

Consolidation Of Agencies Urged

Hoover Commission Reports To Congress

Washington, Feb. 7 — (UP) — The Hoover commission recommended to congress today that 65 executive agencies be consolidated into one-third that number in order to relieve the president's "crushing burden" and start the government on the way to saving billions of dollars.

The recommendation was made in the first of 15 reports on ways to streamline the executive department to make it more efficient and economical. The commission did not say what departments, agencies or boards should be eliminated or merged but it did offer 27 specific recommendations for saving the president work, time and money.

"It is manifestly impossible for the president to give adequate supervision to so many agencies," the commission said. "By placing related functions cheek-by-jowl, the overlaps can be eliminated and, of even greater importance, coordinated policies can be developed."

The commission, headed by former president Herbert Hoover, was set up by congress in July 1947. It will climax an 18 months study of the "ponderous" executive set up with its 15 reports which must be in by March 13. Its first report today was entitled "general management of the executive branch."

As congress received the report, Dr. James Kerr Pollock, a member of the commission, warned in a speech at Detroit that "this may well be our last chance to establish efficiency, economic and responsible" federal government.

Unless the government is made more efficient now, he said, it's likely the federal government "will wallow" along uneconomically for a long time.

High commission recommendations were:

1. Creation of a staff secretary in the White House. He would keep the president informed of work in the various agencies.
2. Setting up of an office of personnel in the executive department whose director should also be chairman of the civil service commission.
3. Development of a much greater number of capable administrators in the public service.
4. More orderly grouping of the functions of government into major departments under the president. Establishment of a clear line of control from the president to such department heads.
5. Strengthening of the office of the budget "as the managerial arm of the president."
6. Replacement of the present council of economic advisers by an office of the economic adviser which should have a single head.
7. Providing the president with adequate funds so that he can use advisory commissions and employ consultants or personal advisers from time to time.
8. Congressional authority to department heads to organize their departments with control of administration.
9. The national security council and the national security resources board and their staffs should be made formally, as well as in practice, part of the president's office.
10. Giving the president and each department head strong staff services to make executive work more effective.

HEART CAMPAIGN

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munity, the very lives of our citizens of all ages, demand that we meet this threat through a positive program of research, education and community cardiac services.

Dr. Jack L. Eisaman, a member of the publicity committee of the Indiana heart foundation, will serve as general chairman of the heart campaign for Wells, Whiteley, Allen, Adams, LaGrange, Steuben, DeKalb and Noble counties.

Last Ditch Action In Railway Dispute

Negotiators Meet Fact-Finding Board

Chicago, Feb. 7 — (UP) — Negotiators representing the nation's railroads and more than 1,000,000 of their workers met with members of a presidential fact-finding board today in what a union source described as a "last ditch action" seeking to settle a wage-hour dispute.

Another board began examination of a dispute between engineers and railroads on the number of engineers required for multiple unit diesel engines.

The wage-hour question was being considered by negotiators for 16 non-operating railroad unions, and for the railroad managements, and by members of a presidential fact-finding board which already had returned a report on their dispute.

Members of the board, William M. Leiserson, George Cook, and David Cole, were recalled as individuals in an unprecedented step in railroad management relations. The negotiators failed to reach an agreement on the basis of the formal report returned by the three men as a fact-finding board. So they recalled them in an effort to clarify some points at issue.

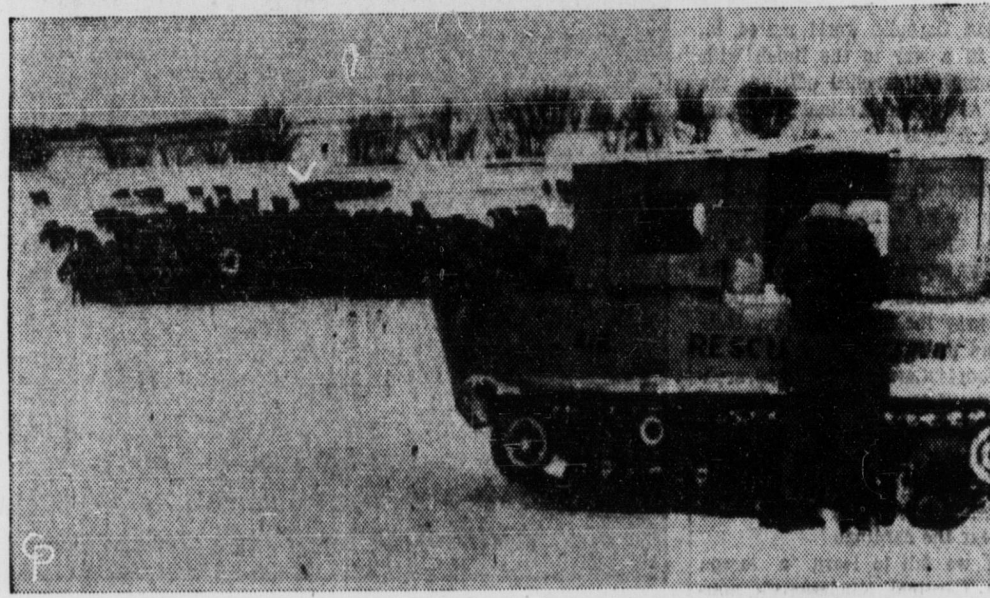
George Leighty, chairman of negotiators for the unions, called the meeting a "last ditch action." He reiterated that there was no strike in the picture at present, and said that "we don't want to do anything like naming a day."

Leighty and Daniel P. Loomis, spokesmen for the carriers, said it would be "several days" before any report could be expected. Chief stumbling block in negotiations to date has been when and how to put a 40-hour week into effect.

Pride does not like to owe, and self-love does not like to pay—Rochefoucauld.



PICKED BONES of blizzard-victim sheep lie almost at the barn door on this ranch 25 miles northwest of Chadron, Neb. Mountainous snowdrifts hide barn (upper left and right). (International Soundphoto)



A SNOW WEASEL of the 2151st Rescue unit, Lowry airbase, Denver, Col., delivers feed to sheep on the blizzard-beleaguered John Pilson ranch 30 miles from Chadron, Neb. (International Soundphoto)

Five Persons Killed As Train Hits Auto

Onawa, Ia., Feb. 7 — (UP) — Bad visibility at an unprotected railroad crossing was blamed by police today for the death of five persons killed when their auto was smashed by a speeding Northwest passenger train.

The dead were Clarence Dahl, about 25; his wife Kathleen, 23; two sons, Richard, 4, and Dennis, 2; and Phyllis Dahl, 18, sister of Clarence, all of Whiting, Ia.

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thought is being given to that point, however.

"I have come to the United States to find out what security there will be for Norway if we enter the North Atlantic pact," Lange said on his arrival yesterday. "I also wish to find out what obligations Norway will be committed to in this pact."

Other important developments expected this week:

1. Conferences at the state department with the Danish and Swedish ambassadors on whether they can expect arms from the United States if they stay outside the pact. The United States has indicated that they can't, but this may not be final.
2. New meetings between Acheson and key members of the senate foreign relations committee. The congressional group will receive the treaty sometime in March for preliminary action on ratification.
3. The first meeting between Acheson and envoys of the six other nations that have been drafting the treaty.

I have ever judged of the religion of others by their lives.—Jefferson.

China's Hunt For Peace Hits Snags

'War Criminals' Demands Defied

By United Press

The Chinese Nationalist government's search for peace was snagged today.

Premier Sun Fo defied a communist demand for the punishment of a long list of kuomintang "war criminals" headed by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

The Chinese political jockeying was scattered all across the country, from Peiping in the north to Canton far to the south. The only one clear impression emerged from the obscure and indefinite moves—that an agreement between the Nationalists and Communists which would bring peace to China at best lay well in the unpredictable future.

In Canton, where most of the government had moved from threatened Nanking, Sun called the first meeting there of the cabinet to hear up to date reports on peace talks. Li Tsung-Jen still was in the north, from where he sent the cabinet a fillin.

Just before the cabinet meeting, Sun called for unity under Li. He denied persistent rumors of a rift between himself and Li over the move of some parts of the government to Canton.

The Nationalists will war against the Communists until the demand for the punishment of the "war criminals" is withdrawn, Sun said. He hinted that the Nationalists might undertake to regain their equilibrium in the south and then try to duplicate the northern push under Chiang in 1926.

Nanking reported that Sun and the main members of the cabinet were scheduled to return there within a week and join in the peace moves.

Shanghai reported that an eight-man Nanking peace delegation had arrived in Peiping to talk with the Communists, but that the government's official delegation as well as a Shanghai delegation still were waiting for permission to enter Peiping.

BILL CALLS FOR

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the congressional budget deadline back from Feb. 15 to May 1.

Rents—Housing expediter Tighe E. Woods asked the house banking committee to approve a two-year extension of rent controls to March 31, 1951. He said there still is a "critical shortage" of rental housing and that it cannot be relieved in less than two years.

Filibuster—Democrats were presenting a solid front in their fight to kill a Republican move to force anti-filibuster proposals out of the rules committee immediately. Democratic leaders want southern support to put over the administration labor bill. So they're backing the Dixie opposition to the Republican anti-filibuster move.

K. P. Initiation At Willshire Tuesday

The rank of knight will be conferred on candidates of the Decatur, Delphos and Willshire lodges of the Knights of Pythias at 7:30 o'clock (CST) Tuesday night in Willshire, O. All members of the local lodge planning to attend are asked to be at the local K. of P. home at 7 o'clock.

Otis Burk Dies At Home Near Geneva

Otis Burk, 67, retired school teacher and former operator of a sale barn in Geneva, died at 6:20 p.m. Sunday at his home east of Geneva after an extended illness. Surviving are his wife, Myrtle; a daughter, Miss Bula Burk, at home; two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Stuber of near Geneva and Mrs. Nola Manor of Geneva, and a brother, James of Portland.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the home and at 2 o'clock at the Geneva United Brethren church. Burial will be in the Riverside cemetery. The body will be removed from the Hardy & Hardy funeral home to the residence this evening.

CATHOLICS JOIN

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ation at the Foundry Methodist church. "This trial is a... sickening sham. (It) is only the first of a series of onslaughts that may be expected."

Thousands of Boy Scouts throughout New York City took part in special services for Cardinal Mindszenty. After Cardinal Spellman's sermon, some 4,000 Boy Scouts crowded into St. Patrick's cathedral to pray for Mindszenty, for the welfare of the United States and for the conversion of enemies of the church.

Cardinal Spellman, who was elevated to the rank of cardinal at the same time as Mindszenty two years ago, denounced the communists as "fiendish, ghastly men of slaughter" who worship the gods "Stalin and Satan." He warned the American people to unite and abandon their "ostrich-like" attitude to save themselves from "trickery, tortures, disaster and defeat."

He indicated his conviction that Cardinal Mindszenty would be sentenced to death. He termed the trial a crucifixion of humanity.

"Yet we should not grieve at the death of Cardinal Mindszenty," he said, "for man is not completely born until he dies to live in God." Cardinal Spellman expressed the belief that Mindszenty's jailers perhaps gave the prelate drugs without his knowledge to wring from him the confession that he was guilty "in principle and in detail of most" of the government's charges of treason, espionage and black marketeering.

A sin which we do not intend to renounce will render prayer impractical.—Cobbe.

Mishawaka Man Is Killed In Accident

Mishawaka, Ind., Feb. 7 — (UP) — Mrs. Velma Fisher, 35, South Bend, was in a critical condition at St. Joseph's hospital today from injuries received in a traffic accident which killed Donald Lewis Foutch, 34, Mishawaka, yesterday.

Foutch drove his automobile around an automatic crossing gate on which flasher signals were working and into the path of a New York Central railroad train, said police Lt. John Harrington, quoting witnesses.

EXPLAINS

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age. "We have also experienced much trouble with our coal weighing equipment at the power plant for the last two years, which in turn has added to the discrepancy.

"After exhausting our patience with the old weighing apparatus we ordered and received new parts late in 1948. The new parts were installed in December, at which time we decided to make a very accurate survey and check on our coal storage, and make such adjustments as were necessary and start the new year off right.

"After making a complete survey of coal storage it was found that it was necessary to make an adjustment of approximately 5,767 tons at a cost of \$36,495.98, all of which was charged to 1948 operation. Rightfully, half of this would have been spread over 1947 and 1948, which would have resulted in the following:

"Taking 50 percent of the adjusted price of \$36,495.98 or \$18,247.99 and subtracting it from 1947 net profit of \$152,702.46 would have resulted in a net profit of \$134,454.47 and the addition of 2883.5 tons of coal would result approximately 1.69 pounds of coal per K. W. H. Again taking 50 percent of the adjusted price of \$36,495.98 or \$18,247.99 and adding it to the 1948 net profit of \$77,099.57 would have resulted in a net profit of \$95,347.56 and subtracting 2883.5 tons of coal would result approximately 1.89

"The light and power department is still operating on the same light and power rates that were set up in 1938 when coal was delivering at approximately \$2.13 per ton and labor and operating supplies were approximately 50 percent below present levels.

"The department has operated so far on the existing rates and has absorbed all increases in operating but how much longer it can continue on present rates and increased prices remains to be seen.

"It must be remembered that all new equipment such as line construction poles, transformers, copper, meters and all miscellaneous new equipment at the power plant must be paid for out of net profits.

"During last year it was necessary to spend \$100,518.81 for new equipment for the distribution system and the power plant, which means that it was necessary to use \$23,419.24 from reserve funds.

"From the above figures it can be easily seen that it is at all times necessary that the department carry sufficient reserve to meet any emergencies."

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SALE CALENDAR

- FEB. 8—Decatur Sale Barn, Consigned farm implement auction. 11 Noon. Horse-drawn equipment wanted. E. C. Doehman, auct.
- FEB. 11—Robt. Zinn, 1 mi. W., 1/2 mi. S. of Middleberry, O. Closing Out sale. Johnson-Johnson & Liechty, aucts.
- FEB. 11—John E. Moriarity, 3 1/2 mi. S. of Van Buren, Ind. then first house West. 78 acre Improved Black Land Farm, Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sammann, auct.
- FEB. 11—Berkshire bred gilts sale, Jay Co. Fairgrounds, Portland, Ind. 40 head.
- FEB. 15—Myers & Short, 4 mi. W. & 1 mi. N. of Geneva. Registered Guernsey and machinery. 1:30 P. M. Elliott & Ziegler, auct.
- FEB. 15—Rev. Albert Swenson, 2 mi. N. of Willshire or 2 mi. S. of Wren on Road No. 49. Complete closing out sale. Roy & Ned Johnson and Melvin Liechty, aucts.
- FEB. 16—Joseph P. Svabek, 3 mi. E. and 1 1/2 mi. S. of LaCrosse, Ind. Well improved 400 acres. Two Farms, 240 and 160 acres Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sammann, auct.
- FEB. 18—The William Heath Heirs and Doris Heath, 4 1/2 mi. S.E. of Decatur, 2 mi. N. of Pleasant Mills on Road No. 161, then 1/2 mi. W. or 1/2 mi. W. of Bobo. 120 acre farm and personal property. Roy & Ned Johnson and Melvin Liechty, aucts.
- FEB. 19—Joe Spangier, 3 mi. E. of Decatur on Pinus road. Closing out sale. Johnson-Johnson & Liechty, aucts.
- FEB. 25—Clem Wullman, 4 mi. W. 1 mi. S. of Geneva. Dairy Cattle sale. Johnson-Johnson & Liechty, aucts.

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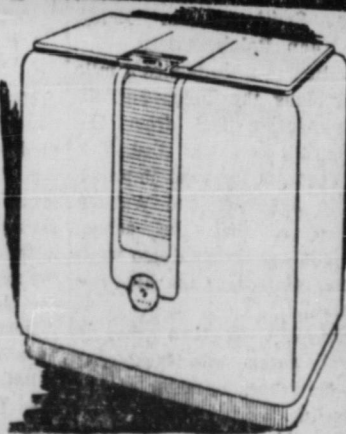
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SPECIAL Ambassador of Venezuela Jose Rafael Pocaterra explains at a Washington press conference the successful military coup that recently took place in his country. Pocaterra said the threat of civil war, provoked by the Government party in its attempt to destroy the Venezuelan Army, was the main reason for the overthrow of the Gallegos regime. (International)