

Dipping Into Treasury Pork Barrel Election Year Custom Of Congress

By PETER EDSON

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—The biennial pork barrel bill is always a fascinating piece of legislation for detailed study. President Truman recently sent Congress a special message on it, criticizing it, though he signed it.

The correct name for this bill is the rivers and harbors and flood control act of 1950. The total authorized for this year's bill was \$1,800,000,000. But \$96,000,000 worth of this year's authorizations were so bad that even the President had to protest.

It's the strangest thing, but these flood control and rivers and harbors bills have a way of getting passed only in election years. There was such a bill in 1940. It called for 151 projects. President Roosevelt vetoed it because he said only 22 of the projects would contribute to the national defense. He said he would sign a bill if Congress would trim off all the non-defense measures—the pork. Congress promptly complied and the bill went through.

There were no major flood control nor rivers and harbors bills during the war. Somehow the country survived on the lean ration with less pork.

In 1944, however, there was a dandy big flood control bill passed to make up for lost time, as it were. And there were others in 1946 and 1948. All were election-year measures, and this brings the story up to the flood control and rivers and harbors bills of 1950.

The rivers and harbors part of the bill takes care of 94 projects. As passed by the House, there were only 65 projects authorized but the Senate said to it that 29 more were included. The House took care of 26 states and the Senate added five more.

As the bill left the House, it authorized expenditures of \$119,000,000. The Senate added another \$84,000,000—in the interests of economy, of course. Total, \$203,000,000. Total \$203,000,000. This is just the original cost. Further upkeep is estimated at around \$700,000 a year.

Big Rivers Get Big Money
The flood control part of the bill—which is where the big money always goes—took in a lot of land and water. The House first authorized 40 projects to cost an estimated \$998,000,000. The Senate then added 24 other projects to cost \$251,000,000.

These projects were authorized in 33 states including 12 states that got nothing from rivers and harbors money. In fact, the only five states which seem to get nothing out of this year's pork barrel bill are New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Utah and Tennessee. The last-named state of course gets its out of Tennessee Valley authority appropriations. But the other four should feel insulted or proud, depending on how they look at it.

The big rivers got the big money: \$250,000,000 for the Mississippi, \$200,000,000 for lower Mississippi, \$100,000,000 for the Ohio, \$50,000,000 for the Columbia, \$40,000,000 apiece for Los Angeles and Willamette basins, and so on. President Truman objected to five of the proposed projects to cost an estimated total of \$84,000,000. His reasons were that they weren't well enough planned. A

\$16,000,000 project at Eagle Grove, Wash., was opposed because local interests whose property would be enhanced weren't willing to contribute more than \$2,000,000 themselves.

The gimmick in all this is that none of this is spending money. It is authorizations for future spending. Not one cent has been appropriated for any of the 160 projects. The net effect is that it makes a lot of congressmen look good at home because they got through a bill authorizing a dredging or dam building operation on the local Sugar Creek. There are already some 12 years of backlog work in such projects authorized but not appropriated for in past election years.

Amendments To One-Party Bill Opposed By Morse

WASHINGTON, June 8—(AP)—Senator Morse (R-Ore.) said today he hopes the Senate will modify House amendments to the one-party bill. He said the amendments "are a real approach to the problem." Morse made public a letter to W. A. Sausen, Corvallis, Ore., who had complained that the amendments would interfere with operation of the postal service.

"I am very much in favor of cutting out unnecessary federal expenditures and so conducting the government's business as to eliminate waste and inefficiency," Morse wrote.

"However, the across-the-board percentage cut contained in the Thomas-Taber amendment takes no account of the facts regarding any particular activity."

"It is a plain case of poor management and no different from a proposal that when a family's income is reduced 10 percent all items in its budget be cut 10 percent—treating milk for children the same as luxuries for grown-ups."

This amendment, by Reps. Taber (R-NY) and Thomas (D-Tex.), is designed to make a blanket cut of approximately \$600,000,000 in the \$2,000,000,000 bill.

Jail-Bound Hollywood Writer Given Send-Off
LOS ANGELES, June 8—(AP)—Five hundred singing sympathizers sang songs and listened to speeches on an airport taxiway last night in a 30-minute farewell demonstration for jail-bound Dalton Trumbo.

The screen writer took off for New York to join John Howard Lawson. The two members of the "Hollywood ten" will fly to Washington tomorrow to begin jail terms Friday. They were convicted of contempt of Congress for refusing to state whether or not they were Communists.

Eight other film figures, similarly cited, are due for court appearances later this month. Most of them were present at the airport.

CHIEF CHANGES MIND
SALEM, June 8—(AP)—Fire Chief William P. Roble, who resigned Monday after saying a few of his firemen were disloyal, decided yesterday to stay on the job. He announced his change of mind after conferring with Mayor Robert L. Elstrom.

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SUCCESSFUL FISHING TRIP—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. McKenna, honeymooning at Hotel El Mirado in Acapulco, Mexico, following their marriage in Washington, D. C., pose with their catch of two sailfish and a tuna. Mr. McKenna caught the 9-foot, 7-inch sailfish, weighing 96 pounds, and the 18-pound tuna off the coast of Acapulco, May 29. Mrs. McKenna, the former Jane Ellsworth, daughter of Congressman and Mrs. Harris Ellsworth of Roseburg, caught the 80-pound sailfish, 8-feet, 8-inches in length.

Defense Chief Sees Possible Turning Of Reds

CHESTER, Penn.—(AP)—Secretary of Defense Johnson says he is convinced that "the sinister forces of Communist imperialism" can be stopped short of war.

Declaring that no one can foretell "with certainty whether we ultimately shall have to meet the challenge . . . in grim battle," Johnson added:

"I certainly hope and pray we will not; and I am firmly convinced we will not if we exploit the military, economic, political and psychological advantages that are ours."

In a speech prepared for commencement exercises of Pennsylvania Military college at Chester, Penn., the defense chief said communism has nothing to match America in any of those fields.

"Though it may seem to extend its influence here and there from time to time," Johnson added, "its victories ultimately will prove hollow. In the long run, Communism will fail as have all of its forerunners that paraded under other names but had no spiritual quality to support them."

"Man was born to be free, and no slave state can shackle him for long," Johnson said.

Declaring that police states are afraid of themselves, their own people and their neighbors, Johnson said the U.S. has the great psychological advantage of not being afraid of anyone.

Johnson added, "This country realizes that a frightened nation with mass destruction weapons in its possession may become dangerous."

"The way to meet this threat is to retain our poise and keep up our guard and not allow ourselves to develop any fright of our own."

Johnson said America's political advantages over communism are just as formidable as "our latent military prowess."

"Our traditional emphasis on the freedom, security and happiness of the individual is appreciated," he added, "wherever men live, breathe and hope."

TWO 'DRUNKS' JAILED
Judge Ira B. Riddle reported today pleas of guilty to drunk charges were entered by Robert Franklin Christensen, 54, of Los Angeles, and John Frank Tallus, 39, of Roseburg.

Both were committed to the city jail for ten days in lieu of payment of \$20 fines.

RUNAWAY BOY HELD
Police Chief Calvin H. Baird reported today his office apprehended a 14-year-old runaway boy from San Francisco.

The youth turned himself in at the local police station Wednesday afternoon. He is now being held by county authorities pending word from his parents.

PRISONER HANGS SELF
PORTLAND, June 8—(AP)—A city jail prisoner, reprimanded for getting drunk while a trusty, hanged himself in a cell last night. Police identified the prisoner as James J. Reid, 35, a transient. He tore a strip of fabric from his mattress to make a noose.

Tenmile

By Mrs. Julia Breitenbuecher

Mrs. Louise M. Wood has returned from San Diego, where she spent the winter, to spend a few months at her home on the Degner ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Molle and children, Byron and Laura Jean, from Walla Walla, Wash. were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Busby two days last week.

Mrs. Earl Ollivant, Douglas county extension chairman, and Mrs. Corinne McTaggart, home extension agent, attended the state council meeting at Corvallis last week, leaving on Wednesday and returning on Friday.

Harold Siegel and Lawrence Berkey went to Bandon Sunday to fish. They caught several nice perch.

There is to be a potluck dinner held on Sunday, June 11, at one o'clock at the Tenmile community building. The men of the community who are 70 years or older will be honored at a special table. Everyone is invited to attend. Bring potluck food and table service.

Mrs. Minnie Lockwood, Mrs. Maureen Muehl, Mrs. Vera Erbe, Mrs. Julia Breitenbuecher and Bert Melius under the floor of the club room in the Tenmile Community building Tuesday. They also put on crack filler.

Civilians Replace Army Rulers In East Germany

BERLIN, June 8—(AP)—Russia today named civilians to replace four military rulers in east Germany in a move apparently designed to bolster the prestige of the Communist east German state.

The changes accelerated the switch from military to civilian control in the Russian zone and were accompanied by indications that new responsibilities were being delegated to the area's Communist-controlled German government.

Allied observers believed, however, the changes did not mean that Moscow was loosening its grip on east Germany but rather was pulling the area's reins closer toward a hard partnership with a fledgling satellite in the Soviet bloc.

'Twas Tough Fight But Angler Landed His Bass

ASBURY PARK, N. J., June 8—(AP)—Richard Hueth is a real fisherman.

He hooked a striped bass yesterday while fishing from an 18-foot sea wall near here.

The line broke and rather than lose the fish Hueth jumped off the wall onto a hard sand strip.

He broke one ankle and injured the heel of his other foot.

Unable to walk, Hueth crawled into the surf, retrieved the end of the broken line and hung on.

Finally someone noticed his plight and helped him out of the water. He was taken to a hospital in Long Branch where doctors said he'd be laid up for from three to six months.

The bass weighed 19½ pounds.

'Bicycle Thief' Movie Given Court's Approval

PORTLAND, June 8—(AP)—A circuit court ruled against the city's film censors and council yesterday, allowing the Guild theater to show the Italian motion picture "The Bicycle Thief."

Judge James R. Bain declared the council had acted in "an arbitrary and capricious manner" in banning the film.

The board of censors had ordered a two-minute brothel scene deleted if the picture was shown here. The council saw the picture after citizens' groups and the theater management protested. The council voted to uphold the censors because they objected to the producers' "all or nothing" order.

Dangerous Boom Prevails, Utility Executive Warns

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—(AP)—The president of the Southern California Edison company says the country is in "the most dangerous and unsound boom in its history."

W. C. Mullendore called it a "phony prosperity" that becomes more dangerous as it continues.

"It is financed," he said, "by unsound expansion of government debt, government guarantee of unsound private loans, by legal counterfeiting and by confiscation of the savings of thrifty people through inflation."

He launched a sharp attack upon public power and the government at the session of the Edison Electric institute's annual meeting.

It was the most outspoken criticism of the program as he told the 3,000 delegates from every section of the country:

"We who pay our way are daily made the targets for insult and abuse because our companies are 'private companies,' as though doing business without a handout from the public treasury is somehow wrong, dishonest or immoral."

William E. Knox, president of the Westinghouse Electric International company, urged management to solidify the confidence of its employees by telling them honestly the real facts about this economic system as compared with others.

He suggested one way of demonstrating the free enterprise system might be to make it possible for American workers from textile mills, coal mines and automobile assembly plants to see how their counterparts work and live in other countries.

He recommended that management undertake sending some of their twenty-year employees abroad.

Wall Street Land Sells At Auction For 7 Figures

NEW YORK, June 8—(AP)—A 10,000 square-foot plot of land in the Wall Street district was auctioned yesterday for \$1,292,500.

A part of the world's third tallest office building, the 66-story "Sixty Wall Tower," stands on the T-shaped tract and pays \$58,000 a year to whomever owns the land.

When a 31-story addition to the tower was built, it became necessary to lease the plot—which adjoins the original tower property.

The sale was made by the New York Trust company in behalf of the Cortlandt F. Bishop estate.

High bidder was the law firm of Denov, Callan and Morris, who acted for an unidentified client.

WANT TO BUY COFFIN?
TOKYO, June 8—(AP)—The police lost article department today urged 30 persons to reclaim items they had misplaced. They are 30 coffins.

Police announced they had to sell 75 other lost articles turned in. They were 75 snakes.

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Canyonville Lions Host High School Softball Champs

The Canyonville Lions club had as special dinner guests at their meeting Monday night the members of the Canyonville high school softball team, Douglas county champions for 1950. A trophy was presented to the team for having won the title.

Henry Ford was elected president for the next year and will take office July 1. Other officers elected were: Ed Oaks, first vice-president; John Hamlin, second vice-president; R. E. Olsen, third vice-president; John Bingham Jr., secretary-treasurer; George Binder, D. W. Gill and Gordon Harry, board of directors; Ray Hays, lion tamer; and George Brinkworth, tail twister.

Installation of officers will take place June 21 at Ford's cafe in the form of a ladies night dinner meeting.

An auction sale was announced for Friday night, June 9, to be held at the Ritter theater between shows. Shows playing that night are "Tarzan and the Leopard Woman" and "Wolf Call." Donations may be left with Richard Mesick, John Bingham or Henry Ford.

Guests attending the meeting were Ina May Spencer, Jane Wolfer, Dana Baird, Ardith Myers, Thelma Anderson, Thetex Ford, Dora Jean Springstead and Joanne Young, all members of the softball team, Coach Ronald Krasky, Principal O. J. Monger.

Members of the Grants Pass Lions club were in attendance, Rex Wilson, president; B. K. Heindon, secretary; and Louis B. Hardin, candidate for district governor.

Armand Locken of Crookston, Minn., who is a guest at the D. W. Gill home, was also a guest at the dinner.

Elkton

By MRS. PHYLLIS A. SMITH

Bill Edwards was injured Sunday when the horse that he was riding fell on him. He is at Oakland where he is receiving treatment for a broken rib and bruises.

Mrs. Bennie Knystra and daughters, Shirley and Dolores, left early Tuesday morning to go to Venice, Calif., where they will attend the 40th wedding anniversary of Mrs. Knystra's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tikker, on Friday.

They were accompanied as far south as Westwood by Miss Eleanor Binder, who will visit with relatives there at El Monte, Calif., for several weeks.

Ross McDonald is away on a business trip to Riverbank, Calif.

Mrs. Lenore C. Hucksins and Tom C. Hucksins were remarried in a ceremony at the Methodist church on the afternoon of May 27.

Elkton loggers saw quick results of their advertisement on the bulletin board at Randall's "a man to raise the humidity." Showers of soaking rain fell throughout the day and night Tuesday, bringing welcome relief to parched fields and woodlands.

Dewey, O'Dwyer To Take Civilian Jobs, Report

NEW YORK, June 8—(AP)—The New York Post reported today that both Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York probably will quit public life for \$100,000-a-year jobs.

In a story from Washington by Charles Van Devander the Post said that Gov. Dewey probably will accept an offer to join the law firm of Hughes and Ewing at 1 Wall street, New York.

And Post columnist Earl Wilson said O'Dwyer has told friends he is considering resigning the mayoralty in September to accept a \$100,000-a-year job as head of the Generoso Pope foundation.

The Generoso Pope foundation was created by the mayor's old friend, the publisher of the Italian daily Il Progresso, who died April 28. Pope left \$4,000,000 to create the foundation for charitable purposes.

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The Weather

Partly cloudy today. Mostly cloudy with scattered showers Friday.

Highest temp. for any June 106
Lowest temp. for any June 36
Highest temp. yesterday 57
Lowest temp. last 24 hrs. 42
Precipitation last 24 hrs. 7
Precipitation from June 1 .43
Precipitation from Sept. 1 32.66
Excess from June 1 .19

Marshall Urges Further Arms Aid To West Europe

WASHINGTON, June 8—(AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall Wednesday said "the most dangerous thing" the United States can do is to sit impotent in the face of Communist aggression.

The wartime army chief of staff conceded that the mutual defense aid program might encourage rather than deter Russia to act before western Europe is able to defend itself.

"There is a hazard," he said, "but I am convinced that to sit impotent is the most dangerous thing we can do."

The general, who as secretary of state authorized the Marshall plan for European recovery, appeared before the house foreign affairs committee.

He urged Congress to continue the program of arms aid to western Europe, calling it vital to morale as well as military defense.

Specifically, Marshall backed President Truman's request for \$1,222,500,000 in new arms aid for the 1951 fiscal year beginning July 1.

The general said the United States would just be "playing into Soviet hands" by arming to the teeth at home while remaining on the sidelines in western Europe.

He said, "is wrong—psychologically and militarily wrong, and just generally wrong."

He estimated it would cost the U. S. more than \$30,000,000 a year to arm to the teeth.

Speaking without notes, the general observed that the soviet union unlike the democracies, can make "cold blooded decisions" and set the date and hour for action.

It seems to me to sit idle and impotent is a fatal procedure," he reiterated.

"I do not think in the long run the program adds to the perils of the situation. I think it materially reduces them."

Elaborating on his statement that inaction would be "fatal," Marshall said to do nothing would adversely affect the morale of western Europe and would "play into soviet hands for future pressure politics."

U. S. Advises Russia As To M'Arthur's Power

WASHINGTON, June 8—(AP)—The United States told Russia today that Gen. Douglas MacArthur has full authority to parole Japanese convicted of war crimes by American military or international tribunals.

Moscow also was told that the supreme allied commander has no intention of actually reducing or altering the sentences of wartime Japanese leaders who were sentenced to prison by the former international military tribunal.

Eighteen Japanese sentenced by the international court are serving prison terms. MacArthur on May 7 issued an order providing for possible paroles for those convicted by the international tribunal and by lesser American military courts.

Canyonville High Graduates Ten Tuesday Night

Ten seniors received their diplomas at the Canyonville high school commencement exercises Tuesday evening, June 6.

The program was as follows: Processional, graduates; salutatory, Ardith Myers; "Give a Man a Horse He Can Ride," chorus; presentation of awards, Principal O. J. Monger; valedictory, Dora Jean Springstead; "Singing Along," chorus; address, Dr. Gordon A. Sabine, dean of the school of journalism, University of Oregon; presentation of grade school diploma, John Bingham Jr.; presentation of diplomas to seniors, James L. Zumwalt; flower girl march; and recessional, graduates.

Invocation and benediction were given by the Rev. A. M. Shaffer. Members of the class of 1950 included Kenneth McGinnis, Malvin Burwell, Ardith Myers, Dora Jean Springstead, Thetex Ford, Joanne Young, Velma Hyatt, Ina May Spencer, Hugh Morton and Roy Shuey. Ronald Krasky was the class advisor.

The following students were promoted from the eighth grade and received diplomas: Carl Parks, Homer Unger, Blake Hardy, Roy Larson Jr., James Andrews, Joyce Mauls, Sue Furgerson, Rose Hyatt, Charles Pickett, Rodney Robinson, Eugene Barnes, George Allen, Lotetta Phillips, Harvey Moore, Jimmy Burwell, Juanita Russell, Virginia Beach, Janet Lewis, Delbert McGinnis, Nancy Claxton, Bobby Drew, Jack Emerick, Donna Strahan, Mary Bishop and Janey Owen.

The senior class motto was "The Game Isn't Over Until the Last Out." Class colors were orange and black, and the flower was the carnation.

Members of the school board are James L. Zumwalt, chairman, Paul Strahan and John Bingham Jr.

BEALS FUNERAL SET
Funeral services will be held for Percy Beals at the Methodist church in Canyonville Friday at 1:30 o'clock with Rev. H. Ernie Taylor in charge. Mr. Beals passed away at Salem after a short illness.

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