

Senate Committee Rescues Public Housing Program Bill

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Banking Committee voted Tuesday to rescue the public housing program which the House sought to kill.

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AFL Calls for Federal Aid For Schools

CHICAGO (AP)—The American Federation of Labor Tuesday proposed the government set up a billion dollar fund for states "in urgent need of help to modernize and democratize their school systems."

The union's executive council said such a fund "would be the wisest investment our government could make in the future of our country."

In another resolution, the council urged that federal old age assistance benefits contributions be collected on all individual income up to \$4,200 a year, raising the present annual \$3,600 limit.

This proposal was telegraphed to Rep. Reed (R-N.Y.), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by AFL President George Meany.

Meany said continuing the \$3,600 limit would cut benefits "up to \$10 per month for millions of workers, and up to \$15 for retired couples below recommendations of President Eisenhower."

A period of years. Although that law has never been changed, its operation has been restricted by language written into appropriations bills in 1952 and 1953. Under them, the program will automatically come to a halt within another year.

Emperor of Ethiopia to See Northwest

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Pacific Northwest will get a three-day glimpse of Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia during his six-week tour of the United States which starts this month.

It will be a hurried glimpse, at best, and confined to appearances in the State of Washington's three largest cities and nearby points of interest.

After two days in Washington, D. C., the emperor and his retinue will head for Princeton, N. J., and New York and then will swing west. He is expected to visit Grand Coulee Dam and Spokane on June 10; Seattle, its aircraft plants and the Bremerton Navy Yard on June 11, and Mt. Rainier National Park and Tacoma the next day.

He will stop next, on June 13, at San Francisco.

The tour will combine many vacation features with an intensive look at America designed to permit the group to take home ideas for the development of the African nation.

Ethiopia has a potential of a large-scale water power development, leading to the inclusion of Coulee Dam in the visit to Washington state.

Coal Miner Is Weaver

TRINIDAD, Colo. (AP)—Weaving rugs, blankets and sweaters is a profitable hobby for a husky coal miner, Gilbert Fernandez, who learned his avocation in the depression days of 1931, when he attended a weaving class at the Valdez, Colo., YMCA.

Since then, Fernandez has woven about 1,600 articles—nearly all of which he sold. One rug went for \$150. His work is patterned after the Chimayo Indian style of weaving. His patterns are in his mind—never on paper. He uses nearly \$50 worth of wool yarn and from 250 to 300 hours in completing a 5x7 foot rug or blanket. He has won high awards at the Colorado State Fair and Los Angeles County Fair for his weaving.

The committee left to its staff the drafting of language which would "make it absolutely impossible" for builders to make windfall profits under the FHA program. Such profits were made where loans exceeded the builder's actual costs.

Dean Favors Reserves for Released GIs

SPOKANE (AP)—Men discharged from military service have a "moral obligation" to join the reserves, Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, who spent more than 37 months as a prisoner of war in Korea, said Tuesday.

The general, in an address to the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, warned against apathy in the struggle with world Communism.

"We have a reserve on paper, but not a ready reserve," he said, adding that fewer than 45,000 of the 900,000 men discharged last year have joined reserve or national guard units.

"The need for a reserve is stronger today than ever before," he said.

Dean said he still isn't "free" the way he would like to be because of the publicity and speech making he has gone through since his release from Communist hands.

He said whenever he visits a city he is first besieged with newsmen. After they have "drained me dry, I am led before an audience and told to make another speech," he said.

He expressed hope the freedom he wants, including freedom to pay golf, will come soon.

LOST MONEY
OCEANPORT, N. Y. (INS)—Racing fans at Monmouth Park have failed to cash in tickets on winning horses worth \$249,678.35 in the past eight years. There is no official explanation of what happens to these tickets, but apparently most are lost, accidentally destroyed or misinterpreted by their holders.

Shipbuilding Increase in U.S. Forecast

SEATTLE (AP)—Maritime Administrator Louis S. Rothschild said Tuesday night the next year may be the largest this country has ever had in peacetime shipbuilding.

He based the forecast on plans for government-aided construction of four new passenger ships and on proposals of the Military Sea Transportation Service (MSTS) for more tankers and other vessels.

His remarks were prepared for delivery to the spring meeting of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, held here.

Rothschild said the new administration had concluded, in a recent study of maritime subsidy policy, that "there must be positive government encouragement to ship purchasers, plus private initiative in seeking the proper avenues to exert that encouragement."

To this end, he said, the government has recommended to Congress extension of government insurance of privately held ship mortgages, and authorization to sell some 325 million dollars of ship mortgages now held by the government and to use the money in underwriting new ship construction.

Still under study are other recommendations that U. S. shipbuilding be hoisted to 60 ships a year in order to keep sufficient skilled manpower at work in U. S. shipyards for an emergency defense base.

While these plans are being worked out, he said, "I am optimistic (about the present) to this extent: That I believe we have in hand a potential year of activity that could well mark the largest peacetime shipbuilding program yet experienced."

25 Bonneville Employees to Get Discharge

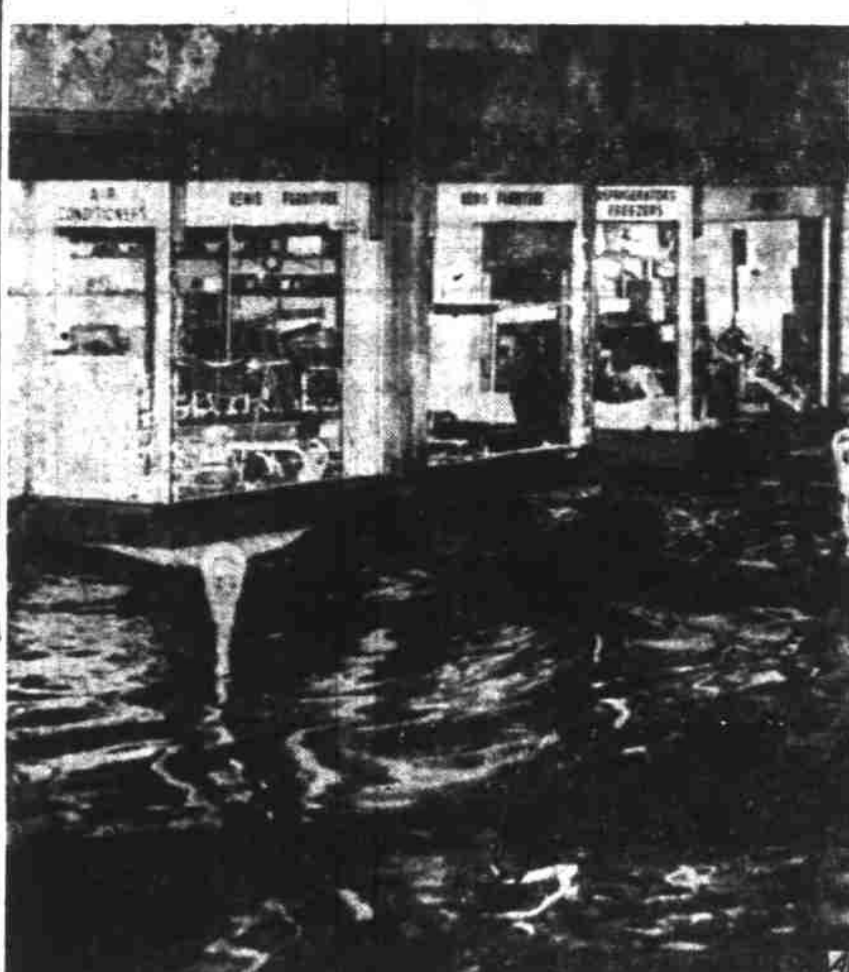
PORTLAND (AP)—Twenty-five more employees have been given discharge notices by the Bonneville Power Administration the agency reported Tuesday. This makes a total of some 625 employees who have been discharged since the Eisenhower Administration took office a spokesman said.

The latest personnel reduction was made because of diminishing work loads in land buying activities and power marketing. Personnel Director Bob Williams said. That is because no new dam building is going on and no new starts are planned in the near future he said.

The latest discharges will be effective July 1, Williams said, a further review will be necessary when next year's Bonneville appropriations are made" by Congress to determine whether further personnel reductions will be necessary.

Bonneville currently employs 2695 persons.

Free Parking Available



PEABODY, Mass.—Flood waters roll past nearly-submerged parking meters in downtown section of Peabody, Mass., after a dam west of the city burst. The dam gave way following nearly two weeks of rain topped by a record 5 1/2 inch fall earlier in the day. About a mile of the center section of the city of 23,000 was flooded with damage expected to be in the millions. No loss of life was reported. (AP Wirephoto)

Cattlemen Favor Meat Inspection

BAKER (AP)—A committee of the Oregon Cattlemen's Assn. Tuesday recommended that the association go on record as being in favor "of the principle of adequate meat inspection."

The committee report will come before the convention Thursday. A report from the association's legislative committee called for the cattlemen to join in initiating a constitutional amendment which would give Eastern Oregon more representation in the state Legislature.

Other committee reports: Called for more market news and information. Scheduled the association's annual bull sales for Baker Sept. 27 and Ontario Feb. 11 and 12. Called for appointment of a special committee to study methods of raising money to finance a beef consumption advertising program.

Trade Pact

VIENNA (INS)—Austria and Communist-ruled Romania recently signed a trade agreement which provides for exchange of goods worth around 14 million dollars.

Solons Clear Cougar Dam

WASHINGTON (AP)—The measure to authorize partnership construction of the Cougar Dam in Oregon won clearance from the House Rules Committee Tuesday.

The committee authorized an hour's debate on the floor for the bill, but no date has been set for the debate.

The measure would authorize the city of Eugene to pay for power features of the Cougar Dam on the McKenzie River with the federal government constructing the main part of the dam as a flood control measure.

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Mill Owners Present Offer

PORTLAND (AP)—Employers Tuesday submitted in writing to CIO Woodworkers their offer to renew the present contract without a wage increase. The union promptly rejected the offer.

The written offer had been asked by the union's negotiators, who contended that until now there had been no written statement of the employers' position.

The union, which has postponed indefinitely a May 3 strike deadline, had asked in earlier negotiations for a 12 1/2-cent hourly wage increase, a third week of paid vacation and a company-financed job analysis program.

Tuesday's meeting was held under the auspices of the Federal Mediation Service. The union will meet with negotiators of the huge Meyerhaeuser Timber Co. Wednesday and on Thursday will hold talks in Klamath Falls with pine industry employers.

Walkout in Honduras Idles 50,000

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP)—Nearly 50,000 persons were reported idle Tuesday in a 19-day-old general strike on the Honduran north coast.

The strike for a 50 per cent wage increase began April 30 against the United Fruit Co. and later spread to the Standard Fruit Co., factories, breweries, logging and mining firms. Banana production is the biggest operation in the area normally, and produces most of Honduras' foreign exchange.

Food was running short in the strike zone and disorders were feared.

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"Money From Home" with Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis; "Sky Command" with Dan Duryea
N. SALEM DRIVE-IN
"Paratrooper" with Alan Ladd; "Riot in Cell Block 11"

CORN NEEDS
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