

# Mitchell Tells Democrats To Attack Ike's Farm And Power Policy In The West

WASHINGTON (AP) — National Chairman Stephen Mitchell is expected to advise Democratic senators and House members from nine Western states tomorrow their best chance for re-election lies in attacking the Eisenhower administration's farm and power policies.

The Democratic chairman, just completing a tour of Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Idaho, Nevada, Washington, Oregon and New Mexico, has been sending back to headquarters here optimistic reports of Democratic chances in those states.

He will sit down with Democrats from those states to detail his findings. Aides said he is expected to stress what he believes is public opposition in the area to President Eisenhower's flexible farm price support program and the administration's reputed opposition to public power developments.

Although Mitchell hasn't been bearing down on the issue, he has made it clear that the Democratic high command doesn't share views voiced by some Republicans that talking about a recession will bring on one.

Some Democrats believe that if a business downturn broadens with the Republicans in power, the minority party's chances will be increased in the voting next fall on control of Congress.

Sen. Douglas (D-Ill.), who is running for re-election, hit the issue again yesterday when he wrote Eisenhower urging the President to reconsider his tax proposals "to prevent a recession from deepening into a depression."

The Illinois senator urged the President to get behind a proposal of Sen. George (D-Ga.) to boost personal income tax exemptions \$200 as a measure of increasing buying power among low-income earners.

Democrats give every indication they are out to become the party of tax reduction, figuring that the average voter gives more attention to the taxes he pays than to statements about the government's position.

Sen. Gore (D-Tenn) put it into words in a speech before the Kansas Democratic Club at Topeka when he said the Republicans had adopted the "trickle-down theory" of tax cuts for business and big taxpayers.

"The Republicans are for tax relief for the few," he said. "The Democrats support tax relief for all. The Democrats are anxious to stimulate our sagging economy."

Most Republicans, too, want to cut taxes. But they are caught between the desire to balance the budget and the need of keeping taxes high to accomplish that result.

Sen. Bridges (R-NH), for example, said in a weekend interview that he favors some downward adjustment of taxes but believes reductions must be limited in nature.

"I don't see the sense in our cutting appropriations down to the bones and then approving a tax cut which would destroy any hope of balancing the budget," he said.

Police Capture Eugene Escapers

EUGENE (AP) — Two prisoners sawed their way out of jail here late Sunday night but had only a few hours of freedom.

Paul B. Moran, 22, awaiting trial on charges of armed robbery and parole violation, was found by police three hours later asleep in a car at the house of a friend.

He told officers he was just taking a nap before catching a bus for Portland.

Victor Glen Clain, 26, who had been held for auto theft, was captured by state police about 13 miles south of Salem as he drove a car stolen in Eugene. He was held about 6:30 a.m., less than an hour after the car theft had been reported.

Moran and Clain refused to say where they obtained the five hacksaw blades with which they sawed through four bars of their cell. They got out of jail by climbing up a drain pipe to the top of a 30-foot wall and lowering themselves on a rope made from torn mattress covers.

Stolen Car Found Okay

A car reported stolen Friday night by Del Jones, Elks Club manager, was found Saturday afternoon near the Ashley Chevrolet Garage.

All articles in the car which included two Paymaster check writing machines and a typewriter were still in the vehicle, Jones informed city police.

Democrat Senator Accuses Benson

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Hill (D-Ala) said Monday Secretary of Agriculture Benson is "misleading the American people as to the cost" of the present farm price support program.

"In his attacks upon the program," Hill said in a statement, "Benson has publicly used multi-billion dollar figures but failed to accompany them with sufficient explanation as to what they include."

"This has served to create the impression that the farm price support program has cost 16 times more than it actually has."

The Agriculture department some weeks ago said total cost of farm programs amounted to nearly 17 billion dollars in the past 20 years.

Hill said this total included rural electrification loans and many other programs not related to price supports.

ACCIDENT CARBONVILLE, Utah (AP) — Kenneth Howard, 41, Carbonville, was electrocuted when a kite he was flying became entangled in a 7,200-volt electric power line.

# BASIN BRIEFS

Word—has been received that Mrs. Rachel Applegate Swan, former Klamath Falls resident, has been hospitalized at the Cottage Hospital, Santa Barbara with a broken bone in her foot. Cards will reach her at her home, 302 West Anapomou Street, Santa Barbara. Mrs. Swan, a member of the DAR, headed as a recent guest Mrs. Robert Odell, Klamath Falls, who is vacationing in the South with her husband.

Meetings—The Mt. Laki Ladies Aid will meet Wednesday, February 24, at the home of Mrs. Wallace Thompson on the Merrill Highway. Co-hostess will be Mrs. Scott Thompson.

Improving — Mrs. Ben Daniel, Malin, is recuperating from a recent illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joe Halousek.

Mardi Gras—at Peterson School, 7:30 p.m. Friday, February 26. Concessions, country store, food, special prizes. Proceeds will purchase blackening curtains for the rooms and a Jungle Jim for the playground. Mr. and Mrs. John Osterbein are co-chairman.

Ill — Mrs. Charles Drew, (Ivy Probst) entered Hillside Hospital Saturday for treatment. A few visitors are permitted.

Annual Crab—feed for members of the Elks lodge, Thursday, February 4, at the Armory, followed by Past Exalted Rulers Night and initiation in the Temple. The first nomination for new officers will also be on the agenda.

Visiting—Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Strang were visiting former sheriff, Lloyd Low, over the weekend. They are returning to Medford Monday where Strang has business interests.

Mrs. R. H. Anderson — is expected home today from Klamath Valley Hospital where she has been a patient the last few days. Mrs. Anderson (Beth) is secretary for the Klamath County United Fund committee.

The Same — The condition of Lloyd Low, former sheriff of Klamath County, remains about the same today according to a report from Hillside Hospital.

William Chitcote — local insurance man, is hospitalized in Hillside Hospital. He is recovering and the family expects him to be able to return home in a few days.

Visitor—Glen Tysor, Twin Falls, Idaho, is the guest of a daughter.

United Fund Meet Scheduled

The annual United Fund dinner meeting will be held Thursday, February 25, at 6:45 p.m. at the Willard Hotel. Invitations to the dinner from UP Committee President L. Ernest Taylor describe it as "a climax to the 1953 campaign and a dedication to the 1954."

Representatives from most of the 22 participating agencies will be in attendance, as well as interested persons from all over the county. Reservations should be made at the United Fund office by Wednesday noon, by mailing cards to the United Fund, P.O. Box 839, or calling the office, 606. Tickets for the no-host dinner will be \$1.50.

The nominating committee will make its report on board members for the coming year, and Treasurer Elton Smith will give the financial report as of January 31, 1954.

Committee President Taylor will preside at the meeting. Guest speaker for the evening will be announced later. Presentation of colors will be by Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls, all participating agencies in the United Fund.

The United Fund, which had its first run in Klamath County last Fall, topped its goal of \$109,563 with a total of \$112,446.

Navy To Lay Up Small Carrier

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy announced Monday it will lay up one of five escort carriers it has been using to transport aircraft around the world.

The Sitkoh Bay will be placed in the Pacific Reserve Fleet. The Navy said the commander of Military Sea Transportation Service in San Francisco would ask for bids from commercial shippers on the West Coast to overhaul the ship before she is put in mothballs.

BORDER INCIDENT JERUSALEM (AP) — An Israeli military spokesman said here Sunday an Israeli soldier was killed Friday in an encounter between an Israeli army patrol and 50 mounted Bedouins from Egypt.

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Dividend—The directors of Consolidated Freightways, Inc. have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 30 cents per share on company's common stock and \$1.50 per share on first preferred and employees preference stock. The dividend is payable March 15 to stockholders of record March 1.

Three R Club—will meet with Dacie Hoover, 2145 Darrow, Tuesday, February 23, at 1 p.m.

Press Conference—the 35th annual Oregon Press Conference was held in Eugene February 19 and 20. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jenkins, of the Herald and News editorial staff, attended the conference and are continuing on to Portland for a vacation.

Ad Meet—Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Totten are in Portland this week attending the Northwest Advertising Clinic to be held Monday and Tuesday, February 22 and 23.

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