

Payroll Boosts Make Up Most of City Budget Hike

Ask Wage Rises, New Employees

A FOURTH round of wage increases appears to be in the making at City Hall in the 1950 municipal budget submitted to City Council last week by Mayor Feeney and City Controller Philip Bayt.

This, plus the addition of 143 employees to the 4226 authorized by the current budget, will increase the over-all municipal payroll by \$672,028.15 — more than two-thirds of the total budget increase of \$962,886 requested next year.

The proposed budget would increase the payroll alone from \$9,584,414.10 in the current budget to \$10,256,442.25, a 7 per cent jump. The payroll raise accounts for most of the 16-cent hike in the tax rate Mr. Bayt and the Mayor have proposed.

ANALYSIS of the budget proposal shows that wage increases are spotty, rather than general. It is evident they were suggested by individual department heads. They do not reflect any policy by the mayor and controller, although these officials approved them.

The exception to this is a 5-cent hourly increase for all laborers paid at an hourly rate.

A breakdown of the proposed \$672,028.15 payroll rise shows that \$255,799.60 of it is budgeted for the 143 new jobs which have been created to raise the city hall working force from 4226 to 4369. The bulk of the \$416,228.55 increase in salary increases for existing jobs. There is one exception. It is a \$1200 increase in the salary of a non-existent executive secretary to the Mayor from \$3600 to \$4800 annually.

The Mayor believes the increase will attract a competent person to the job which he has determined in the second year of his administration to be vital.

THE MAYOR also proposes to create the position of personnel director at \$6000 a year. For this job and the \$4800 executive secretary openings, he has received several hundred applications.

The personnel directorship is a post recommended by a citizens' committee and was suggested several years ago by a survey of municipal personnel which cost the city \$10,000. The survey has been lost, but those who recall reading it say it recommended a personnel director.

Except for employees and executives whom the mayor himself hired, personnel work at City Hall was handled up to a year ago by Harry Gasper. Eighth Ward Democratic chairman, who was on the payroll as the mayor's secretary at the time.

Mr. Gasper filled most of the minor jobs in the hall from the patronage list of County Chairman Paul McDuff. Basis of employment by a new personnel director has not been made public.

NO INCREASE in the budgeted strength of the police and fire departments had been requested, but the largest number of new workers sought is 54 school guards who work under police supervision.

The additional guards who would be paid \$50 a month for nine months will bring the school guard strength from 75 to 129. They will relieve regular police who have been required to watch intersections at schools this year. General Hospital has asked for 43 new employees, including 30 additional general duty nurses at salaries of \$2520 and \$2640 a year. It also has requested pay raises for nurses and technical personnel now employed. These proposals account for more than one-sixth of the overall payroll increase.



Laborers... their wages are due to rise 5c an hour.

IN BOTH police and fire departments, salary increases for officers above the rank of police patrolman and fire chauffeur are in the budget. They range in the police department from \$100 annually for sergeants to \$175 for lieutenants and \$225 for captains and inspectors.

In the Fire Department, net annual increases requested are \$225 for dispatchers and assistant chiefs, \$325 for lieutenants and battalion chiefs and \$375 for captains.

The only major operating departments in City Hall not showing substantial wage increase requests are Engineering and Parks. In the engineering department, Myron C. Johnson, the city engineer, has cut five full-time positions.

BUT HE HAS added a number of part-time employees. This with the 5 cents per hour increase for wage rates increases his projected 1950 payroll by \$116,396.70.

Street Commissioner Tony Maio has asked for a \$3000 annual increase in his salary of \$5100, an additional 22 employees including three to keep the streets clean and the 5-cent hourly wage increase. These raise his payroll by \$83,358.40.

In the Sanitation Department, requests for 25 more laborers, the 5-cent hourly rise and general pay increases for clerical and administrative help totals \$108,720.75.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER Lewis Johnson is asking another traffic signal repairman, two more traffic repair and street sign men and four part-time helpers to boost the payroll by \$9825. In the Municipal Garage, the superintendent needs a mechanic to repair motorcycles at \$3120 a year.

The list of individual salary increases for municipal executives is led by a request from Controller Bayt himself for a \$1200 increase, raising his current \$6000 annual salary to \$7200. Dr. Gerald Kempf, City Health Officer, is asking his salary be raised from \$8000 to \$10,000. He has made this request annually for the last three years, but City Council has turned him down.

Purchasing Agent Albert Losche is asking an increase from \$5100 to \$5340. Plan Commission Secretary Noble Hollister requests his \$6000 annual salary be raised to \$6300. Another \$300 salary increase is asked for



Tony Maio, Street Commissioner.



Philip Bayt, City Controller.

Charles Bacon, City Building Commissioner, says the 1950 budget is a net figure. Actually there are 158 new jobs created, but 15 other jobs have been eliminated.

TWO OF THE biggest salary increases are in the Board of Health in addition to the \$2000 raise asked by Dr. Kempf. A \$1000 annual raise is asked for Dr. John S. Stanley, director of preventive medicine, and \$1360 is asked for Jess Dunwoody, the city's veteran chief chemist.

Ernie Pyle's Father, Aunt Pleased by Hawaiian Rites

Times Staff Writer Returns to Indiana To Tell of Reburial of Beloved Hoosier

By EDWIN C. HEINKE

DANA, Ind., Aug. 6.—This was the end of my mission for Ernie Pyle's father, Will Pyle, and his aunt, Mrs. Mary Bayles. I came back today from the pineapple fields of Aloha Oe to the land of soybeans in Indiana to tell them the story of Ernie's reburial at Honolulu.

Mr. Pyle and Aunt Mary couldn't go to the services held July 19 because of their age and because the trip would have been too long for them. Mr. Pyle, who is 81, is practically blind and Aunt Mary, who is 83, broke her hip last December but both are getting along in fine fashion, thanks to the help of their friends and neighbors.

THEY HAD asked me to represent them so I promised when I came back I would come to Dana to tell them everything that had happened.

As we sat and talked in the living room of Ernie's old home, the Rev. James Nell, pastor of the Dana Methodist Church, joined us. Of course, they had read the details in the newspapers, but they wanted me to tell them again of the eternal sunshine of the Hawaiian Islands, the music and the beautiful flowers. They were especially grateful when I mentioned the wreaths I had placed at Ernie's casket. One was a wreath of orchids for Aunt Mary and Mr. Pyle and the other was a wreath of roses from his friends on the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

I TOLD them that the civilian and military services had been carried out perfectly and that the new military Punchbowl National Cemetery was as beautiful a place as they would ever find.

"I'm so glad," said Aunt Mary. "Because I know that if Ernest could have had his wish, he would have chosen Hawaii as his final resting place."

Ernest often told us in his letters after visiting Honolulu before the war that someday he might go there to live because he loved the Hawaiian Islands. He didn't know it, but death brought him his wish.

3 Children Hurt In Traffic Here

Three children were injured late yesterday in a series of traffic mishaps on Indianapolis streets.

A 12-year-old bicyclist, James Parnell, of 337 S. Temple St., was admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital after his bicycle was struck by a car operated by LePhears Pittman, 19, of 422 Villa Ave., at the intersection of Clayton and Dearborn Sts.

His condition was reported fair. Three-year-old Larry Conley, of Doans, was given first aid by a General Hospital ambulance doctor after a two-car crash at Oriental and Market Sts.

Police said a car operated by James Conley, 21, of Doans, and another driven by Clarence H. Marasky, 41, of 1555 N. Grant St., collided.

Linda Bailey, 4, of 826 Eastern Ave., suffered a fractured collar bone when she was struck by a car driven by Helen Garnett, 42, of 625 N. Jefferson Ave., at the intersection of Eastern Ave. and St. Clair St.

The child was treated and released by a General Hospital ambulance physician.

Fire Destroys Barn On Frenz Farm NOBLESVILLE, Aug. 6 (UP)—Fire destroyed a large barn on a farm owned by Otto N. Frenz, Indianapolis banker, today. Damage was estimated at \$30,000. The loss included 35 tons of baled hay, two tractors, 1000 bushels of oats and farm implements. Carmel firemen fought the blaze. The farm is located in southwestern Hamilton County.

Polio Presses Red Cross to Supply Nurses

Nation-Wide Plea Made to Meet Epidemic Need

The American Red Cross is being "hard pressed" to find enough nurses for Indiana and other states with polio epidemics.

Officials issued a nation-wide appeal for volunteer nurses yesterday. They said the Red Cross has a backlog of about 100 unfilled requests for nurses.

And additional requests are coming into headquarters daily, they said.

In Indiana, Red Cross officials are faced with the problem of recruiting polio nurses in an almost barren area. Virtually all of the available nurses have volunteered for duty.

The Indianapolis chapter already has recruited 52 nurses locally for polio work in Riley, Long and Methodist, and the National Red Cross has sent in 22 from eastern cities.

Should the number of cases in local hospitals increase at the same rate as in the rest of the state, the need for polio nurses will reach an "unprecedented peak," Red Cross sources said.

Many Volunteer

All available Marion County nurses not regularly employed have already volunteered for polio duty. The ability of the National Red Cross to supply nurses from other states is rapidly diminishing also because of widespread epidemics elsewhere.

Another cause of the nurse shortage is the increase in the number of respirator cases and the length of time patients are treated.

Thus, it seems to the Red Cross, local nurses will have to double up. Employers are urged to grant additional days off to nurses for polio duty. Nurses themselves are requested to volunteer on their days off.

Hoover to Observe His 75th Birthday In Palo Alto Amid World's Acclaim

4 Networks to Carry Important Speech

By LUCIEN CARR

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—The sun shone brightly into the autumn of Herbert Clark Hoover's life today.

As the world prepared to celebrate his 75th birthday anniversary next Wednesday, it was learned that Mr. Hoover, the only living ex-President of the United States, recently had been offered but turned down the honor of serving as New York State's interim Senator.

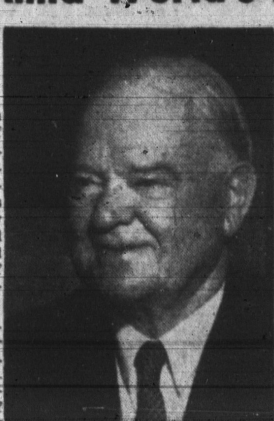
When Robert F. Wagner (D. N. Y.) resigned from the Senate because of illness, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey offered the seat to Mr. Hoover, who maintains a residence in New York City's Waldorf Towers. Although he has long believed that the constitution should be amended to provide all former Presidents with a Senate seat, Mr. Hoover refused Gov. Dewey's offer.

The appointment tendered by Gov. Dewey was good only until a special election to be held in New York next November. Mr. Hoover indicated to friends he might have taken the job if it had been for a longer term. John Foster Dulles was named to fill the Senate vacancy.

Next Wednesday, Mr. Hoover will return to the campus of his alma mater, Leland Stanford University, near his home in Palo Alto, Cal., where he will deliver a birthday speech "of major national importance" after an anniversary party in the Hoover Library on War, Revolution and Peace.

But as his friends and neighbors and many prominent officials gather to do him honor on the Stanford campus, other admirers from presidents to school children, from West Branch, Ia., his birthplace, to Helsinki, Finland, will participate in ceremonies marking their respect for the 31st President.

Still Exerts Influence Miner, engineer, top-ranking business executive, world traveler, Secretary of Commerce under two presidents and chief executive 1929 to 1932, he still exerts considerable influence not only in the councils of the Republican Party



Herbert Hoover

but in the present Democratic administration as well.

In his Stanford address, entitled "Think of the Next Generation," he is expected to answer critics of the government reorganization program which he was commissioned to make by President Truman. The speech, scheduled for 8 p. m. (Indianapolis time), will be broadcast across the nation by the four major networks.

Mr. Hoover is now on a fishing trip—one of his favorite pastimes—in Southern California. He will return to Palo Alto Tuesday to deliver his speech in the shadow of the 285-foot tower which stands over the library he dedicated in 1941 "to promote peace." A crowd of 12,000 is expected to fill the bowl to capacity.

In West Branch, Ia., where Mr. Hoover was born the second of three children in 1874, the annual Hoover birthday celebration will be far simpler but no less heartfelt. An informal picnic will be sponsored by the Hoover Birthplace Society. West Branch folk have established a park around the tiny cottage where he was born.

Germans Send Thanks Throughout the Allied zones of Germany millions of school children will send their thanks to a man who "truly loved his enemies."

In recognition of Mr. Hoover's

31st President Hailed For Humanitarianism

work as chairman of President Truman's Emergency Family Relocation Commission in 1946 when he made a whirlwind 53-day airplane journey conferring with officials in 22 famine-stricken countries on three continents, Ernest Reuter, mayor of Western Berlin, sent a cable of congratulations to Mr. Hoover saying:

"There are thousands and thousands of children who have been saved from starvation and illness by the great humanitarian work you initiated and which will be remembered as an act of unique generosity."

Informal observances are planned in the schools of scores of German cities and towns.

And from the Russian sphere praises and thanks have come also. From Finland the Finland Relief Organization sent a message of thanks on behalf of the thousands of Finns Mr. Hoover helped after the first and second world wars.

In London, Lord Cecil, honorary life president of the United Nations Association, Assistant Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and 1918 Nobel Prize winner, commented on Mr. Hoover's anniversary this way:

"Mr. Hoover became well known here in Europe for his splendid work in Belgian relief after the First World War. He showed great and disinterested determination to mitigate the horrors of war. Our deep respect for him remains unaltered and so does the fervor of our congratulations and good wishes."

Mail By The Ton In Palo Alto the mail is coming in by the ton. Library officials have a bin where the mail is received. They report they have to clean it out five or six times a day.

Mr. Hoover's birthday party will be held in the Hoover Library where the former President will be presented with a donation for the library. The size of the gift, although unannounced, is understood to be well over \$100,000.

Present at the celebration will be Mr. Hoover's two sons, Herbert Jr. and Allan, who will attend with their wives and five of Mr. Hoover's six grandchildren.

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