

# Smooth Working Group Handles Surplus Foods

WASHINGTON (AP)—A smoothly operating organization with 25 years of experience behind it is handling the stupendous job of carrying out President Kennedy's order that more surplus foods be given to the nation's needy.

It is perhaps the largest single, coordinated food purchasing and distribution agency in the world. It first was set up in 1935 to help move farm surpluses to those in need during the great depression. It has operated ever since, with varying loads of work. In general, its work increases in bad times and decreases in good times.

The organization is a combination of Agriculture Department employees, the nation's food processing industry, the transportation industry and state and local units of government. Its costs of operation are far below those incurred in the distribution of food through regular channels of trade.

At the present time, the system is supplying donated foods to approximately 6,100,000 needy persons in 43 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Foods now going to those in need include canned pork and gravy, dry beans, oatmeal, peanut butter, lard, flour, cornmeal, dry milk and rice.

Directing this task is a food distribution division in the Agriculture Department, acting under policies and directives of the secretary of agriculture.

When the secretary of agriculture directs that a specific commodity be made available, the distribution branch sets to work to round up supplies. Under the law, the foods must be limited to those processed from farm

products that are in surplus supply and having price difficulty. The food distribution branch keeps on top of state needs through five area offices—at Atlanta, New York, Chicago, Dallas, and San Francisco.

Once the food has been bought or taken from government stocks and packaged and loaded into cars—the distribution begins.

No two states have identical distribution systems. Some have set up their own warehouses and maintain trucks to haul the food to local centers. Others use commercial facilities. Still others direct that the loaded cars be sent to specified rail points within the state.

The local welfare units pick up allotted supplies from the cars. Most states make one distribution monthly to each family or individual on the eligible list.

The government attempts to keep a 30-day supply in the distribution pipelines. These supplies serve also as emergency supplies for areas hit by disaster, such as floods, tornadoes and fires.

The foods are labeled to government specifications and carry the warning that they are not to be sold or exchanged.

Officials said no very good figures are available on the overall costs of distributing the food—that is, the transportation of supplies from the processing center to local distribution centers and to the needy. But they estimated it would not exceed a national average of 10 per cent of the total cost of the food.

The federal government has only about 200 employees assigned to its part of this job. The big manpower load falls on states and local units.

# Liz Taylor's Recovery Continues At Rapid Pace

LONDON (UPI) — Elizabeth Taylor's recovery from her near-fatal bout with pneumonia had reached the point today where husband Eddie Fisher already was reported planning to take her to California or the French Riviera for recuperation.

Doctors attending the 29-year-old movie star were expected shortly to give Fisher some indication on when Miss Taylor will be well enough to leave the London clinic where she was taken near death a week ago Saturday.

Miss Taylor's recovery from the deadly staphylococcus pneumonia was hailed as a "miracle" by Fisher, who admitted that his hope for her survival had "faltered" at one point. Miss Taylor twice was reported on the brink of death but fought back each time.

Sunday, Fisher reported his wife was able to sit up in bed "on her own." The breathing tube inserted in her throat in emergency surgery nine days ago was removed. She sucked on an orange—the first solid food since her hospitalization.

Fisher said Miss Taylor was in good humor. Doctors allowed flowers in her yellow-walled room for the first time. He said she felt "lucky and very grateful."

"She still can't believe a lot of what happened to her," Fisher said. "I've been trying to explain it to her."

An indication of Miss Taylor's progress was the fact that Fisher was impatient to bring her three children to see their mother for the first time since March 4.

Fisher wanted to bring the children Sunday but was overruled by the doctors. He said he was "sure" they would be permitted to see her sometime this week.

The question of Miss Taylor's role in the film "Cleopatra" was expected to be decided Tuesday when Spyros Skouras, head of 20th Century Fox, arrives in London. It was understood that the studio would like Miss Taylor to resume the role when she is well enough, even though her illnesses and the weather have resulted in delays which have already cost several million dollars.

Producer Walter Wanger has made clear that he would not make the picture without Miss Taylor. Lloyd's of London, which has insured the film, has suggested several substitute stars.

Fisher said that if Miss Taylor "is going to make Cleopatra at all, it will have to be in a warmer climate — there is nothing more important than her health."



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# GOP Chairman Steps Up Search For Successor

WASHINGTON (AP)—Thruston B. Morton, Republican national chairman, is stepping up his search for a successor with the hope that he can bow out of office within the next few weeks.

Morton is being pressed by Kentucky friends to resign the chairmanship so he can devote more time to the tough job of trying to win reelection to the Senate next year in a state normally regarded as Democratic.

On a recent visit here, the Kentucky national committeeman, John T. Diederich, told reporters he thinks Morton has a good chance to win in 1962, "but he's got to get started pretty soon."

If Morton is reelected, some Republicans think he will be a man to be reckoned with when the party gets around to picking its 1964 presidential and vice presidential nominees.

Morton's search for a new chairman acceptable to all factions of the party was reported centering around four men.

A number of Republicans think the leading prospect for the job is Rep. William E. Miller, 47, a Roman Catholic from Lockport, N.Y. As chairman of the Republican campaign committee he is given a large share of the credit for the GOP's gain of 22 seats in the House.

Miller was for former Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the Republican presidential nomination last year even while New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, who later bowed out, was considered a contender. But Miller

retains cordial relations with Rockefeller.

Better known to national committee members is Ray C. Bliss, Ohio state chairman, who helped carry his state for Nixon in last November's election. Bliss is regarded as a top notch organizer but dislikes the speaking chores that go with the national chairmanship.

The name of Fred C. Scribner Jr., former undersecretary of the Treasury, also figures in the speculation. Scribner now is general counsel of the national committee. He was listed as an adviser to Nixon in last year's campaign.

Morton is said also to have considered recommending Sumner G. Whittier, former veterans administrator. However, Whittier recently took over an executive job in Detroit, and there is doubt that he would be available.

Morton obviously has been touching all of the bases in his hunt for a successor whose election by the committee could be accomplished without an internal fight.

He has told associates that before he makes any final decision on the man to recommend he is going to clear it with Nixon, former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Rockefeller, Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., a conservative leader, and GOP congressional chieftains.

Salinger seeks To Free News

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pierre Salinger, White House press secretary, says he will examine government information practices with a view to increasing the flow of information.

Salinger will work from a detailed list of instances in which information was withheld in the last six years. The list will be prepared by Rep. John E. Moss, D-Calif., chairman of the House government information subcommittee.

Freedom of information was the subject of a 3½-hour closed meeting Friday. The session, called by Moss, was attended by Salinger, congressmen, government press officers and newspaper officials.

After the meeting, Moss told newsmen he had promised Salinger he would supply the list. Salinger said his office would "see where in the list of particulars there are government practices we can correct to increase the flow of information."

Solons Slate Boardman Talk

SALEM (AP) — A delegation from the Oregon Legislature will meet in Seattle Wednesday to talk over with Boeing Airplane Co. officials the firm's proposal to lease the 96,000-acre Boardman Bombing Range in Eastern Oregon.

"The problems which have arisen in the Oregon Legislature over the Boardman lease to Boeing result not from any hostility or opposition to the hoped-for Boeing development, but rather from a lack of first hand information as to Boeing's plans," House Speaker Robert Duncan and Senate President Harry Boivin said in a release.

The legislative delegation will be from the Ways and Means Committee, which now has before it a proposal to appropriate \$900,000 for purchase of the land and the subsequent lease to Boeing.

There have been reports that Boeing would turn the site into an industrial complex.

# New Testament Issue In Modern English Readied For Sale

LONDON (AP)—A New Testament in modern English, 13 years in the writing, went on sale today. Known as "The New English Bible: New Testament," it strips away the language of the King James and earlier English versions. It is the first revision in Britain since 1881.

And for the first time in British history, all the major churches in Britain, except for the Roman Catholic, joined in the revision.

Prof. Charles Dodd, director of the project, says the original Greek and Hebrew have been translated into "English which is as clear and natural as the subject matter will allow."

Here is a comparison: Authorized version of the Lord's Prayer: "Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, They will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

"Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever, Amen."

New English Bible: "Our Father in heaven. Thy name be hallowed. MAY GET JAPAN POST

TOKYO (UPI)—Japanese newspaper and radio reports said today the United States had asked Japan to accept appointment of Harvard Professor Edwin O. Reischauer as the new U.S. ambassador. The spokesman for the Japanese Foreign Office said he could not confirm or deny the reports.

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"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us the wrong we have done. As we have forgiven those who have wronged us. And do not bring us to the test. But save us from the evil one." The revision was suggested in 1946 by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. It said the church's work was hindered by the archaic language of the Bible.

A joint committee was formed in 1947 to direct the new translation. All the responsibilities of publication were entrusted jointly to the university presses of Oxford and Cambridge, which bear the whole cost and own the copyright.

The joint committee is composed of representatives of the Church of England, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church, the Congregational Union, the Baptist Union, the Presbyterian Church of England, the Church in Wales, the Church of Ireland, and the Society of Friends (Quakers). Also represented are the British

and Foreign Bible Society and the National Bible Society of Scotland. The publishers in a joint statement said that the revised version of 1881 made as few alterations as possible. The wording of the changes was limited as far as possible to the language of the King James and earlier English versions.

"Today, that language is even more archaic and less generally understood, because the rate of change in English usage has accelerated in the past 80 years." The joint committee still is at

work on the translation of the Old Testament and the Apocrypha. A separate American edition was published simultaneously for sale in the United States. It is identical in text to the British Edition.

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Ike Not Mad WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Karl Mundt, R-S.D., gladly reports that former President Dwight D. Eisenhower isn't mad at him. Mundt says he has a "Dear Karl" letter from Eisenhower to prove it.

Mundt created some fuss two weeks ago when he reported in a newsletter to constituents that Eisenhower was critical of the way President Kennedy's administration was going.

Eisenhower disavowed that. In this week's newsletter, Mundt said Sunday "President Eisenhower's assurances last week to a national TV reporter that my report summarizing our visit is a closed incident and that our friendship remains unimpaired was reaffirmed this week by a 'Dear Karl' letter from Ike reaffirming the fact."