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## Peacetime Record Likely For Budget

Washington — President Eisenhower's first budget request of the newly-convened congress—a missile-age measure for strengthening the nation's defense—headed Saturday toward swift passage.

## Beep Beep Signal Mystifies Listeners At Monitor Posts

Helsinki, Finland — A Sputnik-like "beep beep" signal mystified European radio operators Saturday.

There were these known facts: —Soviet officials said there had been no major rocket firing.

—The beeps were on the wavelengths of the two Soviet satellites launched last fall. But the satellite radios are dead.

—There were these theories: —The beeps were a hoax. —A radio teleprinter or a radio picture transmitter was emitting the signals.

—The Soviets are ground testing a moon rocket or satellite radio on the ground.

—A space rocket has been fired again.

It was anybody's guess. The British broadcasting corporation's listening post at Tatsfield, England, said it had been picking up apparently similar signals daily since Dec. 31.

In Stockholm, a Swedish government radio spokesman said the signals may have been nothing more than pulses from a radio teleprinter or a radio picture transmitter.

Sweden picked up the signals on the 20,049 megacycles frequency. And others on a frequency of 20,030 megacycles. The spokesman said they did not appear to be coming from space.

"It seems like a great mystification—or a mistake—to me," the Swedish spokesman said.

## Youths Charged With Cat Killing

One 13-year-old boy was lodged in the city jail Saturday night and two other youths, aged 13 and 14 years old, were released to the custody of their parents after they were arrested on charges of maliciously killing an animal, according to Medford police.

Police said the boys had tied a cat with a rope and shot arrows at it until it was apparently dead. The boys then took the cat's body to the Washington school grounds where they tied a handman's noose around the cat's neck and hung it, police reported.

Killing an animal maliciously is a violation of a state law and is a felony, according to police. They said further action will be taken by juvenile authorities.

## Kapers Scheduled By Kiwanis Club

Medford Kiwanis club's annual Kapers, a show of songs, gags, skits and dancing, will be held Feb. 26, 27 and 28 and March 1 in the Medford Senior High school auditorium, General Chairman Glen Allen has announced.

First group to go to work on the show will be the program advertising committee. Kick-off of its task will be on Wednesday, Jan. 15. Frank Kennedy and Gordon MacKenzie are the co-chairmen of this committee. Team captains are Jim Ambler, Byrd Budge, Bruno Rath, Paul Mitchell, Bill Clark and Donald E. Faber.

## Soldier Sentenced For Auto Accident

Reykjavik, Iceland — An Icelandic civilian court Saturday sentenced a U.S. soldier to 60 days in prison, revoked his driving license and ordered him to pay all medical and legal costs for knocking down a man on a bicycle with his car.

## Test Pilots Listed For Space Flight, Aviation Man Says

Six Rated Favorites To Fly Rocket Plane

Washington — The first Americans to fly into space are likely to be six volunteer test pilots, one of whom already holds the world's altitude record, it was disclosed Saturday.

Four of the group are in their mid-30's. The other two are in their late 20's.

According to a high civilian aviation official, this half dozen men already rank as "accepted favorites," for the first flights to be taken in the X-15 rocket research plane now under development.

The Air Force has called the X-15 a manned spacecraft. It is designed to fly to a height of more than 100 miles above the earth at speeds in excess of three times the speed of sound—3,600 M.P.H.

The official said the first flights will be attempted "within the next two years."

All the tests will be conducted from Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

To Hit 50,000 Feet

The tiny X-15 will be flown first to a height of 50,000 feet by a B-52 bomber "mother plane." Then it will be released from the B-52's belly and speed aloft under the power of its own rockets.

Scott Crossfield, 36, test pilot for the X-15's builder, North American Aviation, long has been in line as the American most likely to make the first space flight.

His job will be to prove the "airworthiness" of the X-15. He may take the plane as high as 100 miles.

## Mother Appeals For Son's Release

Hong Kong — Mrs. Ruth Redmond said Saturday she had appealed directly to Red Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai to release her son from his life sentence in jail.

Mrs. Redmond, of Yonkers, N.Y., told United Press by telephone from Shanghai that she mailed the letter to Chou Thursday in the presence of Chinese Red Cross officials.

She had received no official reaction up to Saturday.

Her son, Hugh, 38, a former import-export executive in Shanghai, was arrested in 1951 and sentenced to life by the Chinese Communists for "espionage."

Mrs. Redmond said she had her second visit with him Saturday — a half hour in the jail where he is serving his sentence. She saw him on Thursday for two hours, their first reunion in 11 years.

It was not known whether the other two mothers who went to Communist China with Mrs. Redmond to visit their imprisoned sons had made similar appeals to Chou.

Mrs. Mary Downey, of New Britain, Conn., and Mrs. Philip Fecteau, of Lynn, Mass., went to Peiping to see their sons, John T. Downey and Richard G. Fecteau. William Downey, John's brother, also made the trip.

## Hearing Scheduled On Expenditure

A public hearing will be held in the county court of justice at 10 a. m. Monday on the \$14,500 supplemental budget appropriation for the Jackson county detention home, County Commissioner Chester Wendt said Friday.

The supplemental budget expenditure will be used to finance the purchase of such fixtures as beds, the fence around the maximum security unit, drapes, chairs and window blinds and other inside equipment, Wendt explained.

"We had originally planned to take the required money from the county emergency fund," Wendt explained. "However, when it came time to pay for the equipment a question arose as to the legality of such an action. We called the supplemental budget committee hearing on advice of the district attorney."

If nobody objects to the proposed expenditure the supplemental budget item will be passed, Wendt said.

Members of the budget committee conducting the hearing are Tom Wray, chairman, Medford; Roger Wrath, Ashland, secretary; Arnold Bohmert, Central Point and members of the Jackson county court—County Judge Rodney Keating, Commissioner Chester Wendt, Commissioner Ralph James.

Glenview, Mont. — The house of the Charles King family here has been plagued mysteriously by six small fires in about 31 hours during the past two days and the state fire marshal, Art Parson, may be called to solve the mystery.

## Campaign To Sell Foreign Aid

Washington — President Eisenhower launched Saturday a major campaign to sell the American people on foreign aid to counter Russia's economic offensive.

Former presidents Truman and Hoover and his Democratic rival for the presidency, Adlai E. Stevenson, may be asked to join in the campaign, which will be carried to the "grass roots."

The White House announced that a bipartisan conference of 600 to 700 leaders in all fields of American life will be called here to organize and stimulate public support for the administration's big foreign aid program.

The president put Eric A. Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America and part-time adviser to the administration, in charge of arranging the conference.

It will come at the beginning of the annual congressional criticism of the administration's multi-billion dollar aid program for the new fiscal year. Again this year, congress will be asked to appropriate about four billion dollars for economic and military aid to friendly and neutral countries. Last year it voted deep cuts in the aid program.

Johnston said the two-day conference will be held "relatively soon," but no dates have been fixed.

A campaign of this type has no precedent since the famous Marshall Aid plan was founded during the Truman administration.

The meeting may produce a permanent organization of citizens to spread the concept of mutual security, Johnston said.

Moscow — The Soviet government has made a bid to establish diplomatic relations with the Roman Catholic church, one of the bitterest foes of Atheistic Communism, it was reported Saturday.

An Italian delegation said Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko told them Friday the Kremlin would welcome "official contact with the Vatican" in the interests of peace and disarmament.

(A dispatch from Rome said a high Vatican source said Russia must establish religious freedom in the Soviet Union before there can be any talk of diplomatic relations between Moscow and Vatican city.)

(Soviet affairs experts in London considered the Gromyko offer a surprising new propaganda tactic in the Soviet "peace" campaign aimed as much at Russian Catholics as at world opinion.)

The Italian delegation, a group of leftist "peace partisans" headed by Communist Sen. Celeste Negarville, made it clear that Gromyko was talking about a reconciliation with the Vatican on an official and not an ideological level.

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## Vanguard Firing Scheduled Soon

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — All signs indicated Saturday the United States will make its second attempt next week to launch a slim Vanguard rocket carrying in its nose a small test satellite which scientists hope will go into orbit around the earth.

Best guess for the launching is Wednesday — but it is strictly a guess.

The only thing certain here is that no official word of the Vanguard launching is likely to be issued until the 72-foot rocket is soaring toward space.

But there are strong indications the attempt is near. The rocket which will be used to carry the six-inch test satellite — and eventually a 20-inch fully instrumented man-made moon — into space has been successfully flight tested.

But when the Navy made the first highly publicized attempt on Dec. 6 to launch the rocket with a small satellite in its nose, Vanguard rose about four inches off its launching pad, lost the thrust of its engines, and toppled over in a great bellow of flame. The flop was costly to this country's prestige because Russia already had two satellites whirling in space.

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## Auto Workers Hold Secret Session

Detroit — The Detroit News reported Saturday the United Auto Workers has called a 200-man steering committee into secret sessions to pass on a surprise proposal and package of economic demands to be placed before the Big Three auto companies.

The union said yesterday it had an "important" announcement to make Monday but declined to indicate the nature.

## Local Minister Amazed At Audience Response While Reading New Testament Aloud 17½ Hours

"I was amazed at the audience response," the Rev. Raymond W. Hurn, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, said Saturday morning after he completed reading the New Testament aloud at the church. The reading took 17½ hours.

Mr. Hurn started reading the New Testament at 8 a. m. Friday and completed the Book of Revelation at 1:30 a. m. Saturday. He rested for five minutes every two hours during the morning and every hour during the afternoon and evening. Food eaten during the period included hot soup, sandwiches, and coffee, he said.

The pastor had the idea for reading the New Testament aloud when the denomination started its 50th year activities with a Bible reading emphasize week Jan. 5 through Jan. 11.

The easiest of the Gospels to read, he commented, was John, while he was pleased the most with the audience response from First and Second Corinthians. He added

## Age Agreement Averts Strike Of Phone Workers

Negotiations Ended After Long Session

New York — Officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Communications Workers of America (AFL-CIO) wound up a marathon 30-hour negotiating session on Saturday with a new wage agreement averting a nationwide strike of long distance telephone operators.

Daily negotiations that began Dec. 9 came to an end with announcement of wage increases ranging from \$2 to \$4 for operators and \$1 to \$5 for maintenance men employed by AT&T in 42 states and the District of Columbia.

The contract, covering 25,000 workers, 40 per cent of them long distance operators, still must be ratified by union members. But the union's chief negotiator gave his full endorsement to the new pact.

The union's contract with the company expired at midnight Jan. 3, and the workers have been poised for a walk-out at any moment since then.

George F. Sparks, assistant vice president of the AT&T, said the new contract would run for 16 months, a month longer than the old agreement. The union had wanted a 12-month contract.

Sparks said the agreement would become effective Feb. 10, if ratified by the union membership. It will run until June 10, 1959, it will not be retroactive to the date of expiration of the old contract. The terms of the old contract will be in force until the new agreement goes into effect.

The union had demanded a flat \$3-a-week wage increase for operators now receiving \$43 to \$70.50 a week, and a flat increase of \$3 to \$5 for maintenance workers receiving \$43.50 to \$119 a week.

Workers covered are employed in every state except New Hampshire, Vermont, Delaware, South Dakota, Nevada and Montana.

## County GOP To Meet Jan. 20

The Jackson County Republican Central committee will meet Jan. 20 to elect a permanent chairman, it was announced Saturday by Don Stathos, who was named interim chairman last week by the group's executive committee.

The meeting will be in the little theater room of the Hedrick Junior High school at 7:30 p. m.

A. E. Piazza, committee treasurer, said Stathos was named by the executive committee to serve until a permanent chairman could be elected at a regularly scheduled meeting of the central committee. In announcing the action of the executive group, he said it was incorrectly stated that Stathos would serve until after the primary election.

Piazza said the interim chairman was named to head the party organization in the county because the retiring president, Mrs. Frank Bash, who previously had announced her resignation, was anxious to be relieved of the responsibility.

In response to allegations the action in naming Stathos was improper, Piazza pointed out that such procedure is explicitly provided for in the new 1957 election law, as well as in the committee's by-laws, which state the committee can delegate authority for such appointments to the executive committee.

## Three Apprehended On Robbery Charge

Central Point — Three youths have been arrested in connection with the break-in and attempted robbery of the agriculture building of Crater High school on Saturday night, according to Central Point police.

Police said a school janitor saw the youths leaving the office door with the money sack. The three youths, two 17, and one 16-year-old, dropped the sack and ran, police said. One youth was later arrested while walking down the street and the other two were arrested Saturday evening, police added.

The boys told police they had pushed open a restroom window to gain entrance to the building and then broke the glass window to the office. The money sack was taken from a file cabinet, police said. The youths were lodged in the Jackson County Detention home pending action by juvenile authorities.

## Peace Talks More Important, President Says

Letter Delivery Set Possibly For Today

Washington — President Eisenhower is sending an urgent new plea to Russian Premier Nikolai Bulganin to stop talking about a quick summit conference and begin work forthwith on lower-level peace-through-disarmament talks, it was learned Saturday.

His plea, administration officials said, is the heart of a letter being dispatched to Bulganin now for delivery "within hours," probably today.

The letter also challenges the Kremlin leaders to: —Make good on their 1955 promise, at the last summit meeting in Geneva, to permit unification of Germany through free elections.

—To work more through the United Nations to settle international disputes.

Final touches were reported reliably to have been placed on the letter during a 15-minute telephone conversation between the President and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. Drafts had been discussed by the two previously, and the letter was in near-final shape when the telephone exchange took place.

The President's letter leaves the door open for summit level talks with Russian leaders later this year if there is any sign on disarmament, German unification or other problems that such a meeting would produce real progress in easing the cold war.

But the President is warning Bulganin that a quick summit meeting within "two or three months," as urged by the Russians, might do more "harm than good."

Careful preparations must be made at a lower level before any summit conference is called, according to the letter. This amounts to a reaffirmation of the cautious Dulles approach which has been under heavy criticism in Western Europe.

In his letter, informants said, the President is registering opposition to Bulganin's repeated bids for an "immediate" ending of H-bomb tests, a "de-nuclearized" zone through the heart of Europe, and an East-West non-aggression pact. Instead, the President favors rapid action in the new, Soviet-boycotted 25-nation UN disarmament commission or an attempt to break the disarmament deadlock through a big power foreign ministers meeting.

Eisenhower's carefully worded "no, not now" answer on a summit meeting and a parallel new effort on disarmament have the stamp of approval of America's allies in Europe, informants said. The NATO allies also received letters from Bulganin in early December, and again only two days ago while the President was delivering his State of the Union message to congress.

## Assistance Ready For Taxpayers Here

The local office of the Oregon state tax commission has announced assistance will be offered taxpayers in preparing 1957 forms in room 320 of the Levelette building.

During Jan. 13 to March 31 assistance will be offered on Mondays while from April 1 to 15 assistance will be offered weekdays except Saturdays.

Those wishing help in preparing their form are asked to fill in the form as nearly as possible before bringing it to be examined. Information pertaining to total income for 1957, copies of the 1956 state and federal returns and proof of the amount of state and federal tax payments during 1957 should be brought when asking assistance, according to officials.

## Ike Sends Urgent Plea To Stop Summit Talk

"Good — Now Let's See You Handle The Wheel"



## December Recorded High Jobless Month

Factors which caused unemployment at various times during the summer and fall months joined forces in December to produce the highest unemployment of the winter, according to John J. Patton, manager of the Medford office of the state employment service.

The total number of people without work was still below that experienced at the peak reached last January, he said, but was 45 per cent more than unemployment in December, 1956.

The last two weeks of December brought layoffs from all parts of the lumber industry, he noted, and some firms shut down for annual repairs, others ran out of logs, and others apparently closed because of business conditions. Most of the firms indicated that they intended to reopen following the holiday season if log supplies permit.

Packaging Completed

The fruit industry completed its Christmas gift box packaging. A large portion of the gift box packing crews are composed of housewives who leave the labor market at the end of the season, and are not counted in those unemployed, Patton pointed out.

Bad weather caused further cuts in construction activity, including the Talent project. This was particularly true of jobs involving grading and excavation, he said. Work on the Talent project will resume as soon as weather permits.

In general, Patton said, the local employment trend seems to be following its familiar seasonal pattern but with layoffs being somewhat greater in size than was the case last year, and coming about a month earlier.

The number of unemployed in the county as of Dec. 31 was estimated at 2,470, which is 24 per cent greater than November. The figure is still about 8 per cent below January and February last year.

Job opportunities decreased in most lines during December, he said, and the outlook for new jobs will remain poor for the next 60 days. Orchard pruning was on schedule and maintained a small but steady demand for help.

The present amount of unemployment is still below the level which existed during the winters of 1948-49 and 1949-50, when extreme cold brought almost all outside work to a halt. There is no reason to expect the situation will approach those record levels, Patton indicated.

## Our Skies Tonight

Forecast: Intermittent rain through this afternoon some clearing this evening with low clouds or fog forming tonight but becoming mostly sunny Monday afternoon. High today 48, low tonight 32, high Monday 45.

TEMP. Highest Yesterday 41, Lowest this Morning 34, To 10 p. m. Yesterday 43.

PRECIP. To 10 p. m. Yesterday .93.

Sunrise 7:40 a. m., Sunset 5:00 p. m., The Moon, at last Quarter, 6:01 a. m., Rises Monday 1:30 a. m., Above it appears the planet Jupiter.

Evening Star: Venus, in the southwest, is the first "star" visible after sunset. It is now setting about five minutes earlier each night.