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### Ike Urges GOP To Stop Acting Like Dozing Elephant

#### White House Asked To Do the Same

Des Moines, Iowa—President Eisenhower called on the Republican party today to stop acting like a sleeping elephant between election campaigns. Rep. Richard M. Simpson (R-Pa.) immediately snapped back with a demand that the White House do the same.

Simpson, chairman of the GOP Congressional Campaign committee, was given a round of applause by Republican National committee members who have long felt that the President was too indifferent toward political activity.

**Must Tell Nation**  
Eisenhower also told the National committee that the GOP must immediately tell the nation what it stands for in terms of long-range goals. Simpson asked the White House to take the lead in that project, too.

The President's suggestions for a GOP comeback plan to recoup from the defeats of 1958 were contained in a message to the opening session of the committee's two-day meeting. Vice President Richard M. Nixon also telegraphed the meeting that the party must campaign on a year-round basis.

Simpson said his campaign committee was already at work writing a Declaration of Republican principles. **Hibernating Elephant**  
Cued to Alcorn's demand that the GOP must begin campaigning on a year-round basis, Eisenhower told the committee:

"I deeply regret that some people look upon our party as a kind of hibernating elephant who wakes with a mighty trumpet blast at election time and then rests calmly until the next campaign. "Political activity must be a matter of unremitting effort. It must go on 365 days a year if we are to maintain the vitality that has made our nation great."

### Public Hearing Set by Planners

A public hearing on a zone change request for property on East Jackson st. near Genesee st. to permit limited commercial use is slated for a special Medford planning commission meeting tonight. The planners, scheduled to convene at 7:30 p.m. in the city hall council chamber, are also to consider granting tentative approval to the Blossom Hill Terrace subdivision plat, presented by Mark Goldy.

The hearing concerns property currently zoned for residential use on the north side of Jackson st. A branch of the Rogue Valley State bank would be erected if the zone change is approved, informers indicated today. The council must also pass on the request if the planners recommend its approval.

The proposed subdivision submitted by Goldy would be situated at Crater Lake ave. and Bucksford rd.

### 'Alfalfa' Switzer, Former Child Film Star, Slain

North Hollywood, Calif.—Carl (Alfalfa) Switzer, 31, the freckled face child actor in the old "Our Gang" movies was shot and killed Wednesday night in a wild battle over a \$50 debt. His former business partner was booked on suspicion of murder today.

Switzer, known to his friends as Alfalfa, the character he played in the old series currently being re-run across the nation on television as "The Little Rascals," was shot in the stomach by M. S. (Bud) Stiltz, 38, police reported.

### Recreation Added to Uses In Bear Creek Sub-Basin

The state water resources board agreed here yesterday that recreation can be a beneficial use of water in the Bear creek, Applegate river and Little Butte creek sub-basins.

The board, meeting in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium, voted to include this use for the three sub-basins in recommending its overall Rogue River Basin program to the Legislature.

It also asked State Engineer Lewis A. Stanley to turn down for an indefinite period any future requests for Bear creek water rights for irrigation.

Stanley said he would issue an order to this effect today.

**Proposed Program**  
Recreation, in the board's proposed program presented to the public here yesterday morning, was considered a beneficial use only for the other four sub-basins in the Rogue system—the Upper, Middle and Lower Rogue river and the Illinois river.

But after discussion at that session and during the noon recess, the board agreed it should be included for all seven sub-basins.

Other beneficial uses recommended for Bear creek are domestic, municipal, industry, irrigation, wildlife and fish life. Not recommended are power, mining and pollution abatement.

Stanley stated that excluding additional Bear creek irrigation water rights would protect the needs of the Medford and Rogue River Valley irrigation districts.

**All Appropriated**  
He said that Bear creek's water is "100 per cent appropriated" now, and that the additional water expected after completion of the Talent reclamation project would supply rights already existing.

The irrigation districts served by Bear creek hold rights, it is understood, to considerably more water than what has been available to them.

Granting future rights, officials explained yesterday, would lead to one of two things. If those granted the rights were to receive water, it could mean an encroachment on prior claims. Otherwise, granting more rights would lead to confusion and an increased administrative burden.

**Stored Water**  
Stanley explained, however, that the moratorium on future rights would not apply to stored water in Bear creek's tributaries.

"Board members assured the audience that their proposal to rescind or amend existing legal restrictions on Rogue basin water use would not interfere with rights now in effect."

**DOW-JONES AVERAGES**  
New York—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 595.69; off 1.97; 20 railroads 166.17, off 1.07; 15 utilities 92.02, off 0.49; and 65 stocks 207.70, off 0.90. Sales today were about 4,250,000 shares compared with 3,940,000 shares Wednesday.

### 'Gibbon Rd. Home Destroyed by Fire

Central Point—A one-bedroom house, owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George Silvers, on Gibbon rd., was destroyed by fire this morning.

Central Point rural firemen, summoned about 5:30 a.m., found only the shell of the house remaining when they arrived. The front of the structure appeared to have been more involved in flames.

A neighbor turned in the alarm after hearing a crackling sound and noting the light from the blaze. The Silvers were not at home at the time of the fire, firemen said.

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Bill Jess, president of the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association, asked the board why it did not include power as a beneficial use for the Applegate sub-basin.

A board member replied that power use "is not considered economically feasible on the Applegate as far as we know." This statement, it is understood, is based on a recent finding of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which is currently conducting a second study of the Rogue.

**Pollution Abatement**  
The board recommends that pollution abatement be excluded from beneficial uses for Rogue basin water since

the water supply is limited and other uses should take precedence.

But members stated yesterday that this did not imply pollution would be tolerated. "We intend," Robert Root, member from Medford, said, "that pollution be stopped before it gets to the stream rather than use river water to dilute it."

Two primary and five secondary sewage treatment plants are currently operating in the Rogue basin, some of them at or near capacity, according to the board's findings.

"Many of those plants are not operating at peak efficiency," Root commented.

**Caused by Industries**  
Asked about prevention of pollution caused by industries such as paper mills, John D. Davis, chairman of the board, replied: "Under our proposed program, industry would come in on our terms or not come in at all."

He said "a great many recent developments in effluent treatment" make it possible for such industries to operate without polluting the river water.

Col. D. H. Barber, McLeod, said continuous policing would be necessary to enforce requirements for such treatment. "I don't think a law to prevent something happening will prevent its happening all the time," Col. Barber said.

**Endorses Recommendation**  
The board formally endorsed its recommendations for the Rogue basin in the afternoon session.

Root, chairman of its program committee, said the board would now seek legislative action through a hearing before the House state and federal affairs committee in Salem.

If no legislator submits the recommended program as a bill by Feb. 2, he said, it could be submitted as either a bill at the board's request or a committee bill.

**Site Announced For New Junior High in Ashland**  
Ashland—The site selected this week for a new junior high school in Ashland is located east of Walker ave. between the Southern Pacific tracks and East Main st., according to Stanley Jobe, superintendent of the Ashland schools.

The 22-acre site is located about 300 feet northeast of the first site selected, he said, which is being considered by Southern Oregon college for future expansion.

Surveys and appraisals will start immediately, Jobe said. Iowa st. would be extended from Wightman st. to Walker ave., he added, to provide better access.

**Six Property Owners**  
Jobe said the six property owners who have acreage in the area have been contacted. Purchase of the land and construction of a new junior high school building would be financed by a bond issue, which will be placed before school district patrons as soon as specifications and information regarding bonds is prepared.

The proposed site is in the southern part of the city, Jobe said, since the city apparently is growing in that direction.

The school board began consideration of a new junior high school after the top floor of the present building was closed by the state fire marshal.

Architect for the new structure is Wayne Struble, Medford, an associate of James Payne, Salem.

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"The whole river just poured in," police said. "The water is coming up through the shaft. We don't know just how many miners were down there, but it appears to be about 30. It looks pretty bad."

**WEATHER**  
FORECAST: Cloudy with occasional light rain tonight and Friday. Low tonight 38. High Friday 42.

**Our Skies Tonight**  
Sunset today 5:11 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 7:34 a.m.  
Moonset tomorrow 6:23 a.m.  
Full moon Jan. 24

**PROMINENT STARS**  
Sirius, in the southeast 7:51 p.m.  
Venus, sets 6:10 p.m.  
Mars, high in south 7:24 p.m.  
Jupiter, rises 3:20 a.m.  
Saturn, rises 6:07 a.m.

### TODAY In Oregon History (A Centennial Feature)

JAN. 22, 1856  
Josephine county was this day created by the Territorial Legislature, and includes a part of western Jackson county. The county is named for Josephine Rollins, daughter of the discoverer of gold on the creek that also bears her name. Kirbyville is to be county seat.

### Pedestrian Killed When Struck by Car on Biddle rd.

Charles Delbert Miller, 83, of 1358 Biddle rd., was killed Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. when he was struck by an automobile on Biddle rd. between McAndrews rd. and Morrow rd., according to city police.

Miller, who was walking on the highway at the time of the accident, is the third traffic fatality in the county in as many days, and the first within the city this year.

Operator of the vehicle, police said, was Claude Walter Hoover, 43, of 315 Erie st., Medford.

He told police that he was traveling south on Biddle rd. when he saw something "flash" on the side of the road. He said the pedestrian appeared in front of the right fender and he was unable to stop in time to avoid hitting the man.

Miller was reported to have been wearing dark clothing at the time of the accident.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Conger-Morris, funeral directors.

### Kenneth Williams Dies at G. Pass

Grants Pass—Kenneth Roy (Ken) Williams, 68, a veteran of 14 seasons of major league baseball and one of the great sluggers of his time, died at his home today.

Williams had been under treatment for a heart condition for several years.

Williams, who spent 10 years with the St. Louis Browns, was named a member of the all-time St. Louis all-star team in 1957. In 1922 he batted .332 in 153 games and led the American league in home runs with 39.

A native of Grants Pass, Williams is survived by his widow, Ethel M. Williams, and two sons, Ken Williams of Santa Clara, Calif., and Jack Williams of La Puente, Calif.

### Bids Opened for Sanitary Sewer Job

Warren H. Conrad, Medford contractor, is apparent low bidder for constructing a sanitary sewer on Temple dr. from Crater Lake ave. to Gary st., Medford public works officials reported today.

Conrad's bid, \$4,798, is 14.5 per cent over the engineer's estimate of \$4,190.35, officials said. Bids were opened at city hall this morning.

Other reported bidders include Frank Kanehl, \$5,323; R. A. Heintz Construction company, \$5,305.25; M. C. Lininger and Sons, \$7,900.25 and F. L. Somers, \$7,188.

Kanehl and Heintz are from Portland. Lininger and Somers are Medford contractors.

### Juveniles Returned On Car Theft Charge

A 15-year-old Gold Hill boy and a 16-year-old Rogue River youth were returned to Jackson county Wednesday by sheriff's deputies from Madras on charges of grand larceny of an automobile.

The boys appeared in district court this morning and were remanded to the juvenile court.

Portland—Bids will be opened next Monday for a new National Guard Armory in Oswego.

Salem—A bill scheduled for introduction in the Oregon House would protect newsmen from penalty for declining to identify news sources.

### Throng Screams Approval as Castro Speaks

#### Newsmen From 22 Countries Gather

Havana—Cuba and its colorful capital of Havana seethed with excitement today over the start of the "war crime" trials of more than 600 Batistianos in Havana's Cabana Prison fortress across the bay from Old Havana.

Any doubt the populace was solidly behind the "revolutionary justice" of Fidel Castro almost vanished yesterday afternoon when a crowd of nearly one million persons screamed their approval and cheered wildly at everything Castro said.

**Global Publicity**  
The Havana trials will be conducted in the full glare of global publicity and almost 400 newsmen from 22 countries were in Havana to see them start and to hear personally from Castro as he answers world-wide criticism at a news conference today.

The influx of newsmen representing newspapers, magazines, television, radio and newsreels was spotlighting the trials and executions in an unparalleled manner. The wraps were off—there is no longer censorship and newsmen are free to write anything they like.

Havana meanwhile was slowly recovering some of its traditional gaiety. An indication was Wednesday's mass meeting at the Presidential Palace when the enormous crowd waved banners, sang the national anthem and shouted "viva Fidel" at the top of their lungs.

They fought for a close-up view of Castro in a spectacular demonstration of hero worship. They cheered madly as he arrived at the palace in an army helicopter and began speaking to them.

His remarks dealing with a free and democratic Cuba of the future were punctuated with thunderous applause. Scores of women and men fainted in the above 90 degree heat as they milled about in front of the palace.

### U. S. Stands Ready To Resume A-Tests

Washington—The United States is ready to resume above-ground tests of nuclear bombs "in a relatively short time" if the talks at Geneva on banning atom testing collapse. It may set off underground blasts in any case.

Chairman John A. McCone of the Atomic Energy commission told a news conference that the testing grounds in the Pacific and in Nevada both are being kept ready.

The U. S. has promised not to test atomic weapons for one year from the start of the Geneva talks Oct. 31 unless Russia does. President Eisenhower in effect extended this voluntary ban another eight months when he asked no money or tests in his budget for the fiscal year starting July 1.

But McCone told reporters yesterday that he thinks this country will set off some underground atomic blasts during the new fiscal year to test the peaceful uses of nuclear explosives.

The AEC wants to find out if underground atom explosions can be used for such peaceful purposes as tapping buried oil reserves, digging harbors and loosening ores. Money for such tests is in the budget.

### Somers Low Bidder On Eighth St. Work

F. L. Somers, Medford contractor, was low bidder for constructing an embankment for the eighth st. extension from Bear creek to the Boy Scouts headquarters, Medford officials said today.

Bids were opened at 11 a.m. Somers' bid of \$4,900 equaled the engineer's estimate for the project. Other bidders include M. C. Lininger and Sons, Medford, \$5,600, and Tru-Mix Concrete company, Medford, \$7,350.

Springfield—Jack Livley, Springfield, a member of the Oregon Centennial Commission, has been honored as the "senior outstanding citizen" of the city.

### "Why Don't You End The Cold War?"



### Duncan Assures No Railroad Attempt Due in Legislature

Salem—House Speaker Robert Duncan today assured Gov. Mark Hatfield that the Legislature would not railroad a program through before the governor had a chance to present his views.

Duncan wrote Hatfield: "I assure you we are not only willing but are indeed anxious to consider any recommendations you may have on budgetary problems, tax problems or any other of the myriad propositions which we have to consider."

Duncan (D-Medford) noted there had been some press criticism lately of the speed at which the Legislature was moving.

The speaker said he thought it was "perfectly legitimate" to handle business promptly, but denied any railroad attempt.

As a first order of business Duncan did ask Hatfield to declare his position on a request of the Oregon Centennial Commission for \$2,046,000 to finance this year's Centennial celebration.

Several hearings have been held on the Centennial budget and Duncan said Hatfield's position on the matter was not clear from his inaugural address.

"We would appreciate it greatly if you would tell us promptly whether or not you consider this request to be essential," Duncan said.

The secretary of state's office is now auditing books of the Commission and Duncan suggested that the State Department of Finance and Administration be given financial control over any money appropriated to the Commission.

Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) chairman of the House Tax committee, said he had no intention of railroad any bills through.

"No bills will be reported out for at least three weeks," he said.

### Shift in Rackets Committee Rumored

Washington—A group of Democratic senators was reported today to be plotting to dump some Republican members of the bipartisan Senate Rackets committee.

The committee—now composed of four Democrats and four Republicans—met behind closed doors to discuss the reports.

Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.), ranking Republican on the group, has told GOP senators that some Democrats have launched a backstage drive to give their party a majority on the committee.

An aide said Chairman John McClellan (D-Ark.) had heard similar rumors. McClellan, however, was said to want to retain the current committee lineup.

### House Approves Legislature Money

Salem—The Oregon House today passed unanimously a bill appropriating up to \$1,250,000 to pay the expenses of the 1959 Legislature.

The last regular session of the Legislature in 1957 cost \$1,076,000.

### Schools, Stores, Factories Closed In Many Areas

#### Rain-Swollen Rivers Surge Into Towns

By United Press International  
Flash floods in Pennsylvania and Ohio today left thousands homeless and damage in the millions in the wake of a winter onslaught of floods, snow, sleet, rain, cold and tornadoic winds.

A United Press International count showed at least 64 fatalities. Fifteen died in Ohio and nine each in Illinois and Indiana. New York and Michigan reported six deaths each; Iowa, Wisconsin and Kentucky each reported four; Missouri had three, New Mexico two, and Kansas and Oklahoma reported one each.

#### States of Emergency

In Northwestern Pennsylvania, rain-swollen rivers surged into scores of communities. States of emergency were declared in Sharon, New Castle, Union City and Meadville, all in Pennsylvania.

At Warren, James Seitz had to be taken to a hospital by boat after he suffered a heart attack. The hospital was surrounded by 16 feet of water.

Scores of roads and schools were closed along a 125-mile stretch of the Allegheny river from the New York state line to near Pittsburgh. Hundreds of persons were evacuated by boat in New Castle when three tributaries of the Allegheny cascaded into the town.

In Ohio, old-timers said that not in years has there been anything like Wednesday's rains which flooded streams, rivers, sewer systems and basements from one end of the state to the other.

#### Schools Closed

The Ohio death toll was set at a minimum of 15, with police reporting a number of persons missing.

Schools, stores and factories closed in many areas. National guardsmen joined local officials and coast guardsmen in rescue operations. Red Cross officials set up emergency housing facilities in schools, churches, lodge halls and private homes.

In some areas, the flood was compared with the 1913 flood, the worst in Ohio's history.

What was described as a full scale blizzard raged in the northwestern part of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Manistee, Mich., was among the hardest hit and only the main streets could be kept open. Roads into the area were impassable.

#### Investigation Into Checks Continues

Jackson county sheriff's deputies and Medford city police are still investigating the forgery and cashing of a \$1,250,000 payroll check of Sketers and Sketers, Talent, official reported today.

They said the total amount of checks returned is \$2,421.09. Forged on the checks were signatures purporting to be those of Eldred R. Colver, office manager of the firm, and Charles Sketers, deputies said.

The forgery was not discovered by company officials, deputies said, until the Rogue Valley bank mailed the company's bank statement. It was then that the company realized that 30 blank payroll checks had been stolen from the company's camp office at Prospect.

#### Bomarc Base at Camp Adair Planned

Portland—Plans for a Bomarc missile installation at Camp Adair, costing some \$40 million, were outlined here Wednesday by an official of the Boeing Aircraft Company.

K. K. McDaniel, Bomarc expert for Boeing, said funds for buildings should be available for 1960 and that money for installation of electronic gear and the missiles would be available in 1961.

Cost of the project is about the same as that of the SAGE-Semi-Automatic Ground Environment—now going in at the Willamette valley site.

#### Hatfield, Appling Legally Begin Government Chores

Salem—Both Gov. Mark Hatfield and his secretary of state, Howell Appling Jr., were breathing easier today as the result of an unanimous Oregon Supreme Court decision stating they both held office legally.

The pair won their case from Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton who had contended that Dave O'Hara, an appointee of ex-Gov. Robert D. Holmes, was the legal secretary of state.

Thornton had no comment on the decision, but Hatfield, Appling and others did. **Resignation Demanded**  
Most violent comment came from Rep. Fayette Bristol (R-Grants Pass) who demanded the resignation of Thornton. "The Legislature is faced with a very grave problem in that bills passed are judged on constitutionality by the attorney general. Our present attorney general has proved himself completely incompetent and we must have an attorney general on whose opinion we can rely," he said.