

LATIN AMERICAN AID PLANS TOLD

Recession May Be at Bottom, Reports Hint

375,000 Drop in Non-Farm Jobs

Washington - (UPI) - The nation's job picture grew worse in February but there are some signs that the recession may have hit bottom, the Labor Department reported today.

The Department reported a drop of 375,000 in the number of workers on non-farm payrolls last month, about triple the usual decline.

Non-Farm Total Down
The non-farm job total fell to 51,329,000 with 70 per cent of the decrease in the hard-hit steel, auto and machinery industries.

Labor Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg announced last Tuesday that total unemployment climbed 320,000 in February to 5,705,000, a post-war high. He said employment rose 203,000 to 64,655,000, a peak for any February.

Seymour E. Weisbein, Labor Department manpower expert, noted these indications of a possible upturn:

-Factory work week. The average hours worked by a factory hand held steady at 38.8 a week in February, about the same as the November figure and one hour shorter than a year ago.

-Steel. The decline in jobs in primary metals industries was not sizable for the first time in many months. Employment at these industries dropped by 3,900.

-Part time work. About 1.7 million workers were working part time because of the business slump—unchanged from January.

-Jobless benefits. Weisbein recalled that there was a "tiny" drop of 13,500 in the number of workers receiving unemployment benefits for the week ended Feb. 25, the first decline since October. But 3,408,000 persons, or 2.4 per cent of the workers covered by jobless insurance, were idle.

\$45,715 Damages Awarded by Jury

A Jackson county circuit court jury late Monday awarded a Central Point man \$45,715 for damages received in an accident during October, 1957, at White City.

Plaintiff in the case was Tom Bogenoff, Perry rd., Central Point. The complaint was filed against the Carolina-Pacific Plywood corporation and the White City Terminal and Utility company. Prior to the start of the trial an out-of-court settlement for \$22,000 was made by the White City company, it was stated. This amount was included in the total damages awarded by the jury.

Extensive medical testimony was given during the six day trial. Three witnesses for the defense included Dr. Burton Adams, Oakland, Dr. Grant Lavin and Dr. Bernard Diamond, San Francisco and Stanford University. Dr. James Luce, Medford, was among the plaintiff's witnesses. Others who testified were employees of both the plywood and terminal companies.

According to testimony Bogenoff, a brakeman for the White City firm, was on a railroad car brake platform when he was struck on the head by an overhanging canopy extending from the Carolina-Pacific building.

Attorneys for the plaintiff were Bernard Kelly, Medford, and M. H. Messner, Yreka, Calif. Representing the defense were Hugh Collins and James Redden.

Petitions Protest Proposed Move By Gospel Mission to Esquire Theater

Petitions are being circulated today protesting a proposed move by the Medford Gospel Mission from South Front st. to the Esquire theater building on East Main st.

The Gospel Mission, which was opened by a group of local businessmen, serves as a lodging and eating place for transient persons.

The petition notes: "While in sympathy with the general purposes of the Gospel Mission, we believe that it should not be established in an area directly involving the recreational and business interests of the community."

The principal objection to moving the Mission to the Esquire theater site is its proximity to Hawthorne park, "with its children's play-

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Minority Report on Water Pollution Rejected by 17 to 14 Vote in Senate

Additional Power For SSA To Be Considered Later

Sen. Straub Urges Minority Approval

Salem - (UPI) - The Oregon Senate by a vote of 17-13 today rejected a minority report that Sen. Walter J. Pearson said would give the State Sanitary Authority a "blank check" to force cities and industries to cease water pollution.

This left for consideration later in the day a majority report which would give the SSA some additional powers but not as much as the agency would like to have.

The reports came out of the Senate Local Government Committee.

Adoption Urged
Sen. Robert Straub (D-Eugene) urged adoption of the minority report which he said is necessary if Oregon is going to clean up her rivers.

Pearson, a Portland Democrat, said the minority report would have allowed the SSA to come into a city or industry, change standards overnight, and force a city or industry to make costly changes they couldn't afford.

He declared that we "should go very slow in giving any public body such authority because after you give it to them, you can't take it away."

Effective Curb Seen
He favors the majority report which says the authority can proceed with abatement orders if the changes are "technically practicable and economically feasible."

Straub said this would "effectively curb" abatement. The language, offered by Associated Oregon Industries, would allow industries to indefinitely tie up SSA orders in court, Straub said.

The Senate recessed until 3 p.m. but not before voting delays in consideration of a number of other important bills.

Troops Airlifted To Troubled Congo

Leopoldville, The Congo - (UPI) - The U.S. Air Force started a massive airlift of 3,000 Indian combat troops today to reinforce United Nations forces and to help restore order in the Congo where tribesmen have inflicted "indescribable humiliation" on priests and nuns and raped an American girl missionary.

The airlift started when the first group of 280 combat-ready Gurkha warriors left New Delhi aboard U.S. C-124 Globemaster planes this morning. U.N. sources said they are due here at 6 p.m. (pst) Wednesday.

U.N. officials said the airlift will ignore Congolese government protests.

NAME CHANGE PASSES

Salem - (UPI) - The Oregon House today passed and sent to the Senate a bill to change the name of Mid-Columbia home at The Dalles to Columbia State Park Hospital.



ADDRESSES GATHERING—President Kennedy is shown as he addressed 250 members of the Latin American Diplomatic Corps and key members of Congress in the East Room of the White House. From left, front row, they are Dr. Celeo Davila, ambassador of Honduras; Mrs. Lyndon

B. Johnson, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson; Ambassador Antonio Carrillo of Mexico; Dr. Guillermo Sevilla-Sacasa, ambassador of Nicaragua; Mrs. Kennedy, Fernando Berckmeyer, ambassador of Peru; Mrs. Berckmeyer; Manuel G. Escalante, ambassador of Costa Rica, and Mrs. Escalante. (UPI Telephone)

EP School Budget Approved By District Group

Eagle Point - A proposed budget for the Eagle Point school district totalling \$833,605.72 for the fiscal year 1961-62, was adopted recently by the district budget committee.

The budget for all funds is \$80,115.15 higher than for the 1960-61 fiscal year. The amount school district voters will vote on, which will be outside the six per cent limitation, will be approximately \$8,800 less than for the present fiscal year budget.

The amount for 1961-62 to be voted on is \$369,320.42. A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held April 3 in the Eagle Point High school library.

The proposed total budget includes \$722,608 in the general fund; \$55,393.75 in the bond interest and redemption; \$44,938, school lunch fund, and \$10,665.97, construction fund.

Tax Levy
The tax levy may decrease if state basic school support and county school funds are increased, according to Glenn D. Hale, superintendent.

The proposed budget's general fund is approximately \$75,000 higher than last year, Hale said. The increase is due to the addition of four new teachers, the adjustment of salary schedule, an increase in the amount for textbooks, and the addition of a curriculum improvement fund.

The transportation fund is higher due to the addition of a new bus and its driver's salary. Although plant maintenance is expected to be approximately \$7,000 higher, capital outlay decreases by \$14,000 as the purchase of buses was included in this category last year.

Boston - (UPI) - Mrs. Eunice Schriver, 38, sister of President Kennedy, underwent an appendectomy at St. Elizabeth Hospital today.

Department Heads Seek Control Over Merit Pay Increases

The Jackson county budget committee tangled with one of its toughest problems yesterday afternoon during its first session.

Possible upward revision of employee salary scales will be considered, the budget committee told department heads during a meeting in the county court room.

Some revision should be made in keeping with the increased costs of living since the civil service merit pay scale plan became effective in 1958, a majority of the committee agreed. However, the department heads, represented by District Attorney Alan Holmes, received no indication they would get what they wanted most—control over merit pay increases.

Whether or not an employee would receive a merit pay increase would be decided by department heads, according to the proposal.

Less Receipts
Budget Committee Member Gordon Hudson said predictions are that the county will receive 15 per cent less receipts during the new fiscal year. Why shouldn't this be applied to county salaries, too, he wondered.

County Treasurer Karl Janouch replied that the \$890,000 payroll is only a small percentage of the \$4½ million total estimated budget. "You can't apply the same percentage decrease to salaries as you would the overall budget," he pointed out.

Holmes said department heads ask that the salary ranges be increased one step, but that the six-step plan be kept. This would mean a \$16 increase to eligible employees under the merit and seniority plan, it was explained.

Actually, only 179 of the employees coming under the merit service plan are listed as employees in the county budget. Approximately 141 employees of the road department are not listed in salary ranges in the budget. These employees, on a hourly wage basis, are lumped together under categories of bridge and road maintenance.

Increase From Interest
The county treasurer pointed out this morning that the 4½ per cent increase in salaries requested could be covered easily by the interest on

Sheriff's Budget Slightly Lower; Asks For Raises

Sheriff Joe Walsh pointed to a slightly lower overall budget—\$109,390—but asked for salary range increases for his deputies. He appeared before the county budget committee Monday afternoon.

Walsh asked for re-evaluation of his salary ranges to be more competitive with other police agencies. Under his proposal his top patrolman would be \$70 a month under the top private in the Oregon state police, if state police get their requested pay range increases. Maximum pay for deputies' lower pay range would be \$469, under Walsh's proposal. Sheriff's deputies would also be slightly under the pay ranges for Medford policemen, Walsh explained.

"You have to offer these men incentives. They face several problems which the ordinary jobholder does not have," Walsh said. "I tell each deputy why or why not merit increases are being given. If I tell a man he deserves a raise and he doesn't get one, you can imagine the effect upon morale," the sheriff explained.

The sheriff is requesting merit increases for his chief criminal deputy from \$449 to \$514 a month, for his chief civil deputy from \$409 to \$491 a month, and for his chief investigator \$390 to \$469.

All sheriff's departments show decreases in their requested totals except the county jail. The tax department has dropped from \$30,447 to \$29,075, civil department from \$18,422 to \$16,864, and criminal division from \$106,273 to \$101,820. The jail budget request has increased from \$45,103 to \$52,171.

Chief increase in the jail budget request is due to the requested evaluation of the chief jailer's salary. The increase would be from \$4,680 a year to \$5,892. Walsh explained that formerly the jailer and his wife lived in the courthouse so board and room was included as part of the salary. That is not now true, he said. The chief jailer is there only during working hours. Walsh also asked for an addition of a matron at \$3,096 a year to help handle the rising jail population.

Walsh said the decrease in his overall budget is possible through using county owned cars. During a year's time this has meant big decreases in car allowance and travel expenses, he said.

Gusts Do Damage In Ashland Today

Ashland-Gusts of wind up to 40 miles per hour, whipping through Ashland this morning caused a 30-minute power outage and toppled part of the marquee of the Mark Antony hotel.

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Boeing Meeting Scheduled Friday

Salem - (UPI) - An Oregon legislative delegation will meet with Boeing Airplane Co. officials in Seattle Friday instead of Wednesday to discuss the company's plans for developing Boardman Space Age Industrial Park.

The company has asked to negotiate an 80 year lease for the 100,000 acre sagebrush tract. Gov. Mark Hatfield has requested the legislature to appropriate \$900,000 to acquire the property.

Purpose of the trip is to obtain first hand information on Boeing's plans for the tract, considered ideal for static missile and rocket testing.

The trip originally was set for Wednesday, but a heavy Senate calendar caused the postponement.

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TREATY APPROVED

Washington - (UPI) - The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has approved without opposition a treaty with Canada for cooperative development of water resources in the Columbia River basin.

Portland - (UPI) - Thomas A. Leupp, 38, mayor of Nampa, Idaho, Monday was named president of Cascade College here.

Kennedy Requests \$600 Million To Battle Poverty

Sum Said Needed To Curb Communism

Washington - (UPI) - President Kennedy asked Congress today for \$600 million to fight poverty in Latin America and meet "a grave and imminent danger" of underprivileged peoples turning to Communism.

The President urged the legislators in a special message to appropriate immediately the \$600 million in general assistance and \$100 million for earthquake relief in Chile they authorized last year.

He stressed the urgency of his request and said the funds would be committed as quickly as possible to put into operation a bold, 10-year program for raising the living standards of the Latin American nations.

But in an apparent effort to head off any charges he was proposing "blank check" aid,

Highlights of President Kennedy's Latin American aid program appear on page 2.

Kennedy promised that no funds would be allocated until there are assurances that "each recipient nation will live up to the principles of self-help and domestic reform."

Cites Red Threat
"If we are unwilling to commit our resources and energy to the task of social progress and economic development," he said, "then we face a grave and imminent danger that desperate peoples will turn to Communism or other forms of tyranny as their only hope for change."

Kennedy declared that "Latin America is seething with discontent and unrest," and added: "We must act to relieve large-scale distress immediately if free institutions are to be given a chance to work out long-term solutions."

The Chief Executive noted that the program was being initiated under the Act of Bogota, the agreement reached last year by the American nations to join in a massive cooperative effort to strengthen democracy through economic development and social progress.

Fight Against Poverty
Asserting that "such a program is long overdue," the President said that throughout Latin American millions of people "are struggling to free themselves from the bonds of poverty and hunger and ignorance."

He cited the cold statistics of an area with the world's fastest growing population, where the average per capita product is only \$280—one-ninth of that of the United States, the life expectancy is 46 years compared to 70 in this country, illiteracy extends to almost half of the adults, and 80 per cent of one country's population "is housed in makeshift shacks and barracks."

Kennedy said that the entire amount he was requesting would be devoted to social progress in the Latin American countries—improving land usage, constructing housing, providing education and for other programs to wipe out poverty.

Includes Loan Program
Of the \$500 million authorized for general aid, Kennedy said, \$394 million would be assigned to the Inter-American Development Bank to provide low-interest loans for improving land use, housing, water supply and sanitation and similar projects.

Another \$100 million would be administered by the International Cooperation Administration and applied mainly on a grant basis for education and training, public health, and governmental economic and social services.

The remaining \$6 million would be used to help strengthen the Organization of American States, and allow it to work with other inter-American agencies on studies and conferences dealing with such matters as tax reform, land use, and educational modernization.

Mather Jet Bomber Crashes Near Yuba City

Yuba City, Calif. - (UPI) - A B52 jet bomber from Mather Air Force Base crashed today about 15 miles southwest of here.

Officers at Beale Air Force Base near here did not disclose if the bomber was carrying nuclear weapons, but they ordered an ordnance disposal team to the scene as a precautionary measure.

Congress Gets Highway Bill From President

Washington - (UPI) - President Kennedy sent to Congress today a detailed bill to put into action a \$40 billion, 41,000-mile super highway program which he wants completed by 1972.

The bill, sent to Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson and Speaker Sam Rayburn, embraced the recommendations Kennedy outlined in an earlier message to Congress.

Emphasizing his desire for speedy action on the pay-as-you-go program, Kennedy, in a letter of transmittal, said he was convinced that "stretching out or cutting back our highway program would be unwise."

"It would be particularly unfortunate today, when our economy needs the growth, our people need the safety, and our national defense needs the security that this program helps provide," Kennedy said.

Essentially the 10-year program would involve continuance of the federal gasoline tax at four cents a gallon beyond June 30 this year. Without specific congressional action one cent of this tax will expire at the end of this fiscal year.

In Serious Trouble
Earlier Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon told the House Ways and Means Committee that the federal highway program is in serious trouble.

He said considerably more money than originally anticipated must be raised to pay for interstate super highways if the system is to be completed in 1972.

Joining Dillon in the plea for more money was Commerce Secretary Luther H. Hodges, who warned that future highway allocations to the states "definitely" would have to be cut unless Congress acts.

Stage Set for Floor Fight on Reapportionment
Salem - (UPI) - The stage is set for the Oregon legislature's first floor battle over the tug-of-war known as legislative reapportionment - reshuffling of state senators and representatives.

The House Elections committee Monday afternoon voted out "do pass" a Republican-backed plan that makes only a few changes over the present set-up.

The vote was 6-3 with Reps. Phil Lang and Ed Whelan (D-Portland) and William Holmstrom (D-Gearhart) dissenting.

Floor action is expected late in the week. Democrats from populous areas in Western Oregon geared to kill the measure. House Elections Chairman George Annala (D-Hood River) and House GOP Leader F. F. Montgomery (R-Eugene) predicted passage.

Slight Difference
HB1665, a committee bill, is only slightly different from the House Republican "preferred plan."

Eastern Oregon, despite a slower population gain would not be greatly disturbed. Annala would lose his own seat in Hood River county.

In the House, 10 counties would be involved. They are Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Wheeler, Yamhill, Washington, Clackamas and Multnomah.

Multnomah and Clackamas would get a representative, elected on a bi-county basis.

Only six counties would be affected in the Senate - Columbia, Clatsop, Tillamook, Washington, Polk and Lincoln. Washington county would get one more senator, at the expense of Polk.

Polk-Lincoln Join
Polk would go in with Lincoln for one seat. A new district would be formed by Washington and Tillamook counties.

Multnomah and Lane counties have demanded additional seats because of increased population.

Lang has a reapportionment bill that would grant areas such as Multnomah and Lane more seats.

Haupt Tractor Company Ransacked

Burglars broke into the Haupt Tractor company, 3610 North Pacific highway, late last night or early this morning, but apparently took nothing, according to Medford police.

Police said the burglar or burglars ransacked four desks, a filing cabinet and a vending machine, but were unware of their efforts. A safe had been moved about two feet, police said, but it was otherwise undamaged.

Entry to the building was made by forcing open a side door.

Bill To Change Name Of Coast Highway
Salem - (UPI) - A bill was introduced in the Oregon Senate today that would change the name of the Oregon Coast Highway to "Pacific International Scenic Route."

The U.S. 101 measure, SB515, was introduced by Sen. Andrew Natertlin (D-Newport).

