

Columbia's Flow Should Be Above 15-Year Average

PORTLAND — The Columbia River's flow at The Dalles this spring and summer should be slightly more than the average of the past 15 years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported here.

Morlan W. Nelson, snow survey supervisor for the Soil Conservation Service at Boise, released the forecast. He said it assumed normal weather conditions during the remaining days of winter.

The report said the snowpack in Columbia River watersheds is slightly above normal with the north part of the basin having the highest snow water content.

According to Nelson, preliminary figures show the basin snowpack at 110 per cent of normal. But he said relatively dry soil will cut down the spring runoff.

Nelson reported excellent storage in power and irrigation reservoirs.

He said that assuming continued normal conditions, the Columbia flow at The Dalles should be 65 1/2 million acre feet, or 100 per cent of average from April through June. For April through September, it should be 97 million acre feet, or 101 per cent of average, Nelson said.

The flow of Columbia tributaries was forecast as: Upper Columbia, including the Kootenai, 114 per cent of normal; Pend Oreille, 110 per cent; Spokane, 119 per cent; Snake at Weiser, 105 per cent.

The Clearwater and Salmon rivers were reported close to normal.

Plan Would Give Sec. Of Defense More Authority

WASHINGTON — Two Republican senators put forward separate proposals this week aimed at achieving much the same goal—giving the Secretary of Defense greater authority in running things at the Pentagon.

Sen. Bush (Conn.) proposed legislation to streamline the Defense Department and give the Secretary of Defense more say in the use of funds.

Sen. Cooper (Ky.) also called for putting more monetary control in the office of the secretary and went one big step further.

Cooper proposed downgrading the positions of civilian secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force to put them on an under-secretary basis. This would centralize control of the military in the Secretary of Defense himself, said Cooper.

"My bill would reverse the present emphasis of individual operation of the three services," he said. "Instead of unification in the defense setup we now have a sort of federation without any real centralized civilian control."

Bush's package proposals would carry out many of the recommendations of the Rockefeller brothers' special commission, which studied ways to improve the defense mechanism.

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Peace Pledge On Space Missiles May Be Sought

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON — The United States has regained with its orbiting Explorer some of the prestige it lost to Russia last October. But top officials acknowledged the nation still has a long way to go.

These officials said it would be foolish to underestimate the lead Russia holds as a result of its achievement in getting two Sputniks aloft months before the United States got its Explorer into orbit.

One of the early diplomatic results of Friday night's achievement may be a new U.S. move to press President Eisenhower's proposal to Soviet Premier Bulganin for an agreement pledging outer space to peaceful uses.

A new initiative on this proposal in the United Nations is possible, though no specific action has yet been decided on.

Secretary of State Dulles has suggested a U.N. agency might be created by East-West agreement to police a pledge to limit space missiles and space exploration to peaceful purposes.

Unless some such system is worked out, officials here foresee a long period of increasingly grudgingly and dangerous competition by the world's great powers for control of the skies.

As officials presently see the situation, the launching should strengthen this country's hand in negotiating with Russia for a summit conference.

There is no doubt State Department leaders were reluctant to approach a top level meeting so long as this country was completely behind in the satellite race.

Eisenhower and Dulles have insisted from the first Russia's ability to launch its Sputnik—despite implications of Soviet missile capability—had not upset the world's balance of military power.

But no one denied that it threatened to upset the balance in the future or that the diplomatic balance had shifted in Russia's favor and considerable damage had been dealt American prestige.

Proposal To Dam Fraser River May Get Support

WASHINGTON — Canadian proposals to dam the Fraser River in British Columbia may be strengthened by the Federal Power Commission recommendation to build the Nez Perce dam, Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said here.

The recommendation made last week in rejecting a Pacific Northwest Power Co. application for construction of Mountain Sheep and Pleasant Valley low dams on the Snake River "glosses over the dangers of a high dam like Nez Perce to migratory fish runs," he said.

Neuberger said opponents of Canadian diversion of the Upper Columbia River have been relying "almost exclusively on the great damage which diversion would do to the sockeye salmon migrations of the Fraser watershed."

The FCC's favorable attitude toward a Nez Perce dam, he asserted, now makes it "many times more difficult to persuade our Canadian friends that they should sacrifice greatly augmented power development in order to prevent high dams from destroying the sockeye salmon pilgrimages of the Fraser."

If carried out, the lawmaker maintained, Canadian diversions could end all hope of United States' construction of Libby Dam in Montana. It also would endanger other Columbia River expansion, he said.

Boeing Prepares Tests Of New Jet Stratoliner

SEATTLE — Boeing Airplane Co.'s second production model 707 jet Stratoliner was being prepared this week for a month of ground testing.

The plane came off the line Monday in the full blue and white colors of Pan American World Airways, the company that will get this and the first production 707 late this year.

The first plane was rolled out of its hangar Dec. 20 and already has been tested in flight. The second will be flight tested in a month from now.

Showdown Expected Soon On Presidential Disability

WASHINGTON — Rep. Celler (D-N.Y.) said Thursday the Republicans will be blame if nothing is done to provide legal machinery for a vice president to act in place of a temporarily disabled president.

Celler, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said in an interview there will be a showdown on presidential disability legislation in about a week.

Both Celler and House Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) sharply criticized Atty. Gen. Rogers' statement that he will advise President Eisenhower to veto any such legislation unless it is prepared as a constitutional amendment, as the President has advocated.

House Democratic leaders want to handle the disability question in a simple law. The terms of the legislation have been agreed on by key Republicans and Democrats in the House, with only the method of enactment at issue.

Special Commission This plan calls for a special disability commission to be made up of congressional leaders of both parties and the secretary of state as voting members, plus the speaker of the house, the president pro tem of the senate and the vice president as nonvoting members. The vice president would preside.

In attacking this plan, Rogers contended the executive branch of the government has sole responsibility for determining whether a president is unable to function. He said this power cannot be transferred by law to another branch.

Eisenhower said at his news conference Wednesday he assumed Rogers was talking about certain features in a particular piece of legislation when the attorney general spoke of a veto.

"Mr. Rogers' private opinion doesn't impress me very much," Rayburn told newsmen. "I am convinced Congress has the authority to do this."

Rayburn said a constitutional amendment, requiring ratification by at least 36 states, could not possibly become effective before 1959 and probably not before 1961.

ANPA Asks Congress To Preserve Rights

WASHINGTON — The American Newspaper Publishers Assn. today called for congressional action "to preserve for the people their right to know what their public servants are doing."

The ANPA endorsed proposed legislation that would prevent government officials from using the language of a 1789 law dealing with the handling of records to give them the blanket right to withhold information to which the public is entitled.

The ANPA views were contained in a statement by Col. J. Hale Steinman for presentation to the House Government Information Subcommittee headed by Rep. Moss (D-Calif.). Steinman is publisher of the Lancaster (Pa.) Intelligence-Journal and New Era, and chairman of the ANPA Federal Laws Committee.



CONTINUOUS FLOW—Heavy flow of traffic to and from downtown Los Angeles stretches as far as the eye can see in this overhead view of the San Bernardino-Santa Ana freeway. Los Angeles County is a strong example of how the automobile has taken over as a transportation leader. There is one car for each 2 1/2 persons—more cars than families—in the county, which has more cars than all countries of South America and continental Asia combined. (AP Wirephoto)



NEW SPRING BONNET — Chill weather and wintry winds don't deter Mamie Eisenhower, the First Lady of the Land. She wears a pleased smile and new spring hat—composed of yellow blossoms with a white feather trim—as she models the creation at the White House, Jan. 17, for the benefit of photographers. (AP Wirephoto)

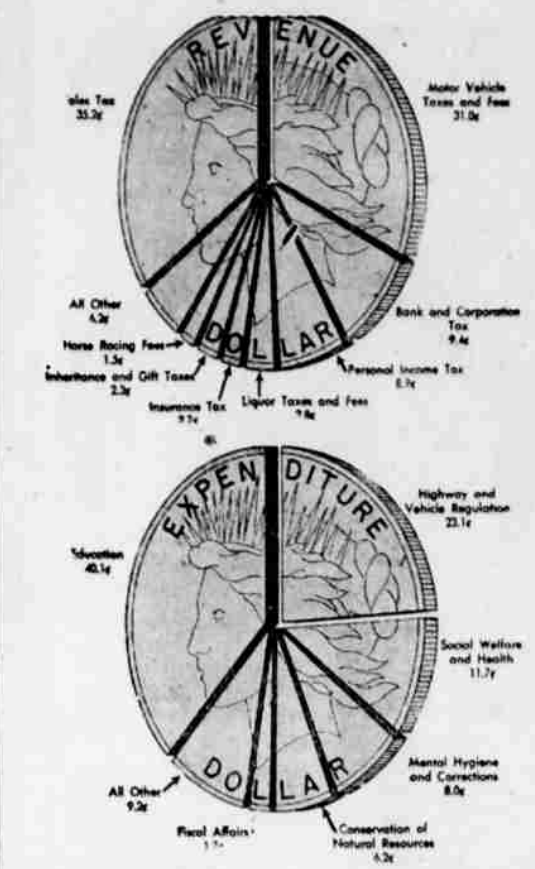
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CALIFORNIA TAX DOLLAR — This is the division of the California Tax Dollar under the \$2 billion budget proposal presented by Governor Goodwin J. Knight to the opening session of the 1958 legislature in Sacramento. Dollar at top indicates where the money comes from, while the bottom dollar indicates its expenditure. The proposed budget is out of balance by at least \$110 million, but the governor said it should be financed without new or higher taxes. Budget is for the fiscal year 1958-1959.

Charge Of Non-support Dismissed By Judge

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Dan Estep, charged with non-support of his wife, was sent to jail here and ordered to pay for room and board while there. But he got a bargain rate.

Judge Bart Peak ruled Estep could work in the day while serving a 30-day sentence. The judge said since the man would be free part-time, it wouldn't be fair to let him stay in the jail free.

But when Estep pointed out he'd be eating breakfast and weekend meals, the judge let him off at \$1.25 a day. It costs \$1.75 a day to house and feed a prisoner.

Lafferty May Seek Seat From Third District

PORTLAND — A. W. Lafferty says he may seek the Republican nomination for the U. S. House seat he held in 1912.

Lafferty, a Portland attorney, is the only person who has said he is even thinking of running for the GOP nomination in the Third District, which includes populous Portland.

The seat now is held by Edith Green, a Democrat. Lafferty first was elected to the U. S. House in 1910 from the state's Second District.

Jump's letter offered the help of his organization in solving problems posed by obscene publications.

Venn last week directed Eugene magazine dealers to remove "obscene" publications under the threat of prosecution.

Jump's letter quoted from a U.S. Supreme Court decision last year in which he said the court ruled that the effect of certain censorship legislation was to reduce the adult population to reading only what is fit for children.



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CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR

Lt. Comdr. Peter Bol, a Protestant chaplain attached to the U. S. Naval Construction Battalion Center at Port Hueneme, Calif., has been named Navy Chaplain of the Year. The selection was made by the Reserve Officers Assn. The officer was a member of a recent Antarctic expedition. (AP Wirephoto)

President Signs Oregon Centennial Resolution

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower this week signed a Senate resolution authorizing a presidential proclamation of the Oregon centennial celebration.

The White House meanwhile advised Oregon's congressional delegation there will be no ceremonies when the President signs the actual proclamation.

The delegation, with the exception of Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.), had hoped to have the President sign the proclamation on Feb. 14, the anniversary of the state's entry into the union, in the presence of Gov. Holmes and the delegation.

Sen. Neuberger had opposed a ceremony for the signing, saying the President should save his strength for affairs of state.

The centennial will be observed with a trade fair in Portland in 1959.

Interruptible Power Supply Now Adequate

PORTLAND — The Bonneville Administration said here that the interruptible power supply now is adequate, but a slowdown in the output of aluminum and non-ferrous metals has resulted in decreased needs.

The agency has made available all the interruptible power it had halted earlier because of low water. Interruptible power is sold with the understanding that it can be withdrawn in periods of shortage.

The excess energy, however, apparently will have no immediate takers.

The aluminum Co. of America said it has reduced production at its Vancouver and Wenatchee plants so much that it cannot even use all of its firm power—that for which it contracts on a year-around basis. Alcoa said it has not needed interruptible power since last September.

The Alcoa layoffs idled 100 men at each of the plants. Kaiser Aluminum at Mead, Wash., also has reduced production.

Russia Spent Only One-Sixth Of U. S. Amount

WASHINGTON — Sen. Dworshak (R-Idaho) said here that Russia has spent only one-sixth the amount that the United States has spent on foreign aid "and produced 29 times the result."

Dworshak, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, offered figures to show that since World War II the Soviets have spent 1 1/2 billion dollars in aid to Free World countries and 8 1/2 billion for communist satellite nations. By comparison, he said, the United States spent \$50 billion to help foreign countries.

"The Russians have taken 29 countries into the Soviet fold and we have lost that many from the Free World," he added in a statement.

The lead in foreign aid spending, he continued, "is one lead that we need never fear losing."

"They have a multibillion dollar road to ever catch up with us," he said. If they tried, he added, "it would spend them to death in a few years."

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