[D]emo Leaders Eye Veto [P]ower For Eisenhower [A]dministration Plans

By JACK BELL

[WASH]INGTON (AP) — Democratic [Leader] Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas [said to]day Senate Democrats — [who ou]tnumber Republicans by [one — wi]ll exercise a "veto" power on individual items of President Eisenhower's over-all legislative program.

"The Democrats will give his program careful study, item by item," Johnson said after listening to the lengthy State of the Union message. He did not, however, spell out any plan of action he may have in mind.

And Sen. Byrd (D-Va), who gave indirect support to the President in the 1952 political campaign, said he will try to stamp the first Congressional veto on Eisenhower's request for an increase in the 275 billion dollar debt limit. The President renewed it when he outlined his program yesterday to Congress.

While Republican leader Knowland of California was urging bipartisan support for what he called the President's "sound and forward - looking program," Democrats were gathering their ammunition for a blast at the administration's new farm proposals—due Monday.

As reaction rolled in on the President's 7,000 word state of the union message—which he delivered in 54 minutes yesterday in a House chamber so jammed that some Senators complained they had to stand—controversies flared up over several issues.

Beside the farm and debt limit proposals, lawmakers voiced sharp differences of opinion over tax revisions, heavier reliance on atomic weapons, a plan to take citizenship away from those convicted of conspiring hereafter to overthrow the government by force, and a proposed Constitutional amendment to permit 18-year-olds to vote.

This added up to a major segment of a program that some Democrats took delight in describing as "New Dealish."

One of these, Sen. Lehman (D-Lib-NY) said in a statement he was "gratified indeed to note that the President has accepted and endorsed the basic objectives of both the New Deal and the Fair Deal, namely, the responsibilities of government for the prosperity and welfare of the individual citizen."

This was an allusion to Eisenhower's proposals for expanding social security coverage, advance planning for public works, federal reinsurance for health plans, extended unemployment insurance, long-time housing loans and slum clearance, and federal aid for state school building needs.

Sen. Duff (R-Pa) said the recommendations indicate "the President's firm intention to fulfill all his campaign commitments."

Sen. Bridges (R-NH) voiced confidence the President's program would have "overwhelming support, not only of all Republicans, but all thoughtful Americans as well."

Sen. John Sherman Cooper (R-Ky) said the President "is assuming the leadership that the people want." He predicted enactment of most of the program.

But Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore) found the message only "a masterpiece of platitudes, thereby raising false hope."

Significantly, perhaps, there was almost no criticism of the President's discussion of foreign policies, on which Secretary of State Dulles supplied additional details in a 2½ hour closed session with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee after the message was delivered.

Dulles told the senators that both the United States and Russia were having foreign affairs troubles, but added:

"As bad as our troubles are, I wouldn't trade our troubles for theirs."

Dulles defended the proposal to withdraw two divisions from Korea, explaining that additional South Korean troops are being trained. He was quoted as saying the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is "in good shape."

Sen. Clements (D-Ky) said he sees in the President's speech approval of "the foreign policy which the Democrats developed" and he hopes Republicans now would support the President, especially in continuing and expanding the reciprocal trade program.

But plenty of controversy was brewing in that field, as it was learned a presidential commission plans to recommend shortly further tariff cuts, carefully safeguarded. Many GOP lawmakers have been urging higher import duties on some items.

One administration headache in the field of foreign relations persisted, the controversial amendment proposed by Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio) to limit treaty-making powers. President Eisenhower, Secretary of State Dulles, and other executive and legislative leaders met yesterday with Bricker seeking a compromise acceptable to him and the administration. But the senator said afterwards they "reached no agreement."

The President's proposal for wiping out the citizenship of convicted spies was described by Sen. McCarran (D-Nev) as "half-baked" and Chairman Langer (R-ND) of the Senate Judiciary Committee said he couldn't see where it "adds anything to present law."

Although the Senate committee gave no signs of doing anything about that request, Langer said he would press for action Jan. 18 on a proposed Constitutional amendment to give 18-year-olds the vote.

The President's farm proposals—outlined only in objectives, with details to come Monday — got a frigid reception.

Sen. Young (R-ND) called the President's proposals for sliding-scale price supports 'the same old story." Sen. Eastland (D - Miss) said 'they won't get anywhere."

Rep. Vinson (D-Ga) of the House Armed Services Committee said he is afraid the administration is leaning too heavily on new weapons in its military program.

"This country can not be adequately defended by air and naval power alone," he declared. "It is essential that we have a strong ground force—an Army—to make a balanced defense team."

Chairman Daniel A. Reed (R-NY) of the House tax-writing Ways and Means Committee said he was "encouraged that the President held out hope for further reductions in taxes.

House Speaker Martin (R-Mass) predicted the Republicans would run into trouble on the tax proposals and Rep. Mason (R-Ill) said he is opposed to the President's proposal to continue the present 52 per cent corporation tax and excise levies which are now scheduled to be reduced next April.

[Bu]dget Cut [Re]gulation

[WASH]INGTON (AP) — Chairman [Taber] (R-NY) of the House Appro[priation]s Committee said Friday [Presiden]t Eisenhower's forthcom[ing bud]get would be no exception [from th]e rule that "every budget [can be] cut."

[Taber], leader of the House Re[publican] budget-cutting drive who [has been] called "Meat Ax John," [declared] in an interivew his pas[sion for] economy doesn't follow [party lin]es.

"[... b]ut Cal Coolidge and Her[bert Ho]over," he said.

[He] said he expected Eisen[hower t]o submit to Congress a [b]udget—one already sharp[ly cut] from original agency re[quests fo]r money.

"[... th]e pot is boiling for furth[er cuts a]nd I think we will be able [to make] them," he said. "We can [always fi]nd places for a little more [economy.]"

[Lo]wer Milk [Pri]ce Seen

ONTARIO, Ore. (AP) — The state [m]ilk marketing administrator [w]arned milk producers here Thurs[day th]ey face the prospect of lower [prices] soon.

William S. Weidel, who heads [th]e state's milk control body, told [th]e Oregon Dairymen's Assn. that [p]roducers' prices have been cut in [oth]er states, and that the State [Bo]ard of Agriculture is watching [tre]nds closely.

He would not predict that the [st]ate board would order cuts, but [no]ted that Seattle area producers [no]w get $1 less per hundredweight [for] milk than do Oregon producers. [In] the past the difference has been [up] to 55 cents.

Weidel urged dairymen to help [in] giving the public more facts [ab]out the reasons for milk control.

"We just don't have the funds [or] manpower to do the tremendous [jo]b of public relations that we are [co]nfronted with," he said.

The group elected Milton Rider, [Or]egon City, president; Richard [...]ons, Junction City, first vice [pr]esident, and Lister Donaldson, [Ti]llamook, second vice president.

[T]rouble Brewing [I]n Indochina

SAIGON, Indochina (AP) — New [po]litical troubles bothered France [to]day in her Indochinese back[ya]rd. Buddhist Thailand next door [wa]s making overtures to the Bud[dh]ist Indochina kingdoms of Cam[bo]dia and Laos, and the Cambod[ian]s at least were reported eager [for] ties with the Thais.

A spokesman for Thailand's dip[lo]matic mission in Phnom Penh, [the] Cambodian capital, told a news [co]nference his government had [pro]posed "the group of Buddhist [co]untries, including Laos and Cam[bo]dia," join Thailand in an alli[an]ce against Indochina's Commun[ist-]led Vietminh rebels.

French sources in Saigon showed [ann]oyance at the suggestion, view[ing] it as a possible step toward [t]aking Cambodia away from the [Fr]ench Union.

[O]regon Farmers [Ge]t Better Price

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon farm[ers] got a little more money for [the]ir products in the month ended [Dec]. 15, but the level still was 10 [per] cent under that of the year [pre]vious.

The Federal Crop Reporting [Service] said the index of prices [went] up 1 per cent in the 30-day [per]iod to a level of 230. Livestock [pri]ces advanced 2 per cent to lead [the] gain. Feed grains, wheat and [see]ds also increased, but potatoes, [tru]ck crops and fruit decreased.

BASEBALL WEATHER in December was the order of the day this season, and to prove it A. B. Epperson took this picture on Christmas Day of Ernest Fink, 4753 Shasta Way, out playing a little catch with Earl Yeoman and his half-brother, Bud Wilson.

Waterfront Guard Upped

NEW YORK (AP) — A 550-man around-the-clock police patrol was ordered to New York City piers Friday in the explosive waterfront situation.

The heaviest concentrations were ordered for the Brooklyn docks, where two piers have been struck. Shipping officials have expressed fears that the tieups might spark a general strike in the strife-ridden port.

Chief Inspector James R. Kennedy issued orders for the increased police detail after a closed-door meeting of Mayor Robert F. Wagner Jr. with Police Commissioner Francis W. H. Adams and two other top aides. The conference followed a meeting of New York City and New Jersey authorities at City Hall Wednesday.

The police order came during an uneasy truce as the old independent International Longshoremen's Association, ousted by the American Federation of Labor, and the new AFL-ILA fought for certification as bargaining agents for more than 20,000 dock workers in the port.

A total of 4,397 challenged ballots is delaying a declaration of a winner in a pre-Christmas NLRB election, in which the old ILA was credited with 9,060 votes, to 7,568 for the AFL-ILA. Charles T. Douds, NLRB regional director, said his report on the disputed ballots will not be ready for submission to Washington until next week.

Hearing On Ship Crash Winds Up

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A Coast Guard hearing into the ship collision 145 miles north of San Francisco last Friday night ended with testimony by the watch officer of the freighter Colorado that he was trying to get out of the way of the Permanente Silverbow at the time of the crash.

The Coast Guard said its findings will be released in about a month. Both 7,600-ton ships were damaged.

Charles H. Fabri, junior third mate of the States Steamship Co. freighter Colorado said he "figured the Silverbow would pull out in a hard right turn when I did. Had that been the case, he would have hit me had I not pulled a hard right."

Instead, the Silverbow made a left turn, swinging across the Colorado's bow as it turned right, and the ships crashed.

FIRE

PUSAN, Korea (AP) — A big South Korean Navy warehouse full of food and clothing burned Friday night — the city's biggest fire since the diastrous fire which destroyed much of Pusan's downtown a month ago. No casualties were reported.

Canada May Ask America For Corridors To Ocean

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VANCOUVER, B.C. (AP) — The keys to the strong box holding untold wealth in northern British Columbia may be in the hands of the United States. Canada may ask the U.S. for corridors to open new gateways to the sea through the Alaska panhandle.

The corridors would open the way for the development of a fabulous treasure land of minerals, power, and timber areas.

Canadian industrial and mining interests are behind the proposals not for one corridor but for several to provide access to deep sea ports on the Pacific.

The plan has been discussed in Ottawa and Washington.

The executive of the B.C. and Yukon Chamber of Mines with headquarters in Vancouver backs the idea, supporting the industrial and mining interests.

Gov. B. Frank Heintzleman of Alaska is interested. He will make recommendations when he attends a conference in Washington later this month.

For the territory, Frobisher, Ltd., an exploration and development company with world-wide chemical and metallurgical interests, has suggested a scheme that would rewrite the northland pages in geography books.

It involves moving three towns, rerouting the Alaska highway, and rerouting the White Pass-Yukon Railway.

A suggestion that the course of a major river be changed was sidetracked by the federal government.

The plan, with an estimated worth of more than a billion dollars, would lay the base for the world's largest chemical and metallurgical industry.

Trio Charged In Murder

NEVADA CITY, Calif. (AP) —Jack Santo, Emmett Perkins and George Boles Jr., were convicted of murdering gold miner Edmund Hansen, but spared the death penalty, by a Superior Court jury Thursday night.

The jury deliberated 4 hours and 45 minutes, in reaching its verdict of first degree murder with a recommendation of leniency—meaning life imprisonment. The trial lasted two months.

Santo, 53, and Perkins, 44, are under death sentence on conviction of murdering Mabel Monahan, a wealthy widow, in Burbank, Calif. There is a possibility they will be charged in the 1952 Chester massacre of grocer Guard Young and three children.

Santo's former mistress, Harriet Henson, implicated Santo and Perkins in the Chester slayings. Then she herself was charged with the Young killing.

Superior Judge James Snell said he would pronounce sentence Jan. 15 for the holdup slaying of Hansen, a grass valley miner.

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