

# Dr. Flemming Defends Federal Aid To Schools

By ANDY MERSHON

Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, president of the University of Oregon's vast educational complex, Tuesday defended federal aid to construction of higher education facilities within the state and over the nation.

In an exclusive interview with the Herald and News, Dr. Flemming said it was his belief that aid from the U.S. government, in the form of construction grants and loans, would not bring automatic federal controls.

"Vigilance, however, is the eternal price of liberty," the president paraphrased.

President Flemming said that by 1965, one million more collegians will be on our campuses in the United States than were there in the fall of 1960.

This information, he said, was the reason for his stand before the board of higher education in which he charged, "we are facing here a critical biennium (1963-65)."

Flemming had gone on to criticize the board for not requesting planning funds from the federal government for all construction projects contemplated for the 1963-65 biennium.

The board had asked each institution to submit its priority list and seven projects were evaluated as to what planning funds would be requested. The total planning funds requested by the board were \$38,000,000. Flemming submitted no requests from the University of Oregon, because he believed that two projects were of equal importance.

Flemming said he would oppose federal aid to schools if such aid were defined, as meaning assistance on the year-to-year operating budgets.

Touching on a kaleidoscope of educational topics, Dr. Flemming went on to the system of community colleges in Oregon. Three of these began operation this year and came up for accreditation from the board at their Klamath Falls meeting.

"They should not be second rate schools," Flemming said, "and should definitely present two distinct programs."

He termed these "terminal" and "preparatory" programs. The former will be designed for those students in technical and vocational courses which can be adequately covered in two years. In the second classification, Dr. Flemming sees the community colleges as a supplement to, and almost an extension of, the state's two universities.

In general, the program, new to Oregon, will be similar to programs in operation for some years in both California and New York. "The general experience over the nation with these schools," Flemming said, "is that their graduates are able to do very good work when they reach the university or college level."

All the courses within the community colleges here will be evaluated, as will their teachers, by UO and OSU faculty. If approved by them, and by the board of higher education, transfer of credits will be established. Thus far, only two courses and two instructors from the three operating community colleges, have been denied accreditation.

Flemming said the attitude of his faculty at U of O was very good toward the community college movement. "We want to do anything we can to try and make this program as strong as possible."

Commenting on his first experience at the university as its president, Dr. Flemming said he

was very much impressed with the quality of the faculty and deans.

He also said that he approved of the board of higher education's action in approving the curriculum study for Oregon Technical Institute. He, however, said his first-hand experience with the institute has been slight, but that "I believe there is a great need here for the work OTI is presently doing."

## Ranch House Fire Kills Infants, Destroys Home

PRINEVILLE, Ore. (AP) — Fire raced through an isolated ranch house in Central Oregon Tuesday, killing two infants, 2 and 3 years old, and leaving their young parents homeless and with hardly any possessions.

Mrs. Larry Hotell, 21, the children's mother, said she was helpless to aid the children, asleep in an upstairs bedroom when the flames broke out.

The young housewife said she noticed flames in the stairwell, but when she tried to run up the stairs a mass of flames blocked her way.

She rushed outside to find a ladder to attempt to get in the second-floor window, she said, but the roof of the house caved in on the children.

Her husband, 24, was working on a neighboring ranch in the sparsely-populated area about 80 miles southeast of Prineville.

A passing motorist brought the young couple to Prineville, where Mrs. Hotell was treated for shock. Hospital authorities said

the names and sexes of the children were not learned from the grief-stricken mother.

The motorist who brought them to town, Woddy Fuller of Alaska, took the Hotells to the home of his nephew, James Dunn, about five miles outside Prineville.

As news of the tragedy spread through the town, offers of help poured in. Service organizations, individuals and the Red Cross called to see what they could do.

A hotel offered them rooms at practically no charge.

A group of Prineville women were scheduled to call on the couple today to see what could be done to help them.

## Idiot Box Better Than Idiot Wife

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I'm writing about your spunky answer to the woman whose sister-in-law wanted to move to the TV set into the dining room. You said meal time should be family time and that it takes ingenuity and imagination to keep good conversation going. You closed with "It's no challenge to sit glued to the idiot box and watch anything that moves."

I'd like to inform you, Ann Landers, that after 12 years of marriage and 10 years of television I'd much rather look at the idiot box than listen to that idiot who calls herself a wife. And I'll wager this is why 90 per cent of the men I know watch so darned much TV.—LATE LATE SHOW

Dear Late Late: I'd like to pose a single question to you, and to the 90 per cent to whom you so blithely refer: Who picked these idiots?

Dear Readers: Some educators, and even a larger number of mothers, have written to say I was wrong when I told a woman she should not be upset because her child missed getting into the kindergarten class by a few weeks. I told her it is better for the child to start a little late than a little early.

I am sticking to my original position.

Those who wrote to complain gave examples of exceptionally bright children who became bored because the educational fare offered no challenge. I repeat: My advice is for the average child.

If a parent believes his youngster is exceptional, he should have the child's I.Q. tested. Such tests can at the very least provide useful clues and school authorities are usually delighted to make special arrangements for the gifted child.

A research study by the Illinois Association for Childhood Education compared fifth graders and found the late starters generally did far better regardless of mental abilities.

Specialists who deal with problem children agree that the bright youngster who is placed with older (but duller) children often develops emotional problems.

Dear Ann Landers: I have in

visited my husband's boss and his wife to dinner at our home next month. We've had dinner at their home twice and of course they have the best of everything.

We are just a young couple starting out and our dishes and linen and silver are average. I'm a good cook, however, and I know I can prepare a tasty meal.

The problem is that my husband wants me to borrow silver and dishes, and even knick-knacks and pictures from my mother. She has beautiful things and he is eager to impress the boss.

I say this is wrong. He says many people do it. What is your opinion?—Q.T.

Dear Q.T.: I'm sure many people do it. They are called phonies.

It's permissible to borrow when you don't have enough silver or dishes to serve all the guests, but borrowing to create the illusion of wealth is fakery.

Tell your foolish husband that the boss knows how much he's making. The way to "impress" him is to turn in a sterling performance on the job.

To learn the booby-traps of teenage drinking, write for Ann Landers' booklet, "Teen-age Drinking," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

## Ike 'Confused' By Kennedy Moves

NEW YORK (AP) — Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower says the Kennedy administration is "confusing me and all my friends."

In one of his sharpest attacks on the Democratic administration, Eisenhower said Tuesday night federal fiscal policies are "shrinking dollars." He called the Peace Corps a "juvenile experiment" and suggested Peace Corps members might be sent to the moon.

The former Republican president appeared at a campaign rally in support of State Atty. Gen. Louis J. Lefkowitz, Republican candidate for mayor of New York City. He said Democratic Mayor Robert F. Wagner, who is running for reelection, has given the city a diet of "indecision and vacillation."

But he leveled most of his criticism at Washington Democrats. The confusion among New York Democrats is a spring zephyr, Eisenhower said, when compared with the tornado of confusion in Washington.

He said he is confused at what the Kennedy administration is

getting at with its fiscal policy. "One day the nation is told the federal budget is balanced, and the next that it will produce a \$6.7-billion deficit," he said.

"I believe this nation is in a time of prosperity — if we can't pay our debts, what's going to happen?" he asked.

Citing the experience of other nations with inflation, Eisenhower suggested U.S. currency might come to be known as "dollarettes, there'd be so many more of them."

Turning to the Peace Corps—Kennedy administration project—the former president said: "If you want to send a man to the moon, send a Peace Corps member up there. It is an underdeveloped country."

Eisenhower said there was "postcard evidence" that Peace Corps members "did not even know what an underdeveloped country was, so you can see why I am confused."

His reference was to the girl Peace Corps member who set off

an international incident when a postcard she wrote describing primitive conditions in Nigeria fell into the hands of Nigerians.

The Republican gathering in the New York Coliseum was a combination fund-raising dinner and rally. The \$100-a-plate dinner reaped \$100,000 for the city GOP.

Speakers at the dinner in addition to Eisenhower and Lefkowitz included Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, U.S. Sens. Jacob K. Javits and Kenneth B. Keating of New York, former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Rep. Paul A. Fino, the GOP candidate for City Council president, and city comptroller candidate John J. Gilhooley.

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## Titan Scores Ninth Success

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — An intercontinental range Titan has scored its ninth successful test flight—and the launching may have been a critical test for the missile-detection capability of the new Midas IV spy satellite.

The Titan roared loft on a 6,100-mile flight Tuesday night as Midas IV whirped over Cape Canaveral at an altitude of 2,100 miles.

The launching was timed to determine if infrared sensing devices in the satellite could pick up the exhaust trail of the Titan and relay the information to a ground station. Whether it did was not disclosed.

Midas IV was launched from Point Arguello, Calif., last Saturday in another experimental firing aimed at developing a system of missile detection satellites able to provide the United States with 30-minute warning of an enemy rocket attack.

The Air Force announced the Titan met all test objectives in one of a final series of flights before the weapon becomes operational late this year.

## Rail Hearing Moves North

PORTLAND (AP) — The hearing into control of the Western Pacific railroad moved to Portland today and the Southern Pacific had the first day to put on its witnesses.

The Oregon public utilities commissioner, the Great Northern Railroad and some others are expected to offer their views Thursday, then Southern Pacific's rival, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, will close out the three-day session. After that, a three-week windup will be held at San Francisco.

Seattle area shippers offered their views Monday and Tuesday to Paul C. Albus, examiner for the Interstate Commerce Commission. Santa Fe had the second day and a long list of shippers and shipper representatives went to the stand to say their interest would be best represented if Santa Fe took over the Western Pacific.

That company's line from Oakland, Calif., through northern Nevada to Salt Lake City is the prize sought by Southern Pacific and by Santa Fe. The former says it would permit many economies since SP has tracks that, in general, parallel the route. Santa Fe says SP control would be monopoly.

Some six weeks ago representatives of Western states' public utility agencies said they preferred that Western Pacific remain independent.

## Mail Fraud Fake Denied

PORTLAND (AP) — One of the ten defendants charged with using the mails to defraud insurance companies said in U.S. District Court Tuesday he had never participated in a fake automobile accident.

The defendant, Donald William Johnstone, 31, Portland, said an automobile accident on Sept. 5, 1959, in which he was involved was not staged.

"Have you ever been involved in a staged accident in your life?" Johnstone's attorney asked him.

"No, I have not," he answered.

Earlier in the trial, a government witness said the accident was planned by George James Barnard, another defendant.

The defendants are charged with staging automobile accidents to collect insurance claims, using the mails to prosecute such claims, and conspiracy to defraud.

## 'Fat' Indicted On Rape Count

PORTLAND (AP) — Chester Raymond Hedrick, 27, known as the "Fat Man", has been indicted by the Multnomah County Grand Jury on two counts, one for rape and another for assault with intent to commit rape.

Hedrick already has been sentenced to 20 years in the Oregon State Penitentiary on another charge of attempted rape.

He was arrested in October, 1960 and confessed to that charge. Sent to the Oregon State Hospital in Salem for a pre-sentence examination, Hedrick escaped.

He was recaptured in March, but deluged the court with a series of legal actions which delayed his sentencing. After being sentenced, Hedrick served notice of appeal. The start of his prison sentence was delayed pending prosecution of the appeal.

The indictment for rape was returned by the grand jury Tuesday. It concerned an attack on a 26-year-old Portland woman Oct. 7, 1960.

## College Frosh Doing Better

EUGENE (AP) — University of Oregon officials say his year's college freshmen are doing better in classrooms than those of past years.

They say not as many have had to take so-called bonehead courses in English and other subjects.

Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, university president said this "reflects real credit on the high schools."

Kester Svendsen, English department head, agreed, saying, "Instruction in grammar in high school is improving and these are the fruits of it."

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