

Recession Force Spent, Ike Tells Press Meeting

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower said today during a press conference that he believes the recession has largely spent its force.

Worst Violence Causes 16 Deaths In Cuban Strife

Havana—(UPI)—The worst outbreak of violence in eastern Cuba since government forces crushed rebel leader Fidel Castro's "all-out war" last month has caused at least 16 deaths this week, it was reported today.

Rebel raiders killed four soldiers in Guantanamo, near the U.S. Navy's big south coast base, and a newspaperman in the provincial capital of Santiago. The bodies of at least 11 unidentified persons were found in the streets of the two cities.

"Heavy skirmishing" between loyal troops and rebel forces was reported in the Sagua de Tanamo area and in the Maesra mountains, where Castro has been hiding out for a year and a half. There was no mention of casualties.

Ten armed rebel saboteurs broke into a Santiago warehouse owned by the Cuban Electric company, an affiliate of American and Foreign Power, and set a fire that caused \$100,000 damage.

Another band of raiders forced its way into the offices of the government organ Libertad in Santiago, killing one employee and wounding another.

In Guantanamo, gunmen firing from ambush killed all four members of an army patrol.

any optimism that a healthy economic upturn would occur in the near future.

Some parts of the national economy, such as the auto and other durable goods industries, still are not doing too well, he said.

On the whole, he said, the nation is weathering the recession well.

In other news conference remarks, the President:

Said that as of now the economic situation does not warrant antirecession tax cuts that would greatly increase the federal budget deficit.

Wants Sound Dollar

Said he would deplore any peacetime attempt to control wages and prices. But he said he feels strongly that both must be held down in an effort to maintain stable living costs and a sound dollar.

Declined to comment on the crises in France and Lebanon. But he did say he happened to like Gen. Charles de Gaulle. The French general appears headed for control of the French government.

Reaffirmed his support of pending legislation that would grant statehood to Alaska. He said both political parties advocated statehood in their 1956 campaign platforms and those pledges should be carried out. The statehood bill was tentatively killed in the House Tuesday.

Because of the President's refusal to discuss the French crisis, his news conference was devoted almost entirely to domestic matters.

The President said he and his economic aides had tax reforms and reductions under constant study. But as of now, he said, they do not believe large tax cuts are justified in the light of increased federal spending.

Cites Labor Costs

Eisenhower expressed hope, however, that Congress will approve the minor tax re-

forms and reductions he has recommended for relief of small business.

He said government policy is aimed at a sound dollar and a stable cost of living. He added, however, he does not know what the government can do about rising prices other than combat them with its fiscal policies.

He replied that he certainly was no prophet and therefore was not capable of saying when there would be a healthy upturn. But he added that some economic statistics indicate that the worst of our problems are behind us.

The President said a drop of one-fourth or one-half per cent in long-term interest rates would be of considerable help.

Elvis Presley To Go Overseas

Fort Hood, Tex.—(UPI)—Rock 'n' roll singer Pct. Alvis Presley will see overseas duty in Germany in September or October, the Army announced Tuesday.

After finishing eight weeks of basic training at Fort Hood, Tex., Saturday, Presley will be eligible for two weeks' leave and the Army "assumed" he will take it.

Then he will return to Fort Hood for eight weeks of "advanced individual training as an armor crewman" with the 2nd Armored Division.

Next on the hip-swinging singer's schedule will be six weeks of unit training, which he will complete Sept. 20. Then he will be shipped to Germany as part of a packet replacement for the 3rd Armored Division.

The Army has prevented newsmen and photographers from seeing Presley since he started his basic training.

Lumber Workers Meet Employers On Wage Boost

Portland—(UPI)—Officials of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers union, armed with a strike vote from 80,000 members, met with employers today to seek a 31-cent hourly package pay increase.

Earl Hartley, executive secretary of the Western Council of the LSW, said members had voted better than 3 to 1 to authorize a strike if necessary. But he said the union was willing to submit issues to arbitration.

Negotiations were being conducted with employers representing segments of the lumber industry in nine western states, Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado. The union meets separately with the big Weyerhaeuser Timber company.

Affect Half of State

The negotiations affect about half the organized lumber workers in Oregon, 60 per cent in Washington, up to 90 per cent in California and Montana, about 30 per cent in Idaho and nearly all in the other states, the union said.

Hartley said the strike vote authorized the union power to "initiate economic action where and when it is determined necessary." He said the LSW has not had contract improvements for two years and the cost of living had gone up 17 cents per hour in that time.

Meanwhile, officials of the other big Northwest Lumber union, International Woodworkers of America, met with employers here yesterday (Tuesday) and agreed to a program recommending closure of contracts and postponement of wage negotiations until Sept. 18 because of the depressed lumber market.

Grange Notes

Butte Falls Grange will hold its regular meeting, June 2, at the high school auditorium at 8 p.m.

Roxey Ann Grange met Friday, May 16, with Master Al Sims presiding.

The degree team gave the third and fourth degrees at Phoenix May 13.

HEC met Wednesday, May 14. There were 22 members present. Hostesses were Mrs. Ethel Byers and Mrs. A. E. Sims.

A potluck dinner was held May 23 for Mr. and Mrs. Claypool, who are moving to Williams creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gilmore were given the first and second obligations.

Marie Pfister welcomed new members and Don Meadows and the Larsens, who are living in Portland. She also turned in \$4.38 for saving sales slips.

Display table consisted of old picture post cards that belonged to Clarence Pfister's mother.

Charlie Wither reported a new high in cattle market, also Chicago market hit a new high in hogs. He also said there is good demand for dairy cows.

Roscoe Roberts announced there is still time to get petitions signed and returned, he said insurance sales picking up and loss rates down.

Chaplain May Dalton had charge of Memorial Service during lecture hour. She reported Mrs. Offord had fallen and hurt her leg.

Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Rushton, Mr. and Mrs. Tedrick and Mrs. Wolfe.

Fruit Fly Discovered In Multnomah County

Portland—(UPI)—J. Fremont Sprowls, Multnomah county extension agent, said today the cherry fruit fly was noticed near Corvallis Monday and would be out in the Portland area soon, probably today.

Sprowls said spraying was necessary to control the fly. He said it should start immediately and continue at 10-day intervals until harvest. Spraying during rainy periods will be of no benefit, he said.

COFFEE NERVES

Dieterich, Ill.—(UPI)—A group of burglars are going to have the biggest coffee break on record. They entered the Hills Brothers store warehouse Tuesday night, ignored other can goods items but took every can of coffee available.

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State Requested To Share Costs

Portland—(UPI)—Multnomah County Engineer Paul C. Northrop told the state highway department Tuesday the county should be reimbursed for part of the cost of its new Morrison bridge.

Northrop addressed a letter to State Highway Engineer W. C. Williams in which he said Federal highway funds should be made available to Multnomah county since the new \$12,500,000 span is being used as a part of the interstate highway system.

When the bridge was planned, he said, "there certainly was no thought that conditions would make it the main access across the Willamette river from the east bank freeway, a part of the interstate system, to the downtown area of Portland."

Northrop said its use in the Federal highway system would cause the bridge to reach its traffic capacity by 1975.

County Youths Get Navy Scholarships

Two Jackson county youths have received Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps four-year scholarships at Oregon State college, it was reported today.

They are Loren Cantrall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cantrall, 506 South Newtown st., Medford, and Steve Hoag, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hoag, Prospect. Both are seniors at

Medford High school. 20 awarded to Oregon youths. The scholarships are two of this year.

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