

BENSON DEFENDS FARM POLICY

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
A bill comes up in the house of representatives this morning to cut \$12 million dollars off many excise (sales) taxes and postpone for one year cuts scheduled in others. Sharp debate is expected, but leaders of both parties predict the bill will win overwhelming approval. (Tax cutting is always popular in congress in election years.)

I hope that as soon as the house passes this bill it will put through bills cutting government SPENDING by \$12 million dollars. That would be STATESMANSHIP. We need tax reduction. If the congress (both house and senate) cut taxes without cutting spending correspondingly it will be pure boondoggling for votes in an election year.

Can our government spending be cut still deeper?

In a speech to the National Press Club in Washington last night, ex-President Herbert Hoover said congress can save SEVEN BILLION DOLLARS yearly if it will follow all the recommendations he expects the new commission on federal government reorganization to make.

We owe 275 BILLION dollars. We need to reduce our debt. The way to reduce it by spending less.

At his press conference this morning, President Eisenhower says Vice-President Nixon will place before the people (in a radio network talk this Saturday evening) the facts as to this communistic in-government business as all of those in responsible positions in the Republican party understand them.

He adds that he greatly admires Nixon and has great trust and confidence in him.

All of us who are against communist infiltration and subversion have great admiration for Nixon and great confidence in him. He's the fellow you will remember, who finally smoked Hiss out.

Nixon also headed off a desperate effort to SMEAR NIXON in the midst of the 1952 Presidential campaign. He did it by telling everybody in a national radio and television broadcast ALL THE FACTS. His story was so honest and so convincingly told that it was immediately accepted as the truth by every fair-minded person in the country.

Incidentally—
And very significantly—
President Eisenhower told the reporters at his press conference this morning that the United States will never get in a war UNLESS CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES DIRECT THE STEP.

He means he won't deliberately get us into a position where congress will HAVE to declare war.

One for the book:

British coast guards warn two big ocean liners—the Queen Elizabeth and the United States—to watch out for MINES in the English channel. A Norwegian destroyer exploded one mine by gunfire last night and two others were spotted. These on-the-loose mines are believed to have been torn from their World War II moorings by last week-end's heavy gales.

The evil men do—and war is the GREATEST EVIL—lives after them. For a LONG time.

Local Cleaners Broken Into
A thief, or thieves made a sizeable haul some time Tuesday night when the Chapman Cleaners, 315 East Main was broken into and about \$80 taken.

Entrance was made by prying open a window, city police stated.

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Ike Tackles Hot Issues In Latest Press Conference

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower tackled two hot issues Wednesday by (1) describing as nonsense the Democratic charge that the Republican Party is a divided camp and (2) announcing that he will speak to the nation on taxes.

In a far-ranging news conference, Eisenhower also said he agreed generally with what Sen. Flanders (R-Vt.) said Tuesday in a Senate speech.

On other matters, the President: 1. Declared he sees no particular need for TV and radio networks to grant free time to any one other than Vice President Nixon for a reply to Stevenson's criticism of the Republican Party. 2. Declared he would not become involved in any war unless such a step results from constitutional processes. He made that reply when asked what would happen if any of the Americans stationed in Indochina as technicians should be captured.

3. Said his primary interest, during all his years in the Army and since, has been for the security of the United States. That was in comment on Stevenson's criticism of the "new look" defense program. Eisenhower declared he never will do anything he feels is against the best security interests of the U. S., and added with much emphasis that he was not going to demagogue about it.

4. Repeated that he favors consideration of Hawaiian and Alaskan statehood bills separately. There is a move in the Senate sponsored by Democrats, to tie Alaskan statehood to a pending bill which would make Hawaii the 49th state.

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Senate speech. Flanders accused Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) of trying to shatter the Republican Party; he also said he found much to praise as well as to deplore in McCarthy's activities.

The President used the word "nonsense," permitting direct quotation, in commenting on Adlai Stevenson's charge that the Republicans are split "half McCarthy and half Eisenhower."

Eisenhower's announcement of a speech on his tax program came amid efforts in Congress to cut taxes more than the administration thinks can be done safely at this time.

TALK ON TV, RADIO

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Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Clearing Wednesday night and Thursday. High Thursday 42; low Wednesday night 22.

High yesterday 51
Low last night 20
Precip last 24 hours .47
Since Oct. 1 11.17
Same period last year 10.30
Normal for period 8.59

Neuberger Files For U. S. Senate

PORTLAND (AP)—Richard L. Neuberger said Wednesday he would run for United States senator in the Democratic primary.

That will put him against Sen. Guy Cordon, Republican in the feature race of the fall election since neither is expected to have noticeable opposition in the primary election.

Neuberger, widely known in Oregon as a state senator and throughout the country as an author, long had been mentioned as probable opponent for Cordon. The two men hold opposite views on most questions with Neuberger identified with the so-called liberal element of his party and Cordon with the conservative of his.

Cordon whose filing was sent to Salem Tuesday, said he would run on his record.

Neuberger, in making his announcement, stressed opposition to what he called "the give-away of natural resources now taking place under Secy. McKay and the present national administration."

It is assumed that the campaign thus will shape up on the philosophies surrounding development of hydroelectric power, handling of timber resources and others in which Oregon has a direct interest.

A clear-cut issue is presented between his views and those of the Republican leadership in Congress from this state," Neuberger said.

He pointed out that the last time Oregon elected a Democrat to the Senate was 40 years ago when George Chamberlain was elected for a term that ended in 1911.

The contest is expected to attract national attention. There already has been speculation in national publications that with Neuberger in the race the Democrats would have a chance to win.

Cordon last fall said he didn't want to run again but would do so if he felt it necessary to hold the seat for his party. Later he said he would run, on the assumption that the incumbent likely would be the best vote-getter.

Carlson Plans Testing Run
Carlson Products, Klamath's newest industry, will initiate a test run beginning tomorrow and running for about two weeks.

Floyd Wilson, manager of the local plant, said this morning that only one machine will be in operation, on an around the clock basis, for the purpose of breaking in men. About seven men will be employed during the test run, on eight hour shifts.

Full operation of the plant, located at the airport, is expected to start in the next three or four weeks, according to Wilson.

Carlson is a pioneer and largest producer of plastic pipe. The main plant is located in Cleveland, Ohio; Research and Development Laboratories in Mantus, Ohio.

Fabulous Dog Story Told
Jupiter, fawn-colored boxer, owned by Brady Narey is an intelligent dog.

In the past, he has been credited by his master with sewing a missing button on a clean shirt. But this week he proved beyond a doubt that he is on a par mentally with man.

"Jup," suffering from an eye infection was taken several days ago to the Klamath Animal Hospital on South Sixth Street for treatment.

An appointment was made for further treatment on Monday, according to Narey, who then let the dog roam for a bit.

Time came for his return to the fold. "No Jup," said Narey.

Radio broadcasts and newspaper ads failed.

French Back Premier On Peace Move

PARIS (AP)—The French National Assembly gave Premier Joseph Laniel's government the green light last night to negotiate as it sees fit for peace in Indochina. Laniel told the deputies the Geneva conference offers the best chance for a solution.

By a show of power, deputies voted backing for Laniel and Foreign Minister Georges Bidault at the April 26 meeting in Switzerland of the Big Four and Red China on Far Eastern affairs.

Earlier in the debate Laniel had told the Assembly he would welcome a cease-fire in Indochina before the Geneva meeting—as proposed by Indian Prime Minister Nehru. But the Premier outlined conditions so stiff that it was certain the Communist-led Vietnamese rebels would not accept.

The Assembly also told the three Associated States of Indochina they must not cut loose from the French Union if they want French help in fighting the Vietnamese.

Negotiations now are going on in Paris between the French and the Vietnamese government aimed at granting that state greater liberties within the union.

Before the vote, Laniel denied a charge by wartime Premier Edouard Daladier that France had agreed—in exchange for U. S. Military aid in Indochina—not to negotiate a peace without consulting the United States. He said no strings were attached to the U. S. aid agreement.

Public School Salaries Told
Salaries of teachers in public schools of the city, including both the high school and the elementary schools, will remain the same during next year as the pay schedule in 1953-54, including the regular increments provided in the schedule.

Salaries of employees not on salary schedule will also remain the same as those paid during the current year.

Action on the pay of teachers was taken Monday night at a joint meeting of the budget committees of school districts, elementary No. 1 and Union High School District No. 1.

All salary items will be incorporated in the budgets to be submitted to the voters, May 3.

Provision for adjustment has been made in the event that a review of the cost of living index at the beginning of school next fall reveals a need for adjustment.

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CHECKING CITY RECORDS at the city hall this morning were Ted Felton, assistant city engineer, and Alta Lovell, chief bookkeeper.

Idaho Dirt Slide Kills Man, Wife

BONNERS FERRY, Idaho (AP)—A dirt and rock slide crashed into a neighborhood grocery store about midnight Tuesday night and killed a man and his wife who were sleeping in a back bedroom.

Their three children asleep upstairs escaped injury.

The sheriff's office said the slide came without warning and smashed into Hill's Grocery. It went through a back wall and it took more than three hours to recover both bodies.

Other residents in the neighborhood were warned that the hill behind the store might give way to alert. Officers knocked on doors to alert neighbors. Some left their homes.

The victims were identified as Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Howe, both about 31. They took over operation of the store last summer.

The sheriff's office said four blocks of houses could be endangered by dirt and rock loosened by recent rains.

"We got the woman's body out about 3:30 a. m., and just after that the slide came again and went right out the front door," an officer said.

The couple's three children—the oldest is about 7—were shaken up but apparently not hurt. They were taken out by neighbors.

This northern Idaho town of about 1,800 is surrounded by hills.

H-Bomb Testing Near
HONOLULU (AP)—A combat-designed hydrogen bomb may produce history's greatest man-made blast in the Marshall Islands late this month.

There are mounting indications that an H-bomb will be exploded between March 16 and 23.

Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission is scheduled to visit the atoll proving grounds in the Pacific between those dates.

Two members of the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, Sen. Pastore (D-R.I.) and Rep. Hollifield (D-Calif.) were here en route to the Marshalls.

Hollifield said other committee members were due in a few days.

The first blast in the current series was March 1. The AEC announced that an atomic device had been detonated, indicating that the H-bomb was yet to come since hydrogen weapons normally are referred to as thermonuclear.

Court Asked To Withdraw Charge
SALEM (AP)—State Prison Warden Clarence T. Gladden asked the State Supreme Court Wednesday to force Circuit Judge Frank J. Loneragan, Portland, to withdraw his contempt charges against Gladden.

The case involves the refusal of Gladden to take Philip Wallace, a prisoner, to Portland for the trial of George LeDuke, who had called Wallace as a witness.

Crews Work On Dirt Glacier

EUREKA, Calif. (AP)—Northwestern Pacific Railroad crews are moving up to 8,000 cubic yards of earth a day to keep a creeping glacier of dirt and rock from covering the tracks in the Eel River Canyon.

J. L. Durnford, the railroad's general agent here, said crews had been working around the clock since Feb. 22, when earth from the slopes above the tracks started slipping toward the river.

Durnford said rainfall this week had added to the danger to the line and "if it keeps on, anything can happen."

The rain, which began Sunday, has increased the progress of the earth glacier. The area had two inches of rain in the 24 hours ended Tuesday and more precipitation was forecast.

The 1,700-foot mountain extends back about 4,000 feet from the tracks and workers have had to relay about 600 feet of track closer to the river each day, officials said.

Geologists say the allpige is caused by a collection of moisture which loosens the earth and rock surface from the under layer of hardpan clay. The slide area is about 600 feet wide.

Low Wallace Not To Run
PORTLAND (AP)—Low Wallace, Portland Democrat, said Tuesday he will not be a candidate for governor in the May primary elections.

There had been speculation in some quarters that Wallace, a former state senator and a former Democratic national committeeman, might make his fourth try for the post.

KLAMATH BASIN	
POTATO SHIPMENTS	
Shipped Today	Name Day Last Year
41 cars	45 cars
Total For Season	
1953-54 8634 cars	1952-53 9449 cars

S. Korea To Attend Geneva; Rhee Doubtful Of Outcome
SEOUL (AP)—President Syngman Rhee has indicated South Korea will attend the Geneva conference on Far East problems but insists "we must have ironclad assurances there will be no sellout of Korea."

He likewise makes no secret of his views that the April meeting "will achieve nothing."

And he voiced a "final warning" that South Korea "cannot wait for unification for endless months while idle talk drags on."

The South Korean President said his country needed further information from U. S. Secretary of State Dulles before announcing its decision on the Geneva meeting.

"As soon as information is received I think we shall be in a position to decide what to do," Rhee said.

All the major countries except South Korea have agreed to go to Geneva April 26.

Rhee gave his views in answer to written questions from the Associated Press.

"We must have ironclad assurances there will be no sellout of Korea and that objectives of unification and expulsion of the Communists will be pursued with diligence and without compromise," he said.

Flexible Price Props Said Better

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson assured Congress Wednesday that there will be a "gradual and cautious transition" to the Eisenhower administration's new farm program if it is enacted into law.

"Over time, however, the good effects will be appreciable," the secretary said in a statement prepared for the House Agriculture Committee.

The Eisenhower program features a system of flexible price supports as contrasted with present rigid high-level supports for basic crops, and a shift to a modernized formula for determining parity or so-called "fair farm prices."

Benson was called before the House committee as foes of the Eisenhower program launched a drive in the Senate for continued high price supports. They sought to outmaneuver the administration by attaching their plan to a bill, backed by the executive branch, to aid wool producers with a subsidy.

Sen. Ellender (D-La.) sponsored the move, which would short-cut plans for lengthy committee hearings that would delay a vote on the issue until May.

At the same time the Senate Agriculture Committee arranged to hear Allan B. Kline, head of the American Farm Bureau.

Benson told the House committee it should be recognized that the present law-born program has failed to maintain farm prices at target levels.

Although supported at 90 percent of parity, wheat averaged only 82 percent of parity and corn 79 percent last year, he said.

Benson said the administration plan would not directly affect farm income from non-basic crops and products, since legislation for these crops would generally remain as before. These non-basic crops were said to provide about three-fourths of farm income. The basic crops are wheat, cotton, corn, tobacco, peanuts and rice. They are the only ones which presently law requires to be supported at 90 percent.

Increase Seen In Deer Herd
Oregon's winter deer herd has increased by more than a third, due to the light winter, according to Kenney Cochran of the State Game Commission.

Cochran asked that punch cards on salmon and steelhead winter season be returned by May 15. He indicated that the game commission has been getting back very few punch cards and the information it has received is meager.

The sportsmen went on record recommending that the game commission establish a season for one deer of either sex for the entire hunting season, with the thought that the commission has the power to close critical areas to buck hunting only.

A safety training program to be carried into the schools and other clubs by the association was proposed. This program would be the part of the sportsmen's contribution toward prevention of hunting fatalities. It was suggested that members of the association could act as instructors to show future sportsmen the correct way to carry, handle and clean guns as well as how to fire them.



THESE SEARS employees own approximately \$100,000 in Sears, Roebuck and Company stock and cash funds. This group, each of whom have been with Sears for 10 years or more have just received their annual Savings and Profit Sharing statements from Manager Bob Egge. Seated, left to right, are Elwyn Kauble and Agnes Goff. Second row: Vera Lundberg, Bernice Cooley, Edith Taylor, William Hairell, Laura Langell and Egge. Back row: Ford Kimpton, Asst. Mgr. Clark Blair, Cecil Finney and Pete Colley. The Klamath Falls Sears employees now have a total investment in the company worth \$159,997. The Fund, now in its 38th year, owns 26 per cent of Sears stock, the company's largest single stockholder, Egge said.