

Westerners Spur Congress To Action on Reclamation Fund

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. (AP)—Congress staged a familiar act last week as western states senators challenged the sufficiency of reclamation grants included by the house in the first deficiency appropriation bill.

The westerners didn't get all they asked for—they seldom do—but when the bill cleared the last legislative hurdle it was in shape to put substantially more funds in the coffers of the reclamation bureau.

However, the house overrode the senate on one major point, and this was a reverse pattern of the general procedure. The senate appropriations committee struck from the bill, as it came from the house, \$800,000 which was earmarked for the construction of power transmission lines at the Central Valley project in California. At house insistence, the money finally was restored, bringing the total appropriation for various units of the Central Valley project to \$19,215,000.

Disagreement
In most cases, where the house and senate disagreed on appropriations, the conference committee arrived at a compromise.

For the Colorado-Big Thompson project in Colorado the house allowed \$5,000,000, but this was boosted to \$6,500,000 by the senate. An appropriation of \$5,570,000 to permit the construction of a power transmission line from Brush to Holyoke, Colo., finally was agreed upon.

Senators also finally obtained an increase in the Columbia basin project, Washington, from \$10,050,000 to \$10,500,000.

Allocations
Other project allocations in the deficiency appropriation bill, up-



ON GUARD—A 98th Division infantryman keeps a watchful eye on the ancient Usaka Castle, which long has been a symbol of feudalistic power in Japan.

Cloverdale Clubs Conduct Meeting

CLOVERDALE — The Consolidated club met Wednesday with Mrs. Paul Thomas. A no-host dinner was served at noon. Games and an exchange of Christmas gifts, followed. A table lamp was

presented to the Aunt Nettie Morris and Bill Mobbs family as a special gift from the club. The family lost its home by fire last Feb. The next meeting will be January 16 with Mrs. Everett Vickers when election will be held and the home extension project "improving sewing skills" will be demonstrated.

FORESTERS TO MEET
PORTLAND, Dec. 24. (AP)—Oregon's special forestry committee

will meet January 4 in the Klamath Falls courthouse, Secretary Michael Bigley announced today.



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SEASIDE, Ore., Dec. 24. (AP)—Capture of a 12-foot octopus off Point Defiance near Tacoma was described today by George Smith, owner of the Aquarium here, who said the octopus almost capsized the small boat he and assistant John O'Brien were in.



COWGIRL—Miss Carterette Bennett, San Antonio, Tex., dons a cowboy costume for a visit to New York City.



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