

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, economy and responsibility" of 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 recommenda-

tions 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.

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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.

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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, Whitley, 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.

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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, spokesman 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.

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