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Ike Defends Farm Leader Despite Row

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower, defying Midwestern Republican demands that he fire Secretary of Agriculture Benson, praised the Cabinet officer Wednesday as a man of courage and honesty.

The President told a news conference that people advocating that Benson be ousted are badly mistaken in taking that position. Eisenhower left no doubt he intends to ignore demands for Benson's resignation.

Some Midwestern Republicans in Congress, sharply critical of Benson farm policies, have contended that continuing him in office would cost the party 25 to 30 congressional seats in the November elections.

This was Eisenhower's first news conference in three weeks — and his third since last Oct. 30. He dealt also with other matters.

Recession — Eisenhower repeated that a tax cut is of course a possibility if there is any deepening of the depression. He used that word, also the word recession.

But Eisenhower again expressed confidence that unemployment will begin to diminish. Eisenhower also said authorizing a go-ahead on reclamation projects would serve as an anti-recession measure, but he added he doubts such projects would do a great deal to provide jobs.

On a related point, Eisenhower expressed interest in the proposal of Harry B. Haines, Paterson, N.J., newspaper publisher, that an antirecession "believe in America" campaign be launched.

Disability — Eisenhower said he and Vice President Nixon have a very clear understanding as to what Nixon's role should be if Eisenhower should become disabled.

Eisenhower declined to go into detail, saying if he did newsmen would want the most minute information regarding the understanding.

The matter came up in a request for Eisenhower's comment on lack of action by Congress so far on legislation to spell out what to do in the case of presidential disability.

Eisenhower said he thinks there should be a constitutional amendment.

Health — Told a weekly news magazine (Time) says in its latest issue that Eisenhower has been forced to reduce his work load by up to 25 per cent as a consequence of his three major illnesses, Eisenhower smiled and said he wished he could cut it by that much. But he added he doesn't think it has been reduced to that extent.

Mack — Eisenhower was asked whether he thinks Federal Communications Commissioner Richard A. Mack should resign or be fired. He said he had no judgment on the matter at this time.

Eisenhower said the evidence in the House inquiry on the FCC is in the process of being concentrated. He noted that Atty. Gen. Rogers, who has ordered an FBI investigation, is watching the matter to determine whether anything more should be done.

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FEELING RIGHT AT HOME in the snow is the reindeer which was driven here Tuesday from Redmond by John Zumstein, a member of the Redmond Chamber of Commerce. Zumstein, Lefty (Wild Eagle) Wilder, center, and the reindeer will attend the San Francisco Sports and Boat Show to be held in the Cow Palace February 28 through March 9. Wilder will be in the Klamath County booth and act as a member of the chamber, telling Bay Area residents of the scenic beauty and the outdoor sports available in the county. Viewing the reindeer is Annette Jacobs, left, chamber employee and looking on is Charlie Schuss, right, chairman of the chamber's tourist and convention committee. — Photo by Kettler

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In Washington yesterday there was a big bi-partisan rally in support of foreign aid. In the day-long session, President Eisenhower spoke. Former President Truman spoke. Vice-President Nixon spoke. Adlai Stevenson spoke.

All of them were FOR it. President Eisenhower was particularly emphatic. In his speech, he charged that criticism of foreign aid is based on prejudices, penny-wise economy and a refusal to face facts.

That was yesterday. This morning a group of Democratic congressional leaders says President Eisenhower's request for four billion dollars in foreign aid WILL NOT be approved.

These leaders, as quoted by the reporters, add that yesterday's big to-do won't change a single vote in the congress.

Why not? George Marder of United Press, in his Washington dispatch this morning, offers an interesting and probably highly significant explanation. He says:

"The lawmakers don't hear any great demand from taxpayers to spend for foreign aid. . . . In their mail from their home districts, they get a lot of COMPLAINING about foreign aid spending. . . . The lawmakers, who are much closer to the voters than the officials in the executive department, react as they think their constituents want them to."

Mr. Marder adds: "These lawmakers take the position that we can't buy loyalty or friendship with dollars. . . . Furthermore, almost every investigation has come up with reports indicating waste — varying from minor incidents to major snafus."

In recent months, I have talked with two interesting people who are familiar with grassroots sentiment in India, where we have spent a lot of money for aid, particularly agricultural aid. One of them (a YMCA foreign service secretary home on leave) says: "In general, our agricultural people in India are capable. But they are VERY well paid according to Indian standards. They get as high as \$14,000 a year, and on this, because of India's low wages and low living costs, they manage to live very well indeed. In a country whose agricultural earnings are less than \$100 PER YEAR per person, you can imagine that this situation stirs up a lot of jealousy and ill will."

The other, who was born and educated in India, puts it this way: "In India, the average farm is fabulously minute in size — not much bigger than an American garden patch. Our agricultural people are TRACTOR MINDED. Imagine using a tractor on a farm no bigger than a city lot. . . . Our agricultural advisers are strong for steel plows and scornful of the Indian's crooked stick."

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Chamber Film To Be Shown

"Wish You Were Here," the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce's tourist promotional film, will have its premiere showing tonight at 7 o'clock on KOTI-TV, Channel 2.

Produced by Ed Brotherhood, the chamber's assistant manager, the film stars Mel and Virginia Miller as Bob and Ann, and Al and Ruth Hattan as their parents. The voices of Bob and Ann will be Minnie Surles and George Callison.

Gill To Visit Klamath Falls

Warren Gill, Lebanon, Republican candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, will pay a flying trip to Klamath Falls on Thursday, February 27.

Gill became the second Republican to file for this post when he formally listed his candidacy with the secretary of state on Monday. First candidate to file for the post was George N. Livingston, Boring.

Gill is expected to fly into Klamath Falls early Thursday and spend the remainder of the day here getting acquainted with as many people as possible.

In filing his candidacy, Gill said, "My filing at this time is to stop any rumors that my announcement was an attempt to help other Republican candidates. I am in the race to be elected governor. I believe I am better qualified than the other candidates to carry out the duties of governor and to serve all the people of Oregon."

Gill has been active in Republican affairs in Oregon for many years. He was Republican floor leader during the 1957 legislative sessions.

Gill, 44, served in the House in 1949 and was first elected to the Senate in 1950. He was prominently mentioned as the foremost candidate for the post as president of the Senate prior to the deadlock that developed during the recent session.

As yet no formal committee has been organized to sponsor Gill's appearance in Klamath Falls.

AF Forecasts Moon Flight

WASHINGTON (AP) — America can send a rocket to the moon this year and an unmanned space vehicle circling Mars between 1965 and 1970, Air Force and industry space experts predict.

Gen. Donald L. Pratt, Air Force chief of research and development, told a congressional committee Tuesday a rocket could be fired to the moon during 1958 if the orders are issued in the next few weeks.

The committee also was told that the United States should move quickly to establish a space way-station on the moon ahead of Russia.

At a seminar sponsored by the Air Force Assn., George P. Sutton of the Rocketdyne division of North American Aviation Inc., said this country will have the capability to send an unmanned rocket to orbit Mars and relay back information within the next dozen years.

He also said a man-carrying satellite to circle the earth can be ready between 1962-67.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partly cloudy through Thursday. Low Wednesday night 18-26; high Thursday 40-46.

High yesterday 34
Low last night 22
Precip. last 24 hours .02
Since Oct. 1 13.15
Same period last year .83
Normal for period .825

Senators Hear UAW Official

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the United Auto Workers local which has waged a four-year strike against the Kohler Co. testified Wednesday the only violence in the strike he knows of was aimed at the strikers.

This testimony came from Alan Groskamp, president of Kohler Local No. 833 in Sheboygan, Wis., after the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee had ended a heated partisan deadlock and opened long-delayed hearings on the strike.

The 44-party line deadlock was broken by Chairman McClellan (D-Ark.), who yielded to Republican members' arguments over how to proceed.

Groskamp, called as the first witness, told the committee his home had been stoned and the autos of pickets damaged.

Asked by Sen. Curtis (R-Neb.) whether pickets had turned over autos and assaulted non-strikers, Groskamp replied: "I saw nothing like that, and I was there every day."

Committee counsel Robert F. Kennedy began interrogation of Groskamp, but Curtis soon took over for a long series of questions about picketing procedure during the Sheboygan strike.

In breaking the deadlock over procedure, McClellan agreed to the GOP members' demands to defer questioning of Reuther and of Kohler officials. The Democrats had argued that the hearings should lead off with high officials on both sides.

The chief adversary witnesses have been billed as Reuther, whose union has spent some 12 million dollars on the strike up to now, and top management of the Kohler Co., Wisconsin manufacturers of bathroom fixtures. Each side blames the other for violence during the marathon strike.

TIME AND A HALF

ATLANTA (UP)—Policeman R. J. Walker stays on duty even when he's off duty. He spent the entire working day Tuesday searching in vain for robbery suspect William Earl Daniel.

Walker gave up for the day and headed home—and on his way found Daniel.

Crew Of Experts Called In To Probe 'Mystery House'

SEAFORD, N. Y. (UP)—Can a 12-year-old boy cause bottles to pop their tops and plates to fly? A psychologist from Duke University visits the James Hermann house today to try to find out.

Since Feb. 3 all types of bottles have blown their screw-on tops and furniture has crashed to the floor. Yesterday a phonograph repeatedly flew 15 feet, a clay statue whirled across a bedroom and hit a mirror and an empty plate skidded off the dinner table as the Hermanns ate.

Police and scientific investigations have turned up no clues except that young Jimmy was somewhere in sight when things began to happen.

Nobody has seen Jimmy put the objects in motion physically. Whether he is doing so mentally is another matter, calling for an expert. A detective says he is convinced Jimmy is not physically responsible.

This brings Dr. J. Gaither Pratt, assistant director of Duke's parapsychology laboratory, Dur-



WAVING GOODBYE as she left here Tuesday for Mobile, Alabama, to take part in the Junior Miss America Pageant, is Darlene Buchholz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Buchholz, 2340 Garden Avenue. At the left is Jerry Slusser, president of the Klamath County Junior Chamber of Commerce. The Jaycees sponsored the local contest which was held in the Mills School auditorium recently and Darlene, a 17-year-old Klamath Union High School senior, was chosen Junior Miss Oregon over 11 other candidates. To the right are Darlene's parents. United Air Lines officials said that Darlene arrived in Mobile early this morning. — Photo by Kettler

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Action Taken In Nunn Case

MEDFORD (AP) — A temporary order restraining Gov. Robert Holmes from commuting the death sentence of Billy Junior Nunn was signed here Tuesday by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna.

The parents of 14-year-old Alvin William Eacret, Klamath Falls, slain by Nunn two years ago, asked for the order.

No date for a hearing was set, but the parents complaint asked that the governor be directed to appear and show cause why he should not be kept from saving Nunn from the gas chamber.

The temporary restraining order is effective "until final determination" of the request.

Nunn, convicted of slaying the Eacret boy, appealed to the Supreme Court which upheld his conviction. Last Monday Judge Hanna set March 28 as the date Nunn is to die in the gas chamber.

The complaint in the equity case of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Eacret says it is common knowledge that Holmes has personal scruples against capital punishment, regards it as judicial murder, has twice commuted death sentences, and has said he will look into the Nunn case.

There is no legal authority for this, says the complaint, prepared by the Eacrets' attorney, Walter Nunley, former district attorney for Jackson County, who prosecuted Nunn for the killing.

If a commutation is granted on the ground of personal scruples, it is an arbitrary and capricious use of power and an invasion of judicial and legislative functions, the complaint says.

The Eacrets, the complaint says, would be injured and their personal rights violated if the death sentence is commuted.

McElroy Sees Spending Hike WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Defense, McElroy said Wednesday the administration soon will ask another step-up in defense spending.

The Pentagon chief told the Senate watchdog preparedness subcommittee that plans for high priority military hardware will boost the initial 40 billion dollar defense budget asked by President Eisenhower early this year.

McElroy said details should reach Congress "within the next few weeks."

He listed expanded production of the long-range jet B52 bombers and their jet tankers, the K135s, as items that must be accelerated.

McElroy came to the capital on an invitation to make a progress report on military matters. The choice of particular subjects was left to him.

The unusual invitation came from Senate majority leader Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.), chairman of the subcommittee which held public hearings on U.S. defense needs after the launching of the first Soviet Sputnik last Oct. 4.

The hearings ended last Jan. 23, with the subcommittee adopting a comprehensive list of 17 recommendations, including stepped-up programs for missiles, satellites, missile submarines, manned bombers and troop airlifts.

French Head Blasts U.S. Arab Policy

PARIS (AP) — A sweeping attack by French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau on America's policy in the Arab world was seen Wednesday as additional evidence that France will not be pushed into any U.S.-engineered compromise with Tunisia.

Pineau's blast Tuesday night was one more indication of the difficulties facing U.S. diplomat Robert Murphy and a British colleague named by their governments to exert "good offices" to bring France and her former North African protectorate back together.

Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba said in Tunis after his first conference with Murphy that any French-Tunisian settlement must take the Algerian rebellion into account. The French already have said flatly the only Algerian angle they will discuss is now to cut off Tunisian aid to the rebels.

The French Parliament's upper house, after hearing Pineau's attack on U.S. actions, voted 271-14 for a resolution that "resumption of normal relations with Tunisia should have nothing to do with the Algerian situation." The communists were the only opponents.

Murphy, in traditional diplomatic fashion, said in Tunis he and Bourguiba had discussed "all problems" and "have made a step forward."

Pineau's attack only restated what the French press has said publicly and French officials have said privately many months. But it was the sharpest blast at a U.S. government from a top French official in a long time, any such frankness from Secretary of State Dulles about French policy would produce immediate and widespread demands for France's withdrawal from NATO.

There was no immediate protest from U.S. Ambassador Amory Houghton against Pineau's speech.

Prober Asks Mack Ouster

WASHINGTON (AP) — A member of a House committee investigating the Federal Communications Commission called Wednesday for the immediate resignation of Commissioner Richard A. Mack.

In a statement, Rep. Bennett (R-Mich.), said that if Mack refuses to resign, "the President should remove him. If not, Congress should institute impeachment proceedings for that purpose."

Bennett said Mack's "unfitness for membership on the FCC has been demonstrated beyond doubt" in the House hearing.

Mack, a Democrat, was appointed to the FCC by Eisenhower in 1955. He will get a chance Thursday to reply before the House investigating committee to the various charges made against him.

Chairman Harris (D-Ark.) of the special House subcommittee on conducting the probe said both Mack and others involved in the bitter fight over Miami's Channel 10 TV license appear to have violated the law and opened themselves to prosecution.

For the third day, the House committee questioned Thurman A. Whiteside, Miami attorney, about financial favors he has done for Mack, a former college mate and longtime friend.

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