

Democrats Plan to Push Bill in Coming Congress Middle-Income Housing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Democratic leaders plan to push for action by spring on a new middle-income housing program which they expect President Truman to present to congress.

Truman reportedly will set forth the general objectives of the program in the state of the union message he sends to the lawmakers a day or two after the new session begins January 3.

Senate sources who have been consulted by the White House said a preliminary draft of legislation already has been completed. They said the bill is being kept to spur the building of homes by private industry at a price which families of moderate income can afford.

The emphasis, it is understood, will be on dwellings which would sell at from \$7,000 to around \$9,000.

Pattern

Such legislation would in that regard follow the pattern of a bill, sponsored by Senator Sparkman (D-Ala.), which already has been approved by the senate banking committee.

The bill was shelved in the last-minute log jam at the last session, but backers of the measure were promised by the leadership that it would get early attention in 1950.

The big reason for action by spring will be sought is that a stop-gap law put through last October expires next March 31. That measure simply continued the old program of government home loan insurance and mortgage-buying.

The Sparkman bill and reportedly the administration's new measure provide for liberalizing home loan insurance terms to make smaller down payments possible.

Goal

Both measures are designed to supplement the public housing and slum clearance program enacted at

the last session. The goal now is to provide homes for in-between families whose income is too large to qualify them for public housing and not big enough to afford much of the private housing available.

The administration bill is said to call for a broad cooperative housing program to be financed by issuing bonds which would be purchased by private interests. By whom the bonds would be issued is a matter still under study.

The cooperative housing section of the Sparkman bill has proved to be the most controversial part of the whole measure, mainly because it provides for \$1,000,000,000 in direct government loans. That section never had administration blessing, and it met with plenty of republican opposition in congress.

Compromise

Sparkman has indicated he would be willing to compromise on the cooperative housing program to provide for a system of joint financing by the government and private lending institutions. He and other members of the senate banking committee recently returned from Sweden where they studied the operation of a similar system.

Senator Maybank (D-SC), chairman of the banking committee, may introduce the administration bill in the senate.

Extension Unit News

Bonanza

The Bonanza extension unit met Tuesday, December 13, at the home of Mrs. Cecil Haley for the herb cooking demonstration with Mrs. Haley and Mrs. Verle Heseltine as project leaders. Foods demonstrated were meat balls, Oregon cabbage salad, celery and tomato sauce over eggs, string beans with Hollandaise sauce, and garlic bread. Mrs. Haley also made several different garnishes.

The chairman, Mrs. LaVerne Haskins, presided over the business meeting. There will be no Hobby Day in December, and the date of the next Hobby Day will be the third Thursday in January.

Plans for the next regular meeting of the unit were discussed. Lunch will be served at the home of Mrs. Henry Schmor with Miss Glenn giving the project. Luncheon will be present.

Those present were Mrs. Ernest Hisby, Mrs. Jesse Angel, Mrs. William Drew, Mrs. Tom Blackman, Mrs. Ben Dixon, Mrs. William Sparks, Mrs. Henry Schmor, Mrs. Oliver Haley, Mrs. LaVerne Haskins, Mrs. Fred Rueck, Mrs. Verle Heseltine, and the hostess, Mrs. Cecil Haley.

Henley

The Henley home extension unit held its regular meeting Thursday at the home of Mrs. Walter Croft. The herb cooking project was demonstrated by Mrs. Croft and Mrs. Susie Yaden.

Mrs. Ruby White and Mrs. Carolyn Kelly reported they had helped 32 Merrill school children make Christmas decorations from nature.

A collection of toys was taken to the Klamath Falls fire department by the chairman, Mrs. Viola Cheyne, to be repaired and given to needy children for Christmas.

A potluck Christmas dinner was served at 1 o'clock and greatly enjoyed.

January 4 is John Deere-Caterpillar Day

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A FAR-EAST UNITED STATES IS BORN—Map shows the new United States of Indonesia which ends the 300-year rule of the Netherlands over the Dutch East Indies islands. Although the new republic will have sovereignty and Dutch colonial rule is ended, the two nations still are linked as equal partners in a Dutch-Indonesian Union, headed by Queen Juliana. The U. S. I. consists of the Indonesian Republic and 15 other states, heretofore known as Federalist Indonesia. Permanent status of New Guinea is in dispute and it will remain a Dutch colony for another year, pending negotiations.

joyed by all. Mrs. Lillie Kendall, recreation chairman, had charge of several games preceding the opening of the Christmas gift exchange. Singing Christmas songs was led by Mrs. Florence DeLap.

Members present were Mrs. Viola Cheyne, Mrs. Lois Hill, Mrs. Winetta Brannon, Mrs. Laura Taylor, Mrs. Beth Williams and Mrs. Sallie Manning.

Mrs. Alice Nyhart, Mrs. Gretchen Thompson, Mrs. Ethel Whitlatch, Mrs. Mary Shoff, Mrs. Lucy Chambers, Mrs. Irma Clement, Mrs. Florence DeLap, Mrs. Barbara Whitlatch, Mrs. Dorothy Jackson, Mrs. Thelma Melton, Mrs. Lillie Kendall, Mrs. Carolyn Kelly, Mrs. Myrtle Fleming, Mrs. Dorothy Mack and Mrs. Ruby White.

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Shasta-Homedale

"Herb Cookery" was the subject studied by the Shasta-Homedale extension unit on Friday, December 16, at the home of Mrs. W. E. Kaffon. There were 18 members and three guests present.

Project leaders, Mrs. K. E. Bjorkland, and Mrs. Kaffon, prepared Oregon cabbage salad, savory meat balls, string beans in Hollandaise sauce and garlic bread, served for luncheon.

The afternoon was in charge of the recreation chairman, Mrs. N. W. Mayfield, who led the group in games, singing and a gift exchange.

Raisin cake served with a hot lemon sauce makes a nutritious and delicious dessert suitable for all members of the family.

'Daylight Citizens' Licenses Pondered

PORTLAND, Dec. 27 (AP)—Portland's 30,000 "daylight citizens" again were eyed today as a possible source of revenue for the city.

Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee said she intended to press for a \$25 per head license fee on them.

The daylight citizens are those who live outside Portland, but work in the city. Mrs. Lee complained they were getting the daylight benefits of Portland's services, but were not paying their share of expenses.

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Labor's Share In Building Cost

NEW YORK, (AP)—The labor portion of construction cost is about the same today as 20 years ago. Myron L. Matthews of the Dow Service Building Reports, finds the percentage of building cost involved in payrolls on the site varies among projects, but the average has ranged between 32 per cent and 38 per cent.

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New owners are Patrick H. Peabody, San Francisco, John B. Edmonds, formerly of Canada and Lyle A. Haas, Tulelake. Peabody has had an interest in the publication for several months.

The first issue of the paper under the new ownership was published December 22.

Edmonds will continue as editor and general manager. Haas who some time ago was employed on the paper will be co-publisher and mechanical boss and Peabody will be co-publisher.

Bill Miller will be retained as printer and Mrs. Isabel Barry as society editor and bookkeeper.

Davis who is interested in the promotion of a new type press has made no announcement as to his future plans in the Tulelake community.

Greeks Find Dollars Hard to Get

A "HENS," (AP)—Greek industry and business trying to get ECA dollar assistance have to show they're a pretty good risk.

Of 150 applications this year for long-term loans, 24 were recommended for approval. Of these, 12 were granted, two were rejected because of unsatisfactory accounting reports, while 10 are still pending.

Loans totaling \$12,000,000 were made to manufacturers of cements, dyes, fertilizer, diesel engines, paper, leather goods, electric power, steel and copper works, pharmaceutical supplies, oxygen and acetylene products.

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