

Democrats Complain That Ike's Picture of Union Is Too Rosy

Washington—(AP)—Congressional Democrats complained today that President Eisenhower's picture of the state of the Union was too rosy. They said he actually was leaving the Kennedy administration a maze of serious unsolved problems.

But Republicans defended the President's final State of the Union message, read to the House Thursday, as a realistic summary of the Eisenhower administration's accomplishments.

The Senate, which did not meet Thursday, will hear the message read by a clerk today.

President-elect John F. Kennedy had no immediate comment on the message, in which Eisenhower conceded he was leaving the new administration with some explosive foreign and domestic problems. The President said Kennedy could solve these if he tackled them with "steady fast resolution."

Eisenhower's generally optimistic message said the nation had reached "unpre-

cedented heights" during the eight years of his administration.

Rep. Daniel J. Flood (D-Pa.) said that recent evidence showed that the national position at home and abroad is "far worse" than even the gloomiest prophets had forecast. "None are so blind as those who will not see," he said.

Chairman J. William Fulbright, (D-Ark.) of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, said "the incoming administration is confronted by as difficult a set of circumstances as any administration since the War Between the States."

The private remarks of many Democrats were even more critical than those they had for the record.

"The poor old guy is leaving office in a few days," said one House member with liberal leanings. "So I don't want to be too hard on him."

Another Democrat privately pictured the President's appraisal as "more of the same baloney he's been feeding us for years."

But House GOP Leader Charles A. Halleck (Ind.) said the message "shows that we can carry forward the tremendous accomplishments he has made if we simply use good sense and balance in what we do during the years ahead."

Senate GOP Leader Everett M. Dirksen (Ill.) said the message "is at once gracious and cooperative in tone and is indeed an excellent and realistic summary of the achievements of the administration."

He said, "It is also a candid document because it sets forth not only the achievements but the existing problems in the field of agriculture and foreign relations. All in all, it is an impressive state paper."

Chairman Overton Brooks (D-La.) of the House Space committee took sharp issue with the President's contention that U.S. space developments make this country "preeminent" in the field.

But Rep. Charles G. Fulton (R-Pa.) endorsed the President's message and said he has no doubt America now has a commanding lead over Russia both in military and civilian space development.

The President's report on his world travels, and his contention that success of his and other top-level visits abroad prompted Russia to wreck the summit conference, drew some raised eyebrows.

"It is so far fetched that I'm wordless," said Rep. Chet Helms (D-Calif.) chairman of the Senate-House committee on Atomic Energy. "The tone of the message is in my opinion an extravagant misstatement of our international relations. They have deteriorated throughout the world."

They'll Do It Every Time



By Jimmy Harlo



Zone Change Request Near Freeway Interchanges Deferred

The Medford city planning commission, anxious to establish some sort of policy for the regulation of land development around freeway interchanges, last night voted to defer three requests for changes of zone near the interchanges.

All three requests will again be brought before the commission in May. The commission felt it would take at least that much time to complete traffic pattern studies around the proposed interchanges — to be located at Barnett rd. and Crater Lake ave.

One of the requests is for a change of zone from single family to limited commercial for property located on Barnett rd. Mrs. Anne Davis, who is making the request, told the commission last night that a 20-unit motel is planned on the site.

The second request was to change a zone from single family to limited commercial

on property near Bear creek adjacent to Crater Lake highway. Medford Attorney Bill Deatheridge, speaking for the property owner, said a service station is proposed for this property.

Third Request

The third request was to change a zone from single family to limited commercial for property on the southeast side of Crater Lake highway south of the television station property. A plumbing shop is proposed for this property.

In other business, the commission recommended denial of a request for a change of zone from commercial to light industrial for property located on Barnett rd., just east of the freeway right of way. Jim Bayliss, operator of the Siskiyou Veterinary hospital, told the commission that the hospital is now in the middle of the freeway right of way, and he will have to vacate his property by March. He wanted to build a new hospital on the Barnett rd. site.

In recommending denial of the request, the commission pointed out that the proposed hospital site is in an area designed for future city park purposes. It is indicated as a park site on a generalized land-use plan.

Request Pending a Year

Commission Member Elwood Hedberg Jr., noting that Bayliss' request had been before the commission for more than a year, said it was "unfortunate" that the commission had not been able to decide on the request sooner. But because it is a proposed park site, he said, "I feel it would be very poor planning on our part if we recommended to the council to zone the property light industrial."

Newly elected Commission Chairman Jack Edson said he was also sorry that the matter took so long, and added that although the plans for a hospital are "no worse" than any other type of occupancy, "it would have made planning in and around it very difficult."

The commission called for a public hearing on a request from Austin King for a variance to a zoning ordinance to erect an equipment storage shed at 1200 Crater Lake ave. The hearing is scheduled for the commission's February meeting.

The commission recommended that a half-block long alley located between Franquette st. and Riverside ave., west of Eads st., be vacated by the city, subject to two conditions. One, is that the person making the request provide for an easement for California Oregon Power company lines; and two, that the person reimburse the city for past street improvements adjacent to the alley.

A special meeting was called for Jan. 26, to hear a request from Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller who want to establish a kindergarten at the Congregational church, 300 Oakwood dr. The matter had originally been scheduled to come before the commission in February, but Mrs. Miller told the commission last night that she would need an answer before then, if they were to operate a kindergarten this spring.

A request to annex to the city some property located east of the city and south of Hillcrest rd., was deferred by the council for further study. It was pointed out by City Manager Robert A. Duff, that city vehicles would have to

Youth Held for Stabbing Mother

Rutland, Vt.—(AP)—Authorities today held a quiet youth as a suspect in the slaying in a parsonage of the wife of a clergyman who adopted him.

Police said Geoffrey P. Aldrich, 17, a high school football star, stabbed Mrs. Hazel Aldrich, 39, four times in the back as she played a piano in the living room of their home Thursday night.

Aldrich, who was treated recently at two mental clinics, was arrested four hours later in Troy, N.Y., when he turned the family car the wrong way on a one-way street. He was held there for Vermont authorities.

Police said Aldrich told them he stabbed Mrs. Aldrich when she insisted that he stay home and finish his homework. He wanted to go to a local library.

Officials said the woman

band, the Rev. Gordon M. Aldrich, 43, pastor of the Rutland Congregational Church, was across the street at a church meeting at the time. The boy was adopted by the couple when he was 10.

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