

# President Discusses Spending Budget Leaves on First Leg of Western Trip

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower went over a big part of his fiscal 1960 spending budget today and then left by air on a business and pleasure trip that will take him to the West Coast.

He took off at 9:03 a.m. (p.m.) for Toledo, Ohio, where he will be overnight guest of former Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey at an exclusive duck-hunting club on Lake Erie.

Accompanying the president were George E. Allen, his longtime friend and Gettysburg neighbor, and William Alton Jones, board chairman of Cities Service Co.

Earlier, the President who promised after this week's election to whack federal spending where possible, spent an hour with budget and veterans officials.

The chief executive called in Budget Director Maurice Stans and Veterans Administrator Sumner Whittier to deal with veterans benefits in the federal budget he will send to the new Congress in January. Also sitting in was Robert E. Merriman, deputy assistant to the president for inter-department affairs.

The White House described the meeting as the first of a series of such sessions on the budget. There was a no comment on its results.

Veterans benefits are one of the big spending items in the

federal budget—slightly more than \$5 billion this year. They also are one of the "sacred cows" of the budget—an item that politicians of both parties tremble to pare.

**Required By Law**  
Most of the present outlay is required by various laws

stipulating benefits to be paid to veterans and their dependents under various conditions. The only way the President could seek a major cut in the total would be to recommend changes in the laws.

Some congressional observers believe that there is more

likelihood of Congress increasing veterans benefits next year than decreasing them. Major veterans organizations plan to stage an all-out campaign for pensions for veterans of the First World War.

## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A LADY FRIEND of Author Vincent Starrett was attending a play one evening when a man seated in the same aisle brushed by her at intermission time. Unfortunately, he stamped hard on her foot, and the woman, in pain, thought angrily to herself, "I hope he breaks his neck!"

Coming back to his seat later, the man encountered more trouble with the lady in the end seat, and kept his balance with difficulty. As he passed Starrett's friend, he grinned and whispered, "You almost got your wish, didn't you?"

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## PUC Conducts New Traffic Study of Clark St. Crossing

City Manager Robert A. Duff told Medford's city council last night that the Public Utilities commission has conducted a new traffic survey on the Clark st. railroad crossing. He said "a few days" would be required for the PUC to evaluate the results.

The city planning commission has recommended the crossing remain open.

Another matter, that of granting a one-year variance for erection of an illuminated sign advertising the Mont Crest subdivision on Murphy rd., was referred to a joint meeting with the planning commission.

**Objects to Variance**  
Donald Hansen, Ward II councilman, objected to the variance. He based his objection on section 16 (b) of the city's zoning ordinance, which states, he said, that such variances can be granted only if their denial would result in practical confiscation of the property.

Hansen's motion, unanimously approved, that the issue go before a joint meeting is in line with a policy established by Mayor Snider last summer. Under this policy, when the council disagrees with a recommendation from the planners a joint meeting is in order rather than a council vote in contradiction.

Zoning of a piece of property in the Valley Center subdivision in Berrydale was referred to a joint meeting Aug. 21. Apparently no action has been taken as yet.

**Public Hearing Set**  
The council called for a public hearing Nov. 20 on whether a sign by Ed Anderson's Super Thrift market, 711 South Central ave., is dangerous to the public. Duff reported the sign was damaged by an automobile and that the city has been unable to track down the responsible parties to have it repaired or removed.

If the sign is found dangerous, Duff explained afterward, and ownership is not as yet determined, the city can proceed to repair or remove it and assess the owner later.

The council continued to its Dec. 18 meeting a public hearing on annexation of an area on Dakota st.

It approved a resolution designating the First National Bank of Oregon, the United States National bank and the Rogue Valley State bank as depositories for Medford city funds.

**Approve Corrections**  
It approved corrections of acreage computation and property description in connection with assessments for the Southeast Medford trunk sewer.

It approved a five-year lease with five-year option to renew for John F. White to construct and rent three airplane hangars at Medford airport.

The council also approved sale of \$114,118.31 in improvement district bonds, to cover 15 sewer, paving and water projects.

**Condemnation Proceedings**  
It authorized the city to begin condemnation proceedings for acquisition of property belonging to John H. and Virginia Lusk and property belonging to Jay Gore and others. The Lusk property is necessary for the extension of 10th st. from Riverside ave. across Bear creek and the property belonging to Gore and others is in the proposed clear zone at the airport.

The council also approved assessment ordinances for paving of Kennet st. (\$7.78 per front foot plus individual driveways) and paving of Beatty st. (\$7.33 per front foot).

It awarded contracts to W. H. Conrad company for two storm sewer projects, one on Columbus ave. from Dakota ave. to Mt. Pitt ave. and the other on Riverside ave. north of Edwards st.

The council declined to take action on the request by Mrs. F. H. Dressler, 1107 East Main st., that she be relieved of a portion of her paving assessment for property on East 11th st.

Duff submitted a report on public works department projects currently on the drawing board or under construction. The report, he said, was intended primarily to show the volume of work being undertaken.

**Progress Report**  
At the next meeting, Duff said, he would submit a progress report on the Grandview-Kenwood and Laurelhurst sanitary sewer.

The council approved Mayor Snider's appointment of Edward Ford, 904 West 10th st., to the board of plumbing examiners. Ford is a journeyman.

Mayor Snider reported the city has received a letter signed by five electrical appliance dealers in Medford complaining of a provision in the city's new electrical code. The letter stated that major

## Seaside Man Killed In Truck-Auto Crash

Seaside—(UPI)—Elmer A. Anderson, 61, a Seaside motel operator and custodian of Ecola state park, was fatally injured on Highway 101 south of here Thursday when his car collided with a truck.

The truck driver, Lee Roy Vernon of Portland, was not injured. The accident occurred on a curve.

India will have a state-owned oil refinery in Assam.

## Five Drillers Believed Dead

Port Burwell, Ontario—(UPI)—The United States Coast Guard said early today it recovered the splintered wreckage of a small wooden shack that had quartered five men who vanished with their offshore gas drilling rig on windswept Lake Erie Wednesday night.

A Coast Guard spokesman said a utility crash boat recovered the wreckage Thurs-

day night, but found no sign of the missing men.

The wreckage was sighted earlier by a U. S. Coast Guard plane about 17 miles east of the drilling rig's location, which was about 14 miles offshore in the Port Burwell area.

Missing from the drilling

tower and believed to have been drowned were Jack Brogan, an Ottawa geologist; William Marsh Jr., and Leroy Bauwen, both of Bothwell; Walter Kozloff and George Mitchell, both of Dresden, Ont.

Texas had 52 oil refineries operating at the end of 1957.

## Hatfield Leaves for Los Angeles Vacation

Salem—(UPI)—Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield left here today for a vacation in Los Angeles following his strenuous campaign for the governorship.

His wife, Antoinette, will accompany him. The couple will return here Nov. 13.

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### Crosby Arraignment Scheduled Nov. 14

Washington—(UPI)—The Justice Department said Thursday that arraignment of Oregon Teamster official Clyde Crosby has been postponed until Nov. 14.

Crosby was indicted by a federal grand jury Tuesday on a charge of testifying falsely before the Senate Rackets Committee when he denied having met in November, 1954, with James B. Elkins, Portland, and Thomas J. Sheridan, then an enforcement official of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The case was to go before the court today. But Crosby's attorney requested a delay of a week.

New Jersey, an industrial state, nevertheless has forests over 46 per cent of its land.

### Troops 'Destroy' Camp Roberts

San Simeon, Calif.—(UPI)—Assault troops of the Army's 4th Division advanced through the "rubble" of Camp Roberts, theoretically destroyed in a simulated atomic attack on "aggressor" forces.

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The exercise is scheduled to continue until Monday, when the troops will re-embark.

A deer was the first major casualty of the operation. The two-point buck became excited during the troop landing Wednesday night and leaped into the surf.

Navy frogmen fished the animal out and took it ashore, but it dropped dead of excitement on the beach.

### Quake Rocks Northern Japan

Sapporo, Japan—(UPI)—A "very strong" ocean-bottom earthquake rocked northern Japan early today, causing considerable panic and some damage but no reported casualties.

The quake was clocked at force 8 on the Richter scale, meaning it was nearly as powerful as the one that wrecked San Francisco in 1906. However, it was centered under the Pacific about 150 miles from land, so that its force was considerably dissipated by the time it hit Japan.

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