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LBJ's Budget Seeks More Federal Jobs

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WASHINGTON—President Johnson's 1965 budget will carry funds for an increase in the number of postal employees and a cut in employment in the Defense Department.

Over all there will be a slight increase in the federal civilian work force now numbering 2,450,000.

Postal employment, which has reached 597,000, would rise at least 15,000 under the President's plans. The additional jobs are needed, officials say, to handle the rising volume of mail which is increasing from 2½ to 3 percent annually.

The new jobs also will spread the work among more regular employees by reducing long hours of overtime worked by temporaries who can't be paid at regular overtime rates. Temporaries frequently work 50 and 60 hours a week at straight time.

The Army, Navy and Air Force will be required to cut back their civilian staffs by a minimum of 20,000, and other reductions are in the making.

In addition to base closings and numerous internal reorganizations, the Defense Department has directed the three services to make an over-all cut of 1½ percent in their civilian staffs.

Base closings will eventually knock out upwards of 40,000 civilian jobs but they are being phased out over several years. The merger of Army Reserves with the National Guard will have the effect of reducing Army civilians by about 5,000 on paper but their cost to Uncle Sam will be about the same.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare also is in line for another sizable increase in its staff. Much of the President's Great Society program would be in that department as it is now constituted: projects such as medicare, aid to education, stepped up medical research, and increased Social Security benefits.

Internal Revenue, the President's anti-poverty program and a scattering of other agencies also are slated to get more jobs.

But most departments and agencies such as State, Interior, Agriculture, Space, Atomic Energy, and Justice will keep present employment levels. In fact, several of the old-line agencies will be given small job cutbacks.

Incidentally, the President may order a change in the method of counting federal jobs which could reduce by perhaps 100,000 the present accepted employment level of 2,450,000. His advisers feel the present system is calculated to make it appear the federal service has more employees than it actually has.

Ask Public Support For Driver Training

DES MOINES — Community leaders from throughout Iowa were asked Saturday to help build broad public support for a statewide driver training program.

Gov. Harold Hughes and State Safety Commissioner William Suplee told a conference of about 115 business, education and civic leaders that such a program is badly needed in Iowa.

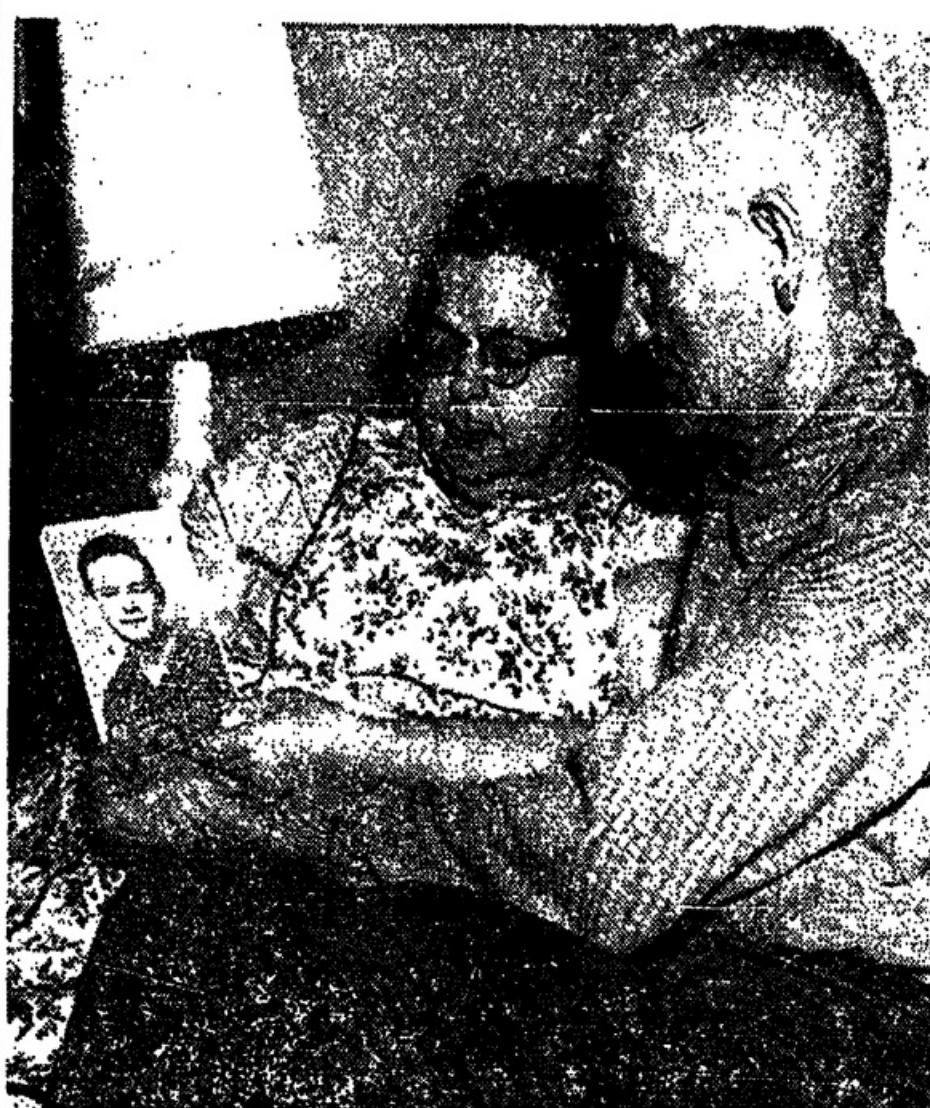
"We must convince the legislature that it is needed and that the people want it," declared Suplee.

Warmer Weather Is Seen For Area

Council Bluffs is shaking loose from the grip of a cold wave.

A slow warming trend is expected to begin Monday, following a temperature range of 15 to 30 Sunday. Skies will be partly cloudy.

Statewide, light precipitation is expected Monday or Tuesday.



"Very Happy" . . . are Mr. and Mrs. Leon Tice Sr. as they look at eighth grade picture of son. — Nonpareil Photo.

Tice's Folks Are Happy; Call It Wonderful Thing

By Larry Porter
"The governor done a wonderful thing and I'm really proud of him," said Leon Tice Sr., 609 N. 40th St., after he and his wife learned Saturday night of the commutation of the death sentence against their son.

"Gov. Hughes did what he said he was going to do. He doesn't believe in capital punishment."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Tice said they hadn't expected the death sentence to be commuted. "You just can't expect something like that,"

Tice said. "We had a lot of confidence in the governor but the governor has to satisfy a lot of people, too."

Tice said he and his wife visit Leon Jr. once a month. "A lot of people pictured him waiting day after day on Death Row with nothing to do," he said. "But he had a radio in his cell and he was allowed to walk in the exercise yard with a guard."

Tice said he thought his son could be rehabilitated and said prison officials were working with him.

"I don't uphold him; I don't approve of what he's done," Tice said. "But he done something that you or I or anyone might do if we got stood up like he did."

"He's had time to think of the mistake he made and he is sorry for what he's done. His outlook has changed."

Mrs. Tice said she "didn't have a very happy feeling" when she heard her son said he didn't want to live right after his arrest.

"But now he wants to live," she said. "I'm glad he'll get the chance."

New Troubles For Shastri In India

NEW DELHI, India — New troubles for Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri erupted Saturday on widely scattered fronts in turbulent India.

Serious bickering broke out at the annual session of Shastri's Congress party in eastern India as the government's food policies came under heavy fire.

McEldoon estimated that the ice averages 12 to 18 inches in thickness across the lake. The boys, he said, picked one of the few dangerous areas over which to drive.

The vehicle was owned by Andersen's father, Richard. 737 Lindberg Dr. The youths first enlisted the aid of a wrecker to pull the vehicle from the lake. It didn't work.

Then there was nothing left but to call home and face the music.

Des Moines Cited For Traffic Safety

CHICAGO — Des Moines was rated by the National Safety Council Saturday as having the second lowest traffic death toll in the nation among cities of comparable size during the first 11 months of 1964.

The council said the nation's traffic toll for those 11 months was 43,390—only 210 shy of the record 43,600 for the full year of 1963. A spokesman estimated that 1964 total would be about 48,000 when December figures are added.

Des Moines, with 1.3 deaths per 10,000 vehicles, was second behind Flint, Mich., 1.1, and just ahead of Tulsa, Okla., 1.5, among cities of 200,000 to 350,000 population. It was the only Iowa city rated among the leaders.

Considered Case On Own Grounds

Hughes Removes Rope; Leon Tice Will Not Hang

By Bill Christofferson
The death sentence of convicted killer Leon Tice Jr. of Council Bluffs Saturday was commuted to life imprisonment by Gov. Harold E. Hughes.

The governor, an avowed foe of capital punishment, said he had considered the

case on its own grounds and concluded that "society itself bears some stern responsibility" for the crime Tice committed.

Tice, 24, had been scheduled to hang last November for the 1963 pistol murder of Judy Jackson, 13, during a shooting spree in which two

persons were killed and three others were wounded.

His execution date was postponed pending an appeal before the Iowa Supreme Court, which upheld his conviction and death sentence.

That left executive clemency his only remaining

hope. Ross Caniglia, Council Bluffs attorney, met with Hughes Dec. 18 to ask commutation of the sentence.

The governor was not present Saturday when the announcement was made. Dwight Jensen, Hughes' administrative assistant, issued the statement.

Jensen said the first person notified of the commutation was Warden John Bennett of Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison, where Tice has been awaiting hanging

since being convicted in November of 1963.

Bennett said Tice was "pretty shook" when he was notified of the governor's action. Tice told the warden he thought he had been summoned because Hughes had set an execution date.

Tice said he was "thankful to the governor, but probably not deserving" of the clemency, Bennett said. Asked by the warden how he intended to serve his life sentence, Tice said he "hoped he could help somebody."

Bennett offered to move Tice from his Death Row cell Saturday, he said, but the pardoned killer said he wanted to spend a last night in his isolated cell "so he could remember it."

Tice will be moved to the prison's regular cell house Sunday, the warden said, and probably will get a work assignment during the next week.

It was believed Hughes issued the statement Saturday to dispose of the matter before the state legislature convened next week in Des Moines, observers said.

Noran Davis, former county attorney who prosecuted the Tice case, was critical of the governor's action. "He doesn't seem to like to follow the law," Davis said. "Once again the governor has put his own, personal feelings over what the people have already decreed."

During the trial, Davis and his assistant, John Churchman, both argued for the maximum penalty. Churchman's only comment Saturday was that he expected the commutation "because of the Governor's prior attitude."

Second Charge
Tice also was charged with the murder of Randall Curtis Burnett, 2, but was never tried.

The shootings, occurred when Tice went to see Mrs. Curtis Burnett and became enraged when he found she was not at home.

Tice shot Miss Jackson, a sister of Mrs. Burnett, and the Burnett boy, who was sleeping. Mrs. William Jackson, mother of the dead girl, and William Perkins, 7, son of Mrs. Burnett by a former marriage, were wounded.

Tice was arrested at his home a short time later, but shot himself in the head when he saw police arrive. He was not seriously wounded.

Mrs. Burnett had been dating Tice but quit seeing him to return to her estranged husband. Tice said the day after the shooting he had done it "to hurt her (Mrs. Burnett)."

Tice had a long record of brushes with the law before the shootings, dating back to when he was 10 years old. He had served in the State Training School at Eldora for delinquency.

'I Want To Hang,' Tice Said In 1963

Leon Tice Jr., apparently has changed his attitude toward hanging since the night he shot Judy Jackson.

He told a Nonpareil reporter the day after the murder: "I'm not sorry about it at all. I'm going to hang. I want to hang."

During his trial, he told reporters he would have voted for the death penalty had he been a member of the jury.

Tice reportedly told a police officer the day after the shooting that he would do it again. "I'm guilty. Let's get it over with." He was quoted as saying.

Mouseketeer Mobbed
HOLLYWOOD — Hundreds of fans mobbed former television "Mouseketeer" the same as if Guy Fawkes came back to life and really New up Parliament from their wedding.

Is Commutation A Sign?

By Verne Peyser
Is the commutation of the death sentence of Leon Tice Jr. the beginning of the end of capital punishment in Iowa?

A spot check of Council Bluffs attorneys Saturday night indicated that it is.

"I think this is a tipoff to a campaign to abolish capital punishment," said Jack W. Peters.

"Gov. (Harold) Hughes' action was consistent with his attitude on the matter. I have a feeling he will get most anything he wants (from the Legislature)."

Peters said he believed the Legislature would approve a period without capital punishment.

Richard Peterson said the governor's action was a hint he would push the abolishment of capital punishment in Iowa.

Richard Turner, a former state senator from Pottawattamie County, said the decision by Gov. Hughes would have no effect on the law.

However, Turner added,

"This, is an indication he (Gov. Hughes) will commute all death sentences."

Maynard Telpner, mayor of Council Bluffs at the time of the slaying, commented on Hughes' feelings that society was in part to blame for the crime.

"He could probably use the same excuse to commute any murderer's penalty," Telpner said.

"If you go back into the history of any criminal, you can always put part of the blame on society."

On The Inside . . . A Look Into Year With New Mayor

What course should the City Council steer in 1965? Eldon Evans, new mayor of Council Bluffs, tells his views on page 1B.

We are losing the war in Viet Nam. There's no other conclusion after you see the maps and read story on page 8D.

Margin played even a greater role than usual in the feeding of livestock in Southwest Iowa in 1964. Story on page 1D.

Under the proposed "Medicare" plan, every person over 65 would be "insured." To learn how this would operate, turn to page 5A.

Have you any suggestions for the State Legislature, which goes into session Monday? Turn to page 6A for answers obtained by the Inquiring Reporter.

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Winds And Snow Kill 2 In Japan

TOKYO — Lashing winds and blizzards in the north hit Japan Saturday, killing 2 persons, leaving 37 fishermen missing and more than 400 fishing boats sunk.

Police said three fishing boats with 37 fishermen aboard were missing and feared lost in the raging Pacific off northern Honshu, Japan's main island.

On Honshu's north coast, the winds hit gusts of more than 100 miles an hour and kicked up seas that flooded 450 homes.

Raging blizzards paralyzed rail service and communications on Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island.



Once Meaningful, Now Odd . . . old names hang on in the city of London, as seen in these photos of current street signs.—AP Photo.