

Ike May Aid GOP in 1954

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (AP)—President Eisenhower indicated today he may take a hand after all in the next year's political campaign.

Of course, the President told his news conference, he is interested in the Republican organization and in keeping Congress under GOP control.

A week ago, Eisenhower said he wasn't going to use the presidency as a campaign instrument in partisan elections and would stay out of strictly local political scraps. Today he gave the impression he might take the stump in 1954 for a GOP program in Congress, if not for individual party candidates.

Covering a wide range of topics, Eisenhower said he has no plans for cutting U.S. combat strength, a special session of Congress to tussle with the general farm program, or a meeting with Prime Minister Churchill of Britain.

Nor has he changed his mind, Eisenhower made it clear, about sitting in on a big-power conference with Russia until there are indications of Soviet good faith and honesty of purpose.

On the positive side, there were: 1. An expression of delight that Israel has agreed to halt work on a Jordan river power dam, which has stirred up Arab neighbors, while the United Nations considers the project. As a result, Eisenhower said, the United States has decided to renew economic aid for Israel.

2. A new policy order to the U.S. Information Agency to put before other peoples, without propaganda or antagonism, evidence that U.S. aims and policies will advance their own hopes for freedom, progress and peace. The U.S.I.A. said a presidential statement, also must "unmask and counterattack hostile attempts to distort or to frustrate the objectives and policies of the United States."

3. A word of personal and official pleasure at the visit of the King and Queen of Greece as dinner and overnight guests at the White House tonight.

Convention Plan Vetoed By Grange

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Oct. 28 (AP)—The 81st annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Grange voted formal opposition today to holding of a constitutional convention to write a new basic law for the state.

"The holding of a constitutional convention can accomplish nothing that cannot be accomplished by the present method of amendment if any changes are desired by the people," said a resolution adopted unanimously by the convention.

Meanwhile, Beatty H. Dimit, state Grange master, said the organization will campaign against constitution revision should the convention question be approved by voters at next Tuesday's election.

In other actions, delegates to the three-day meeting approved a resolution calling for support of the farm program of Secretary of Agriculture Benson.

"We wholeheartedly endorse and support Secretary Benson," the resolution said. "We commend him for his courageous, untiring efforts to stimulate the formation of a sound agricultural policy and program; and we especially endorse his plan and proposal for education and for research."

Benson has formulated a plan under which 20 present bureaus of his department would be consolidated into four bureaus. Responsibility for many federal programs would be shifted to state agricultural departments.

Convict Tells Escape Plans

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 28 (AP)—Donald Smith, 19, serving a life term for murder, testified today that he had planned a mass break-out last Christmas but the plot failed to materialize.

Smith, convicted of the hold-up slaying of a Brookville farmer in April, 1951, gave the testimony at the trial of six of 38 convicts charged with inciting to riot at the prison last Jan. 18-19. He is a state's witness.

Smith said the uprising was intended to cover up a mass escape attempt. He blamed conditions at the prison for the plot.

Said Smith: "We didn't like the food, the parole system, and a lot of other things down there. We planned a wholesale prison break. The riot was just to cover up so we could get away."

Smith said inmates talked about the break two weeks before Christmas. He said they were to start the riot while a Christmas show was in progress.

Living Cost Sets Record High In United States

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (AP)—The average American paid more for his basic living needs last month than ever before in history.

That's what the consumer price index for September showed when it was released today by the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Percentage Higher
The index—a composite of average retail prices paid for basic goods and services in 46 cities—crept to 115.2 per cent of the 1947-1949 average.

This was two-tenths of one per cent above the previous record level in mid-August. It was the seventh straight month in which the cost of living has inched upward.

The index now stands one per cent higher than it did a year ago and 13.2 per cent above the pre-Korean War level of June, 1950.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that food prices, which make up about one third of the index, dropped a fraction between August and September.

Drop Predicted
However, this was more than offset by increases in the cost of clothing, housing, medical attention, beauty shop services and other personal care, recreation and transportation.

The bureau reported a continued drop in prices of fruits and vegetables and a moderate decline in meat, poultry, and fish prices.

At the same time egg prices rose seasonally in most cities and other increases were scored by coffee, fresh milk, bread, lard and restaurant meals.

Food prices last month were 1.4 per cent below September, 1952.

Rents last month were 6.5 per cent higher than a year ago and 15.9 per cent above June, 1950. This, the bureau said, reflected "continuing effects of rent decontrol."

Dean Hopes to End Korean Deadlock

PANMUNJOM, Thursday, Oct. 29 (AP)—U.S. Envoy Arthur Dean today hands over to the Communists a "formula" he hopes will crack a three-day deadlock in his mission to set up a Korean peace conference.

Dean has been insisting that the Communist Chinese and North Korean delegates begin talking about a time and place for the conference. The original opening date under the armistice was yesterday.

Communist Demands
Dean gave no details. A reliable source said however, the "formula" probably would be a proposition that the delegates change the subject to the time and place for the conference.

The argument would be that the delegates have devoted most of the first three days to Communist demands that Asian neutrals take part in the peace conference and it is time to change the subject.

The Communists are unlikely to agree to this. They have insisted the first order of business should be their proposal that Russia, India, Pakistan, Indonesia and Burma be allowed to join the belligerents at the conference table.

Outburst Expected
Dean is not authorized to change the United Nations stand, which voted down this proposal when it was advanced by Russia.

The Communists were expected to burst out again over Dean's statement Wednesday that Russia had openly sided in the Korean War by furnishing arms to the Red Chinese and North Koreans.

The Communists bristled Wednesday when Dean said their claim that Russia took no part in the Korean War was "really very funny."

The Chinese delegate at once leaped to a defense of Russia, which dragged out the meeting 40 minutes past the two-hour limit originally agreed upon.

U.S. Sends Aid to Israel

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (AP)—The United States today ended a 34-day ban on American aid to Israel and allocated 26 million dollars to the new republic in the troubled Middle East.

President Eisenhower disclosed the move at his news conference, saying he was "delighted" to learn Israel had decided to abide by a ruling of a special United Nations Commission in Israel's dispute with Syria.

Later, Secretary of State Dulles announced the formal lifting of the ban he imposed on Sept. 25 after Israel refused to halt work on a Jordan River hydroelectric project, as requested by the UN Commission. Syria complained that the project diverted water along the Israeli-Syrian frontier.

In Palestine, an Israeli government spokesman said work on the controversial project would suspend at midnight.

The spokesman said the suspension is temporary and without prejudice to Israel's rights or claims.

600 See Movies Of TCU Game

About 600 persons watched the movie of the Penn State-Texas Christian University football game Tuesday night in Schwab Auditorium.

The movie was sponsored by Androcles, junior men's hat society, and the School of Physical Education and Athletics.

Frank Patrick, backfield coach, narrated the game. Donald Saffert, fifth semester commerce major, showed the film.

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Agricultural Honorary Initiates Sixteen Men

Alpha Tau Alpha, agriculture education honorary, recently initiated 16 members. They are Samuel Wasson, Jack Erway, John Harris, Ronald Hershberger, Robert Huston, Rollin Swank, Norbert Szarleta, Richard Weaver, Howard Hartshorn, Bruce Bass, Dan Chavez, Evander Cherry, Willis Long, Perfecto Abuan, Ruso Decaney and Felix Ramigo.

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