

Hatfield Lists Accomplishments of First Year as Governor of Oregon

By DOUGLAS GRIPP
Salem (UPI)—Oregon Republican Gov. Mark Hatfield paused today to take a look at the first year of office behind him.

He liked what he saw but said there is much more work to be done.

In an exclusive interview, he listed what he considers the top three accomplishments so far of his administration.

They are: (1) The economic upswing in the state; (2) Reorganization of state government to date; and (3) Acceleration of a program to attract outstanding citizens to government service, both Democrats and Republicans, from all walks of life.

He said the state now presents a picture of "favorable business climate, a stepped up program."

Institutions Cited
Hatfield said he also was very pleased with major developments in state institutions.

He said that, for example, when he took office there was a waiting list of about 400 for Fairview home for the mentally retarded here. He said that in a few months, there will be no waiting list.

Improvements of existing

Conference To Aim At Auto Thieves

Portland (UPI)—A series of conferences to develop coordination efforts against auto thieves will be held in Oregon early next year, according to Joseph Thornton, special agent in charge of the Portland FBI office.

Thornton said conferences will be scheduled for Ontario, Pendleton, Portland, Coos Bay and Klamath Falls.

The meetings are part of a nationwide effort being made by the FBI under the direction of J. Edgar Hoover.

Atlanta (UPI)—Babies born at St. Joseph's infirmary during the pre-holiday season are being presented to their mothers inside large, red Christmas stockings.

facilities and establishment of Mid-Columbia home at The Dalles were factors.

Hatfield said that his biggest problem in the first year as governor was the 1959 Legislature. He ran up a record for vetoes, 23. The biggest disappointment in the Democratic-run body was "its inability to develop a tax program," he said. Hatfield had urged the Legislature to broaden Oregon's tax base with either a net receipts tax or a

Land Appraisals, Sales Suspended

Washington (UPI)—The interior department has ordered its bureau of land management to suspend temporarily all public land sales and transactions involving land appraisals.

Acting Interior Secretary Elmer F. Bennett said the action was taken at the request of Rep. John E. Moss (D-Calif.), a member of the house government operations committee. The department said the suspension will go into effect immediately and will last "for at least 60 days."

Bennett said the department has been advised that the government operations committee, the "watchdog" group which keeps check on the administration of government agencies, is making a study of land appraisals and land appraisal techniques.

Moss said he had "no specific complaints" that he could divulge at this time, but he added "enough sufficiently serious information has come to the committee to justify a careful look at the bureau's land appraisal techniques."

London (UPI)—Britain's steel production hit an all-time high in November with an average of 458,600 tons a week, the Iron and Steel Board announced today, with mills working at 95 per cent of capacity.

sales tax but neither materialized.

He added he has "great expectations" for a Republican Legislature in 1961.

Image Not Clear
Hatfield said in some areas of the nation the image of Oregon "is not too clear."

"In fact," he added, "the farther east you go, the less clear it is." He did say that Oregon does project some very favorable individual images and cited education, business, politics ("an image of independence"), state beauty and sports achievement.

"One of the less favorable images is taxation," he said. "There is an unfounded image that Oregon has the highest personal and business taxes in the country. This must be dispelled."

"Another image that must be changed, also unfounded, is one involving climate. You hear it said it rains too much here. Well, for instance, the average rainfall in Washington, D. C. is greater. We must also dispel that image."

'Only Beginning'
The governor said that state government, as he promised, has become more efficient.

He cited these: Wiser spending in welfare, a half a million dollar saving in the second quarter of 1959 over the same period of 1958; paring of the National Guard budget by \$90,000; elimination of 45 positions in the Tax Commission; reorganization of the Employment Department with reduction in employee numbers by 65, and also one administrator in lieu of a three-member commission; simplification of the state tax form, a saving in printing costs of \$7,000. These are examples, he said, not totals.

"This is not the end, this is only the beginning."

Not that his administration hasn't been criticized by the public. According to the trend of his mail, the biggest complaint in 1959 was his recommendation of repeal of the 1953 anti-picketing law. The Legislature repealed it.

Neuberger Race Out
Hatfield also took time out

to put down talk that he might bid for the seat of U. S. Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) next year. "I have no plans for entering that race," he said.

One of his biggest projects is to bring new industry to Oregon, with an eye to creating more jobs. "This is the key to everything, to a diversified economy. It is the very life of the state."

Another step in that direction is a trip to Chicago, Boston and New York next spring for personal meetings with industry leaders. He will head a delegation of Oregon business leaders.

Looking toward the sixties, he declared, "the stage has been set. We must accelerate what has started. In this way Oregon can and must expand and grow, for the benefit of all its citizens."

Back Stairs: Ike Preaching Gospel

By MERRIMAN SMITH
New Delhi (UPI)—Back Stairs at the Traveling White House: President Eisenhower is preaching the gospel of friendship and understanding inside American embassies on his 11-nation tour, besides dwelling on the same theme in public.

Eisenhower apparently feels U.S. employees abroad could make more of an effort to understand and appreciate local culture and customs.

He was particularly emphatic on this subject in talking to members of the embassy staff in Karachi, Pakistan earlier this week.

Presidential press secretary James C. Hagerty has been following a similar theme in his relations with embassies along the route.

Surprise for Reporters
Hagerty has been insisting that each presidential procession also include representatives of the local press far up in the motorcade.

This may seem a routine gesture back in the United States but it represents an amazing departure to government officials and reporters in Asia.

In most instances local newsmen have been somewhat shocked and then might

ily pleased to be accorded a high place in the presidential motorcade when they are not allowed to do anything remotely similar when moving around with their own chief executive.

With each new town the President's trip becomes more laborious for those in his party.

Tiring Pace
Eating is much more evident among the members of his staff than in the President himself.

This is natural since he still is getting his eight hours of sleep a night. The people who work for him get up much earlier than he does; they go to bed much later at night.

The problems of existence become quite painful at times. The most frequent complaint is lack of sleep.

Hagerty asked mournfully the other morning in Ankara, Turkey, "I wonder how long a human being can go without any sleep at all?" Hagerty had a good point.

Hagerty Rises Early
The night Eisenhower was in Turkey the communique on his conversations with President Celal Bayar was issued a few minutes before 2 a.m. It was 3 o'clock before Hagerty got to bed and he had to be up again by 6 a.m. to dress and get to the quarters where Ike was staying

in time for departure ceremonies. Most members of the Eisenhower travel party virtually collapsed the first night in Karachi because they were so weary from sleepless stops in Rome and Ankara.

As soon as the President turned in that night at the residence of Pakistan President Ayub Khan, the Ike staff raced to bed.

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