

Ike Gives Okay To Ag Shake-up

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—President Eisenhower proposed today to give Secretary Benson blank check authority to reorganize the Agriculture Department and its far-flung field agencies. The purpose, he said, is to cut costs and simplify operations in farm aid programs.

Senator Taft (R.-Ohio) quickly forecast congressional approval. He told reporters the plan closely follows recommendations made by the Government Reorganization Commission led by former President Hoover.

Eisenhower's proposal was advanced in the form of a reorganization plan for the department, submitted to Congress by the White House. Such a plan goes into effect automatically in 60 days unless either the House or the Senate vetoes it. It could go into effect earlier by affirmative action of both houses.

The plan would give the department three assistant secretaries instead of the present one, plus an administrative assistant secretary to aid Benson. The big department now has 54,000 full-time employees and the assistance of about 95,000 farmer committeemen who perform administrative tasks on a part-time basis.

Administration aides speculated that the two new assistantships would go to John H. Davis, at present, president of the department's Commodity Credit Corporation, and Romeo E. Short, director of the department's foreign agricultural service. They also predicted that the post of administrative assistant would go to Richard D. Aplin, presently assistant to the secretary. The present assistant secretary of agriculture is J. Earl Coke.

Eisenhower's message to Congress said Benson had advised him that the new assistant secretaries and the administrative assistant would imply replacement of existing positions and would "not result in any net increase in personnel."

He said the secretary also had told him that "both the number of officers and the employees in the office of the secretary and the aggregate of their salaries will be less than those existing prior to Jan. 1, 1953."

Draft May Ease Off After Call in June

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—Draft calls may taper off to 37,000 men a month or less after June, the Defense Department said today. The current monthly rate is 53,000.

A Pentagon spokesman explained that prospects of a reduced draft call were based on estimates that only 450,000 men will be required in the fiscal year starting July 1 to replace soldiers whose two years of service are ending.

World at A Glance

La Prensa Publisher Dies After Long Illness

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, March 25 (AP)—Ezequiel Pedro Paz, former publisher who was felled by a paralytic stroke Sept. 30, 1943, died today without knowing the Peron government had seized his famed independent newspaper La Prensa. He was 82.

Newspapers supporting President Juan D. Peron ignored Paz' death. He had been bed-ridden and in such a condition that intimates never told him of the loss of the newspaper he had committed to the direction of his nephew, Alberto Gainza Paz.

Four Dead Women Found

LONDON, March 25 (AP)—Scotland Yard detectives tonight pried open, scraped and examined every inch of a grimy house of murder that has yielded the bodies of four scantily clothed women.

Three of the victims were young. All were poor and work-worn when the killer struck.

Post-mortem examinations disclosed that three, found walled up in a pantry yesterday, were strangled, presumably several months ago. Detectives today recovered the body of the fourth—a woman of undetermined age—from under the floorboards in the small front room.

UAW Reelects Reuther

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., March 25 (AP)—Walter P. Reuther, who first won the CIO United Auto Workers presidency as the upshot of a factional feud here in 1946, was re-elected unanimously today to his fifth straight term.

Mayer Arrives In Washington

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—Premier Rene Mayer of France and leading members of his government arrived in Washington today for a round of talks which are expected to produce a French request for increased military aid against the Communists in Indochina.

The French delegation, numbering more than 30, was met at the National Airport by Vice President Nixon, Secretary of State Dulles and other American dignitaries.

In an exchange of greetings, Nixon said the talks opening tomorrow will not only assist in solving mutual problems "but will serve the cause of peace throughout the world."

Mayer, replying, said the United States and France are fighting side by side in Asia to advance the cause of freedom. "We are confident we will, like you in Korea, reach victory in Indochina with the participation of the peoples of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia," the Premier stated.

Churchill Eulogizes Queen Mary on Air

LONDON, March 25 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill termed Queen Mary a figure of almost legendary distinction in a broadcast tribute tonight as the Royal Household prepared for her funeral Tuesday.

"Queen Mary was loved and revered far and wide, as perhaps nobody has been since Queen Victoria," Churchill said in an address to the British Commonwealth which was heard also in the United States.

"Men and women of all ages, in all the lands owing allegiance to the crown, have sorrowing hearts tonight."

The Queen, who died last night at 85, moved easily through the changing scenes from the Victorian to the atomic eras, he said, and she lived to see the British crown "far more broadly and securely based on the people's love

and the nation's will than in the sedate days of her youth."

"Queen Mary will long live mellow and gracious in all our memories and in the annals of these tumultuous times," Churchill said. "We pray that she may now rest in peace."

A private funeral will be held for her Tuesday in St. George's Chapel of Windsor Castle, for centuries the final resting place of British kings and queens.

The regal old Matriarch, who died last night just two months short of her 86th birthday, will be buried in the chapel beside the body of her husband, King George V, who died in 1936. Their son, King George VI, is among others who lie beneath the ancient stone floor.

Queen Elizabeth decreed only a month's court mourning.

Bohlen Appointment Vote Is Postponed

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—The Senate today postponed a vote on President Eisenhower's nomination of Charles E. (Chip) Bohlen as ambassador to Moscow amid signs of stiffening opposition by small Republican-dominated group.

Senate Republican Leader Taft of Ohio made the decision to delay the showdown until Friday when it became clear the debate would keep the Senate far later than its usual quitting time.

Leading off the administration's drive for confirmation, Taft told the Senate that Bohlen is "a completely good security risk" and that even Bohlen's bitterest critics had never accused him of Communist leanings.

As the hard core of the opposition, Senators Bridges (R.-N.H.) and McCarthy (R.-Wis.) hotly denounced Bohlen as a supporter of the old Truman-Acheson regime, while Sen. Lehman (D.-N.Y.) expressed his "indignation" at the attacks on Bohlen.

Lehman, in a speech closing debate for the day, deplored what he described as tactics which "fill men with fear and make them afraid of self-appointed, self-designated defenders of the security of the United States."

The New Yorker said Bohlen had bene "pilloried on mere rumor," and he told the Senate:

"There has never been a blemish on his record. He has served his country with great ability and unswerving devotion."

Then, turning on McCarthy, Lehman accused the Wisconsin senator of making "indefensible charges against a great American, Averell Harriman."

"It is an outrage," Lehman said. "He (McCarthy) virtually accused him (Harriman) of being sympathetic to the Communist cause."

Lehman's outburst apparently stemmed from McCarthy's assertion that Harriman, former am-

Family of Ten, Crash Victims, Buried Today

WASHINGTON, N.J., March 25 (AP)—Five small white caskets and five bronze coffins bearing the broken bodies of the Matlock family—victims of the nation's worst single-car traffic accident—were lowered into the grave today.

Seven hearses slowly wound their way from a funeral home in this rural community to two Warren County cemeteries.

Matlock, his wife, Alma; two sons, three daughters, two sisters and his mother—all riding in his new automobile—lost their lives in the collision of the car and a giant trailer truck on Route 69, not far from this hamlet.

More than 2000 persons visited the Devoe Funeral Home to mourn the family over the weekend and early this week.

The driver of the truck that collided with the Matlock car, John Scarantino, 21, of Scranton, had been passing a truck on a curving downgrade when his trailer-truck smashed head-on into the Matlock car last Friday night.

ambassador to Moscow, started Bohlen "along the road to fame and Yalta."

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