

Predict Rejection of Second Russian Offer

House Committee Approves Treasury, Other Money Bills

First In Series For Agency Appropriations

Washington—(U.P.)—The House Appropriation Committee today approved a \$3,618,699,000 money bill to run the Treasury, Post Office and Tax Court in the 12 months starting July 1.

The Democratic controlled committee ground out the first of a series of appropriations for the agencies involved and without substantial reductions.

President Eisenhower had asked for \$3,649,872,000 for the three agencies. The cut, as recommended by the appropriations group, was only \$31,173,000. The committee in the past frequently has made, or at least claimed, much bigger savings.

The post office department gets the bulk of the money, \$2,073,900,000 as against \$3,000,000 sought by Mr. Eisenhower, a reduction of \$26,000,000 in the red, and said postal rates should be raised to make up the loss.

"Some action must be taken to get postal rates more appropriate to the costs of the service," the group said in its report to the House. It described present rates as "woefully inadequate." The committee failed to suggest where the proposed rate boosts should be applied. President Eisenhower has said first class rates, among others, should be increased. His request has been cold-shouldered by Congress.

The committee delivered some of the few mild rebukes in its report to the Internal Revenue Service, which will get \$305,000,000 or almost half of the treasury's total.

Members expressed "grave concern" at recent cases in which boxer Joe Louis and others have turned up with big tax payments long overdue. Louis, the committee was told, owes the government \$1,000,000. The Narcotics Bureau, part of treasury, got \$3,250,000, every cent it requested and \$155,000 more than this year. This will provide 15 extra agents.

Lincoln Dinner Date Unchanged

Following the example of other Lincoln day clubs in the state, Mrs. Frank Bash, chairman of Jackson County Republican Central committee, said yesterday that the local Lincoln day observance would be held as scheduled on Feb. 7.

Ex-Governor Dan Thornton of Colorado will be speaker at the dinner to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Jackson hotel.

"Governor Thornton feels that Governor Patterson would have wished us to carry on so the Oregon schedule remains unchanged by the tragedy," Mrs. Marshall E. Cornett, Republican National committeewoman for Oregon wired Mrs. Bash today.

During his stay in this area Thornton will be a luncheon guest of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce and will make a television appearance. He will meet local newspaper representatives at a "meet the press" session at the Jackson hotel Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Tickets for the dinner are now on sale at Frake and Smith, 315 East Main st. They may be reserved by telephoning 2-4564.

Washington—(U.P.)—Max Rell Truitt, 53, son-in-law of Sen. Alben W. Barkley, died here yesterday following a stroke.

Santa Fe Submits Report On Engineer's 'Blackout'

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—The Santa Fe Railway will submit a report today to a coroner's inquest which the company said substantiates the claim by an engineer that his "blackout" caused a train wreck which killed 30 persons.

The inquest was scheduled to hear testimony from 32 witnesses into the Jan. 22 wreck, the worst rail tragedy in California history.

The two-car commuter train overturned on a curve while traveling 70 miles per hour. Engineer Frank Parrish, 61, has accepted full responsibility for the crash. He said he blacked out at the throttle, causing the train to pick up speed instead of slowing down to the required 15 mph for the curve.

Fireman Homer Smith, 42, however, blamed a mechanical failure for the wreck. He said Parrish applied emergency brakes which failed to work. The railway announced last

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PLAN LAKE DEVELOPMENT

Ask Appeals Court To Set Aside FPC Order On Two Dams

Washington—(U.P.)—Three groups said today they will ask the U. S. Court of Appeals Monday to set aside a Federal Power Commission order which approved the Idaho Power Co.'s revised plans for two Hells Canyon dams.

Attorneys for the groups had announced they would file the petition today but at the last

Wheat Growers Ask Quick Adoption Of Domestic Parity

Portland—(U.P.)—The nation's wheat growers today called for immediate adoption of the domestic parity support plan despite Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson's request that they delay action on the proposal at least until next year.

The National Wheat Growers Association adopted the resolution of its program committee without major change at the closing session of the group's sixth annual convention here.

The plan calls for a two-price support system, one on domestic wheat and one on export wheat. Benson yesterday asked the wheat growers to hold off on pushing for congressional approval of the domestic parity plan until 1957 and, instead, work for passage of President Eisenhower's nine-point farm program at this session of Congress.

The wheatmen, however, made the domestic parity recommendation after declaring that programs "operated under present legislation must be unqualifiedly rejected on ground they aggravated instead of alleviate the farmers' problems of declining prices and incomes."

The wheat growers also urged that the effective date of modernized parity be postponed until such a time as a new formula can be developed "more accurately to reflect the quality of the wheat growers' purchasing power."

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 447.74, up 4.04; 20 railroads 159.22, up 0.75; 15 utilities 64.67, up 0.32, and 65 stocks 169.55, up 1.16. Sales today were about 2,110,000 shares compared with 1,900,000 yesterday.

Radio Highlights

An address by Adlai Stevenson, Democratic presidential candidate, will be broadcast over radio station KMED from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4.

Boundary Location To Be Considered

Salem—(U.P.)—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton today said he will confer in Portland tomorrow with Idaho's attorney general, Graydon W. Smith, on legal problems concerning location of the Snake river boundary between the two states.

Thornton said he was particularly interested in the boundary near the proposed Hells Canyon, Brownlee and Oxbow dam sites.

"I am also checking to determine if the rights of the state of Oregon have been violated by the Idaho Power Company in allegedly commencing construction of those dam projects before receiving a license to do so from the Oregon Hydro-electric Commission," Thornton said.

Idaho Power already has a Federal Power Commission license for the dams and has announced start of construction at the Brownlee and Oxbow sites,

Amended Budget For National Park Sent To Congress

\$381,500 Improvement Program Scheduled

President Eisenhower is sending to congress a \$381,500 improvement program for Crater Lake National park, according to word received here today from Congressman Harris Ellsworth.

The program is included in an amendment to the National Park Service budget.

Biggest item in the program calls for \$220,000 for new employee housing and utilities at park headquarters. Other items are \$88,800 for construction of roads, trails and walks within the park; and \$72,700 for improvement of camp ground facilities at Annie Springs.

Crater Lake National Park Supervisor Thomas Williams said today he believes the proposed appropriations would be used to start a preliminary expansion program outlined by the local park service.

The expansion would include start of a new employee housing project, construction of a new camp ground at Annie Springs about one quarter mile from the present camp site, and construction of a new, safer and wider trail from the rim down to the lake.

Under this program, the \$220,000 would be used to begin construction of a new all-weather residential area at park headquarters, Williams said. He pointed out that present quarters for about 30 employee families were designed for summer use only and that the development of the park requires resident crews to remain there all winter.

The plans call for construction of one four family dwelling unit designed for cold weather and easy, economical maintenance, and for extension of water, electric and sewage facilities, he said.

Above Snow Level
Living quarters in the new unit would be on the second floor in order to be above the snow level, which averages more than seven feet deep for eight months of the year. Car garages, heating plants and a utility room would be on the first floor. The dwelling will cost an estimated \$115,000. Extension of utilities would cost about \$28,000, Williams said.

The new camp ground at Annie Springs will be located at the old CCC camp, where there was a temporary camp last summer, Williams said. It will contain parking space, tables, fireplaces, restrooms and space for tents and trailer houses.

Construction of a new camp is necessary, Williams pointed out, because road realignment last summer encroached on the present camp site, reducing its facilities by about 50 per cent.

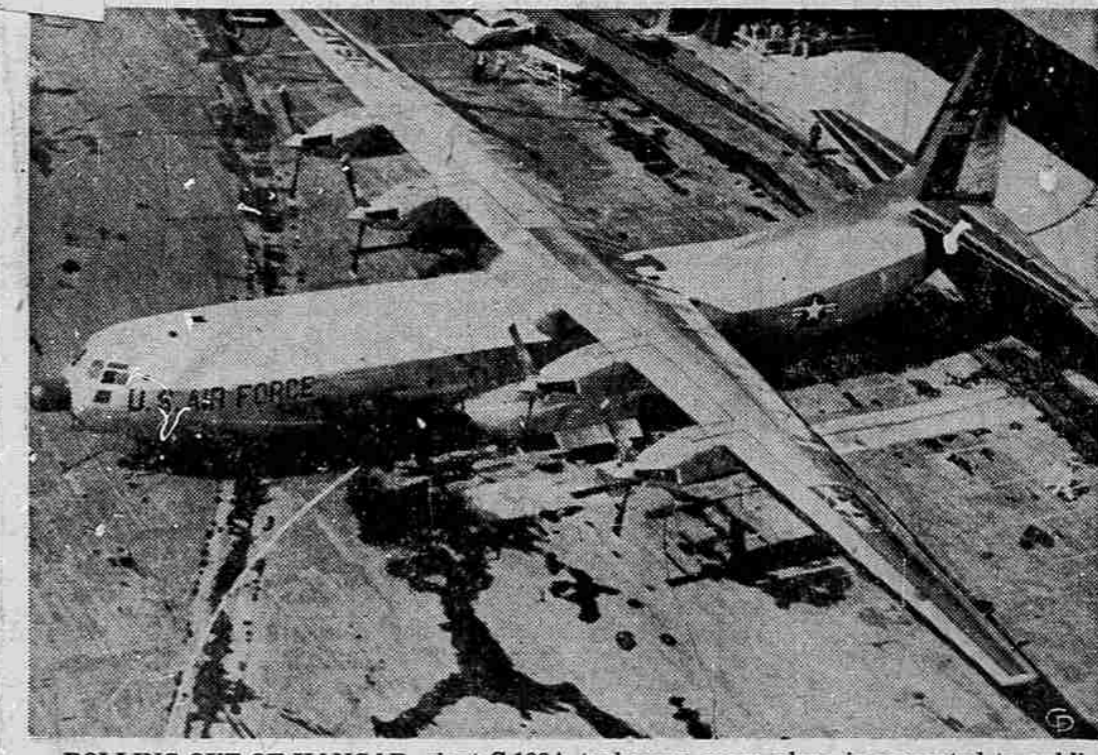
Roads and trails around the new camp will cost about \$25,000. Roads leading to the proposed housing development will cost an estimated \$13,800 and the remainder of the \$88,800 designated for roads and trails might be used to construct a new trail from the rim to the surface of the lake, Williams said.

The new trail would be about 1 1/2 miles long and cost around \$50,000. It would be on an easier grade and wide enough so people could travel up or down it side by side, instead of single file. Williams pointed out that the cost of construction was due to the steepness of the terrain, the rock formation, and the necessity of screening the trail behind vegetation so that it will not mar the landscape.

It was believed by Williams that the proposed appropriation may be part of the National Park Service Mission 66. Mission 66 is a program designed to bring the national parks of the nation up to accepted standards by 1956, the 50th anniversary of the park service.

Williams pointed out that while visitors to national parks have more than doubled since before World War II, there have been few increases in appropriations for park expansion and maintenance.

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ROLLING OUT OF HANGAR, giant C-133A turboprop cargo plane is presented to public for first time at Douglas Long Beach plant. Carrying twice the payload of largest military transports, Air Force expects it to set new performance standards. (International)

Plain Funeral Held For Paul Patterson

Salem—(U.P.)—Oregonians were in mourning today—officially and unofficially—for the late Gov. Paul L. Patterson whose plain funeral service was held in the House of Representatives here at 2 p.m.

Flags flew at half staff statewide and all city, county and state offices were closed in respect to the late governor. Public schools, too, were closed along with many private schools.

Although Gov. Elmo Smith,

who took office Tuesday just 12 hours after Patterson's death in Portland, had not intended that city and county offices should close, Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton ruled late yesterday.

All city, state and county offices in Medford were closed today in observance of a day of mourning for the late Governor Paul L. Patterson.

All schools in the county were closed. Early information yesterday indicated that schools would not close, but as the day was proclaimed a legal holiday by Gov. Elmo Smith, the attorney general ruled that they would have to close.

In closing, city and county offices followed the example of other communities throughout the state.

RV Hospital Drive Collects \$801,767; Three Days Remain

A balance of \$48,233 still must be raised by Monday night in order to assure construction of the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital official campaign headquarters announced today.

Total contributions pledged to the hospital fund drive amounted to \$801,767 this morning. Campaign Ends

A dinner to end the campaign will be held Monday evening at the Elks club, and it is hoped that by that time the total of \$850,000 being sought will be in hand or pledged.

If it is, this will assure completion of the \$2,000,000 structure, which will be constructed at the corner of Barnett road and Murphy lane. More than 200 workers have been soliciting funds for the hospital for the past month.

In addition to funds subscribed, the hospital will be built with some \$563,000 of federal funds and more than \$600,000 which has already been given by several major donors.

Subscriptions Only
It was pointed out by campaign headquarters this morning that workers are only soliciting subscriptions and that no money should be paid until notice is received from the hospital treasurer. If anyone solicits cash for the hospital, they are not regular campaign workers.

Subscribers since yesterday for memorials or memberships include Mt. Pitt Rebekah lodge number 167; Prospect Lions club; Medford Kiwanian Dames; Westside Home Extension unit; McLoughlin and Hedrick Junior high school student bodies; and Roosevelt, Lincoln, Jefferson, Jackson and Washington elementary school student bodies.

Washington—(U.P.)—The United States today banned American travel to Communist Hungary except with special permission of the U. S. government.

Senator Offered \$2,500 For Vote Against Gas Bill

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Francis Case (R-S.D.), charged today that an attorney offered \$2500 for his reelection campaign in the belief that he was going to vote for passage of the natural gas bill.

Case said in a Senate speech that he would vote against the bill.

He did not name the attorney in his prepared text, but he said he had determined that the lawyer was "interested in passage of the pending bill."

Case said the overwhelming sentiment of the mail from his state favored passage of the bill, and he had thought earlier that he would vote for it.

But, he said, "the creation of a class in this country who can seek to affect the choice of many states' representation in the Congress is a far greater danger to the country than a temporary shortage of gas."

Case said he had a telephone call about a week ago from a friend in South Dakota who related that a caller had left an envelope with him containing \$2500 in \$100 bills as a contribution for Case's campaign.

Senate debate on the controversial natural gas bill reached a temporary lull today while backstage lobbies on both sides attempted to sway uncommitted senators for Monday's crucial vote.

Senators have been talking about the bill to exempt natural gas producers from direct federal regulation for 14 days.

Eugene—(U.P.)—Fletcher C. England, 72, of Walker, south of Cottage Grove, was shot and killed yesterday afternoon when a shotgun in the hands of a friend accidentally discharged.

Weather
FORECAST: Variable high cloudiness through Saturday. Slowly rising temperatures. Low tonight 26. High Saturday 55.
Temp.
Highest Yesterday 50
Lowest this Morning 25

Norway Believes Russian Violations Nearing End
Aaslund, Norway—(U.P.)—Foreign Minister Halvard M. Lange called in Ambassador S. M. Arkadyev today at Oslo, to protest repeated Russian violations of Norway's four-mile limit. The Norwegian navy has seized 10 Soviet fishing boats and about 1,000 crewmen in the past four days.

In a statement issued after the meeting, Lange did not say specifically that Russia has promised to respect Norway's rights, but he did say he has "reason to hope" Soviet fish poaching is at an end.

Nearly 100 Russian fishing vessels were lying off Aalesund today, just outside the four-mile limit, but there was no immediate indication that they intend to try any new raids.

Bulganin's Letter Calls For 20-Year Friendship Treaty

Similar Pacts Offered Great Britain, France

Washington—(U.P.)—The United States, Britain and France will reject Russia's latest plea for separate 20-year friendship pacts with the three allies, diplomats predicted today.

This was the quick and official reaction to Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin's second appeal, made in a new 3,000-word letter to President Eisenhower, for a non-aggression pact with this country. Bulganin told the President Russia was willing to sign similar pact with Britain and France.

Mr. Eisenhower, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and other Allied leaders will confer on the Bulganin proposal before the American reply is sent to Moscow. But there was every assurance the answer would be a polite "no," patterned after Mr. Eisenhower's previous rejection of the Soviet idea Jan. 28.

Allies Act Together
Diplomats said Britain and France would follow the U.S. lead.

Diplomats recalled that Eden and other western leaders hailed Mr. Eisenhower's earlier rejection of a friendship pact with Russia. The President said then such a pact, in effect, already exists in the United Nations charter. He called on Russia to prove its friendship by deeds—by agreeing to the reunification of Germany, adopting its "open skies" pre-disarmament plan, taking steps to free Soviet satellites and removing the Iron Curtain.

Russia's offer to sign pacts with Britain and France was something of a surprise. Moscow only last year broke non-aggression pacts with the two nations, charging they had joined "aggressive blocs" in bringing a re-armed Germany into the North Atlantic Treaty system.

New Propaganda Move
U.S. officials concluded that Bulganin's latest message was another propaganda move. They complained about its "familiar cold war ring" despite some friendly words.

Bulganin told Mr. Eisenhower a U.S.-Russian pact "between the two strongest powers in the world would contribute enormously to a healthier international situation."

Then he mentioned the offer to sign similar pacts with Britain and France and threw in the off-rejected proposal for a 26-nation pact between NATO nations and the Communist members of the Warsaw defense organization.

Bulganin also had something to say about the specific deeds of friendship urged on them by Mr. Eisenhower in his earlier letter. But officials said the replies were "negative."

Tentative Site Set For Air Force Base

Salem—(U.P.)—The Air Force has tentatively selected a site near Woodburn for relocation of its jet interceptor base now at the Portland airport, the State Board of Aeronautics reported today.

However, Aeronautics Director Earl Snyder cautioned that the Air Force was only tentatively interested in the Woodburn site and might make final decision on another location later.

The site under consideration is seven miles west of Woodburn and two miles northeast of Grand Island. It is near the Willamette river and close to Fairfield.

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