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On The 1956 Program

President Eisenhower's 1956 legislative program is largely predictable.

Part of it has come out before the State of the Union Message in formal or informal announcements after the President's conferences with Congressional leaders and executive officials.

Some of the items carried over from 1955 may get little stress in this election year. Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell, for example, after seeing the President on Nov. 2 said that he had no hope that Congress would revise the Taft-Hartley Act in 1956.

Among the items in the 1955 carry-over to which the administration appears committed are a school construction program, a health program, a highway program, and a water resources program.

Five other items classed as "vital" by the President were military survivors' benefits, refugee act amendments, customs simplification, the atom "peace ship," Hawaiian statehood.

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CONGRESS will evidently be asked to appropriate \$4.9 billion for foreign economic and military aid, but the rate of spending will remain about the same as this year's.

The President on Oct. 21 endorsed Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr.'s six-point court improvement program.

Leaders at a meeting in Harrisburg, the state capital. The GOP state chairman says there is a lot of Republican sentiment to put Eisenhower on the party ballot in Pennsylvania's Presidential preference primary next April.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In his Christmas message, which was broadcast by Radio Free Europe, President Eisenhower spoke of prayers for FREEDOM in Eastern Europe.

It roused the ire of Communist Party Boss Khrushchev, who called it "crude interference in the internal affairs of communist nations," and added:

"To pray for a change of regime in the PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACIES only leads to incitement of passions and a stepping up of the armaments race."

COMMENT: Let William Shakespeare provide it (Hamlet, Act 3, Scene 2):

"Let the galled jade weep; our withers are unwrung."

ONE can hardly blame Khrushchev for blowing his top when the leader of the free world expresses the hope that the people of the communist despotisms may eventually gain their freedom.

Having been smart enough to battle his way to the top of the communist party heap, he must be smart enough to know that Russia's greatest weakness lies in the fact that communism is so foul that in time it must fall of the weight of its own foulness.

KHRUSHCHEV speaks of the communist "people's democracies." Shakespeare handles that one pretty well, too. He says, in Romeo and Juliet:

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose

By any other name would smell as sweet."

Today's political note: President Eisenhower for a second term is being discussed by Pennsylvania Republican

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THE ROUGH TALK

The speeches made last week in Moscow by the Soviet leaders are indeed very different in tone from their speeches six months ago to justify anyone in thinking that the Soviets were getting ready to yield anything substantial for the sake of an agreement.



Walter Lippmann

uncompromising in July as it is today.

The difference between the speeches then and now lies elsewhere. It lies in their confidence, which is new and recent, that the Soviets are winning the cold war in Asia and Africa, and that they have us, so to say, over a barrel.

Bulgaria and Khrushchev have come back from India, Burma and Afghanistan with an exuberantly happy conviction that in the contest for influence and power, they have won, that they have come successfully to terms with the native feelings and the national sentiment of the key countries of South Asia.

In fact, they are acting now as if they were convinced that the more roughly they talk to us, the more they will be applauded in South Asia. They must have been mightily pleased not only with the big crowds but with what the leading personalities in the region said to them privately.

It would be complacency indeed to shrug this all off as nothing more than Khrushchev's usual bad manners. His talk is not mere talk. Something serious and real has happened, and the Western allies have in fact suffered an important setback. The Soviet diplomacy has achieved a notable success: We can deceive only ourselves if we deny or ignore it.

In the broadest and simplest terms what has happened is this. Between Morocco on the Atlantic Ocean and Indonesia in the South Pacific, across North Africa to Egypt to the Middle East to South Asia to Southeast Asia, there live a great mass of human beings who during the past four centuries were under the imperial rule of the great powers of Western Europe.

But until now the issue of their independence has been one between them and the old empires. Russia, which has long tried to have a hand in this area, was successfully excluded throughout the nineteenth century and, in fact, until the past year. The Russians have now broken through, more accurately they have jumped over, the barriers which excluded them.

This is the achievement about which Bulganin and Khrushchev are so exuberantly pleased with themselves. They feel as Mr. Dulles might feel if he had suddenly come back from a triumphant tour of Prague, Warsaw, and Peiping.

TO my mind a most significant thing about these speeches is that they say so little about economic matters and so much

iron as raw material for Belgian steel mills or to convert them into tractors to be used in tilling Belgian farms.

Instead, many of them have been reconducted in Belgium and sent to Egypt to be used in STIRRING UP A NEW WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

Foreign aid has its quirks and its angles.

about political matters. The Soviets are not offering to out-bid the West in the field of economic aid, that is to say of capital export. They are for a little aid, not very much, one might say just enough to establish the fact that the West is not the sole supplier of economic aid.

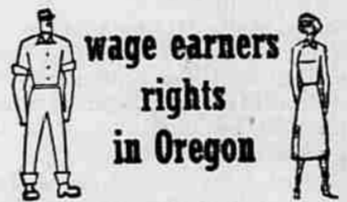
Their heavy cards are political, and what they are doing is to exploit the reaction to our policy of military alliances. As we have backed Pakistan, they have backed India and Afghanistan. As we back Thailand, they back Burma. As we back the so-called northern tier with Iraq and Iran, they back the southern tier with Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

We are stymied by our own policy. Having discriminated in favor of certain countries by giving them arms, we cannot talk back to the Russians if they discriminate in the favor of the other countries.

THERE is no reason, it seems to me, to hope that the rapid deterioration of the Western position can be arrested as long as there is a contest in which we back Turkey and Pakistan and Thailand while they back Egypt, Afghanistan, India and Burma. They will almost surely win that contest.

If there is a way out, it would seem to lie in taking a new stand, which is opposed to special military alliances in South Asia, and in the field of economic aid favors regional rather than country by country projects of development.

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WORKING CONDITIONS FOR WOMEN

The Conditions under which women work in Oregon must meet requirements set forth in orders of the Wage and Hour Commission. Since separate regulations are made for various occupations, persons concerned with a particular occupation should know those which affect it.

Q. I stand behind a hosiery counter all day on a cement floor. Can something be done about this?

A. Yes. A mat or grating is required where women in stores stand at work on floors that are not of wood, cork, rubber or other resilient composition.

Q. A poultry company had me report for work but enough poultry never came to put me on. All I had was the expense of the trip. Is that fair?

A. In this instance you are entitled to regular pay for 4 hours if you remained available for employment during the half day. Reporting pay is also mandatory when women employees are required to report for work but not furnished it in such businesses as manufacturing, restaurant and mercantile firms.

Q. My employer says I must take my meals in the cafe where I cashier and pay full price. Is this true?

A. An employer may not compel employees to take meals in his place of business. If the employee does agree to do so, the charge may not exceed 50 per cent of that charged the public.

If you have a question, you may write Commissioner Norman O. Nilsen, State Bureau of Labor, Salem, Oregon.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible.

Advises Flood Dam

To the Editor: As a visitor from Western Montana I have watched with interest the flood reports in this area.

In my home county we had these troubles about every three years, caused by snow run off in the spring, and about 15 years ago we did something about it. As a result we obtained the Hungry Horse dam and our troubles were over.

The very thought of one of these dams, in an area such as your valley, served by private power interests, gives these folks the jitters and as a result one sees a flood of propaganda about the benefits of tax-paying, private power.

These dams are expensive, and remember, they do not produce electricity every hour of the year. New uses are being found. These dams almost double the power production of every low dam below them.

We got our dam, in spite of the opposition of private interests, with only a small per cent of your population, although it took us ten years to get it started. We are starting to reap the benefits. Our dam is going to pay back the hundred million dollars it cost in one third the time, in power revenue alone.

Put your Senator Morse in as Secretary, get organized as a unit working for a common purpose and you can get these flood control dams you need to prevent the head lines I have been reading the last two weeks.

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Dutch Tanker Rescues Survivors of Sinking

Amsterdam — (U.P.) — The Dutch tanker Koratia reported early today it rescued 26 survivors from the wreckage of a Venezuelan ship which it said "broke up and sank" in the Caribbean Sea.

The radio report identified the sunken ship as the tanker Pedro Avilla, which is not listed by Lloyds Registry. It did not say whether any crewmen were lost in the sinking.

The Koratia is expected to deliver the survivors to Maracaibo, Venezuela, late tonight.

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Ballet Dancer Named To British Nobility

London — (U.P.) — The audience at Britain's Sadler's Wells ballet gave Margot Fonteyn an unprecedented ovation Monday night in recognition of her elevation to the nobility.

The applause and cheering went on for more than 10 minutes after the final curtain of "Swan Lake," while the popular ballerina took curtain call after curtain call.

Miss Fonteyn was created a "Dame of the British Empire"—an honor equivalent to knighthood—in Queen Elizabeth's New Year's honors list.

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