

Ike Promises All-Out Help To Report Achievements of Party To Nation

GOP Committee Receives Message From President

Chicago — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower told the Republican National Committee today that "I shall do everything in my power next year" to help report to the nation the record of party achievements.

The President's message was in the form of a telegram to the committee, meeting here with three Cabinet members, Ezra T. Benson of agriculture, Sinclair Weeks of commerce and James Mitchell of labor, in attendance.

It was a message of four paragraphs and about 300 words. It said in part:

"You have a splendid record to submit to the voters in 1956. I personally am proud of Republican achievements for the peace and the prosperity and the security of the American people.

"I shall do everything in my power next year to help you report the record accurately and fully to the country.

"Of course, we must not stand still, absorbed in the contemplation of what we have done. Continue progress in the healthy expansion of our economy, even more equitable sharing of the productivity of that economy, rising levels of health, education and welfare for all, and untiring search for a just and enduring peace, must remain our goals."

The message did not elaborate on how the President proposed to go about helping the Republicans report their record to the nation.

It came at a time when Republican hopes that the President would seek reelection had been strengthened by remarks of National Chairman Leonard W. Hall and of Vice-President Richard M. Nixon.

Hall said yesterday that an announcement of the President's future plans toward reelection might not come until March, and that it would not matter if it were delayed until then. Nixon sent a message that the people will seek the same "leadership" in 1956 that they had been accustomed to under Mr. Eisenhower.

Mr. Eisenhower's message came as the three Cabinet secretaries, in addresses to committee members, set forth what appeared to be the GOP campaign line for 1956.

Benson charged the Democrats were concocting a "witch's brew" of untruths in an effort to make political capital of falling farm prices. Weeks and Mitchell, in addresses prepared for delivery, predicted a sweeping Republican victory in 1956 because American "never had it so good."

Weeks predicted that prosperity "will rise to even higher levels in the first six months of 1956."

Mitchell predicted that by 1956 there will be 74,000,000 jobs compared with today's total of more than 62,000,000.

Mekvold Says Schools Should Receive More Revenue From Timber

A larger share of revenue from timber lands should go to school support, County School Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold said yesterday in a talk to Kiwanis club members at their luncheon at Rogue Valley Country club.

Mekvold presented school census and attendance figures to show the growth of schools in the county and to indicate the reasons for larger school budgets and increased taxes.

Timber Receipts
On the timber matter he reported that schools receive only 6 1/4 per cent of federal forest receipts in the county but no regular revenue from O and C reversioned lands. The "windfall" this year from previously impounded O and C funds was an exception.

In advocating a larger share of government forest land receipts, the superintendent reasoned that lumbering and logging is a principal industry of the county and that the schools have the responsibility of educating the children of workers in the industry.

Mekvold told Kiwanians that the 1930-1931 school census in the county was 9,696 youngsters and that for 1955-1956 tentative figures show 19,387. The total represents a 1,078 increase over last year. In 1930-1931, Mekvold said, Medford schools had 2,300 average daily attendance. Now they have 4,256. The superintendent also pointed to an increase of high school enrollment

Names of Congressmen Who Take Cruises at Taxpayers' Expense Said Part of Probe

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Washington—A congressional investigation that is underway into government suppression of legitimate news won't be complete until or unless it lifts the curtain of secrecy on the names of members of Congress who are taking balmy ocean cruises at taxpayers' expense.

A House Government Operations subcommittee has been probing into the ways in which federal agencies under the Eisenhower administration have blocked the press from obtaining information which the public has a right to know about.

But up to now it hasn't gone into the fact that the government-owned Panama Canal Co. keeps secret the identity of passengers using the luxury liners of the Panama Line, which runs weekly cruises between New York and Haiti and the Canal Zone.

Wife on Cut Rate
Every congressman knows that he can have a free trip to the Caribbean on one of the Panama Line's three luxury ships, and he can take his wife with him at the cut rate of \$110 for the round trip. The same voyage by commercial liner of comparable trappings would run up to \$1000 per passenger.

Some but not all Northwest lawmakers have taken advantage of this cruise, which hits its peak in popularity about this time of year in the weeks just before Congress reconvenes. But because the federal agency which runs the line keeps its passenger list closed to reporters, there is no way to know officially who has taken this

junket and who hasn't.

When the congressional investigation into secrecy in government was begun, the committee sent questionnaires to all federal agencies, including the Canal Co. To the question "what type of information possessed by your agency is not available to the press," the company replied: "Classified defense information and information which is for official use only."

Since the canal is regarded as a military installation in many respects which is guarded by defense installations in the area, there is a great amount of information which applies to the agency's operation that would be legitimately classified as "defense information."

The unwillingness of the agency to release the names of congressmen who've cruised down to Panama and back apparently comes under the heading of self-defense, since it is Congress that each year exercises control over the operations of the Panama Canal Co. by putting up the funds to finance it.

It isn't as though the Panama Line takes on congressional passengers reluctantly. It publishes an inviting brochure which suggests why the cruise is popular with the wives of senators and representatives.

Luxury Imports
"Panama offers you a breathtaking selection of luxury imports at unbelievably low prices," the brochure states, listing French perfumes, English and Swedish crystal and china, Irish and Italian linens, German cameras, Chinese silks,

Peruvian silver, Colombian emeralds and English leather.

"Variety is the spice of life on your 15-day cruise of Haiti, Panama and the Panama Canal Zone, with dancing, swimming, games and sun on the spacious decks. . . Here perfect food, imaginatively prepared, adds the final touch of gracious modern living."

There is nothing new about this offering to congressmen. It has been going on for years. But now that a committee is investigating the protective uses of news suppression by federal bureaus, it remains to be seen whether it will lift the curtain of secrecy which now protects its own members.



EARLY START — Patsy Cunitz, 16, already the mother of a year old son, snuggles twin boys born to her in Minneapolis. Married at 14, Mrs. Cunitz is the wife of a 19-year-old sailor, David Cunitz, stationed at San Diego, Cal.

Stereotyper Strike Closes Detroit Papers

Detroit — (U.P.) — Detroit's two afternoon papers missed their first editions today for the first time in history because of a strike of stereotyper workers which has hit all three dailies.

Allen Neiber, city editor of the Detroit News, said the paper would not hit the streets for its first edition "for the first time since the paper began in 1873."

Ernest Rapalle, assistant city editor of the Detroit Times, said that paper also would not be able to turn out its first edition. The 120 members of the AFL Detroit stereotyper workers struck the News and Times and the Detroit Free Press, a morning paper, this morning. Pickets appeared at entrances to all three newspaper buildings a short time later. The Free Press had made its last Thursday edition run before the strike began.

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Pickin' Pears News and Notes From Camp White

By Bill Hurn
VFW Auxiliary, under Mrs. Helen Lusk, Assistant Department Hospital Chairwoman, was host to a goodly turnout at VFW hall Friday afternoon with a variety show. Joy Russell sang to her own guitar accompaniment. Rita Johnson and Christy Allingham had an unusual gymnastic jump-rope routine. The Bob Aires instrumental musical combo, and the program was closed by De Ann Abbot and Barbara Kilpatrick, singers and guitarists who specialized in close harmony offerings.

Coffee, cookies and popcorn were served.

Blue Star Mothers of Medford hosted the wheelchairs Friday p.m. with a games party, winners drawing a package of cigarettes. Ladies in charge and serving were Mrs. Mary Note, Mrs. Fred Middlebush and Mrs. Olaf Severson of Medford. The ladies brought home made cakes to go with the coffee pro-

vided by special service.

Friday night, the Oregon State Elks association group under Emil B. Kroeger, state district chairman for the Elks veterans service commission, held a games party which drew a full house. The auditorium was ringed with wheel chairs and the side and rear jammed with standees awaiting seats.

Canteen books were the awards to the winners. Committee helpers from Ashland lodge 944, BPOE, were Ralph Foster and Bud Hartley of the lodge and lady volunteers Mrs. James Madison, Mrs. Tom Carter and Mrs. Cliff Culver, also of Ashland. Donuts and coffee followed.

It was announced by Chairman Kroeger that the Dec. 17 Elks billing to Camp White would bring a variety show direct from the Portland entertainment circuit.

The First Baptist church youth choir of Medford presented a sacred hour Sunday afternoon, coming to Camp White under the sponsorship of Mrs. Mary Randall, past hospital department chairwoman of VFW. The choir was under the direction of Glenn Lamb and program was of solos, choir and chorus numbers, and congregational singing led by the choir. The program was interspersed with three appearances of the Landers twins, Ned and Ted, trumpet and trombone duets of hymns. Choir members were called upon for impromptu personal testimonies of Faith.

An effort is under consideration to have this group make the fourth Sunday of each month theirs for regular services at Camp White.

An appreciative audience was entertained Sunday evening at the regular auditorium service by Dr. and Mrs. Bert Elliott of Medford with pictures and lecture relative to their four months tour of the Holy Land this summer. Introduction was made by Lynn Nesmith, boyhood friend of Dr. Elliott. Mrs. Elliott explained the pictures and identified the shrines and sacred spots with the particular Biblical reference as to the individual and event in scripture. Pictures of inner Jerusalem with the sharply divided areas of native and Jewish occupancy were given special emphasis by Mrs. Elliott.

Interest in Camp White and Medford of the approaching nuptials of John L. Sullivan, one of Camp White's longtime veterans, and Mrs. Lucy Ford, of long service with the dining room staff, was the motif for a reception held at the community house on North Bartlett st., Medford, Nov. 28. A turkey dinner was served to the 30 guests from Medford and Camp White at this announcement party and they were the recipients of many gifts.

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