

Ike Pledges Cuts In Future Spending

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower pledged "further reduction" in government spending as he and Republican legislative leaders wound up tonight their first round of conferences on the GOP program for the new Congressional opening next month. The chief executive said, too, that "leaders of the Republican party will

continue to present a successful, sound and productive program that will serve the welfare of 160 million Americans."

Eisenhower put in a ten-hour day with members of his Cabinet, other key administration officials and Republican leaders of Congress. He gave them an advance look at the program he intends to

present to Congress in January, with the emphasis today on the federal budget, the defense program, foreign operations, absentee voting for overseas servicemen, housing, labor law amendments and extended coverage for the unemployment insurance program.

While he said nothing about prospects of budget balancing, the President said of the government's finances: "The fiscal outlook was for a continuation of the substantial progress this administration has already made in its revision of the budget for fiscal 1954 that was prepared by the previous administration. In fiscal 1955, beginning next July 1, we will continue this progress by further reduction of new spending authority."

Attending from Congress were Republican big guns of Senate and House and chairmen of committees concerned with specific legislative items.

Eisenhower had asked this morning that all the conferees keep the discussions confidential. Therefore most congressional leaders left to the President any disclosure of information.

However, differences of opinion turned up among some of the legislators on the prime problem of economy.

The man who fires the starting gun to start all the money bills through Congress, Chairman John Taber (R-NY) of the House appropriations committee, spoke up for cuts all "down the line." The chairman of the House armed services committee, Rep. Dewey Short (R-Mo.), said there can be some saving but not too much.

On the way out of the White House, Taber told reporters "it looks suspiciously like" the budget may be balanced for the fiscal year beginning next July 1. This contrasted with the view of Eisenhower, who has said he doesn't believe government income and spending can be balanced in the next fiscal year.

Son Admits Poisoning Of Parents

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—A slender, wastrel son was quoted tonight as admitting he murdered his parents in a deft toast of death with poisoned champagne cocktails.

For four months the deaths were considered suicides.

Bronx District Atty. George B. Deluca said 20-year-old Harlow Fraden cooked up the amazing death plot because, for years, his mother had accused him of sex perversion.

However, a companion in the plot said the motive was money—a sizeable inheritance coming to Fraden.

Young Fraden reportedly served a deadly potion of champagne and cyanide to his parents Aug. 19 in celebration of what was supposed to be his turning over a new leaf. He told his parents he finally was going to work—although he apparently had no intention of doing so.

Deluca said Fraden's mother had chided him as abnormal "as long as he could recall, and before he knew anything about sex."

"This he strongly resented," the district attorney said in a statement. "Fraden further stated he did not kill his parents for personal gain because his parents gave him all the money he wanted."

After the slaying, Fraden wept convincingly at the bier of his mother and father. Then he collected the estimated \$150,000 inheritance as their only child and blew a third of it in a wild spending spree. He posed as a millionaire and wrote a lavish will disposing of far more money than he had.

FCC Approves Color TV Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The Federal Communications Commission today formally approved a color television system which can be received in black-and-white by existing TV sets.

The action made final the proposal announced by the commission earlier this year to adopt the color telecasting standards proposed by the national television system committee.

The NTSC color plan will become available for commercial use three days after publication of today's order in the Federal Register, the government's bulletin. This publication probably will be sometime next week.

Response Called Good In WDFM Ad Query

Response has been good to the letter sent out by Station WDFM to campus organizations informing them of the use of the station's facilities for advertising activities, John Price, assistant manager, said yesterday.

Letters sent to organizations expressed the desire of the station to give free air time for the promotion of student activities.

Library Drops Obscene Books

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 16 (AP)—After protests that some books were salacious and obscene, the Illinois state library today disclosed that about 500 titles have been withdrawn in a move now disputed by the state official who issued the original order.

A statement from the office of Secretary of State Charles F. Carpenter, who is state librarian by virtue of his office, said the extent of the withdrawal of books was "overzealous" and tends to make his intention "appear ridiculous."

The list included works of Sinclair Lewis, John Dos Passos, Erskine Caldwell and Mickey Spillane.

Quarterdeck Officers

The Quarterdeck Society recently elected Robert Piper, commander; George Fitting, vice commander; Vince Skrinak, ship secretary; and Richard Niedbala, corresponding secretary.

McCarthy Assistant Bares Act Violation

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—A Senate investigations subcommittee aide said today that evidence of a witness' membership in the Communist party would be presented to the Justice Department as a suggested basis for prosecution.

The aide, Roy M. Cohn, subcommittee chief counsel, said membership in the party with a knowledge of its objectives, and recruiting members, for the party are "clearly" a violation of the Smith Act.

Allegations along these lines were made today against Harry Hyman of New York, himself a witness at today's hearing of the subcommittee, headed by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

Hyman formerly worked for Federal Telecommunications Laboratories, Nutley, N.J., which does secret work for the government.

Four other witnesses testified they heard Hyman say he was a member of the Communist party. Two of them said he tried to get them to join it.

Hyman himself swore he never committed a crime.

Cohn was referring to this when he said membership in the party and helping to organize for it violated the Smith Act.

Railroad Wage Dispute Settled

CHICAGO, Dec. 17 (AP)—Settlement of a wage dispute between the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the nation's railroads was announced tonight in a joint union-management statement.

Reached after seven days of negotiations, the agreement adds 5 cents an hour to present wage rates and ends the cost of living escalator clause provision which has been in effect since April 1, 1951.

Naegelen Is Ahead In French Election

VERSAILLES, France, Dec. 17 (AP)—Marcel Naegelen, 61-year-old Socialist ex-governor of Algeria and foe of the U.S.-backed European army plan, led on the first two ballots today in the French Parliament's voting to name a new president of France.

The 932 senators and deputies, sitting jointly in the old Versailles Palace, then put off further balloting until tomorrow.

KILLERS EXECUTED
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 17 (AP)—Carl Austin Hall and Mrs. Bonnie Brown Heady go to the gas chamber tonight "absolutely reconciled" to their execution for the kidnap-killing of Bobby Greenlease.

The vote of a majority of the 932 members is necessary to choose the nation's chief of state for a seven-year term. The office is largely ceremonial with little real power.

On the first ballot the voting was scattered indecisively among 14 men. On the second, with the field whittled down to four men, Premier Joseph Laniel, wealthy industrialist, ran second; Yvon Delbos, a pre-war Foreign minister of the Radical Socialist moderate party, ran third; and Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, of the Catholic Popular Republican party, fourth.

These were the only four candidates on the second ballot, but the parliamentarians nevertheless gave a few scattered votes to others, including two to the present Socialist President, Vincent Auriol, and six to Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

The Communists threw their votes to Naegelen on the second ballot because, they said, "he has stated his opposition to the European army."

President Vincent Auriol, 69, could have the job again simply by nodding his head, but insists he wants to step out at the end of his term Jan. 16.

As a name was called, the member was given a small brass ball and this, together with his ballot, later was handed to the parliamentary staffer guarding two great green urns. Into one went the brass token, into another the ballot. The number of balls must match the number of ballots.

On the first ballot, 928 valid votes were cast. The majority needed for election was 465.

Farm Bureau Votes to Drop Price Supports

CHICAGO, Dec. 17 (AP)—The American Farm Bureau Federation went on record today for elimination of present mandatory high level farm price supports at the end of 1954 and for use of flexible price floors thereafter.

It also unanimously re-elected Allan B. Kline, Iowa farmer, as president for his fourth two-year term. Kline has been a critic of high supports.

The farm organization's 35th annual convention rejected by voice vote a proposal by Tennessee delegate Harry Lane of Lewisburg, that the federation ask Congress to extend the high supports through 1956.

In convention resolutions the farm organization said that farmers should seek, with government aid, to get favorable returns by rebuilding shrinking foreign markets and by developing new ones at home to absorb surplus production which is now bearing down on prices.

Three Testify in Court No Dam Night Lights

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 17 (AP)—Three persons testified in U.S. District Court today there were no lights on an Allegheny River dam the night an outboard motorboat struck the dam, hurling the boat's two occupants to their deaths.

Army Announces Missile Installation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The Army announced tonight the first Nike anti-aircraft guided missile battery is being installed at Ft. Meade, Md.—obviously to provide protection for the nation's capital, Baltimore and industrial-military targets in the surrounding area.

It said the Nike system, to be extended to other vital areas of the east and west coasts and the northern half of the nation, "will provide defended areas with a far greater degree of anti-aircraft protection than was ever before possible with the more limited ranges and altitudes of conventional anti-aircraft guns."

UN Seeks Talks With POW's

PANMUNJOM, Friday, Dec. 18 (AP)—United Nations officers studied ways today of getting in touch with four Americans and two South Koreans reported wanting to quit communism but fearful of knife-wielding pro-Reds in the neutral zone compound. The report came from a South Korean who has just quit the compound.

The Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission scheduled a meeting today to deal with the stalled explanations to such prisoners.

Something must happen quickly if any of the 22 Americans, one Briton and 77 South Koreans still awaiting explanations are to be interviewed. The deadline for explanations is only five days away.

A South Korean, Kim Mun Du, who said he slipped out of the compound while his companions were asleep, told a press conference yesterday he believed that only fear of being stabbed to death held back four Americans and 20 South Koreans from returning home.

A Peiping Red radio broadcast insisted, however, that Kim "just walked quietly through the gate"

to freedom and that any other prisoner is free to do likewise.

Kim said he crawled through barbed wire in order to escape a camp where leaders brandished crudely made knives to keep all men in line.

United Nations officers viewed Kim's account with some degree of skepticism, saying if Kim could get out so could others.

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