

Ohio's Governor Practices The Economy He Preaches

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Columbus, Ohio - Gov. James A. Rhodes, to use one of his favorite expressions, is "shaking things up" in national political circles by practicing the economy he preaches.

leaves politicians forget when they take office. Ohio's new Republican governor showed he meant business when he fired about 3,500 recently hired state employees his first day in office. By June 30, about 7,000

or most of those added to the payrolls in the past year, will be gone. Among Rhodes' other "shaking them up" tactics are a 9.1 per cent across the board cut in spending, cuts in welfare spending, a balanced budget without new taxes, a planned reorganization of state government, and an ambitious program to get new industry for the state.

The governor chewed on his ever-present unlit cigar as he talked about balanced budgets, financial stability and industrial development. Major Figure As governor of a big state, Rhodes almost automatically becomes a major figure in next year's jockeying for the Republican presidential nomination - at least as top man in an important delegation to the Republican national convention.

His pivotal role in national politics is one matter Rhodes will not discuss, even off-the-record. He has rejected invitations to speak at \$100 a plate Republican dinners some politicians would walk through fire to get. In his austere office, which seems more like an echo chamber, he spoke of the problems and programs he sees for Ohio.

"There are people in this state paying high taxes who don't even have a rug on the floor," Rhodes said in explaining why he plans to leave the office the way he inherited it from former Gov. Michael D. DiSalle. DiSalle did not like the rugs when he came into office and allowed his cabinet members to buy a new carpet and draperies. When he left DiSalle took them and his desk with him, leaving only pictures of four former Democratic governors to adorn the walls of the big office.

"Somewhere, sometime, government must learn to live within its income," the 53-year-old governor said. "It must learn to allow people to do some things for themselves instead of taking their tax money and trying to do everything for them." Rhodes said he found state finances "in a mess" when he became governor Jan. 14. A firm of certified accountants reported the state had an \$80 million deficit, that many bills were unpaid, that 7,500 employees had been added within the past year, and that spending was about \$5 million a month more than revenues.

"That meant that to keep spending at the current level and pay the debt we would need \$200 million in new taxes in the two years beginning July 1," Rhodes said. "I do not believe we need new taxes which already are burdensome enough, so we had to cut spending and stop the drifting that was all too obvious in state government."

Rhodes immediately cut 3,500 employees DiSalle added in the last 120 days of his administration. They had not been on the payroll long enough to have civil service protection and by acting quickly, he could remove them without difficulty. Then he told Finance Director Richard L. Krabach (who wears a miniature gold hatchet with a bloodstained blade as a tie clip) to cut expenses and balance the budget. Krabach ordered a 9.1 per cent slash in spending. He scrapped budget requests totaling about \$100 million left by the DiSalle administration. He worked out a plan to pay the distillers for liquor bought by state stores, DiSalle having used liquor funds to pay general operation of government while the distillers waited.



EATS CORN FLAKES—Ohio's new Republican Gov. James A. Rhodes takes time out between parliamentary sessions for a quick lunch of corn flakes. (UPI)

run the program to improve their operations. The governor then gave the legislature an appropriations bill calling for \$1.282 billion in the two years beginning July 1. It was \$53 million above current spending, with 90 per cent of the money earmarked for education, mental hygiene and welfare programs. Highway programs are financed out of the gasoline tax and were not included in the budget.

There are many things Rhodes wants to do and he has not spent all of his time holding a gun at the treasury door, although he considers financial stability the key to his program.

His top objective and No. 1 campaign plank is industrial development to get the state's economy moving. Ohio leads the country in the number of persons on relief and has fewer people productively employed than in 1957 although the population has increased.

enlisted the aid of some of the top business concerns in Ohio to study state government with the purpose of the first reorganization of the government in 50 years. Civil service employees are fighting these plans with all their might but Rhodes figures consolidation and modernization of departments will mean substantial savings.

He had to quit school to help support his widowed mother and the family but while running a small restaurant near the university he moved into politics. He rang every door bell in his ward to beat the organization's candidate for committeeman. He was elected to the Columbus school board, then city auditor and at 34 was the youngest big city mayor in the country. He cut expenses and reorganized government at city hall for 10 years the way he is doing it in the statehouse four blocks away.

Big Majority For the next 10 years he was state auditor. Last fall, with his brunette wife and three daughters, he hit the gubernatorial campaign trail that gave him the biggest majority of any governor elected in November.

Rhodes will not discuss the future, but his friends suggest that in 1968, when he will be in the middle of his second term and ineligible under the state constitution to seek reelection, he could be an impressive national figure. But Rhodes, sitting there in a short-sleeve shirt in the big bare office, brushes off talk of presidential politics as easily and bluntly as he dismisses spending proposals. "I spent 25 years getting here," Rhodes said. "I wanted to be governor and that is the opportunity the people gave me. I want to do the best job I can in this office and that will take all of my time."

Small Worlds Around Us

By LYNN M. WATKINS
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The Dawn Patrol Crew, as One Friend Invited Another
For many months, six days a week, the man traveled the same identical route on his way to work, and always at the same time. It was dark during the winter months, half life in the spring and fall. Seldom did he ever meet another person at that hour of the morning; even cars were infrequent; the dawn stillness was nearly absolute. However, it was not a lonely walk. Birds sang joyously, their voices plainly audible before the noise of traffic violated the stillness. An occasional rabbit hopped along the street where later human pedestrians would elbow each other on their way to work. One day, the man noticed a mongrel dog; the animal trotted alongside the walk, wagged its tail when the man spoke kindly to it. A day or two later the man gained the dog's confidence and was allowed to pat the shaggy head. The dog wagged its tail violently and followed until the man crossed a street. The meeting became a regular part of the morning; the dog always in the same place, and always accompanying the man to the street several blocks away. There on the curb the dog would wait until his friend disappeared; then he would trot back the way he had come.

Next morning the man carried some extra biscuits. Evidently the word had gone out, for a few days later there were four dogs waiting at the meeting place. All were friendly, all four tails were wagging expectantly. The man was pleased but it wasn't until the next day that there were treats enough for all. Apparently there was no element of selfishness in dogdom; the original mongrel had many friends, and he was willing to share with them. They in turn were adaptable; all would follow patiently and joyfully, and would sit and wait while the man crossed the last street. Then they all went home, and the man went to work. One day the local newspaper carried a strange story, reported by a man who happened to arise very early and was amazed at a procession passing along the street in the early dawn: A "Pied Piper"-like man, closely followed by an entourage of eight nondescript dogs!

Aerial Spraying Contract Awarded

The contract for aerial spraying for brush control in western Oregon by helicopter has been awarded by the bureau of land management to Reforestation Services, Inc., Salem. The contract includes 20 acres near Pinehurst, 212 acres near Jacksonville, 1,206 acres at Glendale and 169 acres at Scottsburg. The total contract is \$12,771.22. Work is scheduled to start April 20. An announcement of the awarding of the contract was received here Wednesday from Congressman Robert B. Duncan.

Welfare payments were cut, most of them to what they were last Oct. 1 when DiSalle raised them a month before election. Rhodes said the cut would force counties which

REAL PRESSURE
Akron, Ohio - (UPI) - A huge press capable of exerting 10 million pounds of pressure is being used here in producing rocket liners for the Minuteman and Polaris solid fuel missiles. Goodyear Tire and Rubber company says the press, largest in the missile insulation field, turns out rubber liners required as insulators in the missiles.

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