$500,000,000 over each of the next two years to help build elementary and secondary schools. The bill calls for complete local control of education.

Neuberger said the measure should ease the burden on Oregon taxpayers as "well as provide better schools for our youth."

**Klamath Falls Housing Project Up For Sale**  
Klamath Falls — (U.P.)—The Public Housing Administration has put a "for sale" sign on a 235-unit housing project in Klamath Falls.

The agency said today that sealed bids will be received until 3 p.m. Feb. 4.

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## Report On Dag's Jaunt Awaited

### Conference With Lodge Arranged

United Nations, N.Y. — (U.P.)—Communist China has given Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold some encouragement that it will consider UN demands it free 11 American airmen jailed as spies, diplomatic sources said today.

But the official report on Hammarskjold's success or failure will not come until after the Swedish diplomat returns to New York late this afternoon from his round the world trip to Peiping where he held a series of conferences with Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai.

**To Confer with Lodge**  
Hammarskjold arranged to confer with U. S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. on results of his mission when he reaches New York.

Guarded official belief that the Communists would reconsider the cases of the 11 imprisoned fliers and other UN personnel held in violation of the Korean armistice agreement apparently was based on a report to Washington from U. S. Ambassador John M. Allison in Tokyo.

Hammarskjold briefed Allison and John F. Hall, U. S. Far Eastern commander, in Tokyo, before he left for New York.

**Peiping Silent**  
Peiping radio was equally silent on outcome of his mission. The Communists kept up their barrage of anti-American propaganda with the usual charges the United States would try to force an "aggressive military setup" in Southeast Asia.

Authoritative sources in Washington said Allison's message of "encouragement" paralleled reports where it was reported Hammarskjold had set the stage in his talks for further progress on the prisoner problem.

American officials took the view that the prisoners could not be counted free until they are safely in American or UN hands. The chief concern was the price the Red Chinese demanded.

**Clow's 'Price' Reported**  
The New York Times reported today Clow did not give a "price" in so many words but apparently sought assurances from the United States there would be no attack on the mainland from Formosa, complained that 35 Chinese students in the United States had not received exit visas and suggested that negotiations be carried out directly between the United States and Red China.

**Mystery Man Identified; Second MOD Contest Starts**  
The March of Dimes Mystery Man contest swung into its second phase today after Barbara Penney of Central Point, who is employed at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce last night correctly identified the first Mys-

tery Man as Chester Hubbard.

Clues for the second Mystery Man follow: He was born in the Badger state in 1916. He came to Medford from the Evergreen state the same year that floods

in the Mississippi, Allegheny and Ohio rivers killed 250 persons. He is the father of one. Add some weight to the name of a famous orator and you have his first name.

First prize for correctly identifying this man will be a Sunbeam electric frying pan donated by Brooks Electric Co. Another prize and another clue will be added each day that his identity is not guessed. Tonight's call was to be made over station KBES-TV at 5:30 p.m. and Friday's call comes from station KBOY at 4:45 p.m.

In order to be eligible for a telephone call, persons must send their name, address and telephone number to March of Dimes Mystery Man, P.O. Box 531, Medford. A coupon for convenience of those desiring to send their names appears on page 5. A name will be drawn at random each night during the contest and that person will be called to identify the Mystery Man.

Yesterday members of the Crater Lady Lions Club conducted a toll blockade on Central ave. between Main and Sixth sts. They collected \$108 which was turned over to the March of Dimes. Mrs. Lloyd Evans was chairman of the project.

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