

Water Resources Development Plan Announced

Report Calls For 15 River Basin Boards

Commission's Program Receives Truman's Nod After One-Year Study

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a year on President Truman's desk, a plan to develop the country's water resources has been brought out into the open.

Calling for 15 river basin commissions to chart future development, it is the work of the President's Water Resources Policy Commission, headed by Morris L. Cooke.

Saying he had the President's consent, Cooke released the Commission's final report carrying its recommendations Sunday, although it was given Mr. Truman a year ago.

It does not name the river basins for which commissions would be established.

The proposal has been under study in the executive departments for months but has not been sent to Congress.

Pro And Con Comment

Rep. Engle, D-Calif., chairman of the House Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation, called the plan the "first definite step to try to resolve the very complex problem of a national water resources policy."

"Whether we agree with all of it or not," he told a reporter, "the proposed bill certainly is a good starting place. It should have been started a long time ago."

However, a spokesman for local watershed and conservation groups said the Commission's program already is a "dead duck."

David J. Guy, executive vice president of the American Watershed Council, said Mr. Truman has asked the Bureau of the Budget to draw up substitute legislation.

Guy said the Commission proposals aim for "iron-clad federal control" in that there would be seven federal representatives on each of the proposed nine-member basin commissions, leaving only two to be named as regional representatives.

Local Units Obligated

The Commission's draft of proposed legislation calls for an overall federal board of review to coordinate all federal activities related to water resources.

It also proposes numerous changes in existing law dealing with flood control, reclamation, navigation and other water projects.

It would require states or local communities benefitting from flood

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U. S., Britain Ready Pacific Tests Of Atomic Weapons

America's New Bomb Possibly Hydrogen Type

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department announced Monday that preparations for new atomic tests are under way in the Pacific.

The brief announcement gave no hint as to the nature of the tests. They will be conducted at Eniwetok, remote Pacific atoll, by a joint team of experts from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Atomic Energy Commission.

While there was no official information, the fact that Eniwetok was selected for the tests suggests that they involve some weapon either too powerful for testing at the Yucca Flats Range in Nevada, or of particular concern to Naval warfare.

A variety of atomic weapons was tested last fall at Yucca Flats, among them possibly a "baby bomb."

Hydrogen Bomb Perhaps

The Eniwetok testing site was last used in the spring of 1951. Following those tests, it was announced that atomic experts had gained "much useful" information toward creation of a hydrogen bomb.

Some atomic experts have estimated that a hydrogen bomb might be 1,000 times more powerful than the A-bombs dropped on Japan during World War II.

Monday's announcement coincided with word released in London that Britain expects to test an atomic weapon — her first — this year. The tests probably will be in September or October in Australia.

Some Details Withheld

The Eniwetok tests presumably will be much sooner, but defense officials said they could not give any information at this time that would point to the exact date or dates of the tests.

They indicated that preparations for the new series are well advanced but that the actual movement of the various service and operational groups that will take part in the test series has not begun.



M. L. KUMLER, above, is the new Douglas County 4-H Club agent, replacing Wilbert Anderson, who resigned recently. Kumler took over Friday after working the last five years at Tillamook with the Production and Marketing Administration, An Oregon State College graduate, he spent the war years teaching in India. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

Near Equality In Power Claim Of British Press

LONDON (AP) — Britain announced Monday she will test a new atomic weapon this year.

The probable date and place are late September or early October on the bleak Woomera Rocket Range in Australia.

British experts believe their weapon is better than any produced to date by the United States, but perhaps not as powerful.

The official announcement did not say whether the new weapon is a bomb.

There was speculation that it might be a bomb, shellhead or some other device whose explosion could be controlled and thus used in support of ground troops.

But Chapman Pincher, well-known science reporter for the London Daily Express, said "the weapon will almost certainly be a high powered atomic bomb designed for use by aircraft."

Authoritative sources said the new weapon will be set off by an entirely new but still secret process.

Preparations for the test include the removal of aboriginal tribes from the area.

Reaches Equality With U.S.

The brief announcement said only that the test of an atomic weapon will be held in Australia this year.

But London newspapers hailed it as proof that Britain had made a tremendous stride forward in a drive to restore the country to military equality with the United States and the Soviet Union.

Most papers played prominently a remark by Sen. McMahon, D-Conn., chairman of the U.S. Senate House Committee on Atomic Energy, that the development could cause the U.S. to revise its policy against sharing atomic information with the British.

The principal designer of the weapon is Dr. William Penney, 42-year-old chief superintendent of armament research for the government. Penney, a Cambridge educated scientist, worked for a time at the U.S. Atomic Laboratory at Los Alamos, N. Mex., during and immediately after World War II.

Britain has been making plutonium—the material used for the U.S. bomb dropped on Nagasaki and tested at Bikini Island in the Pacific—at a plant at Sellafield, on the northwest coast, for more than a year. But there has been no extraction plant. The government announcement indicated such a plant either now is in operation or soon will be.

34 Killed In Airliner Disaster In Sicily

BURGIO, Sicily (AP) — Police reached the wreckage of a British airliner on the side of Sicilian Mt. Rose near here Monday and reported all 34 aboard were dead.

A police communique from Sciacca, at the foot of the mountain where the crash occurred, said 25 of the 34 bodies had been identified and attributed the disaster to icing of the wings.

Many of the victims were reported to be the families of British soldiers stationed in Kenya, Britain's East African colony.

Roseburg Leads In Per Capita Dimes March

Roseburg leads the state in per capita contributions to the March of Dimes, Chairman Bob McCarl reported Sunday.

In speaking on KRNR's "This Town Is Yours" radio interview, McCarl said Roseburg may rank as high as fifth or sixth in the nation. This, he said, was reported by a representative of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Roseburg's contributions in the drive, which closed Jan. 31, was figured at \$22,561.57, McCarl said.

The most successful single endeavor of the March of Dimes campaign was the Mothers March, which brought in \$3,631.81, McCarl reported. A Rotary Club auction netted \$1,755 and the schools — particularly Senior High — were very active.

McCarl also listed other activities during the campaign that brought in considerable amounts.

Of the total amount, local expenses will be deducted first — but these amount to only a small fraction of the total, "less than one per cent," McCarl said.

The remainder will be equally divided and half will remain locally while the rest goes to the National Foundation for related use locally if necessary.

Violation Of Curfew Puts Fines On Parents

The parents of five juveniles paid \$5 fines for allowing their children to remain on the streets after 10 p. m. curfew, Chief of Police Ted Mazac reported.

Mazac said that persons under 18 years of age will be cited for violating curfew if they remain on the streets even though they are in an automobile.

DRUNK DRIVING CHARGED

Albert Alonzo Trask, 45, Sutherlin, is being held in the county jail pending arraignment on a drunk driving charge, state police report. He was arrested Saturday.

Negress Finally Sings At Constitution Hall

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dorothy Maynor became the first Negro ever to appear commercially at Constitution Hall Sunday when she sang as guest soloist with the National Symphony Orchestra.

Thirteen years ago the Hall, owned by the Daughters of the American Revolution, barred Contralto Marian Anderson. A storm of protest followed and she sang from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

Paul Hume, music critic for the Washington Post, said it was a dramatic concert. He praised Miss Maynor's artistry, and added: "It was no ordinary afternoon of singing. Nor did its drama lack the awareness of the historic moment when the principal concert hall in our nation's capital opened its doors to one of the greatest singers America has brought forth."

Hotel Condemnation Hearing Set Tonight

A public hearing on the proposed condemnation of the Lane Hotel, 313 W. Lane St., is scheduled for the city council meeting tonight at 7:30 in the City Council Chambers. The matter was discussed at the meeting a month ago, and the hearing set on the matter. Storm sewers and West Roseburg street paving are also expected to be on the council docket tonight.

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FIRST SAFE DRIVER PLEDGE—Roseburg's Mayor Albert G. First signs the first safe driver pledge in campaign launched today by Governor Regional Safety Committee. Cal Baird, a member of the safety committee, looks on. (Staff Picture)

Safety Driving Promotion, Securing Personal Pledges, Starts In Douglas County

The Governor's Regional Safety Committee today began its county-wide program to promote safety on the highways. Safe driver pledge cards were being distributed to gas stations throughout Roseburg, and Toastmasters Club members were preparing to present the program to civic clubs throughout the county.

Snowfall Fails To Close Roads

Snow again hit Douglas County Sunday night and the Weather Bureau predicts snow and rain showers today and Tuesday.

The temperature dipped to 30 degrees Sunday night and is expected to fall a few degrees below freezing tonight.

Snow measured .2 of an inch in Roseburg at 9 a. m. today.

But the main roads in the County remain open. Several inches of snow gave motorists trouble on Rice Hill between 6 and 10 p. m. Sunday. State police report that several cars left the road, but damage to the vehicles was slight.

Police advised the use of chains on Highway 99 south. Ice spots are reported on the highway south of Roseburg.

It was snowing lightly on highway 97 this morning, but road conditions were not hazardous. One inch of new snow had been recorded, and 13 inches were piled along the roadside.

ARNALL CONFIRMED

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate confirmed by voice vote Monday President Truman's nomination of Ellis G. Arnall, former governor of Georgia, as Price Stabilization Director.

Arnall succeeds Michael V. DiSalle, who resigned to seek the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate in Ohio.



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I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



RALPH MENARD, announcer at KRXL, is president of the Roseburg Community Players, a theatrical group of young people who meet weekly at the Army. At the present time they have three one-act plays under rehearsal which will be presented here about the first week in March; a three-act play is planned for May. Recently Mr. Menard attended the Northwest Dramatic Conference in Eugene as delegate from the Roseburg Players. Delegates from Little Theater groups from all over the Northwest were present, representing high schools, colleges and civic groups.

RUSSIA NEUTRAL?

That's What Reds Claim In Korean Nomination; Allies 'Note Statement'

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — The Communists Monday challenged Allied rejection of Russia's nomination to a neutral inspection commission which would help police a Korean truce.

The Reds declared that by every standard the Soviet Union qualifies as a neutral.

The neutral nation commission would make behind-the-scenes inspections during an armistice.

The Communists argued that Soviet combat forces have not fought in Korea and that if Russia cannot be considered a neutral "there would be no neutral nation at all existing in the world."

An Allied staff officer replied only "I note your statement."

Soviet experts trained the North Korean army before the outbreak of war and the Reds are using Russian-type planes and other war materiel.

The U.N. has nominated Switzerland, Norway and Sweden as its representatives on the inspection commission. The Reds named Poland and Czechoslovakia in addition to Russia.

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — American Sabre jet pilots, outnumbered more than two to one, damaged two Communist MIG jets in a battle high over North Korea Monday the Fifth Air Force said.

On the ground, an Allied tank-infantry task force penetrated deep into the Communists' old Iron Triangle, in Central Korea, drove Chinese Reds off a high hill, then pulled back.

Another U.N. raiding party broke out of a Communist trap east of the Pukhan River in Central Korea Sunday night and returned safely to Allied lines.

The party was pinned down six hours by machine-gun fire and grenades.

The air battle matched 19 Sabre jets against 40 Communist MIG 15s.

The MIGs tried unsuccessfully to break through a screen of Sabres protecting fighter bombers attacking North Korean supply lines. Lt. Kenneth C. Giesler of Sberburne, Minn., was credited with damaging two MIGs.

An Air Force spokesman said Operation Strangle had caused the Chinese Reds "terrific expense" and probably had prevented the Communists from attempting a major offensive.

Uninjured Man Dies After Auto Accident

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — A Merlin, Ore., man died here Saturday 20 minutes after an automobile accident in which he was not injured.

He was John Voight, 66. He collapsed while discussing the mishap which occurred while he was pulling out of a parking space. He died later at a hospital.

The Weather

Cloudy with showers of rain or snow today. Tuesday occasional rain or snow and snow mixed.

Highest temp. for any Feb. 79
Lowest temp. for any Feb. 3
Highest temp. last 24 hours 43
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 30
Precip. last 24 hours .21
Precip. from Feb. 1 3.33
Precip. from Sept. 1 29.74
Sunset 5:55
Sunrise today 5:48 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:05 a. m.

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Nationalist Riot Upsets Morocco

CASABLANCA (AP) — One Moroccan was killed and three injured in a nationalist demonstration Sunday marked by an attack on the car of French Resident General Augustin Guillaume, the French News Agency said.

The General and his wife escaped injury.

The Agency said the car was fired upon and stoned. The Resident General's office later issued a statement denying the car had been fired upon.

The incident occurred during a demonstration by about 5,000 persons organized by the Independence party on the occasion of a visit by touring Latin American diplomats.

French police had orders not to fire in return, but finally were compelled to do so when they were surrounded and stoned, the Agency reported.

Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Yusef also made a speech calling for Moroccan membership in the United Nations—which runs directly counter to French policy.

Both Morocco and Tunisia are simmering under the fire of nationalist agitation. There is widespread fear of more violence such as swept Tunisia at the end of January, when nearly 50 were slain.

Wedding Party Of Seven Dies In Traffic Crash

KAYSVILLE, Utah (AP) — Seven members of a wedding party, including the bride and groom, were killed Sunday when their car crashed into a semi-trailer truck.

Killed were: Martin Edward Green, 22; his bride, Nellie June Wilson Green, 16; Ralph E. Green, 37, brother of the groom and driver of the death car; Mrs. Edna Wilson, 40, the bride's mother; Mrs. Phyllis Christensen, 38, aunt of the bride; and Glen Charles Wadsworth, 38, all of Ogden, Utah, and Mrs. Clarence Sharpless, 33, of Clearfield, Utah.

The young couple had been married Saturday.

Trooper Farlin Wood of the Utah State Highway Patrol, said the Green car failed to negotiate a curve on U.S. Highway 91 at the entrance to Kaysville and crashed into the trailer.

Georgia Youth Mixes Lines On State Praise

MANITOWOC, Wis. (AP) — A flustered Georgia boy fluffed his lines while responding Monday to official greetings for his 20 Mac-companions—but drew a resounding round of applause just the same.

"We come from Macon, Ga.," Jay Dennis, a Lanier High School student told a student assembly at Lincoln High School here. "It's a city of fast women and pretty horses."

The auditorium of the big high school rocked with applause and laughter, but young Dennis recovered his composure and went on to say how happy he and his companions were at arriving here for two weeks of study and entertainment in the "Far North."

16 LESS COMMIES

MANILA (AP) — Philippines troops killed 16 Communist-led Huk soldiers in skirmishes on Luzon Island Sunday night and Monday, the Defense Department reported. One soldier was listed as killed.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The report that Vienna surgeons have treated Joe Stalin for a heart attack upsets the general belief that such an organ was absent from Joe's anatomy.