



**HEARTY LAUGH IS ENJOYED** by President Eisenhower as he meets members of Girls Nation at White House. From left: Katherine Hand, West Warwick, R. I., vice president and Judith Qualls, Athens, Ga., president. Group is from all parts of nation. (International)

## Holmes, Unander Disagree on State Tax Structure Effect

Klamath Falls—Gov. Robert D. Holmes and State Treasurer Sig Unander disagreed Monday on the effect of Oregon's tax structure as they spoke to delegates at the State Labor Council convention here.

Gov. Holmes, a Democrat, attacked "gloom and doom spreaders" who "cry that Oregon's tax structure is so terrible only the witless would invest money in the state."

Holmes spoke a few minutes

after State Treasurer Sig Unander, a Republican, said the present tax structure had caused firms to leave Oregon, prevented others from expanding and kept others from Oregon. The governor did not hear Unander's talk.

Holmes said industries did consider tax rates in determining expansions but that "we can resolve to talk accurately about taxation and we can resolve to talk about it as only one item in the long list of questions we

ought to be able to answer about our state."

Secretary of State Mark Hatfield urged labor to get behind the drive for new industry.

**Morgan Criticized**

Bill Way, president of the Portland Central Labor Council, said he talked with Holmes in a private "gripe" session and told the governor he was dissatisfied with Howard Morgan, state public utilities commissioner.

Way said he told Holmes that Morgan did organized labor a "disservice" by appearing voluntarily before the Senate Rackets Committee last spring. He said Holmes defended Morgan, arguing that Morgan was speaking as a private citizen when he testified. The governor also said Morgan is doing a "fine job" as utilities commissioner, Way said.

The "gripe" session was called by George Brown, director of political education for the AFL-CIO Council, who asked the press not to attend so labor delegates might speak more freely. Way also has been critical recently of Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton.

## Murder Indictments Voted Against Girl, Three Jail Inmates

Redwood City, Calif.—The San Mateo County Grand Jury voted Monday night against a teen-age girl and three county jail prisoners.

The girl, 19-year-old Elaine

Soule of Freeport, N.Y., was accused of bludgeoning her room-mate, Catherine Elvins of Seattle, Wash., with a flatiron, then stabbing her.

The slaying took place July 24 in the apartment the two girls shared in Burlingame, an attractive suburban community about 20 miles from San Francisco.

**"Had To Get" Check**  
The reason? Miss Soule "just had to get" a \$160 check Miss Elvins had received from her mother.

The other slaying took place in San Mateo county jail here July 27. A "kangaroo court" of six prisoners decreed death for Robert Young, a 38-year-old vagrant.

Three prisoners, two of whom served as "judge" and "prosecutor" in the "trial"—carried out the sentence. They strangled Young. The other three prisoners hid their faces to avoid watching the grisly sight.

The reason? Young was "inhospitable." The truth of the matter was he was deaf and could not hear the ignites of his cellmates. Moreover, it is likely he did not even know he was being "tried" by a kangaroo court.

Miss Soule was arraigned a few days later for slaying Miss Elvins. She had only one thing to say. When Municipal Judge J. A. Branson of San Mateo pronounced her name "Miss Soul," she interrupted to correct him. "Su-lay," she said, her face expressionless.

As for the three county jail prisoners, Redwood City Police Chief William Faulstich said "they have no more remorse than if they had just killed a fly."

They are Dan Lee Howard, 18, Los Angeles, with a long juvenile record and on his chest tattooed, "Born to hate cops," Jose Veitenheimer, 19, San Jose, and Vern C. Williams, 20, San Francisco.

## Senate Ordered To Investigate REA Loan Policies

Washington—Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) today ordered an immediate Senate investigation into loan policies of the Rural Electrification Administration.

He said it has been charged that authority to approve REA loans over \$500,000 has shifted from the REA administrator to a low-ranking aide in the Agriculture Department.

Humphrey, Chairman of a Senate Government Operations Subcommittee, said he wanted to find out if the allegations are correct.

Such an entirely new policy would be without "advance notice to the Congress, farming organizations affected, or the general public," Humphrey said in a statement.

Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson has been asked to explain the reported REA move before the subcommittee Friday, Humphrey said.

He cited a recent magazine article as the source of the reported transfer of authority.

The specific individual involved in the allegations, Humphrey said, is former Republican Rep. Wesley d'Ewart of Montana, now assistant to the director of agricultural credit services in the Agriculture Department.

He called d'Ewart a "public power foe."

## Change in Policy Of Federal Land 'Grab' Requested

Washington—Rep. Clair Engle (D-Calif.) called today for revision of an "outmoded" federal policy which he said permits government agencies to "grab" large amounts of public lands without congressional approval.

Engle asked in letters to Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton and Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson for a "time out" in distribution of land to government departments.

The congressman, chairman of the House Interior Committee, complained that the current federal land and resources policy is "an outmoded, piecemeal, every agency for itself approach."

**More Land Listed**

He said proposals pending before Congress or in the Interior and Agriculture departments would add "more than 100 million acres of federal lands to the millions of acres already locked up in single purpose or limited-use purpose status."

"The area listed for lock-up is the equivalent of a belt of land more than 50 miles wide extending from New York to San Francisco," he said.

Engle said further that Congress is being asked to "acquiesce" to federal agency requests for land "without being informed of their over-all resources policies in sufficient detail to intelligently judge the soundness of those policies."

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