

No Change in Power Policy Indicated by President Last Week

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Washington — Deeply disturbed as Republican party leaders have been with GOP losses in the Pacific Northwest in recent elections,



President Eisenhower made it plain this past week that there will be no change in the basic power policy of the Eisenhower administration as means of winning greater public favor. About the only change in the power policy of any note since it was announced in 1953 is that officially it is no longer called the "partnership" policy. Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton would like to find a new name for it. When he speaks of what used to be partnership between the federal government and local utilities, Seaton calls them joint ventures.

While the name partnership has been scrapped, President Eisenhower indicated how strongly he feels against federal power development when other agencies or interests can be found to handle the job. At his weekly news conference he was asked what government programs would be cut out by the administration in its effort to reduce federal spending.

Hardest Problem
"If I could tell you that I would have one of my hardest problems solved, because every single department of government, most of them pleading the responsibilities that have

been placed upon them by law, want more money," said the chief executive. "They quote rising prices, higher prices, and, of course, we know bigger budgets contribute to still higher prices."

Eisenhower then mentioned a \$50 million water pollution control program which was being cut because "I think it belongs to local government." He added: "You know there is a very great difference between local or state government building things, that is, a public utility system or a dam or anything else, and the federal government doing it. Because as federal government begins to run riot with the expenditures that it deems good for the country, if necessary, it can print money; it can go into debt. The state and locality can't do it."

"You know, I think, for example, and I am probably getting a little afield from your question, but I think that we talk too simply about public power and private power. I don't see how anyone can complain about public power as long as it is local. I can complain about public power when it gets all federal, though, because any government that controls all the power in the country can really dictate what the economy is going to be. They can shift it and everything else."

"So I believe that we have got to find many things like that and, of course, with this committee meeting again today in Chicago, they are making very considerable progress. (This was referring to the joint federal-state action committee created after the president's speech last

spring before the annual governors conference in behalf of turning more federal responsibilities over to the states.) They are quite hopeful.

"For instance, vocational training and a few other things of that kind, the states say, 'We ought to have them back,' and that would tend to reduce our expenses and, of course, would reduce our income, because certain income would have to go then to carry out the job."

H. Meade Alcorn, Republican national chairman, in a speech at Spokane the same night said "I am deeply disturbed over the losses we have suffered as a party in the Pacific Northwest in recent years." He said Washington, Oregon and Idaho are no longer "safe" states for the GOP.

"This means we must step up

Safety Problem Study Scheduled by MSC

A plan to study the safety problems involved in areas of the city where pedestrians must use roadways was tabled until Friday at a meeting of the board of directors of the Medford Safety council last week.

The subject will be discussed at the October membership meeting of the council. our organizational activities. We must work ever harder. And we must develop the issues and candidates that will enable us to win back the public offices we have lost," said Alcorn.

The president indicated there will be no change in the power issue, mainstay of many a Pacific Northwest political campaign.

Primary purpose of the study will be to determine those areas where the greatest hazards exist and to make recommendations for correction of the conditions. Special emphasis will be directed in the areas where children walking to and from school must use the roadways due to the lack of sidewalks.

The Medford Safety council also called attention to hazardous conditions which exist at certain intersections in the city where trees or shrubs have been allowed to grow so as to obstruct drivers' vision. A list of some of the most hazardous intersections was turned over to city officials for appropriate action.

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Sremska Mitrovica, Yugoslavia — Former Yugoslav Vice President Milovan Djilas Saturday was found guilty of slandering the government in his book denouncing Communism and was sentenced to seven years in prison.

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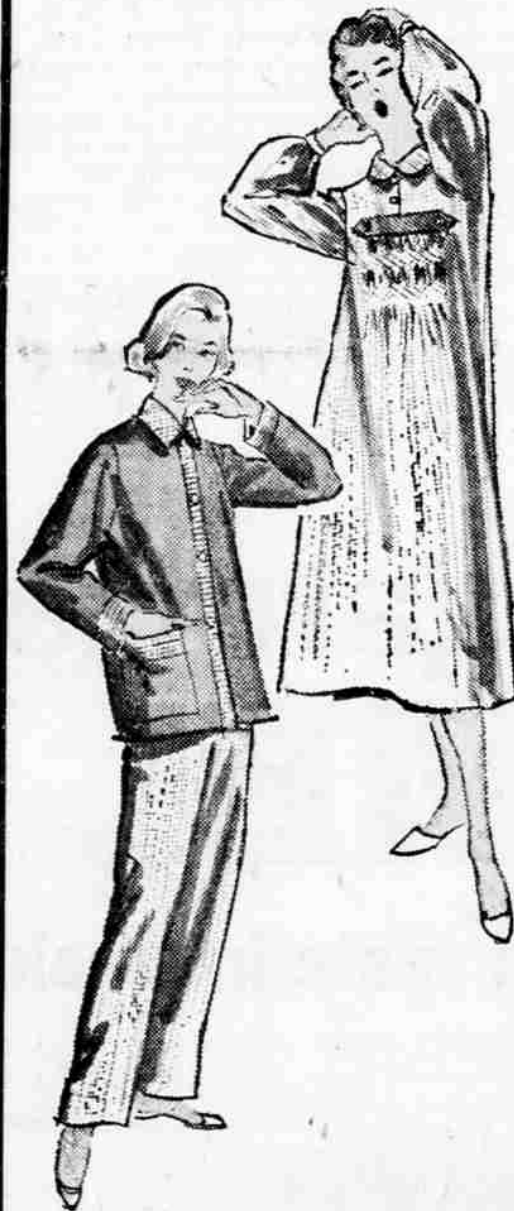
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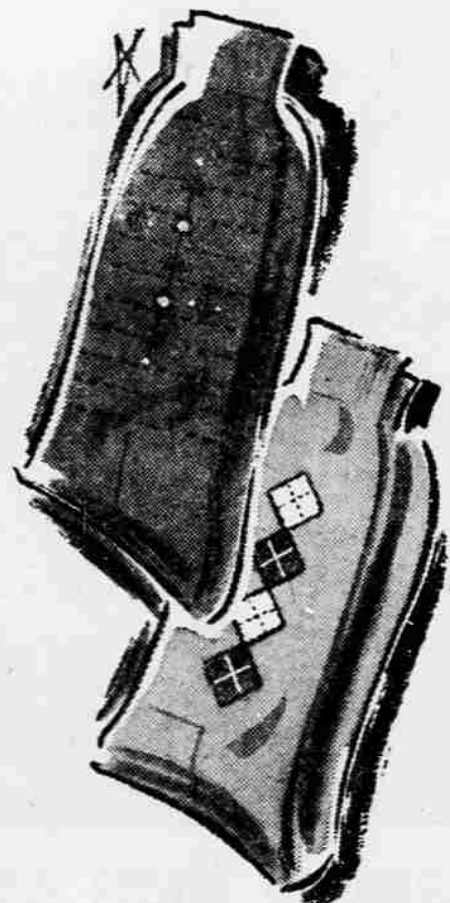


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