

Ike Opposes JFK Plan For Medical Assistance

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower underscored yesterday his opposition to President Kennedy's medical help plan. And he disputed hotly his successor's gibe that Republicans don't stand for anything constructive.

At a news conference on the steps of his retirement office, Eisenhower called on Republicans to wage a hard-hitting campaign in an effort to regain control of the House of Representatives and to elect additional governors.

THE FORMER president, tanned after a winter of golf in Palm Springs, Calif., was in good humor at a conference which attracted a gallery of about 100 coeds from Gettysburg College.

But the former president scowled when a reporter asked him about Kennedy's statement at a Democratic rally in New York Saturday night that the Republicans don't stand for anything constructive.

"Accusations are easy to make," he snapped. "But all you have to do is look at the record of the eight years I was in the White House. We got a lot of constructive work done."

Eisenhower was asked how he stands on Kennedy's proposal to



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finance health care for the elderly through Social Security taxes.

KENNEDY campaigned Sunday in New York City for his plan with television carrying his message to senior citizens' rallies in other sections of the country.

"I think the proper approach to this problem is the voluntary and not the compulsory approach

under the Social Security system," Eisenhower replied.

Eisenhower said that as president he made recommendations which led to the enactment of the Kerr-Mills bill. Under that measure the federal government matches state funds to provide health care for needy elderly persons.

The former president said he was disappointed the legislation did not carry provisions for federal assistance in cases of catastrophic illnesses.

IF THAT WERE added, he said he thinks the present law would meet the needs of older persons.

On May 4, 1960, Eisenhower proposed a plan designed to make protection against illness available to low-income persons over 65 who chose to enroll. Those taking part would have paid \$24 a year.

Like a medical insurance policy, the plan was designed to protect against expenses of long illnesses, but the participant, unless he was on public welfare, would have had to pay the first \$250 of annual expenses—\$400 for a couple—and 20 per cent of expenses thereafter.

Nationalists Will Accept Red Chinese Fugitives

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — Nationalist China offered yesterday to help solve the refugee problem threatening to overwhelm Hong Kong, saying it is ready to accept all fugitives from Red China who wish to come to Formosa.

This will furnish no quick solution, however. Resettlement will be a slow and costly process and many of the Chinese in Hong Kong do not want to come to Formosa. Officials in Hong Kong declined comment on the Nationalist proposal until more details are available.

FLEEING FROM hunger in south China, the Chinese have overflowed the facilities of Hong Kong. Since May 1, British police and soldiers have sent possibly 32,000 back behind the Bamboo Curtain.

Criticism has fallen on Nationalist China because it has taken only about 15,000 of the more than 1.5 million Chinese who have fled to Hong Kong since the Communists seized China in 1949.

The situation in Hong Kong is critical, as the human tide continues to wash up against the

British colony. Angry Chinese villagers clashed today with police conveying refugees back to the border. Two children were injured and a policeman beaten.

IN PEIPING, the British appealed to Red Chinese officials to check the exodus and got a rather non-committal reply. The Communists have been suspected of encouraging the departure of the hungry because Red China is short of food.

A statement issued after a Cabinet meeting here said the Nationalist government is willing to cooperate with all governments and relief agencies in tackling the Hong Kong problem. The Nationalists also expect to urge other governments to find homes for the fugitive Chinese.

After the Cabinet meeting, Interior Minister Lien Chen-tung met with officials of the Free China Relief Association, which has been helping some of the Hong Kong Chinese to resettle in Formosa. The meeting decided to speed up plans for bringing Chinese to Formosa, but the program is expected to be slow, and costly.

Morgan Defense Testimony Opens Gov. Fine Tax Trial Resumption

LEWISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Donald P. Morgan denied under oath yesterday that there was any attempt to evade income taxes of former Gov. John S. Fine.

Morgan, brother of Fine's deceased first wife, was the first witness for the defense at the resumption of their trial in U.S. District Court.

Fine, 69, and Morgan, 50, are charged with evading \$38,446 of Fine's income taxes for 1955, 1956 and 1957.

MORGAN TESTIFIED that the late Lawrence Biscontini, spent thousands of dollars for recreational facilities at Fine's Luzerne County farm at Loyalville to entertain business friends.

In opening remarks to the jury, defense attorney Arthur A. Maguire said Fine reluctantly permitted Biscontini to make the improvements, which included a picnic grove and a six-acre fishing pond.

Fine held a one-third interest in

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate investigators began interviewing witnesses in secret yesterday as they laid the groundwork for a series of public hearings into charges that Billie Sol Estes received favors from government officials.

N. Battle Hales, an Agriculture Department employee, was the first one called in by Sen. John L. McClellan, D-Ark., chairman of the Senate subcommittee.

HALES, WHO SAYS he was transferred to another job because of the Estes case, has said he could prove before a congressional committee that the Texas farm financier received favored treatment in the Agriculture Department.

Before he was transferred, Hales helped review investigative reports of irregularities in the federal cotton program, under which Estes conducted part of his free-wheeling financial operations. Hales contends his superiors were remiss in not referring Estes' activities to the Justice Department last winter for criminal prosecution.

The Agriculture Department denied Hales' allegations.

McCLELLAN declared to identify other witnesses the subcommittee plans to interview before

deciding whether to question them under oath.

Although the subcommittee is not expected to start public hearings until some time next month, McClellan said, "There may be one or two whose stories we want to get nailed down with sworn testimony."

Walter Berger, a director of the Commercial Solvents Corp., which has figured in the Estes case, visited McClellan's office briefly and then returned later with a lawyer. The attorney identified himself as Smith W. Brookhart of Washington and said he is a friend of Berger.

BERGER, A FORMER Eisenhower administration official in the agriculture Department, declined to discuss the case with reporters. He was administrator of the commodity stabilization service and executive vice president of the Commodity Credit Corp. until 1961, when he stepped out with the change of administrations.

He has been named in Texas investigations as active in handling the solvents firm's fertilizer accounts with Estes.

Present with McClellan during the Hales interview were Sens. Edmond S. Muskie, D-Maine, Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., Sam J. Ervin Jr., D-N.C. and Karle Mundt, R-S.D. the subcommittee's senior GOP members.

The House intergovernmental relations subcommittee probably will start a limited series of open hearings Wednesday into some aspects of the tangled case.

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Biscontini's coal mining firm and was its general counsel.

TWO REAL ESTATE experts, Tom Hart and E. C. Wideman Jr., both of the Wilkes-Barre area, testified that, except for the fish pond, the improvements did not enhance the value of the 80-acre farm.

After court adjourned, Maguire said that Fine will testify in his own defense, probably some time Tuesday.

At the start of the session, Judge Frederick V. Follmer rejected a defense motion to strike out testimony pertaining to \$30,000 in salaries paid by Newport to Morgan during the three-year period.

JFK Makes Appeal

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy appealed personally yesterday to industry and labor leaders to drop party labels and pitch in to help the government solve crucial economic problems.

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