

CONGRESS HEARS HIGHWAY PLAN

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
About 100 miles west of Tucson, traveling east on Highway 80, one runs into the western edge of the Arizona-New Mexico cotton belt.

Thereby hangs a tale. It is a tale of what happens when supply and demand agriculture is abandoned and political agriculture is substituted therefor.

All in all, it is a sad tale.

This desert cotton country, lodged on visible evidence, is a highly prosperous country. Its soil is deep and rich, and it is beautifully handled. Every few miles there are fertilizer warehouses, offering their testimony as to heavy use of fertilizer.

The machinery in use is obviously the very latest word. The farmsteads are modern in appearance — although uniformly far apart, thus bearing witness to the fact that corporation farming, rather than individual family farming, is the rule here.

The towns, without exception, are prosperous. Their business districts are clean and well kept. The streets are parked full of glittering new automobiles. The used car lots are stocked with recent models, indicating that people trade in their cars on new ones every two or three years. Cadillac and Lincoln and Chrysler Imperials are by no means the rule, but they are by no means the exception. The windows are full of new and modern merchandise.

The school buildings are new, indicating large recent growth in the population, with a consequent need for new schools. There is every possible sign that this desert cotton country is well-to-do and up and coming.

Why is that bad?
Well, it is a long story. I can sketch only the rough outlines of it here.

To begin with, this beautiful long-staple desert cotton, perhaps the finest in the world, doesn't depend primarily on DEMAND FOR USE. It isn't sold basically on open bid and take markets, where users of cotton vie with each other in their offerings.

Its primary customer is the federal government, of the United States, which buys it NOT for use in industry but for STORAGE IN GOVERNMENT WAREHOUSES. The government guarantees a price that is attractive enough to keep people growing cotton, regardless of the state of the cotton market.

Let's state it bluntly.
This high guaranteed price isn't offered to stimulate the production of more cotton to meet the consumptive demands of the United States and the world for cotton fiber. It is offered to induce cotton farmers to VOTE RIGHT.

That is the long and the short of it.
Let's take a look here at two tragic facts:
1. The American cotton industry is a slowly dying industry. That has come about because high partly is slowly pricing American cotton out of the world markets. Foreign cotton growers not only CAN undersell us at a profit to themselves but ARE underselling us. Our cotton exports are shrinking disastrously.

2. This desert cotton is made possible by pumped water. The water to grow it is pumped up out of underground basins that took thousands of years to fill. These underground storage basins are being depleted fabulously faster than they are being replenished. If and when they are exhausted, this now lovely and prosperous country will revert to desert. Either that or billions of dollars must be expended to bring water here from the Colorado and the Rio Grande rivers.

Such are the consequences of POLITICAL farming.

Stout Tremor Shakes Tokyo

TOKYO (AP)—A stout earthquake shook up Tokyo and the surrounding area for about 30 seconds today. Eight Japanese were injured, three seriously, but the world's third largest city escaped major property damage.

More than 90,000 homes were without electricity as high-voltage cables snapped. A highway bridge leading from the city cracked and was closed to traffic. Pavement in front of the Tokyo railroad station cracked in and chimneys cracked off public bathhouses.

Down town buildings rocked with the quake. Many workers poured into the streets, shouting: "Jishin! Jishin! Earthquake! Earthquake!" But calm was soon restored.

Casualties included a lumberyard worker with a broken arm, a sawmill worker injured seriously when a pile of lumber crashed on him, an 85-year-old woman and her 2-year-old granddaughter, also to serious condition after being overcome by fumes from a snapped gas line, and four print shop workers burned by acid which tumbled off shelves.

The quake, which registered 4 on a scale of 7 maximum intensity, was centered 50 miles north of Tokyo, and 30 miles underground. It was felt over an area 100 miles in diameter. The earth apparently absorbed most of the shock, holding damage to a minimum.

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Ike Doctors Confer; Plan Final Report

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dr. Paul Dudley White and five other physicians conferred at the White House Tuesday preparatory to giving President Eisenhower a "more or less final" report on how his heart is standing up under the burdens of his office.

The medical conference got started a few minutes before noon and within five minutes of the arrival of White, Boston heart specialist.

White has been chief consultant on the case since the President suffered a heart attack last Sept. 24.

The consultations dealt first with analysis of new medical tests which Eisenhower underwent Saturday at the Army's Walter Reed Hospital here.

The team of six physicians arranged to report their findings to the President Tuesday afternoon. White flew here from New York.

He told reporters at the airport the physicians may make some "general recommendations" to Eisenhower but will not advise him on the biggest question of all—whether he should seek another term.

"This is still the choice," he said. The President undoubtedly will give the report careful study. But he said last week that in deciding whether to seek re-election he probably will rely more on how he feels than on what the physicians tell him about his condition.

More than 4½ months have passed since he suffered a heart attack in Denver. He returned Jan. 9 to what he termed "the full duty of the presidency." His last full-scale checkover was in December.

He may make his final second-term decision during a week's vacation, starting tomorrow, at the secluded plantation estate of Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey at Thomasville, Ga. He has indicated he will announce his political plans late next week.

After Eisenhower's Dec. 17 physical examination, White said the mid-February tests "should suffice for a medical estimate as to the ability of his heart to stand the work" of the presidency.

He said this new examination would be the "more or less final test" of how Eisenhower was standing the strain.

But he said at the same time that Eisenhower "must make his own decision" regarding a second term, adding:

"We doctors can only advise the President medically."

Eisenhower told a news conference last Wednesday that any decision to run again would have to be based upon an honest conviction that he would be able to handle the job efficiently.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partly cloudy with occasional snow showers through Wednesday. High 28-33. Lows Tuesday night 20-25.

High yesterday 32
Low last night 18
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Precip. since Oct. 1 15.33
Same period last year 3.38
Normal for period 7.51

MAN KILLED

ASHLAND (AP)—A guy wire broke and a log struck Floyd Taylor, 51, of Talent, Ore., on the head Sunday, killing him.

The widow and four children survive.



THE KLAMATH UNION HIGH SCHOOL A CAPPELLA CHOIR will be one of the featured attractions at the annual American Association of University Women spring musicale Sunday, February 19 at 2 p.m. in the Mills School Auditorium. Andrew Loney, right, city school musical education director, will direct the choir. Members of the choir shown here are, left to right, Robert Ziegler, Terry Hannon, Gary Phair, Mary Lou Craig, Betty Giese and Serena Smith, seated at the piano. The musicale, with free admission, will also feature Dennis Hannon, violin; dual piano with Mrs. Sam Mushen and Ruth Lobaugh and soprano soloist Mrs. Eugene H. Favell accompanied by Mrs. George McIntyre.

George Calls For Evidence

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. George (D-Ga.) called in the Senate Tuesday for any senator with evidence of any "improper pressure" in connection with the natural gas bill to give it to his committee investigating a \$2,500 campaign fund offer to Sen. Case (R-SD).

George said his committee had made no determination as yet whether to seek authority to broaden its inquiry beyond the Case incident.

In addition, the elections subcommittee, on which Sen. Gore (D-Tenn.) has replaced Sen. Hennings (D-Mo.) as chairman, may seek funds for an exhaustive investigation of lobbying on both sides over the bill to exempt producers of natural gas from direct federal regulation.

George told his colleagues his special investigating committee "has gathered the great bulk of the facts" concerning the incident involving Case, but "there is still some detailed information" to be gathered and "some documents" to be examined.

Whether the information would justify a recommendation to the Senate for a broadened inquiry, he said, is not known.

At the Federal Court house, meantime, a grand jury began its own inquiry into the case of the oil man's \$2,500 donation which Sen. Case spurned.

On hand to testify were three witnesses who said they were prepared to answer all questions and had nothing to conceal.

One was John M. Neff, Lexington, Neb., lawyer who left the \$2,500 in Sioux Falls, S. D., as a contribution to Case's campaign.

Also on hand were Elmer Patman of Austin, Tex., like Neff an attorney for the Superior Oil Co. of California, and Sheriff Paul Whaley of Dawson County, Neb.

Senatorial investigators had heard testimony that the \$2,500 came from personal funds of Howard K. Keck, president of Superior Oil.

Neff told the senators no "strings" were attached to the money but he and Patman both

said they would not have been interested in making a donation if they had understood Case was for the bill to exempt natural gas producers from direct federal regulation.

Sheriff Whaley made two trips to South Dakota with Neff in connection with the Case campaign fund offer.

As is customary, the grand jury investigation was surrounded with considerable secrecy.

Republican legislative leaders discussed the controversial gas bill with President Eisenhower Tuesday. Case has said he was originally inclined to favor the bill, but changed his mind because it appeared to him that someone thought big profits for oil companies would result if the bill became law.

Neff and Patman remained under subpoena to the special Senate committee headed by Sen. George (D-Ga.).

Committee Counsel Charles W. Steadman said in a statement yesterday, however, that the group wants "to cooperate in every way with the Department of Justice in this matter" and had no objection to their testifying before the grand jury.

There was no word as to whether the grand jury's inquiry was confined to the Case incident or whether it might cover the whole field of lobbying for and against the gas bill.

The special committee was limited to the Case matter. But Sen. Bridges (R-NH), a member, told newsmen "pressure is building up from both sides" for a wider investigation.

"There are requests that we look into the activities of the gas distributing companies and the labor unions that were against the bill, as well as those of its proponents," he said.

He told the committee he had made no contributions to the personal campaign funds of any senators other than Case.

Stevenson Escapes Injury

TIMBERLINE LODGE, Ore. (AP)—Adlai Stevenson, no stranger to close calls, escaped injury yesterday in the 35-foot plunge of a snow tractor that crunched through a snow cornice and toppled over. Five others aboard also were unhurt.

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Timber Cut Increase Said Pending

WASHINGTON (AP)—A big increase in the allowable cut from Western Oregon timberlands may be in the offing.

That was disclosed Monday with the release of testimony by Edward Woolley, Bureau of Land Management director, before a House Appropriations subcommittee.

He said timber inventories being made on the Oregon and California railroad grant lands may show sufficient timber to permit an annual harvest of from 750 million to 800 million board feet.

The present sustained yield is figured at 588 million feet although Woolley said increased salvage operations actually boosted the cut to 646 million last year.

He said "it is possible we could, when our inventories are completed, cut 750 million to 800 million board feet each year and still stay within a sustained yield program."

If funds are available, it is planned to finish the timber count within the next three years.

This year the bureau is asking Congress for \$2,334,900 for its O&C program, exclusive of access road construction. That is a boost of \$801,400 from the current year and includes an additional \$531,400 for inventory work.

The bureau is seeking for access roads some 4½ million dollars. That is about 2 million more than for the current year. Access roads actually are financed by counties from their share of timber sales receipts.

Woolley said the requested funds would finance construction of 70 miles of roads in nine Southern Oregon counties, as follows:

Cow Creek Road, Section B, 8 miles, 2 bridges \$672,000; Middle Creek Road (Roseburg), 10 miles, 1 bridge, \$716,000; Galice Creek Road, Section B, 10 miles, \$600,000; Yellowstone Creek Road, 8½ miles, \$435,000; Rock Creek Road, 10 miles, \$500,000; Cherry-Brummet Creek, 9 miles, \$500,000; Boulder Creek, 4 miles, 1 bridge, \$320,000; Yellowbush Creek, A-2 section, 2½ miles, \$150,000; and Twin Sisters, Section B, 8 miles, grading, \$400,000.

Rolling Quake Jars El Centro

EL CENTRO, Calif. (UP)—A rolling, jarring earthquake shook a widespread area of Southern California at 10:34 a.m. today. It lasted about a minute and a half. There were no immediate reports of damage.

Dr. Charles F. Richter, seismologist at the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, said the intensity was about 6.5 and that the quake probably was centered somewhere in Lower California in Mexico.

The tremor also was felt in San Diego where people rushed into streets and a fire alarm was set off.

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Following yesterday's mishap, the shaken tractor riders clambered nearly a half mile uphill through snow to this Mt. Hood lodge.

Stevenson said that as the tractor started to go over, he braced his hands on its metal sides. John Macome, the driver, cut off the ignition, and Ralph Wiese, district forest ranger, said that prevented a fire. The party, Wiese said, was "very lucky."

Stevenson appeared shaken up at the moment but, back at the lodge, said, "politics keeps me busy and interested. I have crashed in a helicopter in the Malayan jungle, been in an auto accident on the Equator and now have turned over in a Snow-Cat in 50 feet of snow."

Humphrey Suggests Dollar Federal Fee

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey told Congress Tuesday it could raise 4½ billion dollars for road building over a 12-year period by imposing a federal registration fee of \$1 per 1,000 pounds on motor vehicles.

But Humphrey said he was not proposing any specific highway financing plan and would "go along" with Congress on whatever it authorized.

Humphrey mentioned the federal registration fee as among things "suggested to us" after telling the House Ways and Means Committee that a Democratic-backed highway plan would provide less than half the funds necessary for a pay-as-you-build road program.

The Democratic plan, embraced in a bill by Rep. Boggs (D-La.), contemplates a 15-year road program to be financed by a 1-cent gallon increase in the tax on gasoline and diesel fuel plus higher levies on tires and camelback (used in trailers).

Humphrey was called before the House committee to give his opinions on the Boggs bill.

He said that first of all it would not raise near enough money for the federal part of a proposed \$1½-billion-dollar federal-state highway construction program.

And, he said, he thought the construction program should be geared to 12 years instead of 15.

Furthermore, Humphrey told the lawmakers the Boggs plan would use for roads \$2,600,000,000 of general revenues which would have to be made up in some other way.

Humphrey then outlined financing possibilities based on the same tax increases proposed by the Boggs bill plus some additional excises on such things as lubricating oil, inner tubes, automobile parts and federal excise taxes.

Humphrey merely put them forward as possibilities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Boggs asked if he had any recommendations as to how to make up the deficit which Humphrey said would result from the Boggs bill. "I've told you the amount of money you've got to raise and all the places you can get it from," Humphrey replied. "It's up to you how to do it."

At a closed-door huddle with Humphrey last week, Boggs said that he did not regard the tax plan as a "true pay-as-you-go."

He also questioned Democrats' claims that their proposed highway user tax increases were enough to do the job.

The Boggs bill contemplates a 15-year revenue increase totaling 12 billion dollars from added taxes on gasoline, tires, trucks, and like items.

MOTORING TAXES

Added to 22 billions anticipated from motoring taxes at present rates, backers expect the legislation to bring in enough revenue to meet the federal share of the proposed \$1½-billion-dollar highway building program. The states would furnish the remainder.

In advance of Humphrey's testimony, Rep. Byrnes (R-Wis.) said the Boggs plan, if approved by Congress, could "kill chances for a balanced budget right off the bat."

"It would leave a large deficit in the general fund of the Treasury because it earmarks for highway use all of the excise taxes now collected from motorists," he told newsmen.

"Some of that money has been going into the general fund. So if all of it goes into highways, it means that much less for the general revenues and the necessity of raising money somewhere else."

CHALLENGED

This was challenged by Boggs, who contended the administration's original bond financing program

"proposed taking the same amount of revenues from highway-use taxes as proposed in my bill."

Since its defeat in the Senate and House last session, the administration has ceased to press its plan to finance an interstate highway system through issuance of 30-year highway bonds. Republicans now appear ready to go along with some form of a "pay-as-you-go" program, based on increased motoring taxes.

U.S., Allies Move Ahead Despite Veto

WASHINGTON (AP)—The State Department served notice Tuesday the United States and allies do not intend to let a Soviet veto in the United Nations Security Council block action by Western powers to save or restore peace in the Middle East.

Russia stated Monday night that it would consider the dispatch of British and American troops into the troubled Middle East a "flagrant violation" of the U. N. charter and the rights of the countries in the area.

RED DECLARATION

The State Department considers this Soviet declaration an effort to create a world public opinion against any action in the Middle East except through the U. N. Security Council where Russia has a veto.

Lincoln White, State Department press officer, said Tuesday: "Of course, we want to work through the United Nations as far as we possibly can. But should the United Nations become paralyzed as it has in the past due to Soviet action then there's no alternative to working outside the United Nations."

Officials said that the United States, Britain and France have no intention now of rushing troops into the area. Instead they said they are concentrating on diplomatic efforts to obtain a settlement between Israel and the Arab states, on an immediate and long range moves to deter any new aggressive action by either side.

However, officials also emphasize that the Western powers do not intend to "be tied by the veto" in the United Nations if it becomes necessary to act with military forces to prevent an outbreak of war.

INFORMANTS

State Department informants said the expression of Soviet concern about the United Nations charter appeared hypocritical.

They said that they were "unaware" that Russia got U. N. approval for the sale of Communist arms to Egypt, or for the speeches of Premier Bulganin and Communist boss Khrushchev endorsing India's claim on Kashmir last fall, or for the anti-NATO Warsaw pact of Eastern European satellites.

All three of these maneuvers have had a considerable impact on international affairs and have affected the interests of various countries, officials said.

Sen. George (D-Ga.) said he opposes sending troops into the tense Middle East lest Russia seize the action as an excuse to move in its own armies.

State Honors Lake Mother

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon's Mother of the Year is Mrs. Marshall G. Dunham, 57, the wife of a disabled Lakeview rancher and mother of four children.

She will represent Oregon in the nationwide competition for American Mother, sponsored by the American Mothers' Committee, Inc.

Mrs. Mary Woodward, chairman of the committee's Oregon branch, announced her selection Monday.

Mrs. Woodward, who didn't get past the eighth grade herself, worked with her husband to make sure her children received good educations.

They are Marshall Gordon, 32, Corvallis bank official; Mrs. R. L. Steerman, 31, bacteriologist at John Hopkins University laboratory, Baltimore; Daniel, 19, a farmer and national president of the Future Farmers of America; and Joyce, 18, an Oregon State College student.

Since her husband became ill several years ago Mrs. Dunham has milked cows, tended livestock and handled most of the other ranch chores.

Bay Area Barbers Raise Prices

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—The price of haircuts in San Francisco's "union barbershops" will be raised to \$1.75 March 1 as a result of a stormy union membership meeting last night.

After considerable debate in the closed-door meeting, the 25-cent increase was approved by a vote of 244 to 108.



PHYLLIS MUNDLIN, 931 Washington Street, had trouble starting work this morning at the laundry where she works because the 9 o'clock photographer kept getting in the way. Finally, to get rid of him, she consented for today's special.