

Contractors Bid on Dam At The Dalles

PORTLAND (AP)—Nine Midwest-area contractors joined forces Tuesday to submit a bid of nearly 30 million dollars for the third major work project on The Dalles Dam on the Columbia River.

That dam, 90 miles east of Portland, eventually is expected to be the third biggest power producer in the nation. On completion in 1960 it is expected to produce 1,122,000 kilowatts, exceeded only by Grand Coulee and Hoover Dams.

So far the government has spent 19 million dollars in the first two major contracts. The total cost is expected to reach 300 million dollars.

The bids Tuesday were on construction of substructures and completion of an assembly bay at the powerhouse. The lowest of the six bids opened by Army Engineers was \$29,820,977.35, well under the government estimate of \$36,677,520.73.

The bid came from the combined firms of Winston Brothers Co., Minneapolis; McLaughlin, Inc., Great Falls; F and S Contracting Co., Butte; Johnson, Drake and Piper Co., Inc., Minneapolis; Donovan Construction Co., St. Paul; C. F. Lytle Co., Sioux City, Ia.; S. Birch and Sons Construction Co., Great Falls; Foley Brothers, Inc., St. Paul; Foley Construction Co., Ltd., Minneapolis.

Bean Growers To Cut Crop

EUGENE (AP)—Lane County bean growers may have to cut their crop a third this year, E. L. Pitkin, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers Association, said Tuesday.

He blamed wet weather for delaying the bean season about two weeks, and said this would bring about a shortage of harvest help unless Lane schools postpone their fall opening a week.

Pitkin said late beans would be ready for harvest about Sept. 1. Most schools are scheduled to open Sept. 8. Pitkin proposed the opening be set back to Sept. 14.

He said about 5,000 students usually work in the harvest.

German Wine Intake Rises

DUESSELDORF, Germany (AP)—Those stein lifters in Bavaria aren't going to like this—but the German Wine Growers' Association says Germans are drinking 50 per cent more wine now than they did in 1939.

One consolation for the beer lovers—the association puts the annual German wine consumption at 7 1/2 liters per person. That's in the minor leagues compared with the French, who do away with 150 liters. A liter is slightly over a quart.

Just the same, it's a startling development for beer lovers. Who ever heard of singing "Wer Wird Das Bzählen" (Who'll Pay For It) over a thin-stemmed wine glass?

Taber Aims Attack at Soil Conservation

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Taber (R.-N.Y.) told the House Tuesday a 55 million dollar increase proposed by his Appropriations Committee for 1954 soil conservation payments is mainly for the benefit of "the limestone trust."

Disagreeing with the committee he heads, Taber urged the House to hold the conservation program authorization to the 140 million dollar recommended by President Eisenhower.

The committee approved the increases by a 19 to 18 vote. It is part of a bill appropriating \$712,308,500 to finance the agriculture department for the fiscal year starting July 1.

Taber's amendment to cut the extra 55 million from the conservation program will be voted on Wednesday.

"The New Yorker called the soil conservation program 'a limestone selling scheme' and said most farmers who receive small checks for conservation practices 'are ashamed to take the money.'"

He claimed the program approved by his committee over his objection provides for use of about 27 million tons of limestone at a cost to the government of at least 40 million dollars.

Seattle to Get Northwest RFC Headquarters

SEATTLE (AP)—Headquarters for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for Oregon, Washington, North Idaho, Montana and Alaska will be in Seattle, Sanford Sauri said Tuesday. He is manager of the Seattle office.

The R. F. C. now has 28 offices over the nation and will cut these to eight as a result of the Administration's cut-back program, Sauri said. An annual saving of more than three million dollars is anticipated.

About 477 positions will be discontinued nationally and the Seattle office staff will drop from 110 to 70.

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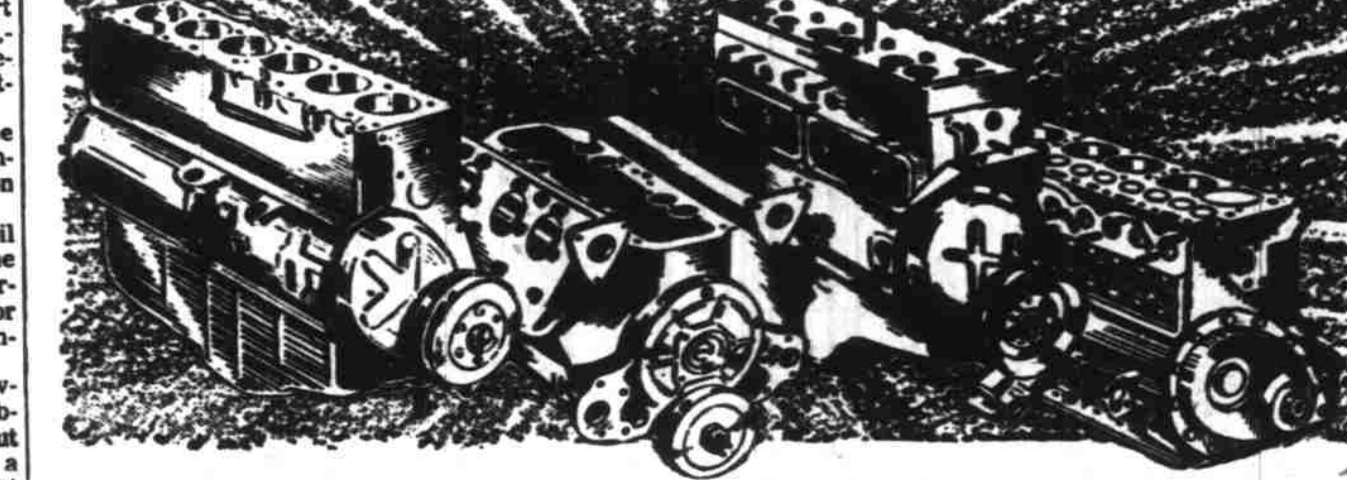
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