

AEC Resigned To Invest More Federal Funds Into Experimental Atomic Plants

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WASHINGTON — The Atomic Energy Commission is resigned to investing more federal funds into development of large experimental atomic power plants in hopes of

Committees Chosen By Farm Bureau

The regular meeting of the Camas Valley Farm Bureau took place last Friday. Howard Milton, chairman, presided.

After the minutes were read and approved, reports were made by H. A. Denn, Camas Valley director, and Mrs. Carl Dahl, associate woman's chairman, on the county meeting held recently in Roseburg.

Letters of thanks to the bureau for sponsoring the Halloween party in Camas Valley were read from various clubs in the valley. A motion was made and carried that the Halloween party be an annual affair sponsored by the bureau.

Due to the resignation of the vice chairman, Horace Smith, Frank Kinnam was elected to fill that chair.

Chairman Milton appointed committees as follows: Publicity, Mrs. William Cunningham and Mrs. Dave Thrush; refreshments, Mrs. L. A. Pryor, Mrs. Frank Kinnam and Mrs. Howard Cummings; entertainment, Mrs. Phillip Standley, Mrs. Ormand Standley and Mrs. Ray Dancer; membership, Mrs. Howard Milton, Mrs. Ray Dancer and Mrs. Dave Thrush; community activities, Mrs. Roy Thurston, Mrs. Dave Thrush and Mrs. Howard Milton; welcome and scrap book, Mrs. Carl Dahl; fair booth, Ernest Booth; calling, Mrs. Frank Kinnam; finance, Mrs. William Cunningham and Mrs. Ernest Booth; highway, H. A. Denn and Al Schaffer; rural youth, education and 4-H, Mrs. Ray Dancer, Mrs. Dave Thrush and Mrs. Arthur Jones; water resources, H. A. Denn, Al Schaffer and Howard Milton.

After the meeting a Christmas party with a gift exchange was held by the group. The next meeting will be at the school on Friday, Jan. 11.

Lithuanians Said Showing Unrest

MOSCOW — The head of Lithuania's Communist Party has called for a strengthening of ideological work after admitting that events in Hungary have encouraged Lithuanian nationalists "to raise their heads."

Antanas Sniechus, first secretary of the party in Soviet Lithuania, declared in a major speech that "bourgeois nationalist elements and their various accomplices" are attacking the Lithuanian Communist Party.

Copies of the official Lithuanian Communist Party newspaper containing Sniechus' speech were received in Moscow.

Anti-Communist activity also was reported in a speech by Antonin Novotny, Czechoslovakia's Communist Party boss, who said, "open and hidden enemies of socialism raised their heads (in Czechoslovakia). However, the firm unity of our people destroyed at the beginning even the slightest appearance of hostility."

Novotny's speech was given last week in Prague but the text has just reached Vienna.

Ringling Bros. Putting Circus Back On The Road

NEW YORK — Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey Circus is putting its "greatest show on earth" back on the road next season—but with some significant changes.

Most noteworthy will be the disappearance of the huge canvas tent. It'll give way to indoor arenas, ball parks and state fairgrounds, where all the dates will be played.

"The show will have all the traditional acts from jugglers to tigers," a circus spokesman said Tuesday in announcing definite plans for next season's schedule.

"The changes will all be backstage and in business operations," he explained.

The news ended speculation that the famed circus unit might vanish from the American scene since the "big show" unexpectedly terminated its run last July 16 in mid-tour at Pittsburgh.

staving off demands by Democrats in Congress for a program of federal atomic plants.

The AEC is acting within the context of the Eisenhower administration's policy of trying to encourage privately-owned and public utilities to invest their money — along with some federal assistance — into new atomic plants. But up to now this program has been slow getting off the ground.

Meanwhile, in Congress last summer Democratic critics of this program led by Sens. Albert Gore (Tenn.) and Henry M. Jackson (Wash.) tried to put through a bill under which the government would do the job itself by building a string of atomic power reactors, one of them at the Hanford Works at Richland, Wash. The administration was successful in stopping this bill.

Democrats Reject Republican Plan To Form Senate

PORTLAND — Democrats Tuesday unanimously turned down a GOP proposal under which the Republicans would have organized the state Senate and would have given the Democrats the chairmanship and majority membership in the Joint Ways and Means and Taxation committees.

The Republican plan would have given a Senate presidency to the Republican candidate, Sen. Warren Gill, Lebanon.

Rejection of the proposal, aimed at breaking the 15-15 deadlock before the Legislature meets next month, was announced by the Democratic choice for Senate president, Walter J. Pearson, Portland.

Pearson said the Democrats want to organize the Senate and hold chairmanships and majorities on four committees: Joint Ways and Means, Taxation, Rules and Education. He added that the Democrats were willing to share with the Republicans the control of other committees.

"We must have control of the Ways and Means and Taxation committees," Pearson said, "in order to carry out the Democratic program of state government finance. The Rules Committee is important, because it is a powerful committee. Education is a pet project of the governor (Democratic Gov.-elect Robert D. Holmes), and so we would want control of that one."

Duke Invited To Antarctica

MCMURDO SOUND, Antarctica — The Duke of Edinburgh has been invited to drop in for a visit in Antarctica.

Rear Adm. George Dufek, commander of the U.S. Navy's Operation Deepfreeze, extended the invitation through New Zealand naval authorities.

The Duke, husband of Queen Elizabeth II, now is in Wellington, N.Z., on a 26,000-mile air and sea Commonwealth tour. He is scheduled to officiate at ceremonies next Monday in Lyttelton when the New Zealand antarctic expedition leaves for a base to be established across McMurdo Sound from this U.S. installation.

Later this month the duke will sail east around the coast of Antarctica in the royal yacht Britannia, spending Christmas at sea. He will visit a British station to be set up on the opposite coast of Antarctica at Vahsel Bay on the Weddell Sea, as part of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) program.

Japan's Admission To UN Recommended By Council

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — The Security Council Wednesday recommended unanimously that Japan be admitted to the United Nations as its 80th member.

The council's action opened the way for quick final action in the 79-nation General Assembly where approval was only a formality.

The approval of Japan came after more than four years of waiting. The application, first submitted July 16, 1952, had been vetoed four times by the Soviet Union.

The United States had been one of the strong backers of Japan's membership bid.

Russia withdrew its objections Wednesday a few hours after a pact with Japan went into effect formally ending World War II for the two nations.

But since then, with Democrats retaining control of Congress as result of the election, the administration has decided to liberalize its approach by offering greater financial inducement to private firms to build new power plants. The amount is still a secret, but speculation is that it will be over the \$50 million level in this year's budget for power reactors.

AEC plans to send out a new invitation to private companies in January just about the time Congress convenes — and the response to that invitation from private industry may well determine whether the job will be done privately or not.

The price tag on the bill in Congress has been asked to provide a government insurance

scheme to ease this burden, but this bill failed to pass last session. The administration is worried that Democrats may try to fashion a bargain package including the insurance proposal along with a program of federal atomic power plants. This would have the effect of stimulating private interest on the one hand and cooling it off on the other.

That is, private firms reportedly have been reluctant to jump into the atomic field at this early stage if there is some chance the government itself, under directions from Congress, might start building power reactors.

So far, preliminary plans have been worked out for 16 atomic power plants with an estimated cost of

\$425 million. They would generate over a million kilowatts. If constructed, they would be completed at different times starting in 1959 and running through 1962.

Of these, 10 require government assistance and six are all-private. The share being shouldered by the government runs to a combined cost of about \$70 million.

The whole idea behind the program, whether undertaken by private or federal agencies, is to build atomic power plants in quest for a method of generating cheap electricity. The hope is to find a method that will make atomic power not only feasible but advantageous over use of other fuels, such as coal and oil, if not hydroelectricity, which is still cheapest of all and will probably remain so.

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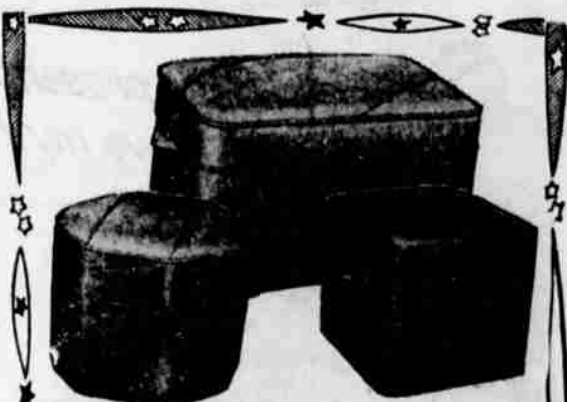
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