

IKE APPOINTS SCIENCE 'CZAR'

Ike's Commission On Civil Rights Receives Praise

Some Southerners Register Complaints

Washington — Congressmen generally today praised President Eisenhower's selection of members for his bipartisan Commission on Civil Rights. But some Southerners complained the group would lean heavily toward integration.

Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), a member of the judiciary committee which will consider the President's choices, said they were "men of talent and ability who ought to be able to submit a helpful report on civil rights problems."

But Rep. Ralph Scott (D-N.C.) said the group appeared to be "heavily weighted for integration."

Eisenhower late Thursday named three Southerners and one Negro to the six-member commission. His choices were in line with his aim to establish a commission to represent all shades of opinion on the civil rights issue.

Picked to head the group as chairman was 75-year-old former Supreme Court Justice Stanley F. Reed, a Kentuckian, was a member of the high court when it handed down its unanimous decision in 1954 to outlaw segregation in the public schools.

Notre Dame President Named

Others named were former Virginia Gov. John S. Battle, a strong foe of integration; J. Ernest Wilkins, Negro assistant secretary of labor; The Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of the University of Notre Dame; Robert G. Stogey, dean of the Law School at Southern Methodist University; and John A. Hannah, former assistant secretary of defense and now on the faculty of Michigan State University.

The six are subject Senate confirmation when Congress reconvenes in January. They will be given recess appointments so they can begin work immediately.

Logging Accident Fatal to Medford Man in Applegate

Elmer W. (Bones) Abbott, 42, of 1212 Withington st., Medford, was killed yesterday afternoon near the Water Gulch rd. on the Little Applegate when a tractor rolled over on him, it was reported.

He was taken to a hospital by the Medford Ambulance service, but died en route, attendants reported.

Abbott was working for the Tom McFadden logging company as a "cat-skinner" at the time of the accident. The tractor pulled up on some brush, tipped, and rolled over four times. Abbott was thrown out and pinned under the vehicle, according to a company spokesman.

Abbott is said to have owned a taxi-cab concession in Medford for a few years. He was born and raised in Butte Falls.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Conger-Morris Funeral home.

British Explode Nuclear Weapon at High Altitude

London — A British nuclear weapon was exploded at a high altitude over the Central Pacific today, the Ministry of Supply announced.

The ministry said early indications were that fallout "will again be negligible."

Christmas Parade Entries Are Still Being Accepted

Entries are still being accepted for the annual Christmas parade Saturday, Nov. 16, in downtown Medford, according to Al Carpenter, chairman of the program.

The parade is held in conjunction with the Retail Merchants' association's official start of the Christmas shopping season. Christmas decorations, furnished by the Merchants' association, are expected to be in place Nov. 16.

The parade will start at 1:30 p.m. at Hawthorne park. Floats, marching groups and other organizations planning to participate should be at the Hawthorne park parking lot by 12:45 p.m., Carpenter said.

The parade will proceed west on Main st. to Riverside ave., north to Sixth st., west to Holly

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Unseasonal Tornadoes Batter Southern States

Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi Towns Suffer Damage

13 Persons Dead,
At Least 260 Hurt

Alexandria, La. — Tornadoes smashed into at least 14 Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi cities, towns and communities Thursday night and early today.

They killed 13 persons and injured at least 260 others. Hundreds of homes were destroyed or damaged.

Damage ran into uncounted millions of dollars.

Jefferson County Civil Defense Director George Gary estimated that damage at Groves, Tex. alone was \$5 million, with 160 homes "completely demolished or extensively damaged and several hundred damaged to a lesser extent."

The tornadoes struck months past the normal tornado season. At many points, the warning roar that sometimes gives residents time to get out of their homes and into storm cellars could not be heard. It was muffled by heavy rain.

Daylight Shows Damage
The full extent of the damage was not realized until after daylight and rows of smashed homes could be seen. Points in Southeast Texas, Central Louisiana and Northeast Mississippi were hit.

One point where the extent of the tragedy did not become clear until after daylight was in the Church Point, La., area.

There, a tornado swept down a narrow path eight miles long, injuring more than 100 persons, according to John Thistlethwaite, publisher of the Opelousas Daily World. It demolished at least four dozen homes.

Council Confirms New Appointment

The city council last night acknowledged the appointment of O. R. McNeel as new building inspector for Medford. The appointment was announced by City Manager Robert Duff recently.

McNeel replaces Herbert Mackie who retired to go into private business. Mackie served nine years as city building inspector-supervisor.

Mackie, an architect, plans to open an office in the Medical Center building. While with the city, he designed the airport terminal building and both east and west side fire stations.

McNeel has been with the city building department for more than six years on the building inspection staff. He worked in the aircraft industry about 20 years before coming to Medford in 1948.

Roseburg — Health authorities have closed all schools in Douglas county District 116 which includes Dillard, Teal, Douglas and Lookingglass schools because of respiratory infections.



Agreement Approved For One-Way Couplet

The city council last night approved an agreement with the state highway commission for construction of the Eighth and Main sts. one-way couplet.

The agreement allows the state to prepare all plans, obtain rights-of-way, advertise, and award contracts, supervise construction and relocate privately owned utility facilities on private property.

The state will pay the city costs of moving city owned utility facilities.

The agreement calls for the state to revise and install several traffic lights, mark the route, and maintain the system when completed.

Under the agreement the state will pay 75 per cent and the city 25 per cent of the costs of obtaining rights-of-way, construction, installation of traffic lights and railroad crossing signals.

The city will relocate its utilities and service lines on a 75-25 cost basis. An amount equal to 25 per cent of the cost will be deposited and costs of installing railroad crossing signals will be paid by the city. Other minor requirements which concern changing city property to allow construction to start will be done by the city.

General provisions of the agreement are that a 50 per cent share program will be for interconnecting signals. The state will give to the city the right-of-way it acquires and maintain-ment will be on a 50-50 agreement as long as the couplet remains part of the state system.

He married Mabel Cheek in Spokane in 1920. Mr. Hamacher was a member of Hilla Temple of the Shrine, Scottish Rite, and the First Presbyterian church, Medford.

He is survived by his widow and a son, John B. Hamacher, both of Medford, and a brother, W. E. Hamacher, Clinton, Mo.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Perl Funeral home. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Heart Fund.

Caucuses Consider Income Tax Reduction

Salem — Speed with which a compromise will be reached on House bill 1, reducing state income taxes, was largely dependent upon caucuses being held today by both Republican and Democratic members of the Senate.

The actual conferees appointed to try to reach agreement on the bill were not expected to get together again until later today. Both Houses met briefly and then recessed until 2 p.m. in the hope some agreement might be worked out before then.

As amended by the Senate but refused by the House, the bill calls for a 30 per cent reduction in taxes. Democrats then offered to cut taxes 15 per cent.

Portland — Mrs. Robert D. Holmes, wife of Oregon's governor, has been named state campaign chairman of the 1957 fund appeal for muscular dystrophy.

William Rogers Takes Oath as Attorney General

Brownell Successor
Sworn in by Warren

Washington — William P. Rogers, handsome young former New York "gangbuster," today was sworn in as attorney general of the United States.

President Eisenhower and other members of his Cabinet witnessed the ceremony in the White House conference room.

Succeeds Brownell
Rogers, 44, succeeded Herbert Brownell Jr. He became the youngest member of the Cabinet.

He is a close friend of Vice President Richard M. Nixon and former associate of Thomas E. Dewey when Dewey was the "gangbusting" district attorney of New York. He became deputy attorney general Jan. 28, 1953, at the beginning of the first Eisenhower administration.

"Now you get your diploma," Eisenhower said to Rogers after Chief Justice Earl Warren administered the oath of office.

The president then shook hands with Mrs. Rogers, and the four Rogers children, Dale, 20; Tony, 17; Jeff, 13, and Doug, 11.

The Chief Executive later planned to attend a lunch at the Justice Department marking Brownell's departure. He also will get a chance to hear firsthand reports on some of the problems facing the department from some of its top officials.

Brownell will return to private law practice with Lord, Day, and Lord of New York.

Council Action on Closed TV Circuit Franchise Deferred

A proposed city ordinance which would grant a 10-year franchise for the operation of a closed circuit television system was referred to the executive committee by the city council last night.

Oregon — California Theaters requested the 10-year franchise in the city. The proposed ordinance carries a section which provides that construction start within two years or the franchise may be revoked.

Under the proposal, the franchise could not be transferred without council permission. A yearly tax of 2 per cent of total gross receipts received from advertising or subscribers would be placed on the corporation.

Maintain Right
The city would maintain the right to fix the amount of charges made to subscribers. The ordinance also requires the corporation to post a surety bond for a sum to be decided on by the council.

The council felt there is not sufficient information available to vote on the proposal at this time. Councilmen said they did not completely understand the use of the system and wanted assurance the system would not fail. Some indicated it has failed in other Oregon cities.

The council also raised question whether free TV could compete with the paid system in a one-station area such as Medford. The executive committee will report on its additional study of the system at the next council meeting, according to City Manager Robert A. Duff.

Three Youths Arrested For Having Fireworks

Three youths were fined \$10 each today in municipal court after being arrested Thursday night on charges of possessing fireworks.

Police said Roger Earl Cooley, 18, of 424 Melrose ave., and two 17-year-old boys were arrested after police saw them throw a handful of fireworks from a car last night.

Strength of Free World Distinctly Greater, Ike Says

Five-Point Program
Of Action Announced

Washington — President Eisenhower told the nation Thursday night he has named a "czar" to push U.S. missile development and other scientific programs "with the utmost possible speed."

In a "lay-the-facts-before-you" address on radio and television, the Chief Executive conceded "the Soviets are quite likely ahead in some missile and special areas, and are obviously ahead of us in satellite development."

But he said that "it is my conviction, supported by trusted scientific and military advisers that... as of today the overall military strength of the Free World is distinctly greater than that of the Communist countries."

He then announced a five-point "program of action," topped by the naming of a special assistant on science and technology, to wipe out any "temporary" edge Russia may enjoy with its space satellites and rocket advances.

And, in a progress report on U.S. developments, he officially confirmed that:

Solved Major Obstacle
—U.S. scientists have "solved" one of the major obstacles to perfecting an intercontinental ballistic missile—the problem of how to get the missile back to earth once it has soared into space without having it burn up from friction on re-entering the atmosphere.

—The Air Force Snark, a supersonic, jet-propelled piloted bomber recently flew 5,000 miles — intercontinental distance — "and was accurately placed on target."

—The United States derived "most valuable information about outer space" in the recent Air Force firing of a rocket to between 2,000 and 4,000 miles over the Pacific.

Eisenhower said he had named Dr. James R. Killian, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to the newly-created post of special assistant to the President for science and technology. He said he expected Killian to mobilize "the full abilities of the scientists and engineers of our country."

Lists Other Steps
Eisenhower listed these other steps he has taken as part of his "program of action":

—Order that "any new missile or related program here originated will, whenever practicable, be put under a single manager and administered without regard to separate services."

—Said he would ask Congress "to remove legal barriers to the exchange of appropriate technological information with friendly countries."

As for the future, the President said there are two critical needs the nation must meet which he will discuss in another speech Nov. 13 at Oklahoma City.

He listed these as "the failure of us in this country to give high enough priority to scientific education and go the place of science in our national life" and the necessity of "giving higher priority, both public and private, to basic research."

Support of Democrats
Pledged To Eisenhower
Reno — Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan today pledged the support of the Democratic party to President Eisenhower in his "program to make up for time lost" in the rocket arms race.

The youthful Michigan governor, however, was sharply critical of the Eisenhower administration for allowing the nation to fall behind in the first place in a speech prepared for delivery at the national convention of Young Democratic Clubs of America.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York — The Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 434.12, off 4.79; 20 railroads 107.19, off 1.36; 15 stocks 64.85, off 0.12, and 65 stocks 146.61, off 1.42. Sales today were about 2,140,000 shares compared with 2,850,000 shares Thursday.

JAMES KILLIAN TO HEAD DRIVE

Washington — The United States launched a multi-billion dollar crash program under a scientific "czar" to overtake any Russian lead in missiles or technology.

President Eisenhower announced Thursday night that Dr. James R. Killian, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will head the drive. He ordered Killian to proceed with the "utmost possible speed."

Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) after a breakfast meeting with the President today, told reporters that next year's defense budget may be increased one or two billion dollars to pay for the "accelerated" missile-satellite program.

The White House announced that Killian probably will take office in about a week.

Drive Makes Tax Doubtful
He went to work immediately, however, on the job of marshalling what he called "the best scientific and engineering talent" available.

Bridges, chairman of the Senate Republican Policy committee and ranking Republican on the Senate Appropriations committee, warned that the stepped-up scientific drive made "more dubious" any chances of a tax cut next year.

He rejected a suggestion that the new program would add an extra \$5 billion to the defense budget. He said he believed the defense budget would be increased "one billion to two billion—around that figure."

The President, Bridges said, has assigned the missile-satellite program the "very top priority now in the whole defense set-up." Bridges said Congress would appropriate all the money necessary. Speech Receives Varied Reaction

The reaction to the President's speech and action was varied. Democrats said he has acted too late. But Republicans said he was doing everything that should be done to meet the Russian challenge.

The White House said it received in the first two hours of business this morning more than 500 telegrams "reflecting wholehearted support" of Eisenhower's speech and scientific program.

Killian voiced confidence that the program would succeed. "In behalf of the president, I shall move as rapidly as possible," he said. "I am confident the American people can meet any crisis."

Former President Truman said Thursday night Killian was "an excellent choice for the job" as Eisenhower's assistant on scientific matters.

Senate Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.) who will head a congressional investigation of the U.S. missile-scientific program, said, "I am happy that he (the President) has noted the necessity for a 'high sense of urgency.'"

Speech Not Clear to Stevenson
Other comments:
Adlai Stevenson: "I'm not clear from his speech whether the President is satisfied with our military missile and scientific situation or not... but I'm happy that he is going to try and pool our scientific efforts with our allies (a step the President promised to take). We need all the brains we have and can borrow."

Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) said he hoped the President "will see that the programs are carried out." He also said, "I think he should put someone in charge of the program that will make the conflicting interests in the Pentagon work together."

Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R-Calif.) said "I am convinced that his appointment of Dr. Killian means that a crash program is now underway to give the free world complete superiority over Russia in development of missiles and nuclear power. It also means that, if necessary, heads will be cracked together at the Pentagon to obtain complete coordination."

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