

Aid Said Too Little, Too Much Control in School Building Plan

Washington — (U.P.) — The National Educational Association told Congress today that President Eisenhower's plan to help states build more schools offers "too little aid and too much control" by the federal government.

William G. Carr, executive secretary of the teaching group which claims 570,000 members, said the NEA can not support the President's program as it now stands. He called the President's proposals "untested and hastily formulated."

Carr's statements were contained in testimony prepared for delivery before the Senate Labor Committee. The group is considering a bill to carry out Mr. Eisenhower's plan for providing \$1,120,000,000 in federal aid—mostly loans—over a three-year period to stimulate a \$7,000,000,000 over-all investment in school buildings.

Fails To Provide Assistance

"The purpose of the bill is stated as being 'to provide assistance of a substantial and effective nature.' It will not provide

such assistance," Carr said. Spokesmen said the NEA never before has expressed outright opposition to a school aid bill. They commented, however, that no previous administration has come forward with a detailed blueprint for helping the schools although former President Truman did recommend aid in a budget message.

Carr said the NEA traditionally has supported school aid proposals along lines laid down by the late Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-O.) and Elbert Thomas (D-Utah), both former chairmen of the Senate committee, and by Sen. Lister Hill (D-Ala.). Hill is the present chairman.

Studied by Panel

The President's new program, he said, has been studied by a panel of NEA experts who have concluded that it departs from the Taft-Thomas-Hill principles and from those embraced by

Carr said he hopes for substantial modifications in the administration bill to "provide some genuine federal assistance."

Three Sisters Timber Harvest Plan Attacked

Eugene — (U.P.) — A proposal to increase the amount of land that can be used for timber harvest in the Three Sisters area came under fire at a public hearing here yesterday.

The U. S. Forest Service proposal would reduce the western section of the Three Sisters primitive area by 53,380 acres.

Biologists and zoologists from the University of Oregon and Oregon State College said part of the area the forest service wants to cut from the primitive area was a natural laboratory for the study of plants, insects and geologic formations.

Dr. Edgar Wayburn, San Francisco, president of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, said that Oregon's only first-class low wilderness country was to be found within the primitive reserves. George Holcomb, editor of the International Woodworker, also opposed the proposal.

Without such modifications, he said, there is "little or no reason why we should support it."

Chamber Retail Committee Sets Events in Coming Year

(Editor's note: The following is another in a series of articles, prepared by and published at the request of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, describing the chamber's committee organization and personnel. It is hoped that through these articles, residents of Medford can obtain a better idea of what the chamber does and how it does it.)

Recently appointed by Chamber of Commerce President John Pletsch was the chairman of the Retail Merchants committee, Howard Boyd, manager of F. W. Woolworth company in Medford for the past six years. This is Boyd's second year as chairman. Boyd, who came here from San Luis Obispo, Calif., has worked with the Woolworth company for over 25 years. He carries a life membership in the Globe, Ariz., Elks lodge and also helped organize the Chamber of Commerce there. He is a member of the Episcopal church.

A stepped-up retail program is scheduled for the year 1955, beginning with a special event for March 12 featuring "Spring comes to Medford" (which it undoubtedly will). The event will feature Easter basket displays in downtown store windows entered by school students of the county. Prizes are being offered to interested students in the Easter basket contest.



HOWARD BOYD
Heads Retailers Group

Later on in the spring, the retail merchants plan to cooperate with the Blossom Festival parade which is being worked on by a special committee. Other retail events are being considered by the committee to be featured later on in the year.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

Hvasta Favors Ike-Zhukov Meeting

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — John Hvasta, who was imprisoned three years behind the Iron Curtain on trumped up spy charges, says President Eisenhower should meet with the Soviet's Marshal Zhukov to effect the release of American fliers in Red China.

Hvasta, 27, now a student at the University of Southern California, spoke at a church meeting yesterday. He said the time has come "to organize public opinion to gain the release of our fliers who are still prisoners of the Reds."

The student proposed "that President Eisenhower meet in conference with Marshal Zhukov concerning specifically the fate of our fliers." He said Zhukov is the man to stand up to and demand the release of the airmen.

An American citizen, Hvasta was seized as a spy in 1948 while studying in Czechoslovakia and working part time for the consulate general. He escaped three years later and took asylum in the U.S. Embassy in Prague.

Wheat Storage Picture Brightens

Spokane — (U.P.) — Availability of six to eight warehouses at the Pasco army engineers depot has brightened the Northwest wheat storage picture for this year, Pete Stallcop, executive secretary of the Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers Association, said today.

Stallcop said he had been informed by the Commodity six, and possibly eight, warehouses at Pasco will be available, creating storage space for an additional eight million bushels of wheat.

In a report issued after a meeting of the association's grain storage committee, Stallcop said the general storage situation in Washington, Oregon and northern Idaho "looks better now than it did a month ago," but

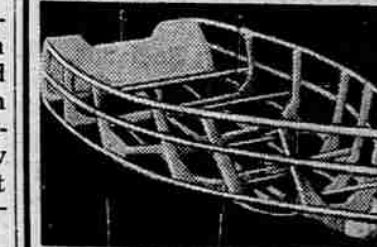
still is not too favorable. He said western Montana and southern Idaho appear to have ample space.

Democratic Chairman Slates Speaking Tour

Washington — (U.P.) — Chairman Paul M. Butler of the Democratic National Committee will begin a three-week speaking tour tomorrow which will take him to six states.

The tour, first since Butler took office Jan. 1, will include a speech at Boise, Ida., March 3.

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