

# TAX GROUP TO MEET

SALEM — The Legislature's Interim Tax Study Committee will meet at 9 a. m. Tuesday at the State Office Building in Portland, already has held 11 meetings.

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## Silver Included In Surplus Sale By Air Force

WASHINGTON — The red-faced Air Force said Thursday it included a "large quantity" of silver in a surplus sale under the mistaken impression it was trash. The sale is being cancelled.

The sale was Tuesday at Wilkins Air Depot, near Shelby, Ohio. The silver was in the form of unused decoration medals which were offered for sale in connection with disposal of about 10 million dollars worth of surplus material.

The Air Force said officials at the base believed the medals were brass, but learned later to their chagrin that they were silver.

A spokesman said that no delivery of the material had been made and that the sale is cancelled.

Air Force headquarters here did not say the amount of the silver, but dispatches from Shelby said the total was about \$7 tons. One lot was bid at \$1.90 a pound and a second at \$4 a pound.

The Treasury pays 90.5 cents per fine ounce for newly-mined silver. There was no word of the fineness of the decorations, but the value of a pound of fine silver would be about \$144.80.

## Colorado River Dams Get Committee Okay

WASHINGTON — A Senate interior subcommittee Thursday approved a bill to authorize a series of dams in the upper Colorado River basin costing an estimated 1 1/2 billion dollars.

The subcommittee chairman, Sen. Millikin (R-Colo.), told a reporter he would ask the full interior committee to consider the bill immediately.

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## Criminal Action Is Asked In Apartment Deal Frauds

WASHINGTON — A government housing official said Thursday the Justice Department has been asked to take criminal action in connection with "one of the nation's largest" government-insured apartment developments—a 22 million dollar project in near-by Arlington, Va.

Norman P. Mason, acting commissioner of the Federal Housing Administration, said the action was requested "probably on the basis of fraud in filing applications" for FHA mortgage insurance.

The project, known as the Arlington Towers apartment development, lies just across the Potomac River from Washington. Still under construction, the project involves 1,647 apartments designed to house 4,000 persons.

Mason gave the information to the Senate Banking Committee, investigating housing irregularities stretching across the country. This is the first known case to be referred to the Justice Department since the housing scandals broke last April.

Mason spoke out after Arthur B. Weber, a Los Angeles builder, told the committee that FHA officials taught builders exactly how to profit from a post-war government-insured housing program without putting in "any capital."

Weber said he couldn't remember the name of the FHA man he said came from Washington to tell him and other builders how to make money from the government program.

Weber, testifying under oath, said that he cleared \$387,543 on two projects and later sold his interest in them for an additional profit of \$125,000.

Sen. Capehart (R-Ind), chairman of the committee which is conducting the housing investigation, asked Weber: "Do you feel

age project approved by the subcommittee includes six major power dams and small irrigation projects in Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico.

This program is larger than one recommended by the administration and another approved by the House Interior Committee.

It includes the controversial Echo Park Dam, which would flood part of the Dinosaur National Monument in Utah, and Glen Canyon, Curecanti, Navaho, Flaming Gorge and Cross Mountain dams.

that you were promoted in this" by the FHA?

Weber replied: "There is no question about that. Frankly, I wish we had never seen them. We acted in good faith. Our hands were tied."

Earlier, Sen. Maybank (D-SC), senior Democrat on the committee said FHA officials should act at once to "cut back on windfall profits and reduce the inflated rents of tenants who are paying for them."

"Everybody's made money in these housing project deals except the tenant," he said. "He's the guy who's been paying for it."

He declared etc., 3rd graf tab3

## Long-Time Methodist Worker Dies Tuesday

FOREST GROVE — Private funeral services were held here Thursday for Pearl E. Sherlock who retired a year ago after 13 years as executive secretary of Oregon Methodist religious education work. She died here Tuesday.

Miss Sherlock started in Oregon religious education work 27 years ago at Rose City Park Methodist Church in Portland, and a memorial service will be held there the evening of Aug. 1.

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