

### Release of Freeze On Reclamation Funds Demanded

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—Western Republicans urging their House leaders to approve more funds for reclamation and power construction have turned also on President Truman with a demand he release the money frozen by his economy order.

steps to carry the work forward to the limit of funds available. Horan said that \$128,000,000 of Interior Department funds are being held under the freeze order and that 90 per cent of it is for reclamation projects.

He said \$64,591,250 of funds appropriated for the Army engineers also are being held up, as well as \$166,550,000 of the \$351,550,030 appropriated by Congress last year for flood control work.

### Stockman-Raver Dispute Over Bonneville Bared

bill was introduced in the House. Jones asked data also on the costs and expenditures computed per mile of line. E. D. Ostrander, comptroller of the BPA, told him he could not promise it in a week, adding it "might take months."

The next day Jones wanted a breakdown of the qualifications of each employee of the BPA, with their experience and "what they are supposed to do." D. L. Marlett, assistant administrator, said it would take in 2,000 employees and cover their starting salaries, plus promotions and would be a large mechanical job, but the agency would be glad to furnish it.

Stockman Raps 'Excuses' And then Stockman broke out. "Dr. Raver," he said, "I have

heard nothing but excuses from you and your staff about why you cannot furnish requested information. The committee does not react favorably to it. Everytime the chairman has asked for something you men have spent more time telling why you could not do it than why you can. This is not the way to promote favorable relationships and I don't like your attitude."

"It would seem to me, Mr. Stockman, they surely knew their personnel would come under strict surveillance at least this year, and they ought to be able to answer with clarity and dispatch any questions relating to the operation and maintenance of their over-all administration-construction, transmission lines and sales. Your administration may look like a pretty good picture and then it may not when we get down to analyzing facts I have requested."

"I would like to make it clear, Mr. Chairman," Marlett replied, "that we are not objecting in any way to supplying whatever information you want. All we want to have is adequate time to supply it. That is the only point I was making. I am sorry if my remarks here interpreted as resistance to supplying them because that is not true."

"We had considerable discussion yesterday about your ability to furnish the breakdown I wanted," Jones said. "Yesterday after the session you wanted to know our objective. It is my understanding that you are here to answer questions put to you and the objective is of no concern to you. We can make whatever analysis we wish."

"Again, I feel more than a slight resistance to answering the questions I have propounded. . . . I asked you yesterday for a breakdown of the cost per mile for construction of transmission lines and then another breakdown of the cost of substations on each segment of your grid and for the total. You tell me there are some \$15,000,000 involved that cannot be analyzed. And yet this morning you report figures showing the cost per mile of operation and maintenance. It shows that you have deducted, and must have deducted the cost per mile of construction personnel and other obligations."

"This morning you gave operation and maintenance figures and represent to the committee that they are true and correct when they serve your purpose. If you can give operation and maintenance costs per mile you can furnish the cost per mile of construction. As far as I am concerned we are not going to make up this bill (decide on the total amounts) until we have those figures."

"I have only one vote on the committee and I am just the chairman, but we are going to have them."

When Stockman got back to his office that night he wrote Secretary Krug of the Interior Department demanding Raver be discharged. Krug, en route west, said in Idaho he would not do it.

### Four Children and Their Grandmother Die in Fire

EAST BRADY, Pa., April 21.—(AP)—Four children and their grandmother perished in a fire in this Western Pennsylvania town Friday, but five other persons were saved in a dramatic second-story rescue as flames singed their hair and seared their skin.

The dead were Grace, 10; Tommie, 4; Dannie, 3, and Sally-Jo Jordan, 1 year, and Mrs. George Jordan, 56.

While flames raced up a stairway and into a bedroom of their home, the children's mother, Mrs. Walter Jordan, saved three other daughters by dropping them into the arms of the severely burned grandfather, outside.

Finally the intense heat drove the mother to jump from the bedroom window herself, obliging her to leave behind the five who burned to death.

Entering its third week, the 340,000-worship phone-up stood as the only major blot on an otherwise placid U. S. labor relations picture.

Restriction in Phone Service Felt by Mills After two weeks of restricted telephone service in Roseburg.

line their next step publicly at this time, they told a reporter they feel the strike has reached a "crucial stage."

Apparently there was no prospect of government seizure of the industry. At least, Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman said he knew of no plans for such a move.

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the strike is beginning to tell on some lines of business, it is reported.

Particularly hard hit have been the numerous sawmills of this area, doubly discommoded by last week's Copco fire-caused shutdown. The silence of long distance communication facilities puts them out of touch with market conditions and lumber-selling prospects, mill men report.

Many long distance calls have been successfully put through, thanks to the efficiency of three or four persons of the telephone company's supervisory switch-board staff.

A visiting telephone official in Roseburg Saturday stated that there have been enough emergency calls here to keep business rolling, but added that the strike is taking its toll among idle gossipers and planners of general social affairs.

### Steel Wage Pact Brings Cheer to Whole Industry

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Murray and Stephens settled in three days of highly private man-to-man conferences.

An additional \$1 a day (or 12 cents an hour) for all workers, plus slightly more than two and one half cents which the union said would cover the cost of additional benefits and bring total raises to a little more than 15 cents.

Fairless said the average weekly pay would rise from \$32.50 to \$38.50 under the new contract, which will be retroactive to April 1. He put the average hourly wage rate at \$1.57.

### Senate Groups Ready For Tax Slashing Bills

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Committee, who prefer to wait until July 1.

What New Bill Provides The Democratic whip said his subcommittee, besides delaying the cut until next year, would:

A. High exemptions for dependents from \$500 to \$600 and thus remove 3,200,000 persons from federal tax rolls.

B. Cut each surtax next income bracket by two percentage points.

C. Permit husbands and wives in all states to split their income for tax purposes. The government permits this now by residents of only nine so-called community property states. The effect in many instances is to avoid higher surtax rates.

The House bill would cut low bracket income taxes by 30 per cent and most others by one-fifth.

Its cost to the treasury has been estimated at \$4,000,000,000.

Lucas said his measure would cost \$3,800,000,000.

In his statement last Saturday, President Truman declared that now, when a balanced budget is being achieved, he wants to emphasize the need for reducing the public debt "while times are good."

"It is natural for taxpayers to wish to see taxes reduced," the President's statement continued.

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### But to do this now would promote inflation, so that the benefits of any reduction would be largely dissipated.

"It is now estimated that expenditures will amount to about \$41,250,000 in the fiscal year, or \$1,250,000,000 lower than the estimate last January," the President said.

### Snell Approves Airport Zone and Piloting Bills

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to \$6,000 the amount obtainable under the state veterans loan act; raise maximum unemployment compensation benefits from \$18 for 20 weeks to \$20 for 20 weeks; and increase the salary scale of the state's unclassified employees.

Axe Falls on Two Bills Governor Snell vetoed two bills today, one of them providing that when a part of a fire protection district or water district is annexed to a city, it shall automatically cease to be a part of the district.

The governor said the bill is unconstitutional.

The other vetoed measure would have authorized a lien against the state and its political subdivisions in favor of the public employees retirement board in the event of default of payments due.

The governor said it was difficult to imagine a lien being filed against the state by one of its boards or commissions.

### SNOWS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT

for the year ended December 31, 1946 of the Lumbermen's Insurance Company of 401 Walnut St., Philadelphia 6, in the State of Pennsylvania, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law.

Net premiums received — \$2,567,112.76 Total interest, dividends and real estate income — 189,069.73 Income from other sources — 171,394.10

Total income — \$2,927,576.59

Net amount paid for losses — \$1,050,934.31 Loss adjustment expenses — 56,392.00 Underwriting expenses — 1,008,693.25

Dividends paid to stockholders (Cash) — \$140,000.00 Dividends paid or credited to policyholders — 0.00 All other expenditures (including investment expenses \$5,119.15) — 34,984.02

Total disbursements — \$2,231,004.48

ADMITTED ASSETS Value of real estate owned (market value) — 0.00 Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. — 25,497.66 Value of bonds owned (amortized) — 1,590,242.70

Value of stocks owned (market value) — 4,165,999.08 Cash in banks and on hand — 523,556.97

Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1946 — 446,925.23 Interest and rents due and accrued — 7,498.85 Other assets (net) — 23,848.84

Total admitted assets — \$6,783,568.21 LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Total unpaid claims — \$ 514,777.00 Estimated loss adjustment expenses for unpaid claims — 25,790.00 Total unearned premiums — 2,417,266.20

All other liabilities — 231,048.00 Total liabilities, except capital — \$3,188,841.20 Capital paid up — \$1,000,000.00 Special surplus funds — 0.00 Unassigned funds (surplus) — 2,594,727.01 Surplus as regards policyholders — \$3,594,727.01

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