

Scranton Gets Education Aids Plan Nationalization Tiff Halts Aid To Ceylon

HARRISBURG, (P)—Governor Scranton yesterday accepted without commitment a recommendation of the three major education organizations for a multi-million dollar program of increased aid to public schools, expansion of higher education and higher teacher salaries.

In submitting their recommendations to the governor, the three groups also expressed their willingness to develop and to support a tax program to pay for their proposals.

THEY SUGGESTED the sales tax be broadened as the best way to raise the money, but also advised the governor they were willing to work for any acceptable alternative.

In the case of aid to public schools, the organizations recommended an immediate boost in line with current average costs of instruction, an item that would cost anywhere from \$90 million to more than \$200 million.

FOR TEACHERS, they proposed an average \$300 a year increase for all teachers, plus a boost in starting salaries — now \$3,600 a year—to \$4,500 to \$6,200, depending upon the amount of post-graduate education the teacher has had. The highest starting salary would be for teachers with a doctorate.

They advocated either community colleges or area technical schools for post high school work and scholarship or loan aid to help able Pennsylvania high school graduates to continue their education.

Legislation to implement the

General Assembly on Monday, the day before Scranton outlines his own education plans for the legislature.

Most of the discussion, however, turned on Scranton's program for compulsory school reorganization, now in the works.

The group's own recommendation hedged on this aspect of education, merely endorsing the program is to be introduced in the

principle of reorganization without expressing an opinion whether it should be compulsory or voluntary.

Two of the groups — The Pennsylvania Congress of Parents and Teachers and The Pennsylvania State Education Association — do favor a compulsory program.

The third, The Pennsylvania State School Boards Association, is vehemently opposed to it.

WASHINGTON (P)—The United States told Ceylon yesterday that a \$3.8-million aid program is being halted until Ceylon appropriately compensates two American oil companies for properties nationalized last June.

The Agency for International Development said that its mission would be returned to the United States within 30 days. Two or three caretakers will be left to wind up the program.

It was the first such action ordered by AID Administrator David Bell under an amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act which went into effect on Feb. 1.

In a note to the Ceylon government, Ambassador Frances E. Willis drew attention to the wording of the new law which says U.S. assistance shall remain suspended until appropriate steps are taken to compensate American companies for private property

which has been nationalized. This left an implication that when a settlement is reached on the claims of Esso Standard Eastern Inc. and Caltex Ceylon Ltd. for \$3.4 million, the U.S. assistance program will be resumed. Ceylon nationalized 83 gas stations belonging to the firms.

Since July 1, 1955, the United States has extended \$79.6 million to Ceylon in grants, loans, surplus foods and technical assistance.

THE EFFECT of the suspension now will be to halt some \$800,000 in technical assistance projects and a \$3-million development loan to help expand and modernize the Kutanayake Airport.

However, the United States is ready to continue a food for peace program to Ceylon, the agency said.

The U.S. move was made with apparent reluctance. Last Friday Secretary of State Dean Rusk said no action would be taken on the Feb. 1 deadline pending the outcome of a further negotiating session between oil company representatives and the Ceylon government.

Tests Resumed on Eve of Talks

WASHINGTON (P)—The United States resumed underground nuclear weapons testing yesterday while the nation's top disarmament negotiator looked toward Geneva in a mildly optimistic mood over chances for progress at renewed talks.

WILLIAM C. FOSTER, chief of the U.S. Disarmament Agency, is to leave early today for the resumption of the 17-nation disarmament talks at Geneva Tuesday. U.S. officials said his emphasis will be on first-step "confidence-building" agreements looking to a test-ban treaty and he is at least cautiously hopeful of some progress.

The Atomic Energy Commission announced resumption of the underground testing in Nevada with shots in the intermediate range or less—meaning the equivalent of something between 20,000 and a million tons of TNT. The AEC would not say how many blasts

were touched off but confirmed there were more than one.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY on Jan. 26 suspended the Nevada testing in an obvious effort to spur the test-ban talks then going on among the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain.

But the Soviet Union on Jan. 31 broke off the New York talks with a request that they be renewed at Geneva this month. The next day, Secretary of State Dean Rusk announced Kennedy was ordering resumption of the Nevada tests.

State Department sources indicated Foster and his colleagues will concentrate at Geneva on modest aims looking to a test-ban agreement because it is felt there is virtually no chance for any major progress toward general disarmament.

Mississippi Overruled in Claim Of Responsibility for Barnett

NEW ORLEANS, La. (P)—The State of Mississippi tried yesterday to shoulder blame for criminal contempt charges against Gov. Ross Barnett. Federal judges ruled the state couldn't do it.

Then, the hearing before eight of the nine judges of the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals bogged down in a welter of legal technicalities and arguments.

Neither Barnett nor Lt. Gov. Paul B. Johnson Jr., named together in the charges, appeared for the hearing.

THE CHARGES grew out of Barnett's and Johnson's effort to block the enrollment of James H. Meredith at the University of Mississippi last fall.

This same court held Barnett and Johnson in civil contempt but never has imposed any penalty. With the matter still pending, it ordered the Justice Department to institute the criminal contempt proceedings.

At the outset of the hearing, Garner W. Green, a Mississippi special assistant attorney general, stepped before the bench and pleaded to make the state a party in the case.

THE ACTIONS of Barnett and Johnson in the desegregation crisis "were the acts of the state," he said.

The state, he continued, "stands before this court as the one responsible for what was done."

Government attorneys argued that only Barnett and Johnson were involved, not the State of Mississippi. "They and they alone are asked to answer," the government contended.


The judges recessed briefly to consider the matter, then turned down the Mississippi request.

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