GOP National Chairman Raps Gloomy Predictions Of Demos Over US Economy

WASHINGTON (AP)—National Chairman Leonard W. Hall told fellow Republicans today "the left wing in America regards a depression as its one-way ticket to power," but that it talks less confidently now.

The toning down Hall said was noticeable in Democratic and left-wing predictions of Republican defeat in the 1954 congressional elections has been caused, he continued, by the legislative program President Eisenhower sent Congress.

Hall said Walter Reuther, Adlai Stevenson, Paul Douglas and Wayne Morse are spreading "gloom and doom" across the land, though the nation has enjoyed the most prosperous year in history under President Eisenhower.

The American people "cannot condone the reckless utterances of a mere handful of reckless men," he said, referring to the CIO president, the 1952 Democratic presidential candidate, the Democratic senator from Illinois and the independent senator from Oregon.

Hall's remarks were made in a speech prepared for the 146-member Republican National Committee. The GOP chiefs were called in for a two-day try at charting a winning course for the crucial November congressional elections.

The party's National Finance Committee yesterday approved a budget of $3,800,000 for the 1954 campaign, a record for a non-presidential year and nearly double the sum for 1950.

The money raisers will try to double the more than two million individual contributors to the 1952 campaign.

The high spot of the three days of meetings will come tonight when the President speaks at the party's big Lincoln Day box supper.

In opening the strategy sessions today, Hall also said the President, while pledged to preserve civil service, "keenly wants more and more loyal Republicans in policy-making posts of the federal service."

He gave assurance of the President's "wholehearted cooperation in this," but conceded to the men and women who have been pleading for patronage that this is still the committee's big headache.

"I wish I could report more progress on this front," he said. "I can't. Progress has been very slow."

He said there were and still are serious legal handicaps and other obstacles to getting Democratic holdovers out of the government, all "growing out of 20 years of intrenched power."

Committee members were thankful for the 272 postmaster nominations the President sent to the Senate yesterday, but commented in effect:

"This is not enough—just an appetizer."

Hall said he had traveled 61,000 miles since he was elected chairman 10 months ago. Each time he returned to Washington, he said, he did so convinced of two things:

"First, that Dwight D. Eisenhower is the most popular man in the world today, and

"Second, the American people are determined to give him their support in the task he has undertaken."

SPEAKERS Friday morning at the Home and Farm Building Exhibition at the Fairgrounds were, from left: M. G. Huber, Agriculture Extension Service, and John C. Campbell, rural housing specialist, both from Oregon State College, who discussed new developments in farm construction and building facilities. Ray Petersen and Dolores Bracken, of the Klamath Falls Extension Service office, were in charge of the show.

Tulelake VFW Flouts 'Witch Hunt'

There will be no "witch hunting" for suspected communists by members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Tulelake, according to W. E. Hamilton Commander of Tulelake Post No. 8700.

The announcement came as a result of recent news stories from the east which indicated the national organization of 1,200,000 overseas veterans would soon start an intensive campaign to seek out suspected communists on the neighborhood level and turn the names over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"A great deal of mis-information has been made public," Commander Hamilton said. "The VFW in California has never considered a program of "witch hunting" for reds. No Post or committee has the authority to initiate such action."

If any member of the VFW should suspect a person in his community of actions indicating efforts to endanger this country, and then turned that person's name in to th FBI, the action would be carried out as an individual citizen, but not in connection with any VFW campaign or with FVW sanction, it was explained.

"No one will dispute the fact that it is every citizen's duty to report a thief or any other law breaker to proper authority," he declared.

"The VFW has won many national awards for its outstanding patriotic and community service work," Commander Hamilton noted. "We feel that the most effective means of combating communism and other forms of subversive activity is through education, example in citizenship and community service."

No names of person in the Tulelake are have ever been submitted to the FBI for investigation, he declared. "There is no committee and no investigations have been made. We think the FBI is the proper authority to handle this problem."

Polio Victims Perish In Fire

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (AP) — Two small polio-victim brothers perished last night in a fire that swept their bedroom.

They were Eugene Blais, 5, whose arms and shoulder were in a brace, and Delbert, 4, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Blais.

Mrs. Blais, who was watching television in an adjacent room, was summoned to the bedroom by her 7-year-old daughter Gail.

Gail carried her 1-year-old sister Judy to safety while the mother tried to smother the flames enveloping the boys' bunk beds.

Then she carried another daughter, Nancy, 2, to the street and tried to return for the boys. She was driven back by the flames.

Fire officials blamed the fire on a defective oil heater in the bedroom.

LOST

ALBUQUERQUE (AP)—State Corporation Commissioner Ingram B. Pickett is missing his overcoat. He doesn't know where he left it.

But, he said, if anyone else tries to wear it, he'll know soon enough.

The commissioner, standing seven feet tall in his shoes, wears a size 49.

Klamath Falls Junior High School Highlights

By SANDRA ADAMS

Thursday, January 28, the honor students received their pins at an assembly. The new honor students are: Donna Burgoyne, Carolyn Carter, Pat Case, Dixie Dixon, Barbara Edwards, Judy Logsden, Joan RuBane, Dixie Scapple, Pat Wilson, and Sandra Gurtle.

The following are in the honor society from the previous term, Kay Griffith, Nancy Hanan, Janet Myers, Eleanor Prock, Steve Reeder, Serena Smith, Barbara Southerland, Virginia Walkley, Jeanne Wamstead, Norma Young. The officers of the Honor Society are: Steve Reeder, president; ; Suzanne Goeller, vice president; and Serena Smith, secretary.

On Wednesday, January 20 we elected the home room officers.

The Student Council elected the new judge and clerk. David Henzel succeeded Mike Propst as judge, and Judy Ellis is the new clerk succeeding Kay Blake.

The assembly committee staged a 20 Questions program for noon entertainment. The panel consisted of honor society members Virginia Walkley, Kay Blake, Mary Nell Laurhammer, Suzanne Goeller, Norma Young, Janet Myer, Susan Griffith, and Nancy Hanan.

Archibald, the large panda bear, which was won by Room 11 for selling the most subscriptions for the magazine drive, was sent to the Shrine Hospital in Portland.

The KFJH Regulars played Medford on Friday, January 8. The final score was Medford 32, KFJH—26. High point man was Jan Cox.

Saturday, January 23, the Regulars beat Grants Pass 36 - 32. Jan Cox and Jim Hope tied for high point man.

KFJH Regulars played Tulelake Wednesday, January 20. The score was 33-10 in KFJH's favor.

Civic League To Meet In Bonanza

BONANZA — The Civic Improvement League will meet at the library Tuesday evening, February 17, at 8 p.m.

Discussion topics will include the study of municiple government, the problems of city sanitation and dump grounds. Speakers will be present to discuss the current cemetery issue.

Petitions circulating asking the county court and sheriff's office to budget a salaried deputy on a part-time basis throughout the year have been collected for further action.

Chaperons are being asked to attend and help with discipline at the junior movies held each week by the young people.

Girl Scouts Need Leaders

Mrs. James Pinniger, troop organization chairman, has been appointed by the executive board of the Klamath Area Girl Scout Council to organize neighborhood group meetings for the purpose of bringing leaders and board members together; to improve public relations between leaders and board members and to coordinate their work.

More leaders are badly needed. At present 97 girls are awaiting leadership. Anyone interested in volunteering to fill leadership posts is urged to call the Girl Scout office, 4541.

Neighborhood meetings for Shasta and Altamont schools were held at the home of Mrs. Bruce Kellow; Fairview and Fremont schools at the home of Mrs. Charles Wainstad; Conger at the home of Mrs. Cleo Dunlap; KUHS and Junior High at the home of Mrs. J. P. Elmore; Peterson and Summers Lane at the home of Mrs. Roy Carter; Mills school at the home of Mrs. J. P. Russell, Riverside and Fairhaven at the home of Mrs. George Nitschelm.

COSTLY

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has announced that the National Broadcasting Co. will pay $115,000 for radio and TV rights to the annual Academy Awards ceremony March 25.

Applegate Capture Still Denied By Communists

By CLAIRE ELLIS

According to news reports from Panmunjom Communist correspondents Allan Winnington and Wilfred Burchett, deny that Chinese Reds captured American newsmen, Richard Applegate, Medford, and Don Dixon and Captain Ben Krasner, New York, off Hong Kong, March 21, 1953.

Winnington, a reporter for the London Daily Worker, said Applegate, Dixon and Krasner might have been seized by "pirates". Both Winnington and Burchett said reports that the three men were captured by Communists was "just an American news story". Prior to this time the two Red reporters have said, for months, that they knew nothing of the report that the men had been picked up by a Communist gunboat.

Burchett and his Communist partner, Winnington, knew the American newsmen well, when they were Korean war correspondents and also while they were attached to Panmunjom.

Authoritative sources feel that Communist China may be setting the stage for an official announcement of the fate of the three Americans seized last March. They base this belief on the claims made by Winnington and Butchett that the Americans may have been captured by "pirates" rather than a Red Chinese gunboat, as reported by the British Navy. The abrupt switch in the stories of the two Red correspondents may lead to a direct announcement of the whereabouts of the three men.

In a recent interview in Medford with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lindsey Applegate, it was learned that the last direct word the family had received from their son was in December 1952. At that time Richard had written his parents that he was buying a small yacht and planned a South Pacific cruise.

It was on this yacht the "Kert," on an ill-fated trial run that the British Navy observed a Red Chinese gunboat picked up Applegate, Dixon and Krasner and towed them to Red-held Lafsami Island.

The above incident occurred on March 21, 1953 and since that time the U. S. state department has tried unsuccessfully to learn the whereabouts of the three men. There have been many rumors heard in Hong Kong, Macao and Tokyo. Reports, none of them confirmed, have placed Applegate and Dixon in jails in Canton, Peiping and Shanghai, on public display in Chinese villages and ready to stand trial on trumped up espionage charges.

Richard Applegate was born in Klamath Falls and attended grade and high school in Medford. He served in the Navy in World War II and spent 23 months in Korea, prior to his capture by the Reds, as a broadcaster for NBC. He is the grandson of Captain O. C. Applegate.

Marilyn On Hospital Tour

TOKYO (AP)—In a quick tour of a Tokyo Army Hospital today, film star Marilyn Monroe chatted on the floor with one patient and autographed the cast of a homebound G.I.

In order to talk to Pvt. Albert Evans, Canton, Ohio, she had to lie on the floor and look up. Evans suffered a broken back in a jeep accident in Korea on Jan. 11 and has been immobilized in a face down position.

Homeward bound Cpl. Donald L. Wakehouse of Iowa City, Iowa, will wear an autographed cast. Wakehouse is a former prisoner of war who was wounded in the final stages of the war, captured and then returned by the Communists.

Stripper Freed Of Bad Contract

BALTIMORE (AP) — A judge has voided the contract in which he said Pat (Amber) Halliday, 23-year-old strip-tease dancer, "sold herself down the river."

The contract was with Jack A. White of Hyattsville, Md., who had been Miss Halliday's manager about four years. It called for a 50-50 split, but the dancer said she frequently got very little of her weekly pay, which sometimes reached $500. "Only enough for the bare necessities," she told Judge Herman A. Moser.

The stripper said she was fed up with taking her clothes off in front of people and continued to work because she owes the government income taxes.

166 Postal Employes Get Boot As Security Risks

WASHINGTON (AP)—Postmaster General Summerfield has told Congress that 166 postal employes have been discharged as "security risks" with "many hundreds" still under investigation. The postal service has about 500,000 employes.

Summerfield's testimony was given to a House Appropriations subcommittee last December and made public by the committee today.

The House hearing record showed that Rep. Sieminski (D-NJ) protested against what he termed promiscuous application of security labels to firings for reasons other than disloyalty.

Sieminski defined the present use of the security label as "watered words," and he said:

"When I was a kid, we used to hear that people were let out for being dishonest, for being drunk, absent, chronically late, talkative or for being unable to match the qualifications of office . . .

"Today, with a word or a phrase that has all the implications of the life of this nation at stake, we hear that people are being let out in wholesale fashion, seemingly for security reasons."

Summerfield told the sucommittee he had not checked to determine if any record of security findings existed prior to his own administration, but he added:

"I know we inherited a tremendous number of possible security risks that were supposed to be in process of investigation . . . but they are in such numbers that it may be some time before the work is completed."

Summerfield said employes in the security risk category "were pretty general all over the country."

David H. Stephens, chief post office inspector, said in reply to questioning that some of the dismissals took place under the Truman administration loyalty program and some under the new Eisenhower security program which supplanted it.

"Some of them had even had hearings under the loyalty program," Stephens said, "and there were also cases that required reproved a proposed draft at a State Department meeting 12 days ago expected the note would go out last weekend in time to reply to Red demands the Korean talks be resumed Feb. 1.

The State Department news division has refused to shed any light on this minor diplomatic mystery despite repeated questions by reporters during the past week.

State Department spokesmen who last week said the note would be out within a few days now try to duck all comment on the matter.

It was learned that top department officials believe Dulles will hold up approving the proposed reply until after he holds secret meetings, tentatively scheduled, with Molotov and the British and French foreign ministers about Asian peace questions generally.

These wide-ranging Berlin discussions undoubtedly will cover Korean peace prospects and will guide Dulles in deciding whether the proposed draft fits into the picture.

In the note as drafted, the United States, speaking on behalf of the United Nations, expresses readiness to resume the preliminary peace negotiations. But it stands firm on its position that the Reds must apologize or retract in some way remarks which special labeled accusations of "perfidy." He broke off discussions last Dec. 12 because of what he described as insults.

Three Drown In Skating Accident

BRIDGETON, R. I. (AP) — Three first-grade pupils drowned yesterday when they stopped to play on the thin ice of a mill pond on their way home from school.

News of the tragedy was brought to the victims' families by Linda Frenette, 6, who also fell through the ice but managed to scramble to safety.

The bodies of William Cooney and Charles Hopp, both 6, were found floating face down in the water. The body of James Scanlan, 7, was recovered by grapplers about four hours later.

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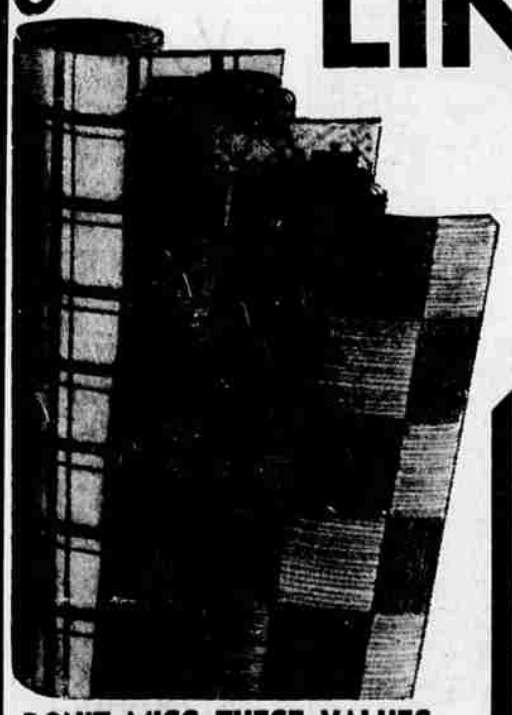

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