

Economy Plans of Hoover Commission Could Save \$10 for Each Person in US

Washington — (U.P.) — Government economy plan of the Hoover commission, if adopted, could mean a saving equal to more than \$10 for every man, woman and child.

But don't rush out and start spending any tax cut yet. Congress shows no disposition to adopt any of the proposals this year. And, on some of the more controversial suggestions, probably never.

The \$10-or-more saving figures out this way: Population, 165,000,000; estimated savings of more than \$1,728,000,000 if the government made all the changes proposed in the first 11 reports of the Hoover commission.

The commission hasn't put a dollar sign on how much additional savings might be proposed in nine more reports yet to come.

However, former President Herbert Hoover, commission chairman, has estimated savings up to \$7,000,000,000 a year could be made if some 200 pressure groups would take a two-year holiday from their opposition to government economy moves.

Wide Range of Activities
The first 11 reports dealt with a wide range of federal activities, from hiring and firing practices and buying habits to competition with private industry.

Most of the proposed savings would come from cutting out some of the things that the government now does. Opponents call it "curtailment of government services."

A notable exception to the "cut-it-out" theory, however, was a recent report on government research. The commission said the government isn't doing enough in the research field — particularly about weapons and medicine.

Far Too Little
The commission felt that \$1,400,000,000 earmarked for research in the fiscal year starting July 1 is far too little to hold world leadership in weapons or achieve further "dramatic" results in medicine comparable to the Salk polio vaccine discovery.

The proposals to cut out some government activities have raised the loudest protests.

Perhaps the most vociferous came on a report on medical programs which said the government could save \$250,000,000 a year by consolidations and eliminations. Veterans organizations jumped with both feet onto a proposal to eliminate free hospitalization for veterans with non-service-connected disabilities, and to make a more realistic determination of disability ratings for service-connected disabilities.

Among some of the other proposed savings:

Personnel: At least \$450,000,000 a year by overhauling the hiring and firing practices, eliminating patronage and other reforms.

Paperwork: About \$250,000,000 a year by cutting down on the flood of letters and directives written and filed by government officials. The commission said the government creates 25,000,000,000 pieces of paper work each year.

Transportation: \$150,000,000 a year by eliminating "duplication, inefficiency and waste."

Examples criticized included the flying of dog food to Okinawa and overseas shipment of private automobiles of service personnel.

Storage: About \$288,000,000 a year through more efficient use of storage space and increased use of commercial facilities.

Hamburgers Stored
A 60-year supply of canned hamburgers, at the present rate of consumption, is among those items being stored by the Navy. The Navy pointed out the supply would last only a short time in combat. Other items include an eight-year supply of blue trousers and a six-year store of canned ham chunks.

A task force estimated that the government has storage space twice the size of Manhattan Island, at a cost of \$3,500,000,000 a year.

Another report on surplus property charged that the government has stockpiled enough of some items to last 20 to 30 years. It estimated that "billions" could be saved by purging government warehouses and selling surplus goods to private industry.

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Will Make Wills
All but Beaudout, whose 26-year old wife Jeannine legally shares his property under a marriage contract, will make their wills. They are unmarried and are leaving what savings remain from the \$5,000 cost of the trip to the skipper's wife and two-year-old daughter, Chantal.

None of the crewmen admitted being worried about Atlantic gales or other hazards. But just in case, they bought a war surplus, yellow four-man life raft and the two short range transmitters. They will not carry a radio receiving set. Beaudout, as navigator, bought a second hand sextant, lifeboat compass and marine chronometer, plus pens that write under water. He said he learned to navigate in the French merchant navy.

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Adventurers Stock Supplies for Drift Across Atlantic on Raft

Montreal — (U.P.) — Four bearded adventurers laid in supplies of cognac, cigarettes and pate de foie gras today aboard an untested raft on which they hope to drift to Europe.

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Grange Master Urges Two-Price Program

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — A two-price support program for wheat was urged yesterday by State Grange Master Elmer McClure, Milwaukie, at the 82nd annual convention of the Oregon Grange.

McClure also urged the grange to support legislation pending in Congress to authorize federal construction of a high dam at Hells Canyon on the Snake river, and asked that the body renew efforts to re-establish the post of lieutenant governor in Oregon.

During the morning session, George Brown, executive secretary of the state CIO, urged cooperation among farm labor groups for favorable legislation on the Hells Canyon issue.

Nearly 100 resolutions have been prepared for introduction during the week-long session.

CERTIFICATE LOST
London — (U.P.) — Conservative Walter Bromley-Davenport, an official of the British Postal Services in the last Parliament, couldn't take his seat in the new House of Commons Tuesday. His certificate of reelection had been lost in the mail.

Ten Miners Killed In Tunnel Collapse

Neukirchen, Saar — (U.P.) — Ten miners were killed and six others injured in the collapse of a "gneisenaur" coal mine tunnel 1,500 feet underground Tuesday.

Sixteen miners were trapped when 210 feet of a newly-erected tunnel crashed down around them.

The bodies of six miners were brought out Tuesday. Two others were brought out in a critically injured condition, and died later in a hospital.

Eight more miners were brought out during the night, two of them dead. The others were taken to a hospital where their condition was not serious.

Rose Festival Queen To Be Crowned Tonight

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland names its Rose Festival queen tonight from among eight princesses.

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Debt Blamed for Kidnap Attempt of Portland Boy

Portland — (U.P.) — Jesse W. Moore, a mild appearing 63-year-old machinist, was held on a charge of attempted kidnaping today after confessing to police he tried to abduct the grandson of a Portland industrialist because he was "desperately in debt."

Moore, whose gun was found in the bedroom where the kidnap attempt took place, suddenly broke down while eating hotcakes during the noon hour yesterday.

The kidnap attempt was made early Monday at the home of Lillian Weinstein on one of her twin six-year-old boys. It was broken up by Mrs. Weinstein and her mother who fought with the masked intruder until he fled through the window by which he had entered. Mrs. Weinstein, a divorcee, is the daughter of S. J. Zidell, owner of the Zidell Machinery & Supply Company.

Wedding Planned
Moore told Detective Captain William Browne he decided on the kidnaping on the spur of the moment. He said he was "desperately in debt" on the eve of his wedding, scheduled for Sunday, to a neighbor of the Weinstein family.

Detective Michael O'Leary said Moore denied any intent to harm the boy.

In the struggle a crudely-printed ransom note and the gun were left behind. Police traced the gun to Moore.

Moore was held under \$20,000 bail.

Youngster Object of Search Parties
Longview, Wash. — (U.P.) — Search parties were organized here today to hunt for two-year-old Pat Moore who was reported missing at 7 p.m. yesterday along the Cowsman river 15 miles east of here.

The boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Moore, Kelso, had accompanied his parents on a fishing trip near Boy Scout Camp Cowsman. Moore said the child and several other children were playing at the edge of the river while he was fishing.

He later noticed that the younger boy was missing but neither Moore nor the other children saw him fall into the river. Sheriff's officers searched the area last night and resumed it again today with volunteer help.

NOT DAVEY CROCKETT
Mt. Clemens, Mich. — (U.P.) — Police answered a call early Tuesday to rescue a "boy in a Davey Crockett hat" from his perch in a tree. They found an indignant raccoon.

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