

Farm Migrant Plan Studied

Ickes Recommends Lasting Federal Aid for Workers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—A "permanent" federal aid program for the thousands of farm migrants from dust bowls and drought areas was recommended to congress today by Secretary Ickes.

The cabinet member proposed expenditure of \$24,000,000 during the next five years in 14 western states on small water conservation projects, and from \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000 annually on larger reclamation and irrigation projects of the type of the Grand Coulee dam.

The Ickes proposals were disclosed when Senator Norris (Ind-Neb) placed in the congressional record an exchange of letters between the cabinet member and Senator Hayden (D-Ariz.), advocate of irrigation and water conservation projects.

Hayden said he expected that Ickes would seek funds to carry out his proposals in the annual interior department appropriation requests for the reclamation bureau.

The Ickes proposals were in response to Hayden's request for a long range program to aid the thousands of farm families who have suffered from recurrent droughts on the great plains and in other regions.

The Arizona senator said he sought "not just a palliative, but a start on a permanent cure."

Ickes replied there were two phases to the problem:

"First, anchoring in so far as possible the remaining population in the drought area, and this can be accomplished in part through irrigation developments;

"And, second, that of providing opportunities for the rooting in new soil of the people who have drifted to the far western states from other areas, and this can be achieved in part by the completion of irrigation projects to utilize the water resources as yet uncovered in those states."

For the "anchoring" program, the secretary suggested small water conservation projects in these 14 states: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Wyoming. The sums listed for northwest states were: Idaho 25,000 acres, \$1,200,000; Oregon, 46,000 acres, \$1,500,000; Montana, 32,291 acres, \$2,000,000.

Hayden said the great plains and dust bowl area experienced "the most severe autumn drought in recorded history." Ickes, after recalling recent drought years, warned that "there are several reasons to fear that the worst has not yet been experienced."

Ickes outlined "small water conservation" projects in the western states which he said would require government grants for construction and could not be expected to return total costs.



HIS TERMS: CASH—Unless he gets a boost in his reported 1939 salary, \$15,000, "Red" Rolfe, Yankee third baseman, may ring up "No Sale" at his Peasocok, N. H., filling station where he awaits arrival of his 1940 contract.

Majority Shiver In Extended Cold

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In Bend, Western Washington had the first snow of the season. Only an inch was reported in Seattle but it mounted to four inches in Gray's Harbor.

Oklahoma's 26th consecutive day of sub-freezing cold equalled a record established in 1900.

Samples of the severity of the cold includes the following: Red Oak, Ia., -28; Maryville, Mo., -20; Lemmon, ND, -17; Dickinson, ND, -16; Omaha, -15; Bemidji, Minn., -14; Forgan, Okla., -12; Peoria, Ill., -10; Kansas City, Mo., and Owenboro, Ky., -9, and St. Louis, -5.

BC-Alaskan Road Parley Is Ended

OTTAWA, Jan. 25.—(CP)—United States and Canadian sections of the international joint commission studying the BC-Alaska highway project concluded informal discussions today and the United States members returned home.

From the talks proceeding for the last two days here the sections will prepare reports for their respective governments. Both United States and Canadian sections made survey flights over various suggested routes for the new road to join Alaska with Pacific states via British Columbia; and in addition they sent out ground survey parties of engineers.

Considerable information and viewpoints were exchanged in the conference here.

Stamp to Be Issued

BOISE, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The United States postoffice department hinted today it might issue a special stamp to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Idaho statehood, next July 3.

Oregon Newsmen Gather at Eugene

EUGENE, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Oregon's annual press conference at the University of Oregon opened tonight with newspaper men from all sections of the state participating.

Directors of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers' association, headed by Henry Fowler, Bend, began proceedings with their semi-annual session.

Harris Ellsworth, Roseburg, press conference president, and George Turnbull, secretary and university professor of journalism, said the delegates would include Ralph C. Curtis, Salem, Merle W. Manley, Donald J. Sterling, Robert Smith and Philip H. Parrish, all of Portland, Lawrence E. Spraker, Stayton, Joe C. Brown, Redmond, and Giles L. French, Moro.

Spanish Leader Is Seriously Ill

MADRID, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Julian Besteiro, 70-year-old socialist leader and last head of the Spanish republican government, was reported seriously ill tonight in a prison at Carmo.

The elderly philosopher, who

West Indies Will Be Fight Scene

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feed and fuel the long-range fighting ships. Authorities also said that three ships of a Latin-American nation, long suspected of having supplied the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee with oil and food, had been out of port for several days.

Britain's refusal to recognize the 300-mile neutrality belt set up by the Americas was believed to have encouraged Germany to do likewise. Destruction of the Graf Spee and the return of the raider Deutschland to Germany for refitting—and renaming—was also believed to have prompted the plan.

Tourists recently returned from Curacao say some German residents there are aware of the scheme and have predicted privately that neutral and allied shipping would be staggered with attacks set for the near future. Many British ships have continued running between New York and South American and West Indies ports.

The speedy tender ship accompanying the submarines was described as a twin-screw, 5504-ton vessel owned by the German government and operated by the Hamburg-American line in peacetime. She is believed to be armed.

Labor Acts Held Not Party Issue

SEATTLE, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Members of the King county republican executive committee today notified the Women of Washington, co-sponsors in 1938 of initiative 139, that "if you submit any labor measure at the coming elections our organization will oppose it openly."

The letter, signed by Chairman Ralph A. Horr, all county organization officers and executive committee members, was sent to Mrs. Hazel Hillyard, executive secretary of the women's organization. It cited reports that the organization again intended to submit an initiative measure for labor restriction.

"We are decidedly of the opinion that labor legislation or any other legislation affecting groups has no part in partisan elections," the open communication said. "It merely tends to confuse the main issues and oftentimes causes groups to align themselves with parties regardless of other matters involved."

Officials Scorn Paper Mill Suit

BELLINGHAM, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Peggy Anderson, president of the Puget Sound Pulp and Timber company, issued a statement to stockholders deprecating the \$2,125,000 damage suit filed against the company by the Pioneer Oyster company.

The oyster company alleged "pulp liquor" from the mill virtually destroyed the firm's valuable oyster beds. Anderson reassured the stockholders on the pulp company's legal position, pointed out that the pulp mills were operating long before the oyster plantings and asserted "it will be demonstrated conclusively that no liquor from either pulp mill has invaded or can invade the oyster lands in question."

Project at Canby Gets Federal Aid

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Small water conservation projects Secretary Ickes proposed for construction under a five-year program outlined in a letter to Senator Hayden (D, Ariz.) included: Oregon: Vale-Bully creek, Bully creek reservoir, 33,000 acres, \$500,000; Canby, pumping or diversion, 4000 acres, \$400,000; various projects, Eogue and Deschutes tributaries or on Lantana basin, 9000 acres, \$600,000.

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Clark Gable Signs Fat Film Contract

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Clark Gable signed a new contract with MGM studio today, one that will pay him almost a million and a half dollars.

The contract is unusual in at least three respects: It is for a straight seven years without options, the studio said; it runs for 52 weeks instead of the usual 40; it permits him time off during October, November and December—the hunting season.

The ex-oil fields worker is said to be getting, under the new deal, \$4,000 a week, or \$208,000 a year. This was said to be \$1,000 a week more than he was getting.

Gable will be required to appear in at least three pictures annually, the studio added, with a fourth probable.

Gable and his wife, Carole Lombard, who likewise earns a fancy wage in the movies, are leaving by motor tomorrow on a Mexican hunting trip.

Chairman Named

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Jan. 25.—(AP)—Rep. James W. Wadsworth, Genesee republican, last night accepted the national chairmanship of the Frank Gannett for president committee.

Marion Lake Road Discussion Held

Representatives of Salem civic groups met Wednesday night with J. R. Bruckart, supervisor of the Willamette national forest, and Glenn C. Charlton, national forest ranger, to discuss the construction of a road to Marion lake.

The lake, about 84 miles from Salem, is only six miles from the finished macadam road at Marion Forks. It is thought likely that the forest department will complete the road into the lake and allow leasing of a lodge, store and boat concession to some individual, with government supervision.

China Decorates Colonel Roosevelt

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Col. Theodore Roosevelt today received in recognition of his services to the people of China, the grand cordon bleu of the Order of the Jade.

The decoration is the highest honor the Chinese government may bestow on a foreigner. Col. Roosevelt is national chairman of the united council for civilian relief in China. The award was presented by Ambassador Hu Shih.

Ex-School Clerk Will Serve Year

OREGON CITY, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Hugh L. Guthrie, 32, ex-clerk of the Sandy school district, was sentenced today to a year in prison and fined \$795, double the amount he was indicted for taking from public funds.

Circuit Judge Earl C. Latourrette gave Guthrie a week in which to pay the fine, in which case he will be given a parole from the penitentiary term.

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