



Seeks To Get Jump On Rivals

President Gives Farm Plan Top Spot In New Congress

Message Scheduled For Monday

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower plans to send Congress a special message Monday dealing with the farm problem, assigned top priority by the administration this election year.

James C. Hagerly, White House press secretary, said at the President's vacation headquarters in Key West, Fla., today the message will go to the lawmakers then "under present plans."

He added that arrangements had not been completed as to timing, but said delivery Monday is most likely.

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After a conference with Eisenhower in Denver, one of the first business talks the President held after his Sept. 24 heart attack, Farm Secretary Benson gave this outline of what he was planning:

1. A stepped-up program of surplus disposal and expansion of exports.

2. A vigorous purchasing program to remove market gluts and assist farmers in adjusting to market demands.

3. An enlarged program of soil conservation and incentive payments to divert crop lands into grass, trees and forage—an item which would take in the "soil banks" plan much talked about at present.

4. Expansion of the rural development program for low income farm families.

5. A stepped-up research program aimed at lower production costs, new uses for farm products, new crops and expansion of markets.

6. Actively pushing the 10-state great plains program for better use of land and better balancing of farm programs.

Benson stressed firmly to his backing for the flexible price support idea, aimed at discouraging production of surplus crops by means of low supports and encouraging planting of scarce products through high prices.

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Judges Soper, Parker and Dobie (left to right) sit for photograph before opening Circuit Court today.

Schools To Continue Study Despite Suspension Request

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Plans of the City School Board of study of the Supreme Court's ruling on segregated schools will be continued unchanged.

This decision was reached unanimously by members of the board in session this morning.

Action came after J. P. Hobson, vice chairman who was presiding, announced receipt of a letter by Dr. E. H. Garinger, city school superintendent, from W. W. Taylor Jr., special counsel and executive secretary of the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Education.

This letter had suggested to local school superintendents that studies by local committees be suspended "for the time being."

Mr. Hobson, who is also chairman of this special study committee, composed of himself, Douglas Aiken and Al Bechtold, suggested acknowledgment of receipt of this letter.

He also said, "We ought to have more of the background of this movement from Raleigh."

Immediately thereafter Commissioner Ben Horack asserted, "By all means ought to continue in sincerity and carefulness our study. And I for one would like for this board to make that definite announcement."

Mr. Hobson continued with explanation that the committee's work should be continued "as we await helpful suggestions from the state committee."

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J. W. Cleopar and 'Missy'. She Saved His Life.

Money Can't Buy Missy, Collie Heroine Of Blaze

By CHARLES KURALT
Charlotte News Staff Writer
"Missy" is a dog, indistinguishable from any other frisky, 10-month-old collie.

"But money can't buy her," Missy's owner said today. "I can thank her and Almighty God that my family is alive."

When a midnight fire destroyed the five-room, frame house of J. W. Cleopar last night, it was Missy who aroused the family with frantic barking and pawing on the back porch.

Mr. Cleopar, an insurance agent, stood beside the charred ruins of the house in the Wilgrove section on Albemarle Rd. today and told the story.

"We were all asleep in the house—my wife, myself, Larry (31 months old) and Janice (18 months)—when I heard Missy making a commotion on the porch."

"At first, I didn't pay any attention. But she kept it up, barking louder and louder and scraping the screen in the baby's room."

"She was still half asleep, but about that time, I smelled smoke. I sat up in bed and woke up my wife. I suddenly realized the room was full of smoke. And then I saw flames coming out on the ceiling from the closet."

"We jumped up, I grabbed the boy and she took the girl. I put the boy in the car and backed it up. I just had time to call Sgt. Hoover at the police department and ask him to call the Mint Hill Fire Dept. when the line went dead."

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Jordan Word Awaited Sanford Will Not Run For Governor

By JULIAN SCHER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Former State Senator Terry Sanford of Fayetteville will not oppose Gov. Luther Hodges in the spring gubernatorial primary, he told The News today.

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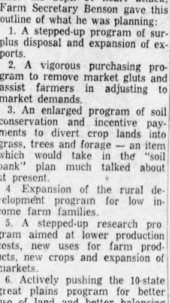
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is not the timely thing to do."

Although he failed to elaborate on the statement, Sanford has been busy setting up the new law firm of Sanford, Phillips and Weaver in Fayetteville. He is also scheduled for a month-long session as delegate to the Methodist General Conference in Minneapolis.

The statement did not, however, eliminate Sanford for consideration as a future gubernatorial candidate and his close friends believe he will be a candidate in 1960.

IS EXPECTED
Dr. Jordan is expected to announce next week that he has given up any ideas of running against Gov. Hodges. Until Sanford admitted two weeks ago that he was considering opposing Hodges Dr. Jordan had been the most prominently mentioned candidate.

He was also a possible candidate against the late William B. Umstead in 1951-52, but could not be persuaded to run at that time. Both Sanford and Jordan have been closely associated with Sen. W. Kerr Scott, Sanford was the Scott senatorial campaign manager and Jordan the state highway chairman under Scott in Raleigh.

Close associates of Sanford and Jordan maintain that they (Sanford and Jordan) were concerned with Gov. Hodges' stand on school segregation.

A Hodges statement last week calling preservation of the public school system the state's most important objective to serve Charlotte in other districts as well as the north, south and west and other points mentioned.

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Action Flurry Opens Appeals Session Here

By HARRY SHUFFORD
Charlotte News Staff Writer
The United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit opened its annual session here today with a flurry of action.

Chief Judge John J. Parker, of Charlotte is presiding at the two-week term of court. Completing the three-judge tribunal are Circuit Judges Morris A. Soper of Baltimore and Armistead M. Dobie of Charlottesville, Va.

One of the opinions handed down today dealt with a widely heralded case in the Middle Atlantic States of farmers' refusal to let agents of the Department of Agriculture go on their land to check their wheat acreage.

The opinion, written by Judge Soper, affirmed the issuance of an injunction in Federal District Court in Baltimore to keep the farmers in Carroll County, Md., from barring the agriculture agents from their land for the purpose of measuring wheat acreage.

It noted that according to evidence at the injunction hearing the farmers involved had kept Agriculture Department agents off the land, even threatening to shoot them. The case was Lindsay B. Shafer, Lewis Shafer, Joseph Shafer and Lewis Shafer Sr. vs. the United States.

In cases heard today James Durkin appealed a liquor case conviction in Eastern District Federal Court in this state, on the grounds that the judge coerced and threatened a witness.

In another Tar Heel case heard today James Emerson Morris appealed a conviction in Middle District court for sending threatening letters to residents of Rt. 4, Winston-Salem.

Importers Killed
LONG BEACH, Calif.—Seafood importer John R. Dillon was killed when his training-type monorail crane crashed shortly after takeoff yesterday at Municipal Airport.

SEPARATE BUDGETS
The Women's College has Chancellor Edward K. Graham, State College, Dr. Carey H. Bosman and Chapel Hill, Robert B. House as campus heads.

The deconsolidation of the units would remain separate in budgetary affairs, but would have the State Board assisting in coordination of other details. Under this plan, there would be no overlapping of curricula in major fields of study.

The deconsolidation effort may be in the form of a bill from the Board. It will be Gov. students touched off by his protest against Tech playing under segregated conditions in the Sugar Bowl.

The governor told the commission that "I had a case of incest in a riot," and mentioned that it is a crime punishable by the law.

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The Will Present Plan To Cut Surplus Crops

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Times said today that President Eisenhower will send to Congress Monday a plan designed to cut surplus crops by as much as 20 per cent the big surplus-producing crops of corn, wheat, cotton and rice.

The long-term conservation plan involves 250 million dollars for the first year of a five-year operation. It will be used to buy surplus crops and store them in government warehouses or to sell them at a discount.

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Our Weather

Generally fair and cool today.
Low this morning—33
Low tomorrow morning—32
High yesterday—62
High today—54
High tomorrow—57
Sunrise 7:32 a.m.; sunset 5:24 p.m.
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