

President Urges Creation of Agency For Civilian Exploration of Space

Washington — President Eisenhower today urged Congress to create a new national agency to conduct civilian exploration of space.

He said the agency should be responsible for aeronautical and "space science activities" except those primarily associated with military requirements of the United States.

"I have reached this conclusion," the President said,

"because space exploration holds promise of adding importantly to our knowledge of the earth, solar system, and the universe, and because it is of great importance to have the fullest cooperation of the scientific community at home and abroad in moving forward in the fields of space science and technology."

The President told Congress the Budget Bureau will send a proposed bill to establish

the agency and to authorize research into the problems of flight within and outside the earth's atmosphere.

He urged Congress to pass the legislation "at the earliest possible date."

"The early enactment of appropriation legislation will help assure that the United States takes full advantage of the knowledge of its scientists, the skill of its engineers and technicians, and the resourcefulness of its industry in meeting the challenges of the space age," the President said.

He said the new space agency would absorb the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics and would thus continue to perform that committee's "important aeronautical research functions."

The President said the new agency would be headed by a director appointed by him and

confirmed by the Senate. He also recommended appointment of a national aeronautics and space board to assist the President and the director of the new space agency. He said several members of the board should come from government agencies most directly interested in aeronautics, space science, and space technology.

In addition, the President said, at least one member of the board should come from the Defense Department "to assure that military factors are considered."

The President said other members from outside government "should be eminent in science, engineering, technology, education or public affairs" and should be selected solely on the basis of "distinguished achievement."



GERMAN PROTEST MARCH—Demonstrators at a rally in East Berlin, Germany, carry a skull decorated with a NATO steel helmet and a placard saying, "Get Rid of This." The rally was called to protest against the arming of West Germany with atomic weapons.

Down Payments for FHA-Insured Loans For Homes Lowered

Washington — Starting today, homes financed by FHA-insured loans can be purchased with lower down payments.

This reduction is one of the principal provisions of a \$1.850,000,000 anti-recession housing bill signed into law

Tuesday by President Eisenhower. The legislation is designed to speed the building of 200,000 homes this year and to create 500,000 new jobs.

Trumpet Shrills At Last Goodbye For W. C. Handy

New York — A jazz trumpet's sweet shrill and a Negro minister's eulogy said a final goodbye to W. C. Handy today in a Harlem church.

His personal blues are now ended," the Rev. Dr. Adam Clayton Powell Jr. told the thousands who filled the Abyssinian Baptist church for the funeral of the "father of the blues."

"No more the problems of Beale Street. No more the irritation of Memphis. No more the vexation of the St. Louis woman."

The Negro minister and congressman spoke to an overflowing crowd of 3,000 that jammed the main auditorium and to 1,000 who filled another room in the big Harlem church. They and a vast crowd in the street outside listened to the service over loudspeakers.

Handy's instrument

A high point was a trumpet solo, "Holy City" by one of the top hornmen of modern jazz, Cootie Williams. That was Handy's own instrument and of it he once said:

"Life is something like a trumpet. If you don't put anything in, you don't get anything out. And that's the truth."

"Gabriel now has an understudy and when the last trumpet shall sound Handy will blow the last blues," Powell said.

John M. Dickerman, executive director of the National Association of Homebuilders, said the law could be of "tremendous benefit" to moderate income families unable to buy homes because of tight credit.

But Harold P. Braman, managing director of the National League of Insured Savings Associations, said "the housing industry suddenly isn't going to sprout wings and save the economy just because the so-called emergency housing bill has been signed."

Cultural Exchange

Russia and the United States agreed to buy movies from one another as part of a broad cultural exchange agreement signed earlier this year. The film talks began March 21 when Aleksandr N. Davydov, head of Sovexportfilm, and two other Russian officials arrived here to buy American pictures for Russian audiences.

Small in Comparison

Braman said the volume of new credit provided by the measure is small in comparison with overall home financing operations.

Here are the major provisions of the legislation and when they will take effect:

—Federal Housing Commissioner Norman H. Mason ordered the lower down payment rate on FHA-insured mortgages into effect immediately. The reduction will apply not only to new applications, but to those already on file and not yet processed.

The down payment requirements in the past have been 3 per cent on the first \$10,000 of value, 15 per cent of the next \$6,000 and 30 per cent of additional value. This new law lifts the first bracket to \$13,500. Thus, on a house valued at \$15,000 the down payment is trimmed from \$1,050 to \$630.

—The law increases from 4½ to 4 per cent the interest rate on GI housing loans. The Veterans Administration is expected to order the increase into effect later this week.

Blind Mice Have Only Nursery Rhyme Trouble

Ithaca, N.Y. — Two Cornell University psychologists say the only trouble "blind" mice have is in the nursery rhyme.

Psychologists Eleanor Gibson and Richard Walk said they raised mice for 90 days in complete darkness. Then the mice were placed in a group of other mice with perfect vision.

As soon as the "blind" mice were exposed to light, they were able to distinguish distances and shapes as well as the normally raised mice. The only difference was that the darkness-raised mice were more emotional.

School Presents TV Series on Bach

Boston — Boston University sponsors an 11-week series of 30-minute live telecasts devoted exclusively to a presentation of the 48 fugues and preludes of Bach's "Well-Tempered Clavier."

Pianist Alexander Borovsky of the university's school of Fine and Applied Arts presents the Bach works over educational station WGBH-TV at mid-evening on Mondays.

Borovsky, a Russian-born and trained musician, previously had recorded "The Well-Tempered Clavier" and through television sought to inspire a wider appreciation of Bach's music.

Russia Leaning To Musical Films for Purchase From U.S.

Washington — Soviet officials dickering for American movies to show in Russia are leaning toward musicals, informed sources said today. So far the Russians have bought no films.

In a move apart from the negotiations, Russian Ambassador and Mrs. Mikhail A. Menshikov took in a musical film Tuesday night. In doing so, they donated \$5 to the American Cancer fund.

The new ambassador, who unlike his predecessors smiles and appears bent on launching a one-man public relations campaign for Russia,

was invited to the premier of the movie version of "South Pacific" along with other Washington dignitaries. Proceeds of the opening night went to the cancer fund.

Puppets Useful in Correcting Defects

Boston — Puppets and marionettes have proved useful in correcting human speech defects.

No Titles Named

To date, officials said, the Russian taste seems to be running to musicals. They refused, however, to name titles of pictures which have interested the Red negotiators.

Among other things, the Russians are interested in checking on the emphasis on sex appeal in American films. Davydov told reporters before the negotiations began he wanted to see for himself whether American films are too sexy for Russian audiences to appreciate.

Louise Kingman of the Boston University School of Education says individuals often forget their speech fright and speak adequately when speaking for a puppet or marionette.

Unique Fund Used At Williams College

Williamstown, Mass. — Williams College has a unique scholarship fund which has distributed \$380,000 among 103 students in 15 years.

Recipients of the Tyng Foundation awards have received four years' study at Williams, and the majority has been given additional grants for one to three years at graduate schools.

The puppets are most helpful to put students with speech difficulties at ease. Once relaxed in a dramatic role, the student becomes so engrossed in the characterization that he forgets his speech fright.

The awards are made by the Stephen H. Tyng and Stephen H. Tyng Jr. Foundation. This was established in 1942 under a bequest by the late Juliet Augusta Tyng in memory of her husband (Williams '86) and her son, Stephen Jr., who was killed in World War I.

But the puppet is only a temporary crutch and is gradually discarded during the course of instruction. Once the student realizes he unconsciously has corrected his speech problem he quickly can find a permanent solution to the disorder.

Miss Kingman said the fear of speaking to a large group is one of the most common speech disorders, particularly among college students.

ALREADY EQUIPPED

Boston — Andrew Tagliaferri, 12, of Dorchester, who hopes to be a veterinarian some day, has in his attic 20 homing pigeons, a dove, three painted turtles, one snapping turtle, one red-eared turtle, one slider turtle, one guinea pig, one cat and a milk snake. Andy complains that his parents "won't let me have a rattlesnake or boa constrictor or Gila monster until I'm older."

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