

Eisenhower Asks Five-Year Program To Fight Disease

Washington — (UP) — President Eisenhower asked Congress today to authorize a five-year, \$250,000,000 program of federal aid for construction of medical schools and other research institutions to step up the nation's "unending war against disease and disability."

He said the new facilities are needed to overcome "serious shortages" of physicians, and to make possible a vastly expanded research assault on the mysteries of cancer, heart disease, mental illness and other ailments about which "much remains to be discovered."

The request was the main feature of a five-point administration program to provide the nation with a "renewed and invigorated attack on our health problems." Mr. Eisenhower outlined the program in a 2400-word special message to Congress.

Increased Research
The President also called for a 28 per cent increase in federal funds for medical research, expansion of private health insurance plans to provide protection against "catastrophic illness," a five-year training program for nurses and medical specialists, and a sharp increase in federal funds for construction of hospitals.

Despite "notable advances" in the struggle against disease, the President said, "the nation still has not summoned the resources it properly and usefully could summon to the cause of better health."

"This further effort," he said, "... should be a characteristically American partnership, a partnership in which private and governmental enterprises are joined together to advance the national welfare."

Must Match Funds
"I therefore recommend that Congress enact legislation authorizing \$250,000,000 for a five-year program to assist in construction of research and teaching facilities for schools of medicine, osteopathy, public health and dentistry and other research institutions."

Mr. Eisenhower said institutions receiving federal grants "would be required to supply at least equal amounts in matching funds" of their own.

The five-year program posed by Mr. Eisenhower today is almost identical with two Democratic sponsored bills which the administration declined to support in Congress last year. Informed sources said the policy shift can be attributed to Marion B. Folsom, who succeeded Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby as health secretary a few months ago.

The Democratic bills would provide about \$60,000,000 a year, compared to Mr. Eisenhower's \$250,000,000.

Sewer Improvement Needed in County

Portland — Cost of sewage system improvements needed in five Jackson county cities, not including Medford, has been estimated at \$688,000 by Curtiss M. Everts, state sanitary engineer.

According to Everts, contracts for construction of sewage collection and disposal projects awarded in Oregon in 1955 totaled more than \$3,000,000, an increase of over \$400,000 than in 1954. Over a 10 year period more than \$40,000,000 has been expended in the state for sewage treatment facilities.

Improvements still needed in the state total \$15,013,000, with \$9,719,000 needed for sanitary sewers and \$5,294,000 for sewage treatment facilities.

In Jackson county, improvements needed were listed as Ashland, \$125,000 for treatment facilities; Eagle Point, \$81,000 for sewers and \$70,000 for treatment; Jacksonville, \$100,000 for sewers and \$60,000 for treatment; Phoenix, \$102,000 for sewers and \$50,000 for treatment; and Table Rock, \$100,000 for treatment. An unestimated amount is needed for Medford sewers.

Council OKs Fire Station

June 1. The new station on Highland dr. near South Siskiyou blvd. will be of cement block construction, will house two fire trucks and provide potential living quarters for eight men. Duff stated that the station could be enlarged if the growth of Medford requires it.

The station will be similar in construction to the westside fire hall, having a dormitory type sleeping room, a kitchen, bath, living room and storage space. Estimated cost of construction is \$24,500.

Timber Values Said Not Figured In Sarena Decision

Verdict Said Made As Required by Law

Washington — (UP) — Undersecretary of Interior Clarence A. Davis told congressional investigators today that timber values had nothing to do with his decision to give Al Sarena Mines, Inc., full rights to some 300 acres of rich national forest land.

The controversial decision, Davis said, was made as required by law on the basis of one question: Was there a valid discovery of minerals on the land?

Democrats investigating the grant have claimed Al Sarena received title to the land under the guise of mining but actually is "mining" timber. The right to remove timber is part of a mining claim grant.

Takes Responsibility
Davis outlined his position in the controversy in testimony before a joint Senate-House subcommittee. He said he alone was responsible for the decision because such power is vested in the undersecretary who also is department solicitor.

Interior Secretary Douglas McKay had no knowledge of the case, he added, until after the grant had been made.

The Truman administration had refused to grant the claim on grounds the land did not contain enough minerals to make mining worthwhile. Davis, an Eisenhower administration appointee, granted them on the basis of new mineral assays conducted by a private firm from Mobile, Ala., hometown of the principal stockholder in Al Sarena.

Davis said that at the time the mining claims were filed, the timber was of little value.

Democrats have charged that Davis was so eager to "give away" the timber land that he did not wait until the assay reports reached Washington before granting the mining patents.

But Davis told the subcommittee he had all the information before he made his decision. Entitled to Patent

"... a miner who stakes out his claim on public lands and files on it, spends \$500 in the development of it, and proves that he has a valid discovery of minerals, is entitled to a patent," Davis said.

When he took over his job, Davis said there were 278 land appeals cases pending in his office. The Al Sarena mines was just another case, he said.

Shortly after he took office, Davis said, two members of the McDonald family of Mobile, Ala., which owns the mining company, came to him and violently protested that they had been shabbily treated.

Davis said the McDonalds said their case had been pending for five years, that a lot of evidence they had filed was not of record, and that more evidence had not been sent to Washington from field offices.

Case Was Reviewed
After a review of the case, Davis said, he found some of the allegations made by the McDonalds to be true.

He said Reps. Frank Bolkin (D-Ala.) and Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.) had urged him to avoid further delays. "There had been a constant complaint about delay and a constant pressure for action..." Davis said.

Neuberger Speaks Out
Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) criticized Davis for a sentence in a letter he wrote about the case to the Bureau of Mines. In it Davis said he wanted "to approve the patent for them if the assays afford us the well-established legal basis therefor."

Davis said that although he signed it he hadn't actually written the letter. He said he took responsibility for it.

Guy Mollet Selected As New French Premier
Paris — (UP) — President Rene Coty called on Socialist party leader Guy Mollet tonight to become France's 22nd Premier since the end of World War II.

The President summoned the 51-year-old former English teacher after two days of consultations with politicians in his efforts to decide who should try to form a new government.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York — (UP) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 466.82 off 3.89, 20 rails 155.80 off 0.79, 15 utilities 63.35 off 0.7, and 65 stocks 165.86 off 1.16. Sales today were about 1,840,000 shares compared with 1,950,000 yesterday.

Heavy Rains in California



RICHARD HENSELMAN Receives Jaycee Award

Henselman Given Junior Chamber Service Award

Richard L. Henselman, 26, of 333 Ardmore ave., has won Medford's Distinguished Service Award for 1955. The annual award is made by the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Henselman was born Jan. 9, 1930, in Seattle, Wash., and has lived in Medford since he was one year old. He has been affiliated with the Goldy and Henselman Insurance agency here for five years.

While at Oregon State college, where he majored in business, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

He was special events chairman of the United Medford Crusade and served on the UMC board of directors two years. He currently is second vice-president for UMC. Henselman has taken an active part in completion of a new Sunday school building at the Congregational church. He recently was elected to a three-year term on the board of trustees.

He is vice-president of the Medford Professional Insurance Agents association, and a member of the board of directors.

He is married and has two boys, ages 2 and 4.

The award consists of a plaque, certificate and pin, which will be presented by Ron James, president of Medford Jaycees.

Tentative Budget Drawn Up By CPRFPD

Central Point — Central Point Rural Fire Protection district budget committee have drawn up a tentative 1956-1957 budget of \$31,758.62.

A public hearing on the proposed outlay has been set for the evening of Feb. 21 at the rural fire hall here. Fire Chief Richard Krupp said that a good turnout at the hearing is desired, and brought out that the meeting will be the time and place for persons with questions to have them answered.

The tentative budget exceeds the current one of \$30,370 by \$1,388.62.

Studying Bulganin's Appeal

Need for Continued Talks Said Stressed

Washington — (UP) — President Eisenhower and his top advisers today urgently studied a new appeal by Soviet Premier Niko-lai Bulganin for a revival of the "Geneva spirit" of friendship.

The appeal was contained in a personal letter from Bulganin to Mr. Eisenhower, the contents of which neither the White House nor the Russians would disclose.

More Talks Stressed
Informed sources told United Press, however, that Bulganin's message stressed the need for continued East-West talks to ease world tensions. The sources said the Russian premier specifically proposed renewed negotiations on European security, German unity, disarmament and the lowering of East-West barriers.

These were the topics which the foreign ministers of the United States, Russia, Great Britain and France failed to agree on at a meeting last fall. They had been ordered to try to work out solutions to them by Mr. Eisenhower, Bulganin, British Prime Minister Anthony Eden and former French Premier Edgar Faure at their July "summit" conference at Geneva, Switzerland.

New Suggestions
Bulganin was reported to have some new suggestions in his letter on how the deadlocks might be broken. But it was understood he did not propose a new meeting with Mr. Eisenhower and British and French leaders.

Negotiations, in the first stage at least, presumably would be carried on through correspondence and diplomatic channels.

Lions Auction Nets \$6,020 for MOD

Sales and pledges totaled \$6,020 on the March of Dimes auction over station KBES-TV last night, members of the sponsoring Crater Lions club said today.

An announcement was made during the program of the critical blood shortage in Jackson county and an additional \$750 was pledged to the March of Dimes if county citizens will contribute 250 pints of blood when the bloodmobile visits here on Feb. 8. The amount is not included in the overall auction total.

Items which were purchased during the auction may be picked up at John Lusk's Piano store at 333 South Riverside Ave., it was stated. Pledges also may be brought or mailed to the Lusk store. Lions club officials today urged that the transactions be completed in the next few days. Checks should be made payable to the March of Dimes.

Statement Issued On Computing Tax

The county assessor's office today disclaimed any error in computing tax rates this year, as was alleged by State Tax Commissioner Sam Stewart in a talk here last Saturday.

In a long statement issued by the office with the knowledge and approval of Assessor Robert G. Fowler, the office indicated that no error was made, but that the taxes were collected in a manner prescribed by the state commission, and that they do not result in unfair or over-assessments.

Statement Paraphrased
In a Mail Tribune story Sunday, Stewart's statement was paraphrased as follows:

"... Real property in Jackson county has 'true cash value' figured at 100 per cent of market value, as the result of what apparently was an innocent computing error in the county assessor's office. In other counties, 'true cash value' is figured at 70 per cent of market value, under regulations of the state tax commission."

Today's statement said that only two communications from the commission relative to ratios are on file in the assessor's office. The first discusses them only in general terms, it said. The other discussed ratios in specific figures, giving a formula for determining the ratio on a basis of a "normal conditions" factor of 80 per cent of market value as true cash value. It was this formula which was followed in Jackson county.

Thus a "normal conditions" factor of 80 per cent is in use here on the instructions of the state tax commission, as opposed to a 70 per cent factor in other counties, the statement indicated.

Reappraisal Program
The statement also made indirect reference to Stewart's statement about the reappraisal program in the county to the effect that it had been conducted in the county by both state and county appraisers.

The statement quoted the agreement under which the program was originated, which specified that full responsibility for supervision and completion of the job was assumed by the state commission.

The statement issued by the assessor's office will be printed in full in tomorrow's Mail Tribune.

Road Conditions

Highway 99, south—Chains advised on Siskiyou; chains required between Weed and south of Dunsmuir, Calif.

Highway 99, north—Snowing north of Roseburg.

Highway 87 — North of Klamath Falls, snowing, carrying chains advised; north of Weed, Calif., chains required.

Highway 66, Green Springs — Carrying chains advised, may be required later.

Los Angeles Gets About Six Inches; Schools Closed

Central, Southern Areas Hardest Hit

San Francisco — (UP) — Storm-punchy California took another one on the chin today as more wind-whipped rains flashed across the state from one end to the other.

As much as six inches of rain was dumped on some sections causing flood threats in at least two areas.

Central and Southern California got the worst of it this time.

The weatherman said light rains would continue this afternoon and tomorrow, but clearing was expected over most of California late Friday.

Winds as high as 69 miles an hour at Blue Canyon in the High Sierra and 37 mph at Pt. Reyes on the North Coast struck during the night. There was new snow in the mountains above the 3000 foot level. Eureka reported hail.

Heavy Rainstorm
Santa Margarita, at the headwaters of the Salinas river, was drenched with six inches of rain. Santa Barbara got 4½ and Pasadena, 3.49.

A record rain drenched the Los Angeles area for the second day, flooding some 350 persons from their dwellings and forcing schools to close.

Greater flooding was feared as the runoff gained momentum and poured down mountain slopes surrounding Los Angeles Basin.

Helicopters in Use
Helicopters and lifeguard boats were pressed into use to evacuate families trapped by flood waters which rose to seven feet in some low-lying regions.

The downpour broke a 16-year record for a single 24-hour period when it dumped 5.21 inches on the International Airport in the period ending at 7 a.m. and the rains continued, with the Weather Bureau forecasting another three inches for the rest of the day.

In downtown Los Angeles, the storm brought 5.21 inches of rain by 11 a.m., only 21 inches less than the third worst storm on record, the rainfall of Sept. 24-25 in 1939.

The Los Angeles school district closed 16 schools and prepared to order others shut down. Families Evacuated

In Torrance, 90 families were forced from their homes. Another 100 persons, mostly elderly, were ordered out of their homes in Venice, another Los Angeles residential suburb.

There apparently was no threat of serious flooding along the Feather and Russian rivers, which did heavy damage during the Christmas week deluge.

But residents of Tulare county battled to hold back the swelling Kaweah and St. John's rivers. A state of emergency was declared late yesterday when the streams approached the danger point.

Dr. Salk Honored With Gold Medal

Washington — (UP) — Dr. Jonas E. Salk today received a gold medal from a grateful nation and praise from President Eisenhower for his "great achievement" in developing a vaccine against polio.

In a glittering ceremony at the Health, Education and Welfare Department, Health Secretary Marion B. Folsom read a letter to Salk from President Eisenhower, which said:

"Through dedicated and selfless effort, in the best traditions of medical research, you have brought new hope to mankind in the continuing battle against a dread disease... I am confident that the entire nation joins me in lasting gratitude and appreciation..."

Sucker Creek Dam
The dam would be built on Sucker creek with a diversion dam below the main dam. The site is located on Highway 46 east of Cave Junction near Oregon Caves National monument.

Further action on the project, the report said, would depend upon local support and cooperation.

Over-All Development Plan of Rogue River Basin Is Shelved; Individual Projects Under Consideration

with the possibility that a special allocation of funds will permit construction to begin before fiscal 1957 starts next July 1. Its cost will total some \$22,000,000.

The permanent shelving of the Basin project was made known in a memorandum to various divisions of the department of the interior last April. It was signed by Interior Secretary Douglas McKay.

In a telephone call to the Mail Tribune yesterday afternoon, he said opposition to the project continues, making further consideration of the project undesirable. He pointed out, however, that this action does not preclude flood control surveys by the Army engineers, or flood control dams if they are found necessary or desirable.

Multi-Purpose Project
His action, however, does set the proposal aside as an overall, basin-wide, integrated and multi-purpose project. Original plans, based on price levels of January, 1949, would have totaled \$78,443,000. The Talent project, which has been considerably revised since taken up

as a separate project, incorporates a number of the features originally proposed for other segments of the over-all basin plan.

The Talent project, Secretary McKay points out in his departmental memorandum, was submitted as a substitute plan by the Rogue River Valley Irrigation association, and included the non-controversial features of the proposals of the bureau of reclamation.

The secretary indicated that the basin proposal had been pushed unduly by the bureau of reclamation in the past, without the full concurrence of other divisions of the department, but said, "Our machinery for co-ordinated department-wide planning for river basin development has been improved greatly during the past few years..."

Memorandum Addressed
The memorandum was addressed to the bureau of reclamation, the national park service, the fish and wildlife service, the bureau of mines, the geological survey and the bureau of land management.

Published copies of the final report on the Rogue Basin project,

Weather

FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness with scattered showers tonight and Friday. Snow above 2500 feet. Patches of morning fog. Low tonight 32. High Friday 48.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest This Morning	39
Pre. to 10 a.m. Today	72