

Columbia Basin Project Given Truman Okeh

(Story also on page 1.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2—(AP) Approval with modifications of a \$2,000,000 plan for Columbia River basin development by President Truman was announced today by Interior Secretary Chapman.

He said a report from the budget bureau revealed that approval of two Oregon projects was conditional. The report stated that in connection with the Crooked River project the investigation of an alternative dam site—post reservoir—is near completion and the alternative site may prove to be more economical.

In the case of the Canby project, it added, "while it would appear that the works proposed are economically justified and can be paid for in full in a 40-year, interest-free period, it is noted that the project is located in an area of 42 inches of annual rainfall."

Question of Policy
"This fact raised questions of national policy as to irrigation of lands in humid areas and even in the eastern states where there are occasional shortages of rainfall."

"Approval of the project at this time does not constitute a precedent for general endorsement of similar projects on a nationwide basis."

The bureau's report disclosed that the president also endorsed establishing a "basin account" to permit a more intelligent accounting for power revenues from the various hydro-electric plants in the Pacific Northwest.

Such an accounting would pool revenues from all power plants to pay project costs and help pay irrigation costs of the overall basin development.

No Overall Estimate
The budget bureau and Chapman, however, mentioned no overall estimate cost for the coordinated plan drawn up by the army engineers and the reclamation bureau.

A basin account, the budget bureau letter said, "is obviously necessary to permit efficient management of the government's power operations in the Columbia basin and a proper assignment of power revenues to return the costs of irrigation facilities which are beyond the ability of the water users to repay."

"The president's endorsement of the principle of a basin-wide account upholds a long standing policy that power from our western rivers should be developed not only to provide low cost energy for farms, homes and industry, but also to help in the further development of the arid lands of the west," Chapman said.

Reclamation Funds
President Truman proposed that authorization for reclamation bureau projects be held at this time to \$200,000,000, about half the total needed for the approved projects.

The proposed engineers-reclamation bureau construction program would extend over 20 years and would make the Columbia river system the greatest source of hydro-electric power in the world.

The president also agreed with Chapman's recommendation to eliminate that part of proposed legislation which would restrict development of water resources in Alaska to the army engineers.

The Columbia basin recommendations cleared by the president and by the budget bureau for authorization without objection included:

Corps of engineers:
Main control plan—Libby dam, Albeni Falls dam, Priest Rapids dam, John Day dam, The Dalles dam and Lower Columbia river levees and bank protection works, the latter subject to annual review.

Willamette sub-basin plan—Hills Creek dam, Fall Creek dam, Holley dam, Tumtum dam, Cougar dam, Blue River dam, Green Peter dam, Waldo Lake storage development, White Bridge dam, Meridian dam power features, Dexter dam, Willamette Falls fish ladder, channel improvements for flood control and major drainage, channel clearing and snagging.

Woman Breaks Leg on Icy Street
Mrs. Mabel Mischler suffered a broken leg in a fall on Salem's icy streets Thursday, first aid men reported.

She slipped while walking to catch a city bus near her home at 1495 N. Liberty st., about 7 p. m. Attendants took her to Salem General hospital where her condition was termed good later.

Short-Skirted Style Trend Set by Dior

PARIS, Feb. 2—(AP)—Christian Dior, the designer who created the "new look" in 1947, unveiled short-skirted style today for spring.

Spectators stood up and cheered. Some of Dior's skirt lengths were at wartime level, only a couple of inches below the knees.

Dior started the show with brief, loose, skimpily-cut jackets and narrow, short skirts. Gradually he drifted back to the extravagant fullness of his earlier work. As the silhouettes changed, the hems dropped a little.

Sleeveless bodices were featured throughout, with tight waists and large round and horse-shoe necklines. Modest cuts of self material of pique are used in cases where the neckline falls below the bust.

A-Control Plan Lies Dormant, Truman States

(Story also on page one)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2—(AP) President Truman told his news conference today that he does not propose to use his go-ahead order for development of the hydrogen bomb as the basis for a new move on international atomic control.

Mr. Truman firmly rejected a proposal along that line from Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), GOP foreign policy leader.

The comment preceded the request in the senate by Sen. McMahon (D-Conn.) for a \$50,000,000 "peace crusade" aimed at halting the atomic arms race.

The president said the American government has repeatedly and continuously made its position clear before the United Nations—that we stand by our demand for tight international control inspections before outlawing weapons, including the H-bomb.

Hudson to Cut Car Prices on Line for 1950

DETROIT, Feb. 2—(Special)—Reduction in prices on all types of the new 1950 Hudson, to be introduced February 10, were announced today. Reductions ranging from a minimum of \$87.50 up to \$166.50.

The new line of cars retains Hudson's "step-down" design, which gives low center of gravity.

Super six brougham \$1925.00 formerly \$2012.50. Super eight four door sedan \$2040 formerly \$2140.50.

Custom Commodore eight four door sedan \$2208.00 formerly \$2308.00.

Blaze Destroys 2-Story Detroit Rooming House

DETROIT, Feb. 2—Fire of unknown cause leveled a two-story rooming house here Thursday night leaving about 12 persons homeless. No one was in it when the blaze was detected.

The fire spread to the nearby dwelling of the Earl Layman's and destroyed about a third of it before fire departments from Idanha and Mongold quelled the flames.

The rooming house was operated by Mr. and Mrs. Vern Franse. They estimated the loss at \$7,000. It was partially insured. Damage to the Layman home and furnishings was termed \$1,500. It was insured.

Fire equipment from the two neighboring towns arrived 20 minutes after the blaze started about 9:30. Detroit has no fire truck.

UPRIOR MOTIVE
SPOKANE, Feb. 2—(AP)—Albert A. Cutter slipped on the ice and fell on a downtown sidewalk last night. Two men passing by helped him up. Nice, he thought. Later he changed his mind. One of the men lifted his pocketbook, he told police.

Streamliner Flips off Rails, One Man Dead

SAUKVILLE, Wis., Feb. 2—(AP)—A mile-a-minute streamliner flipped off its track four miles north of here tonight, crushing one passenger to death and injuring about 35 others.

E. J. Symott, of Rice Lake, Wis., about 50, was hurled through a coach window and then killed when the train rolled over on him.

His body was found under a coach as wrecking crews began to remove the remains of the Milwaukee Road's southbound Chipewa Hiawatha from the right of way. The streamliner overturned, flipping up 300 feet of track, when it struck a broken rail.

Dr. Clarence C. Stern, Ozaukee county coroner, estimated that 35 persons were hurt—15 of them seriously. Many of the others were treated at a Port Washington hospital and released.

Helped in Rescue
James Jacoby, 18, of Saukville, who lives on a farm at the accident scene, saw the crash. He ran to the shattered window of an overturned coach and pulled Mrs. Lloyd Garzo, of Los Angeles, and her two-year-old daughter, Diane, to safety.

Mrs. Garzo said after being taken to St. Alphonsus hospital, "We were thrown against a wind. Then the car overturned."

George Dransfield, 58, Channing, Mich., who suffered a severe head cut, said, "all I remember is waking up in a field. I guess we bounced along the tracks for a half-mile."

The wreck occurred about 7:30 p.m. (CST) near this community which is some 30 miles north of Milwaukee.

Engineer M. L. McFarland of Green Bay said the rail snapped as the engine passed over it. The streamliner was en route from Ononagan, Mich., to Milwaukee. Saukville is about 30 miles north of Milwaukee.

Melchior Sings Swan Song as Tenor at Met

NEW YORK, Feb. 2—(AP)—Lauritz Melchior tonight sang his swan song—both as a tenor for the Metropolitan Opera and in the title role of Wagner's "Lohengrin" at the opera house.

The Metropolitan's top Wagnerian tenor for 24 years, Melchior said Tuesday that he felt snubbed because the Met's new manager, Rudolf Bing, had not bronched the subject of his contract for next season.

During intermission after tonight's first act, Melchior said he would not return to the Metropolitan next season.

"Not only as Lohengrin but as Lauritz Melchior, I have sung my swan song at the Metropolitan opera tonight," he said.

At a press conference yesterday, Bing said he had not made up his mind on the matter of Melchior.

On Tuesday Melchior said he was quitting "unless indicated plans change materially."

FHA Awaits Application on Coates Project

(Story also on page one)
Folger Johnson, state FHA administrator in Portland, told The Statesman Thursday afternoon that Robert Coates had not yet filed application for the transfer of his proposed Salem apartment house project to a new location out of the capitol zone, but he understood the transfer was in preparation.

Johnson said the office will act promptly to review and process the papers, since "I am anxious to help solve the problem of the apartment house location with respect to the capitol plan. We must check the lot to see that it is suitable and will act at once when the application is filed."

At a previous meeting, the board suggested purchase of the Summer street lot for use as off-street parking.

There's 'Gold' in That Thar Snow

Fred Bock, horticultural inspector for the state department of agriculture, says he knows there are blooms "under that there snow."

The day before the last big snow fell to cover the ground, he spied a small group of yellow crocuses at his home at 355 Bradley dr.

Even for a nice year, this is early. Bock admits, but this type of year it is very early.

Col. Wooten Seriously Ill In Maryland

Friends of the Elmer V. Wooten have received word from Mrs. Wooten that Colonel Wooten has been quite seriously ill at their Maryland home. He suffered an attack of pneumonia which was followed, with a serious heart condition. He has been in the hospital for several weeks and will have to remain several weeks more.

Colonel Wooten, who served during the war as administrator of selective service in Oregon, has been on duty under General Hershey in the selective service office in Washington. The family home is at Mt. Rainier, Md., 2513 Arundel Dr.

Committee to Investigate Sex Psychopaths

The committee appointed by the state board of control Wednesday to investigate construction of a criminal insane building also will conduct a study of the care and treatment of Oregon's sex psychopaths, Gov. Douglas McKay announced Thursday.

Under present conditions the state's sex psychopaths are housed with the criminal insane on the third floor of the state hospital here. Officials have recommended that a separate building be erected to house these patients.

The committee will conduct an exhaustive study of the problem and report its findings to the 1951 legislature.

Governor McKay said he understood a number of other states have launched investigations to determine, if possible, the cause for the increase in sex offenses and how to care for the offenders.

In event an institution is erected in Oregon for the care of these patients it will be located at the state hospital, where a medical staff already is available.

Hop Growers Meet to Draw 500 to Salem

Some 500 hop growers from throughout the west are expected in Salem next week for the fourth annual convention of the U.S. Hop Growers association.

Salem will be host to the convention for the first time, the earlier ones having been held in Portland, in Washington and in California.

Growers will gather at the Marion hotel convention headquarters for an opening luncheon Thursday, when Dean Walker of Independence will preside and Gov. Douglas McKay is booked to welcome the convention delegates.

Gordon F. Hadley of Independence is general convention chairman.

Among leaders in the hop growing industry and government who will be on the speaking program is S. F. Smith of Washington, D.C., director of the fruit and vegetable branch of production and marketing administration, department of agriculture.

BOGOTA, Colombia, Feb. 2—(AP)—Thirty persons burned to death and six others were injured yesterday when a passenger bus crashed into a bridge near Ovejas, about 62 miles southeast of Cartagena, the newspaper El Espectador said today.

FLUE FIRE AT NELSON'S
A chimney fire at the Walter Nelson home, 1715 S. Capitol st., sent firemen from the south station on a short run late Thursday night. They said there was no damage.

Judge Cites Attorney in Bridges Case

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2—(AP)—Federal Judge George B. Harris today cited Defense Attorney James MacInnis for contempt in the Harry Bridges perjury trial.

The judge said sentence would be deferred until after the trial. Both defense attorneys have now been cited for contempt.

Judge Harris cited Attorney Vincent Hallinan early in the trial and sentenced him to six months in prison, to be served after the trial.

Harris cited MacInnis on the basis of an angry outburst in court yesterday.

"You ought to assign this as misconduct against yourself. I have never heard anything like that. Your honor, you ought to be ashamed of yourself."

The outburst followed this question the judge asked a Catholic priest, the Rev. Paul W. Meinert.

"Have you recently been subjected to medical treatment?" The priest was a character witness for Bridges.

Before citing MacInnis, Judge Harris had ruled that the 1945 U.S. supreme court decision against deporting Bridges might not be entered in evidence. The defense has made repeated attempts to get the decision in.

Denies Motion
Judge Harris also denied Prosecutor F. Joseph Donohue's motion to strike the character testimony of Father Paul. Donohue argued that the priest was expressing his personal opinion of Bridges rather than supporting the longshore leader's general reputation.

The priest, from Eureka, Nev., was recalled today. He praised Bridges for "good works" as a trade union leader. He testified Bridges was "infected with a virulence which the priest called 'the bug of trade unionism.'"

Student Loan Service Due At Salem High

By Gilbert Bateson
Statesman School Correspondent
The Salem high school Girls' league will establish in the near future a student loan fund as a service to the student body. Proceeds from magazine subscriptions sold by members of the league during the recent drive will be used to establish the fund, officials announced.

Loans will fall into two classifications. The first will include those up to two dollars, for which students will sign up at the Girls' league school supply stand before school and collect their money. No interest will be charged and parents' consent is not needed.

Sums from two to 30 dollars will be loaned only to be used for medical treatment or purchase of glasses. A board composed of teachers and Girls' league officers will decide on the advisability of each loan of this type. Written consent of a parent is essential.

Fishermen About Frozen Out at Astoria

ASTORIA, Feb. 2—(AP)—The Columbia river fishermen are about frozen out.

So much ice is on the river that the January 29 opening of the salmon and steelhead season has yielded almost no fish. The few boats which ventured out came home with frozen nets.

Smelt, usually available now, have gone so deep that they can not be caught. Bottom fishermen are getting more ice in their nets than fish.

One thing about it: Good fishing doesn't usually start until the last half of February, anyway.

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\$5,891 Debt for 1949 Casts Note of Gloom Over Polio Chapter Meeting

Polio staggered 31 Marion county residents with cruel, punishing blows in 1949.

Two never recovered. The cost of physical therapy and leg and arm braces that are lifting 29 others back to their feet have completely depleted funds available to strike back at polio.

Truman Still Contemplates T-H Act Use

(Story also on page one.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2—(AP)—President Truman stated again today that he will not hesitate to invoke the Taft-Hartley law whenever he believes that coal mine strike has reached the status of a national emergency.

His comment followed acceptance of his proposed 7-day strike rule plan by a major share of the coal mine operators.

There has been no reply to the proposal from John L. Lewis, mine union chief.

Mr. Truman told his news conference that his proposal for a voluntary resumption of "normal" coal mining operations during negotiations means in general a five-day work week instead of the three-day week which Lewis has imposed.

Birth of Son to Miss Bergman Confirmed

(Story also on page one.)
ROME, Feb. 2—(AP)—The Italian news agency ANSA reported tonight that Mrs. Luigi Guidotti and Giuseppe Sannicandro attended actress Ingrid Bergman here today. Later Dr. Guidotti confirmed the birth.

A source, who declined to be identified by name, said a friend of the director Rossellini had informed him of the birth. The informant said the birth took place a few hours after the Swedish actress was taken to the clinic.

At the clinic, which is operated by nuns, the mother superior told newsmen Miss Bergman was not a patient there. She suggested the report might have arisen from the fact that a Roman princess had given birth there tonight.

The clinic's switchboard operator, when asked about Miss Bergman's condition replied: "Everything is normal." Then she hastily added: "We know nothing. We do not know whether she is here."

Miss Bergman filed for divorce from Dr. Lindstrom January 25 in first district court in Juarez, a Mexican border city just across the Rio Grande from El Paso, Tex. The actress signed the action in Rome, and it was notarized by Kathleen Taylor, U.S. consulate attaché.

The romance of Miss Bergman and Rossellini blossomed last year on the volcano-topped island of Stromboli off Sicily. There under Rossellini's direction, the actress starred in a soon-to-be-released movie named after the volcano.

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Punxsutawney Groundhogs See Only Fog

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa., Feb. 2—(AP)—You can pack up the family's woolen underwear, mom. Among groundhogs, the animals who know the weather best, it's unanimous there's going to be an early spring.

That was the news flashed from this groundhog capital. Br'er groundhog peered out of his hole at exactly 8:04 a.m., failed to see his shadow and decided it was fine groundhog weather, his followers said.

Over in eastern Pennsylvania at Quarryville, another groundhog capital of the world, observers reported a similar experience for the furry critter.

Tradition has it that if the sun is shining strong enough for a groundhog to see his shadow on February 2, six weeks of winter are sure to follow. But if the day is cloudy and overcast, get ready for an early spring.

This is the first time in 50 years members of the Punxsutawney Groundhog club reported their furry prophet didn't see his shadow.

At Quarryville, members of Lodge of Slumbering Groundhogs used walky-talky portable radios to flash the forecast. The little animal not only couldn't see his shadow, he could barely see his groundhog neighbors.

The annual ritual was conducted in a pea soup fog. Charles F. Hess, hibernating governor of the lodge, declared:

"You couldn't see more than 50 yards."

HELEN ALBRICH HURT
A sledding accident at Superior and Saginaw streets resulted in a broken leg for Helen Albrich, 16, of 1625 S. 16th st., about 10 p.m. Thursday, first aid men reported. She was taken to Salem Memorial hospital.

DAVIDSON APPOINTED
PORTLAND, Feb. 2—(AP)—Orlando R. Davidson, former Portland newspaperman, today was named assistant to the president at Reed college here. Davidson has been college public relations and alumni director, duties which he will retain.

Fire Drives Albany Family into Cold, Snow
ALBANY, Feb. 2—(AP)—A mother and four small children were chased into snow and 18-degree weather today by a fire that destroyed their home near Albany.

Friends took in the family, which lost virtually all possessions to the flames. Fire Chief Don Hayne blamed an overheated stove. The loss was estimated at \$3,000.

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