

PUBLIC WORKS L.T. - Delco. Fri. Mar 7, 14-'58

President Eisenhower, today, asked Congress for an extra - one hundred and seventy-one million dollars, for public works projects. In the business of ^{to} creating jobs and ^{help} shortening the recession.

In Congress, Republican members of the House Banking Committee make a demand # for action on a bill sponsored by the Democrats. A measure - to put up one-billion, ~~eight-hundred~~ and ~~fifty-million~~ for housing projects. ^P When the GOP shouts - Hurrah for something proposed by the Democrats, it may sound odd. So the Democrats are accusing the Republicans of trying to steal credit for the measure. Steal - the Democratic thunder.

RECESSION

The AFL-CIO told President Eisenhower, today - that employment for March will be ^{about what} at least as high as it was in February. When the figure for the jobless - went over five million. But holding even will amount, actually - to a loss. Because March, normally, shows - a decrease of unemployment. Which, presumably, was what President Eisenhower counted on - when he told a news conference, last month, he expected the unemployment figure to decline in March.

The AFL-CIO gave the President other estimates - indicating that the bottom of the recession has not been reached. The big labor organization arguing - for a tax cut, right away. Reduce taxes - to check the slump.

SOIL BANK

Three hundred and fifty-four Maine farmers - will take their farms out of production, for five to ten years. Getting paid - for growing no crops at all on their fields. So announced by ~~the~~ Secretary of Agriculture Benson, today. Who said - it's an experiment, under the soil bank program. The ^{thus} plan tested for its value in checking ~~the~~ agricultural over-production.

The ^{at} Maine farmers, with more than twenty thousand acres of crop land, will receive - eleven dollars and fifty cents per acre, per year. The fields - to be put in trees, grass, and other projects for soil conservation.

TRUMAN

Former President Harry Truman wrote a letter, today - to Hiroshima. Giving them some facts - about his decision to drop the first atomic bomb. Which blasted Hiroshima - in Nineteen Forty-Five.

The Truman letter - a reply to a resolution adopted by the City Council of Hiroshima, last month. ~~Protesting~~ - a remark made by H.S.T. on a television program. ~~When he said he~~ felt "no compunction" after authorizing the atom bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The people of Hiroshima - not liking that expression, "no compunction."

In reply, H.S.T. writes: "I think the sacrifice of Hiroshima and Nagasaki was urgent and necessary - for the prospective welfare of both Japan and the Allies."

He says, his military advisers estimated - it would take at least one million, five hundred thousand soldiers to invade Japan and end the war. ~~Telling him~~ ^{And -} that at least ^{he} two-hundred-and-fifty thousand of our troops would ~~have been~~ ^{at least} killed. The same number - of Japanese. Twice that many,

on both sides - maimed for life.

Harry Truman reminds the Hiroshima City Council
that, after all, the situation was brought about by the
Japanese, themselves. In two words - Pearl Harbor.

KHRUSHCHEV

In Moscow - Khrushchev running for election. Will he win the battle of ballots? You figure that out for yourselves.

A big political rally - in the Moscow Sports Palace. With scenes - reminiscent of an American national convention. Khrushchev - making a campaign speech, and bringing down the house.

He is, of course, the head of the Russian Communist Party. But, also - a member of the Supreme Soviet, ~~the~~ the nearest thing the Russians have to a parliament. So he's campaigning to be reelected - as a member.

What are his chances? Well, there are, in all, one-thousand, ~~three-hundred-and-sixty-four~~ members of the Supreme Soviet. That many candidates - and they are all running, unopposed. So they'll all be elected without argument - Khrushchev, included.

But, just the same, he made a rousing electioneering speech, today - as if it were a neck-and-neck race.

SWEDEN

The Swedish Communist Party has expelled - one of its top leaders. For a reason - you'd never expect. He joined the Rotary Club. A Communist Rotarian? - a paradox, indeed!

The ousted Red boss, who ran Communist affairs in Lapland - is a building contractor. Which, in itself, has an odd sound - a capitalist. But that was okay - until he joined the local Rotary Club.

INDONESIA

The Indonesian rebels claim a military success - over paratroopers of the Jakarta government, who seized the Sumatran oil town of **Bakanbaru**, on Wednesday. The revolutionary commander, Lieutenant Colonel Achmed Hussein, broadcast/a statement - that rebel soldiers counter-attacked at the oil center, today. Inflicting "heavy casualties" - and capturing a number of government paratroopers. (P) Meanwhile, there's no confirmation of the Jakarta statement - that government forces have made amphibious landings in central Sumatra. Driving - toward the key rebel city of Padang.)

IRAN

The Shah of Iran, today, dissolved his marriage with Queen Soraya. The divorce, under Moslem law - requiring nothing more than a statement from the husband. Which statement was made public - in Teheran.

ShahReza Pahlevi declares that the heads of his government and the elder statesmen of Iran insisted - that there must be an heir to the throne. The Shah's marriage with Queen Soraya - childless. So - he must take another wife.

Of course, as a Moslem, he could have - a second wife. But the Queen would not agree - preferring a divorce.

ShahReza Pahlevi - described as being glum and sad. Seven years ago, it was an ardent romance, when he married Soraya. A remarkably beautiful woman - half German. ^PRight now, she is in Germany - and he telephoned her there last night. Informing her, presumably - that the divorce decree would be made public today. When it was made public, the Shah issued a statement - praising Queen Soraya to the skies.

So what's the Queen's response? Today she issued a

statement, in her own handwriting, saying - she accepts the decision with regret. But accedes - in the interest of the King and people of Iran.

that - and the moment of suspense, would there be - number twenty-two, the banner raised again, it kept hanging only one hundred and one times. But, after twenty-two - the suspense was over - running through the principality of Monaco.

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American Princess Grace - having her second child. The Hollywood movie actress, called upon to announce the royal succession - doing the job easy. Making sure - the people of Monaco won't have to pay taxes. The gambling house at Monte Carlo - facing the hill now. But, if there were no heir to the throne, the principality would unite with France, bringing - the French tax collector.

MONACO

Today, the people of Monte Carlo - listened to the sound of ~~the~~ cannon. The boom of shots - ringing out over the gambling principality. They counted - up to twenty-one. And that - ~~was~~ ^{brought} the moment of suspense. Would there be - cannon shot number twenty-two? Yes, the cannon roared again. In fact, it kept banging away one hundred and one times. But, after twenty-two - the suspense was over. ~~the~~ ^{Jubilation} - running through the principality of Monaco.

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(That's the real point, although there's an historic angle. The continuance of the ancient House of Grimaldi, which has provided Monaco with a princely line ever since the Thirteenth Century.)

So Monaco tonight is hailing - His Royal Highness, Prince Albert Alexander Louis Pierre. Son - of the former Grace Kelly.

WEATHER

Freakish weather - in the east. A sort of combination of blizzard and thunderstorm. Heavy snow falling - while lightning flashed, with reverberations of thunder.

Sixteen inches of snow - at Tannersville, New York, in the Catskills. New York City - the suburbs - got six to ten inches. Temperatures mild, and that meant ankle-deep slush in the streets.

Traffic tied up - in some sections. In Albany, all airline flights had to be cancelled. Same in Boston where I was. So I came on into New York aboard a train that was packed - jammed - because of the way heavy snow piled on the wings of the planes.

The weather prediction - clear, tomorrow.

GIRL

At Toppenish, Washington, Mrs. Frances Callahan, today, stated: "Officer Stevens did the only thing he could do. The girl intended to shoot - and, with all the people so close around, anyone could have been hit."

Mrs. Callahan says she was within two feet of Sandra Lingscheit, and saw the girl - trying to pull the trigger of ~~her~~^a pistol. Pointed - at Policeman Richard Stevens. And then he fired - killing the girl.

Tragic end - in the case of two runaway high school girls. Police alerted - to be on the lookout for them. ~~Police~~ Policeman Stevens - spotting them as they got off ~~the~~ a bus. Sandra - drawing a pistol.

Her companion, Janice Teel, says: "The policeman did what he had to. It was all Sandra's fault."

AFE

Aboard a Navy cargo ship at Norfolk, Virginia, this morning - they recaptured a Barbary ape, which had led the sailors - on a merry chase. Skipping around - in the rigging of the vessel. The sailors - climbing the rigging, like jack-tars in the old days of windjammers.

A Barbary ape - from Gibraltar. ^{rocks} Which is infested - by the simians. Too many of them - so the Governor of Gibraltar had a number captured. Giving them - to zoos in various parts. Shipping one - to the zoo at Memphis, Tennessee.

Yesterday, however, the big ape got loose - as they were transferring him from one cage to another. And up he went - jumping into the rigging, and climbing. The way - only an ape can climb.

Sailors followed him - up the main mast. The animal - too agile. Scampering out - onto a cross-tree.

Even the skipper, Commander J.F. Miller, climbed up into the rigging - and actually got hold of the critter. But the ape - simply pulled loose, and got away.

Last night, they were afraid the simian from Gibraltar might suffer from the cold. So they hoisted an electric heater up in the rigging, where they fastened it. Which the ape appreciated - curling up beside the heater all night.

This morning, however, he met his Waterloo - he got hungry. So they laid a ^{trail} ~~line~~ of bananas on the deck. Down came Mr. Monk - and the next thing you know, he was in his cage.

Adventures of an ape - on a ship of the U.S. Navy.

CANADA

A waggish Canadian artist drew a picture - of a dog, sniffing at the open top of a whiskey bottle.

But in Canada this is no joke, right now. For the Canadian Royal Mounted Police are using a specially trained "booze hound." A dog - with a nose for liquor. Smelling the slightest whif - of whiskey, gin or beer.

A dispatch from Winnepeg telling of raids on the moonshiners of Manitoba. The Mounties - led by the sniffing "booze hound." A number of arrests have been made, and quantities of illicit liquor - seized.

But suppose the "booze hound" should pick up a trail - leading to the breath of one of the Mounties!

MARRIAGE

Now, ladies, do you agree with this? A statement by a British physician, Dr. Carlos Blacker. Writing - in that eminent British medical journal, the "Lancet". Discussing problems of marriage and the deficiencies of husbands, the Doctor says: "Meanness with money - will antagonize a wife even more than violence." Pound them with your fists, and they won't mind. But give them too few pounds, - shillings and pence, and they may leave you!

Wifie, in other words - Don - would rather have a brute - than a cheapskate. Ladies, how about it?