

# Republicans Budget \$4,000,000 to Get Control of Congress

Washington—(U.P.)—Republican campaign managers have budgeted about \$4,000,000 for the two committees handling the GOP drive to regain control of Congress, it was disclosed Saturday.

However, much larger sums will be spent by state and local campaign organizations trying to elect Republican nominees to the House and Senate.

For example, the party's national headquarters has estimated that \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000 will be spent at the state and local level—for state as well as congressional candidates—on radio and television time alone. This would be in addition to the approximate \$2,250,000 already budgeted for national radio and TV campaigning.

**Democratic Spending**  
A Democratic party spokesman said the Democrats expect to spend about the same as the GOP on national network campaigning. But he doubted they would match the Republican estimates for state and local radio and TV.

About \$4 million has been allotted for the Republican senatorial and congressional campaign committees, which make contributions to candidates and to their own campaign committees.

Some of this money is not spent directly on the Senate and House campaigns because these two committees must pick

up some of the checks for the national radio and TV broadcasts.

The congressional campaigns will get increased Republican attention now that President Eisenhower's second term announcement has buoyed GOP confidence about winning the presidential race.

Mr. Eisenhower has repeatedly shown concern because his party failed to retain control of Congress in the 1954 mid-term elections. The Republicans face a particularly tough assignment in trying to win back control of the Senate this year.

## Administration May Oppose Move To Lower Benefits

Washington—(U.P.)—The administration has indicated it will oppose Democratic proposals to lower the age at which women and disabled persons could receive old age insurance benefits, it was learned Saturday.

Its opposition is reported to be based on the proposed increase in social security taxes to finance the liberalized benefits. It has questioned whether the benefits would justify the increase, in view of a trend towards employment of more older workers and increasing efforts to rehabilitate handicapped persons so they can work.

If the administration follows through on its indicated stand, it could have another major collision with the Senate Democratic majority. Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson has endorsed the new proposals in principle and has assigned them high priority.

**Social Security Bill**  
The social security bill, as passed by the House last July would allow women workers, and wives and widows of retired workers covered by the Federal Insurance program, to collect old age benefits at age 62. Totally and permanently disabled workers could collect at age 50. The present benefit is 65 for all persons covered by social security.

About 1,050,000 persons—800,000 women and 250,000 disabled—would benefit initially from lowering the benefit age.

To pay for the added benefits, now and in the future, about 53.5 million workers would pay higher social security taxes. The tax for employed workers and their employers would go up from the present two percent to 2½ percent each. Taxes on the self-employed would be raised from three to 3¾ percent.

That would mean an \$18-a-year tax increase for the average worker earning \$300 a month and a like increase for his employer.

## Quarles Calls for Study of Support By U.S. Allies

Montgomery, Ala.—(U.P.)—Air Secretary Donald A. Quarles called for a study Saturday to learn how firmly America's allies would support it in an atomic war.

Quarles raised the question, long an unspoken one in military and political circles, in a major speech prepared for delivery at the Air university at Maxwell Air Force base.

**Positive Pressure**  
The Air secretary asserted that this country's deterrent pressure "must be positive and unequivocal." He said aggressors "must expect us" to counter either local or global aggression with "our best and most modern weapons"—obviously meaning nuclear weapons.

"In this situation there is a psychological point that needs further study," he said. "It has to do with the attitude of our friends and allies in the free world."

"The essential question here is whether their willingness to stand firm with us would be enhanced or impaired by the expectation that, if our forces became engaged, our best weapons would also become engaged."

**Calls For Study**  
Quarles raised the question in calling for a "detailed study" at the Air university's advanced schools on what he called the new science of deterring war. He said so far deterrent power has grown without a "deal opportunity to theorize about it."

Quarles said a "deterrent position" has peace as its object, rules out preventive war but will not permit retreat or appeasement in preserving "our way of life."

He said the country must not only have such powerful retaliatory forces that aggression would be unprofitable but it must make aggressors know "that this situation exists."

## TV Show of Birth Cancelled by NBC

Hollywood—(U.P.)—The producers of the "Medic" TV show Saturday accused Francis Cardinal Spellman of "an unwarranted and very disappointing use of your high office" for action which they said led to cancellation of a TV showing of the birth of a baby by Caesarean section.

NBC Television network officials and church spokesmen, however, denied that the cardinal had anything to do with cancelling the scheduled Monday night episode in the "Medic" series. NBC said the birth sequence show was cancelled because the network believed it "would be unsuitable for home audiences."

The cancellation followed disclosure that the Rev. Timothy J. Flynn, director of radio and television for the archdiocese of New York, had written the network protesting the scheduled program.

"Father Flynn's letter was inspired by the cardinal," charged "Medic" producer Frank La Tourette. "We know that for a fact."

## Workshops Included In UO Summer List

Eugene—A series of workshops and special seminars are included in the University of Oregon's summer session catalogue published this week.

The session, which will open June 18 for eight weeks, will include workshops on family financial security education, counseling adolescents in pre-marriage and family problems, mentally retarded, and county school superintendents.

Catalogues may be obtained by writing the director of the summer sessions, University of Oregon.

## Eisenhower Sends Personal Message to Pope Pius XII

Vatican City—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower, in a personal message delivered to Pope Pius XII Saturday, praised the pontiff's work for world unity and peace. He said the Pope's work was an "inspiration to mankind."

Mr. Eisenhower's message was presented to the Pope by John A. McCone, Los Angeles businessman who is serving as the President's representative at ceremonies marking the pontiff's 80th birthday and the 17th anniversary of his coronation.

McCone, the first U. S. presidential representative to call on the Pope in six years, was received in a 13-minute audience in the papal library.

McCone gave the Pope a brief presidential letter expressing Mr. Eisenhower's "personal best wishes" and the "affection and esteem" of the American people.

The President's letter was addressed "to his holiness, Pope Pius XII" and said:

"I have entrusted this letter to my good friend, Mr. John A. McCone, who has come to the Vatican City to represent me personally at the ceremony solemnizing your 80th birthday.

"It is a great satisfaction to me to have my representative participate in this ceremony which has such great significance for all peoples of the Christian world. Your labors for world unity, peace and well being are a constant inspiration to mankind.

"I have asked Mr. McCone to convey to you my personal best wishes and solicitation, and to express to you the affection and esteem of the American people."

The letter was signed: "Respectfully and sincerely, Dwight D. Eisenhower."

McCone is the American representative among 50 foreign delegations that have come to Rome to pay tribute to the Roman Catholic spiritual leader at the ceremonies today.

## Civil Rights May Be Spelled Out in House This Week

Washington—(U.P.)—The administration's long-delayed stand on civil rights legislation may be spelled out next week under prodding of the House Civil Rights bloc, it was learned Saturday.

President Eisenhower is expected to advocate stricter voting safeguards for Negroes and undoubtedly will recommend setting up a bi-partisan, bi-racial, commission to try and solve kindred problems. He feels a commission study is the best approach to current tension in the South.

**Presses for Rights**  
Rep. Hugh Scott (R-Pa.) told the United Press that leaders of the House group pressing for civil rights legislation will make a new bid for action next week. He said a six-member informal committee has an appointment to see Deputy Attorney General William P. Rogers Tuesday morning to discuss the type of proposed legislation being prepared by Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr.

Scott said this will be followed Tuesday afternoon by a meeting of all House members who are pushing civil rights legislation.

The unanswered question is whether the administration proposals will go as far as the House bloc wants.

Brownell has told some congressmen that present laws are not adequate to protect the voting rights of Negroes as intended in the constitution. He promised the administration would submit corrective recommendations.

## One Killed in Fire In Apartment House

Milwaukee, Wis.—(U.P.)—An elderly woman died and four persons were hospitalized early Saturday in a five-alarm fire that swept through a two-story brick apartment building on Milwaukee's South Side.

The dead woman was Mrs. Grace Thompson, 61, who was found in her first floor apartment. She was identified by a son.

Firemen first thought they had rescued all 24 occupants of the building, all adults, after bringing the flames under control, however, they looked through the badly damaged building, saw what they thought was a fur coat and discovered it was Mrs. Thompson's body.

Fire Chief Ed Wischer estimated damage at \$120,000.

## Mark Hatfield To Speak at Greek Week

Eugene—State Sen. Mark Hatfield, Salem, will be the main speaker at an orientation assembly which will be one of the major events of the annual Greek week at the University of Oregon April 5-7.

Hatfield will address sorority and fraternity members at 7 p.m. Friday, April 6. He is dean of students at Willamette university, advisor of the Willamette interfraternity council and the alumnus of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

## Explosion Seen 75 Miles Away Friday

Herscher, Ill.—(U.P.)—An explosion in a natural gas pipeline rattled buildings Friday night in a city 13 miles away and its lights could be seen 75 miles away.

Captain Fred Morrow, an airline pilot of Detroit, said "it looked like an atom bomb to me." Morrow saw the explosion while flying a cargo plane from Milwaukee to Chicago.

The explosion occurred in a pipeline one and a half miles south of Herscher near a large natural gas storage field which supplies consumers in northern Illinois.

The line exploded in an abandoned field and there were no casualties.

Another pilot flying an Ozark passenger plane from St. Louis to Chicago said "it lit up the skies so bright we could read a newspaper by it."

The pilot, Capt. Joseph Urian, 37, of St. Louis, said he thought an arsenal in Joliet, Ill., had blown up. He was about 15 miles from the scene of the explosion. Passengers aboard thought it was "an atom bomb," Urian said.

A company spokesman said the gas was cut off quickly and the blaze was brought under control.

## Bodies Exhumed in Arsenic Murders

Mobile, Ala.—(U.P.)—Authorities Saturday set about exhuming the bodies of seven relatives including five young daughters that a 49-year-old waitress is suspected of murdering with arsenic.

Mrs. Rhonda Belle Martin was arrested and charged with murder Friday after a two-month investigation started secretly after her present husband was found suffering from arsenic poisoning.

That investigation already has resulted in an autopsy on the body of her former husband, Claude Martin, who died at 50 in 1951. Officers said traces of arsenic were found. She was charged with his death.

Police said they now planned to investigate the deaths of five young daughters and another husband, all buried in Montgomery, Ala., and her mother, buried near here.

All the victims died of diarrhea and vomiting, which the officials said are symptoms of arsenic poisoning.

Mrs. Martin denied the charge, saying "there's nothing to it."

Mrs. Martin's present husband, Ronald C. Martin, stepson of Claude Martin and about 19 years Mrs. Martin's junior, was admitted to a veterans hospital at Biloxi, Miss., for treatment of a similar ailment.

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