

IKE PLANNING BALANCED BUDGET

Jordan Said To Need \$50 Million Yearly From U. S.

Amman, Jordan — Foreign Minister Samir Rifai said today Jordan will need an average of \$50 million a year in aid from the United States for five to ten years.

He said Jordan would depend on U. S. friendship "not to let us down."

Rifai told the United Press in an exclusive interview that half of the sum was needed for economic development and the remainder for maintenance of Jordan's armed forces.

No Longer Influenced

Rifai, who is also deputy premier and strongman of the Jordanian government, also made the following points during the interview in his office at government headquarters:

—The Jordanian government has gained so much strength the country can no longer be influenced by Egyptian and Syrian "threats" which were a real danger. "The people can no longer be bluffed," he said.

—The government intends to maintain stability and order "at any cost" while working for the country's economic development.

—Martial law will be lifted when what Rifai described as Egyptian and Syrian "intrigues" to incite rebellion have ended.

—Jordan will continue to fight against Communism, not because the United States fights

it but because it is against Jordanian traditions. She also will work for Arab unity and shun military alliances such as the Baghdad Pact.

Rifai also said he hoped the Soviet Union would support a move to confine Israel to the boundaries established by the United Nations in 1947 because "that might wake up the West."

In discussing U. S. economic aid, Rifai said Jordan will need more in the next fiscal year beginning April 1 than the \$40 million promised by the United States since last spring.

"For five, six or even ten years we will need an average of \$50 million each year from the United States," he said.

Council Authorizes Agreement For 99 Freeway in Medford

The city council authorized Mayor John Snider and City Recorder Darrell Huson to enter into an agreement with the state highway commission for construction of the Bear Creek-Hawthorne park route of the Highway 99 freeway at a special council meeting yesterday afternoon.

The council also adopted a supplemental ordinance which provides the state highway commission should extend the planned northbound exit ramp at Court st. from the Medford Corporation railroad tracks to the present city street system. The supplemental ordinance also gives the city option for construction of the southbound exit at Jackson st.

The city felt the exit ramp at Jackson st. might interfere with traffic from the planned shopping center at Jackson st. and Biddle rd. City officials said they would first see how much traffic the new shopping center would create before adding traffic from the freeway.

Federal Rules

Under current federal rules for highway construction, federal funds cannot be used for construction of the portion of the Court st. exit ramp from the Medco tracks to the present street system. City officials said the ordinance provides the state would furnish funds for this section of the access road.

The next step in the freeway construction will be up to the state, according to City Manager Robert A. Duff. He said the state will draft final plans and start right-of-way purchases. They have already agreed to the city's supplemental ordinance provisions, he said.

The ordinances, which passed by a six to one vote, were made possible when council procedure rules were waived to permit the council to act on the ordinance without the usual two appearances on the agenda before action. The only objection to the agreement came from Councilman Stanley Jones who objected on the grounds a number of minor points were not listed in the general agreement but on separate letters and memos.

Help Available For Federal Taxpayers

Portland — Ralph C. Granquist, district director of internal revenue, said today that 18 field offices in Oregon would have special crews on hand to help taxpayers in filing returns from Jan. 2 to April 15.

Oregon Considers Suit Against U. S. On Forest Receipts

Would Prevent Change In Distribution

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent
Washington — The state of Oregon is considering filing suit against the federal government to prevent a change in formula for distributing national forest receipts, according to Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.).

Porter said Gov. Robert D. Holmes and Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton are evaluating the state's position legally preparatory to taking action designed to give Oregon a greater share in the fund for forest highways.

In November the departments of agriculture and commerce decided to modify the long-standing formula by which states divided the highway money, 50 per cent on the basis of each state's national forest area and 50 per cent on the timber valuation. The formula was changed to 75 per cent for area, 25 for value.

Would Have Received

Congressman Porter pointed out that if the formula had not been changed, Oregon would have received \$1,693,885 more in fiscal 1959 than it now is scheduled to receive under the altered formula.

When advised recently that funds under the new formula had not yet been obligated for specific road projects, Porter called on the two departments to hold up further action and hold public hearings on the whole issue to permit Oregon and other states to submit their views. Officials of Washington, Montana and California have joined in protesting the changes. The commerce secretary, Sinclair Weeks, turned down the request for a hearing.

However, the bureau of public roads, meantime, promised not to obligate any of the funds until March 1 of the coming year.

Porter said with this much time in which to act, the state could go into federal district court here in the District of Columbia, naming Weeks and Agriculture Secretary Ezra Benson. He said he has been advised that the state might seek an injunction or a declaratory judgment. He conferred at length with Thornton by telephone last week.

Ben-Gurion Asked To Form New Cabinet

Jerusalem, Israel — Israel Premier David Ben-Gurion submitted his resignation today and was immediately asked to form a new cabinet.

Ben-Gurion had been so confident President Itzhak Ben-Zvi would ask him to continue as Premier he already has started holding political consultations on the make-up of the new government.

He resigned today in a political move to drive two rebellious left-wing parties out of his government. Ben-Gurion was unable under the constitution to dismiss the Abud Avoda (unity of labor) and the Mapam (united workers) ministers so he decided to submit the resignation of the entire cabinet.

Murder-Kidnaping Suspect Captured

Miami, Fla. — Wayne Carpenter, 21, wanted on murder and kidnaping charges in Washington, was picked up as a vagrant Monday night in West Palm Beach.

The partner of Henry Clay Overton, 44, who was killed Monday in a flaming head-on collision in Georgia while trying to escape police, meekly identified himself after his arrest.

a month that Skelton had been hit by injury or illness. He fell down a staircase at his home last month and sprained an ankle.

Death also has stalked the Skelton's son, Richard, 9, who is suffering from leukemia. Skelton took the boy to Europe last summer in a highly publicized trip which ended in sharp criticism by the English press.

Dr. Graham, who said Skelton has been suffering from asthma for years, planned more examinations and tests today to determine the extent of injury, if any, to his patient's heart.

Weiss said that Skelton's illness would not force cancellation of the comic's weekly television show which has been filmed.

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New Year Celebrants Will Pay Top \$37.50 Price For Revelry

By UNITED PRESS

Auld Lang Syne will ring out boisterously around the land this New Year's Eve, with celebrants paying about the same price as last year to wake up with the same sized hangover.

A United Press survey indicates that the cost of ringing in the New Year on the town tonight will be little changed—expensive—and the free-spending crowds also will be about the same—large.

\$37.50 In New York

Prices range from \$37.50 per at high class bistros in New York and Los Angeles with top name entertainers, to the regular bar prices at the neighborhood bar featuring color television.

Mingling with the din of merrymaking will be the peal of church bells calling the devout to church services, many of them

all night watch services. Another somber note was injected by the National Safety Council which warned as many as 130 persons will be killed in grinding traffic wrecks, with drunken drivers contributing heavily to the toll.

Weathermen warned of possible heavy snow, rain and sleet in much of the Midwest today. Hazardous driving conditions could send the traffic fatality count skyrocketing.

Standing Room Only

For those willing to take the risks of holiday traffic and temporary bankruptcy, here's a spot check of what the situation will be in various parts of the country:

New York: It will be standing room only on famed Times Square with extra policemen on hand to control the crowd and firemen watching fireboxes to

prevent false alarms. New Yorkers will shell out \$37.50 per to hear Pearl Bailey at the Empire Room of the Waldorf Astoria. Prices in other night spots will range from \$15 to \$7.50 per person.

Reservations Up

Los Angeles: Plush night clubs in Hollywood and vicinity report reservations up somewhat, with about 900 persons expected to jam the Ambassador Hotel's Cocoanut Grove at \$37.50 per person. Entertainment in the Grove and the Ambassador's Embassy Room includes Ray Bolger, Freddie Martin and Orrin Tucker. Elsewhere the tab runs from \$17.50 to \$25 per, including the Moulin Rouge, a favorite of the visiting firemen from Ohio State. Darkened this year will be Ciro's night club on Sunset Strip, which is closed for financial

reasons. San Francisco: Most spots feature a package deal which includes dinner, noise makers and taxes, but not the drinks or tips. The top price is \$17.50 at Bimbo's, while the Fairmont Hotel's Venetian Room and Goman's Gay Nineties offer a \$15 package. There will be no advance in prices at the Top o' The Mark bar.

\$25 In Las Vegas

Las Vegas: All hotels along the brightly lit strip charge \$25 per person, including dinner and champagne breakfast, and a dazzling lineup of talent that includes Betty Grable at the Desert Inn, Joe E. Lewis at the El Rancho, Judy Garland at the Flamingo, Harry Belafonte at the Sahara, Donald O'Connor at the Riviera, Sammy Davis, Jr., at the Sands, and Dorothy Kirsten at the Tropicana.

SCHOOL PROGRAM SAID TO HAVE 'TOO LITTLE'

Mansfield Voices Good Chance for Congressional OK

Washington — "Too little" was the chief cry raised today against President Eisenhower's space-age school program.

Congressional reaction was mixed but generally favorable toward establishing 10,000 scholarships a year for four years to send bright students to college—the major proposal in the program.

"In Right Direction"

Assistant Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield (Mont.) called it a "step in the right direction" and with a "good" chance of congressional passage.

But assistant House Democratic Leader Carl Albert (Okla.) said it should have provided 20,000 scholarships a year instead of 10,000. He called the administration's seven-point program "much too small" to meet the "critical challenge" of Russia's scientific advances.

The program, announced by the White House in Gettysburg, Pa., Monday, calls for federal aid to states to identify and direct talented high school students to college, plus a federal scholarship program to help 10,000 such students annually attend college who otherwise could not afford to do so.

Far Below Needs

It also calls for federal aid to states to improve teaching of science and mathematics, steps to improve language teaching, and other moves to promote education of scientists, engineers and youths generally to meet the needs of an increasingly complex world.

The National Education Association, speaking for most of the nation's elementary and secondary school educators, called the program "far below a realistic appraisal of the needs which our schools confront."

Portland Hotel Clerk Robbed of About \$200

Portland — Marcus C. Bell told police today that a pair of robbers locked him in an office at the St. Francis hotel here where he is a clerk and robbed the establishment of \$200 in cash and checks. Bell said one of the men was armed with an automatic pistol.

Forecast—Variable high clouds tonight and Wednesday, thickening and lowering Wednesday afternoon. Rain likely Wednesday night. Low tonight 30 degrees; high tomorrow 45 degrees.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunrise 7:41 a.m.
Sunset 4:48 p.m.
Moonset Wednesday 3:28 a.m.
Full Moon Jan. 5
MORNING STARS
Jupiter, rises 2:15 a.m.
Mars, rises 2:38 a.m.
Saturn, rises 6:33 a.m.
and is now more than 935 million miles from the Earth.

Russian Progress Told in Attempt To Tame H-Bomb

London — Moscow Radio tonight broadcast an official claim that Russia has made the first major break-through in the race to tame the power of the H-bomb.

A leading Soviet physicist said in the broadcast that Russian scientists during 1957 created a test tube thermonuclear reaction.

An official spokesman for the British Atomic Energy Authority immediately questioned whether Russia was first in the race, but declared "there is no reason to disbelieve" Soviet progress.

Review of Achievements

Alexander Terpigorev a member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences which directs all Soviet Research, made Moscow's latest scientific claim in a review of 1957 achievements.

Soviet physicists, he said, "for the first time in the world have obtained a temperature of over one million degrees."

"They observed under laboratory conditions the phenomena taking place during the explosion of an H-bomb."

"This is the first substantial progress in work aimed at obtaining a controlled thermonuclear reaction."

The British official spokesman reacted with a reminder that British scientists at Harwell Atomic Research establishment "have achieved temperatures well over one million degrees."

New York — Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrial 435.66, up 3.88; 20 railroads 96.96, up 0.31; 15 utilities 68.58, off 0.08, and 65 stocks 145.71, up 1.02. Sales today were about 5,070,000 shares compared with 3,705,000 shares Monday.

Watch Night Services Are Scheduled in Churches

Several churches will welcome the New Year at watch night services throughout the valley tonight.

Services at Apostolic Faith church, North Central ave. at Third st., will start at 8 p.m. and continue until midnight. The Central Church of Christ will join the Phoenix Church of Christ at 8 p.m. today with a devotional service scheduled from 11 until midnight. The First Baptist church will have its watch night service at 10:45 p.m.

The Christian Youth Fellowship of First Christian church will hold a New Year's eve party at 8:30 p.m. today, while the First Church of the Nazarene has scheduled its service at 11 p.m. The service will open with communion followed by a memorial service for members who have died during the year.

The New Year's eve party and watch night service at First Presbyterian church will be held in the fellowship hall starting at 9:30 p.m. A comedy time sponsored by the senior high Western Fellowship will begin the evening with a Moody Bible

No Tax Increase In Works; 'Slight' Surplus Expected

No Tax Reductions Forecast by President

Gettysburg, Pa. — The White House said today that President Eisenhower plans to submit to Congress a 1959 budget which will be higher than this year, but balanced and with "a slight surplus."

The announcement followed a conference of two hours and 15 minutes between the President, Budget Director Percival Brundage, Deputy Budget Director Maurice Stans and Dr. James R. Killian, scientific adviser to the President. Killian also had a separate meeting with Eisenhower.

Administration officials said the budget undoubtedly would be above this year's \$72 billion, the increase due largely to increased spending for the space era.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said he did not expect taxes would have to be raised to keep the higher budget in balance. "But there'll be no tax reductions," he said with a touch of grimness.

Hagerty repeated what the President has said before—that the administration will ask Congress to continue present high excise and corporation taxes.

Hagerty said the President and Brundage had arrived at a tentative final budget total, but could not close the books until the President returns to Washington and talks over some particular defense items with Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy at a Cabinet meeting Friday.

To Deliver Message

Other news from the conference this morning on the Eisenhower farm:

—The President will deliver an abbreviated State of the Union message to Congress in person Jan. 9. The bulk of his recommendations, particularly those involving domestic legislation, will be spelled out in detail in his budget message.

—The budget itself will be submitted to Congress Jan. 13. —No definite date for the President's economic report to Congress has been set, but Jan. 20 seems most likely.

Safety Council Sees Fewer Traffic Deaths

Chicago — The National Safety Council hoped today that the last hours of 1957 would be consistent with a highway safety pattern established during the first 11 months of the year.

Ned H. Dearborn, council president, said Monday that if the pattern remains throughout December, about 800 fewer persons will have died on the nation's roads than during 1956.

Dearborn said the first 11 months of this year showed that 34,880 persons were killed in traffic accidents. If the figure is projected through December, Dearborn said, the yearly total will be somewhere between 38,600 and 38,800, about 2 per cent lower than 1956.

"Let's keep the New Year's toll down," he said, "so we can start out 1958 the right way."

Portland — Portland's meter maids will report for work next Monday at 8:30 a.m.

Public Meeting Set On BLM Programs

A public meeting, conducted by the bureau of land management, will be held in the auditorium at the county courthouse Jan. 14, starting at 1 p.m. to present and discuss the access road and timber sale programs in the Medford district during the coming year.

Bureau officials indicated that the meeting is not a public hearing and will be conducted on an informal basis, primarily for the purpose of enlightening the public regarding the bureau's programs and giving the public an opportunity to offer suggestions for improvements in the programs.

The 1958 timber sale plan for the Medford district calls for the sale of an estimated 160,300,000 board feet of timber distributed throughout the district during the year.

The access road program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, will be a topic of interest for discussion at the meeting. It calls for the construction of 18 miles of mainline road in Klamath county. When finished this road will connect the Buck lake area with the Green Springs highway near Keno.

Two Men Hold Up Bank in Arizona

Show Low, Ariz. — Two men held up the Valley National Bank branch in this small eastern Arizona town during the noon hour today and escaped with an undisclosed amount of cash.

The men walked into the bank and herded bank employees and customers into a basement at the rear of the bank. They then cleaned out the only teller drawer which was unlocked.

Manager LaMar Welker said he thought the drawer contained several thousand dollars in cash, but he was unable to make an accurate estimate until an audit was completed.

Red Skelton Has Close Brush with Death In 'Cardiac-Asthmatic' Attack at Home

Santa Monica, Calif. — Comedian Red Skelton was reported improving "very rapidly" in St. John's Hospital today, following a "cardiac-asthmatic" attack which nearly cost him his life.

The famous red-haired comic was hospitalized in serious condition Monday night after being stricken at his Bel-Air home. He was found groaning and gasping on the floor by his 10-year-old daughter, Valentina.

Graphic Example

His physician, Dr. Garth Graham, described Skelton's condition when he was found with a graphic example.

"Suppose there are 10 steps to death," Dr. Graham said. "Skelton had taken nine of them."

Skelton's wife, Georgia, sum-