

Firm Charged With Improper Work on Dam

NEWPORT, Wash. — The Pend Oreille Public Utility district has filed a suit for \$4,113,000 from Pacific-General-Shea, joint contractors, for alleged improper performance of work on Box Canyon dam.

Work on the 16 million dollar dam on the Pend Oreille river in northeastern Washington was halted in April after a dispute between the PUD and contractors. The stoppage came with the PUD claiming it had terminated the contract and Pacific-General-Shea saying it had rescinded it.

C. C. Dill, attorney for the PUD, said Wednesday that the suit, filed Monday, was based on the contractor's failure to go through with an agreement to complete work on the spillway during one 280-day low-water period. He said the contractor's failure to complete the work on schedule had forced the PUD to retain the Morrison-Knudsen Co. to finish the project.

Pacific-General-Shea's counsel, P. H. Winston, said he had received a copy of the complaint Wednesday but had not had time to study it. Winston said the contractor had filed a claim for some three million dollars against the PUD in April.

Ike Opposes Hiss Pension

WASHINGTON — The White House said Wednesday President Eisenhower is against paying Hiss, former State Department official who was convicted of falsely denying he gave secret information to a Communist spy ring.

James C. Hagerty, presidential press secretary, stated Eisenhower's position on the matter after commenting on a series of news stories.

Those stories Tuesday said generally that the Eisenhower administration had taken the position through the Civil Service Commission and the Budget Bureau, the latter a White House agency, that the government is obligated to go through with retirement pay to federal employees even when they are imprisoned for criminal acts.

Hiss will be eligible under present law for a pension of \$700 a year at age 62.

Tax Aid for Sick Favored

WASHINGTON — Wages up to \$100 a week paid to a worker while absent from work because of sickness would be tax-free under a plan approved by the Senate Finance Committee. The exemption would not apply to the first seven days of illness.

The plan is part of the big tax revision program approved by the finance committee last week and scheduled for Senate action next week.

Knowland to Ask Rules Changes At Next Session

WASHINGTON — Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) said Wednesday he will urge the Senate to improve rules for its investigations, but not at this session of Congress.

The Senate Republican leader said he does not want to bring any drastic rules change proposals before the Senate in the closing days of the session, lest they stir up a row that would block important administration bills.

Knowland said he would testify concerning proposed improvements on Monday at a hearing of the Senate rules subcommittee. The record made at that hearing, he said, can form a basis for action next year.

Muddy Research

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Scientists here are spending a lot of time playing with mud. They must know the consistency and strength of the underwater soil before construction starts on the 7,200-foot underwater tunnel under Hampton Roads, from Hampton to Willoughby. The Virginia Council of Highway Investigation and Research is doing the checkup for the \$4 million dollar project. Mud is being brought up from holes as deep as 200 feet for the study.

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Auto Safety Belts Advised

SAN FRANCISCO — Equipping autos with safety belts and shoulder straps was urged Wednesday by the House of Delegates of the American Medical Assn.

In a resolution, the house recommended that auto manufacturers "consider" putting safety belts in all cars, and stress safety in design of all automobiles, including providing seats, cushions and doors which would withstand impacts of 10 to 15 times the pull of gravity without injuring occupants.

Auto accidents kill 35,000 to 40,000 Americans annually and injure another one million.

Virginia Hill Charged With Tax Evasion

LOS ANGELES — Virginia Hill, once the girl friend of Bugsy Siegel and other underworld figures, was indicted by a federal grand jury Wednesday on charges of evading \$80,180.02 in federal income tax payments for the years 1944 through 1947.

It was in Miss Hill's luxurious rented Beverly Hills home that Siegel was pumped full of bullets from a high-powered rifle June 29, 1947. Virginia was in Europe at the time. The slaying never was solved.

Apparently fearing she too had been chosen for assassination, she attempted suicide with sleeping pills in her Paris apartment.

In 1951 the Internal Revenue Bureau exhibited interest in her lavish spending by claiming she owed \$161,000 in back income taxes. Her \$33,000 home in Spokane, Wash., and other possessions were auctioned off to satisfy part of that claim.

During the Kefauver committee hearings, she contended she got her money from lucky betting on the horses.

After her appearance before that Senate crime investigating committee, she retired from the spotlight. She is married to Hans Hatusch, an Austrian-born ski instructor whom she met in Sun Valley, Idaho, in 1950.

U. S. Atty. Laughlin E. Waters said they have been residing at Kloster, Switzerland, but are now visiting at Salzburg, Austria.

22 Dead in Japan Floods

TOKYO — Japan's rains still poured down Thursday and floods and landslides by police estimates left 22 dead, 6 missing and 19 injured.

Seven mild earthquakes shook Wakayama Prefecture, one of five in the west which were hardest hit. Landslides there which accompanied the quakes and flood accounted for seven of the known dead.

The Construction Ministry estimated \$1,750,000 damage had been done to dikes, roads and bridges alone as heavy rains fell for the second straight day. Police estimated 1,200 houses were flooded in Wakayama Prefecture alone.

School Bus Crash Kills 4 in Mexico

ENSENADA, Mexico — A crowded school bus ran out of control Wednesday and crashed, killing four Catholic secondary students and injuring more than 30 others, in the mountains near here.

There were between 45 and 50 of the students for Catholic priesthood, ranging in ages from 12 to 18, in the bus when it careened off the Tijuana-Ensenada highway and turned over in a ravine.

Six of the 32 treated for injuries remained in a critical condition, and six others were classified as serious.

The driver, Carlos Gonzales Martinez, of Tijuana, was quoted as saying the brakes on the bus failed.

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Downtown Stores to Hold Fall Festival

(Story also on Page 1.)

Plans for a fall festival, slated to begin Aug. 15, and changes in the downtown Salem parking area were considered at a meeting Wednesday night of the Downtown Salem Merchants' Association in the Marion Hotel.

The plan calls for a six-weeks long festival with special store bargains, merchandise and cash awards and weekly drawings. More expensive prizes than in previous festivals is one goal. Weekly drawings will take place on Saturday nights rather than on Friday as has been the case in former festivals.

Lee Coleman was appointed prize committee chairman and L. L. Kreman, assessment committee chairman.

In other business Nathan Steinbock was appointed chairman of a committee to meet with the Salem city council regarding a proposed move to boost meter rates and to establish parallel parking in certain downtown areas. (See story on page 1.)

Named Chairman

Ralph Nohlgren was appointed chairman of another committee to meet with representatives of City Transit Lines to work out plans for increasing the flow of bus passengers into downtown Salem.

Mayor Alfred Loucks told the association the city "was tired" of enforcing the "no meter-feeding" regulations and wanted to toss the problem back into the laps of the merchants. Merchants, he said, should see to it that their employees don't abuse downtown parking privileges.

Loucks said he and other city officials have received many complaints from shoppers who want at least two hours to shop. He said the move to increase the parking meter fare to 10 cents an hour, and extending the time limit to two hours would have the effect of "educating" shoppers to use the bus lines and private parking lots.

Don't Use Parking
Several merchants replied that shoppers don't now use free parking even when offered to them.

Another merchant, nervously looking to the day when Meier and Frank will come in here with 700 free parking spaces, said downtown merchants "can't afford" to have parking meter fees increased.

Loucks said the change to parallel parking along State Street and on one block on N. Liberty would "mean more business" for the merchants because it would make a smoother traffic flow.

He added that reports in Salem show that there are 10 times more traffic accidents in congested areas where there is angle parking than in parallel parking districts.

Some merchants expressed fear that, once started, the meter-fee increase would spread throughout the whole downtown area. Others said the downtown congestion was not a matter of faulty parking but of a lack of education on the part of both drivers and pedestrians.

Loucks said the present system of patrolling the meters against meter feeders was "not working out" and that "something has to be done."

Injured Boy, 2 Others Escape

A boy with a cast on his right ankle and two other runaways from state institutions were reported missing Wednesday night by State Police.

Ernest Brown, 15, inmate of McLaren School for Boys, with the injured ankle, was missing at 7:15 p.m. from a Salem where he was out on a work assignment from the school.

James Townsend, 18, was missing at 5 p.m. from a similar work assignment at Canby.

A 13-year-old boy of Fairview Home also was missing.

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A Lot of Nerve NEEDED to Feed Elephants



Trying to gather enough nerve to offer a handful of hay to a young circus elephant are Jimmy Finch, 1544 Court St., and Mickey Daley (right), 276 N. 14th St. The boys were among the many circus enthusiasts who arrived at the State Fairgrounds early Wednesday morning to watch the Clyde Beatty circus ready equipment for its one day appearance here. (Statesman photo.)

Thousands See Beatty Circus

Salem area families by the thousands took in performances of the Clyde Beatty circus under a big top at the State Fairgrounds Wednesday.

Trained animals, high-in-the-air gymnastics, clowns and "spectacle numbers" entertained the crowds at both afternoon and night performances, but the big interest centered of Beatty himself and his wild animal acts.

Salem sponsor for the circus was the Junior Chamber of Commerce which leased the grounds, operated a parking area and otherwise joined in the arrangements to raise funds for its civic undertakings.

The circus moved by rail from here to Oregon City where two shows are scheduled today.

Lack of Validation Of Signatures May Halt Milk Vote

PORTLAND — Lack of funds to pay for validation of signatures obtained on petitions may keep the initiative to repeal the state milk control law off the November ballot.

Elmer Deetz, Canby dairyman, said Wednesday sponsors of the repeal have 40,000 signatures lined up, but only 23,000 have been validated. Checking by county clerks runs about 10 cents a name, and \$1,500 will be needed to validate the balance of the necessary 37,600 signatures by the deadline, June 30, Deetz explained.

Portland Hotel Project Near Goal

PORTLAND — Only \$50,000 remains to be raised in local money for construction of a new 1,000-room downtown hotel here, Ward H. Cook said Wednesday.

Cook, realtor representing sponsors of the project, said another \$50,000 would put the local investment up to 2 1/2 million dollars, which is the amount Leo F. Corrigan, Dallas, Texas, investor, said he needed to start the venture.

Cook said the hotel is expected to cost about 13 1/2 million dollars. He said he expected Corrigan to be here for a conference Monday.

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Shark River
Steve COCHRAN Carole MATHews

Marilyn Monroe Collapses on Set

HOLLYWOOD — Marilyn Monroe was sent home to bed by a physician Wednesday after she collapsed on a movie set for the third time since the picture went into production four weeks ago.

A Twentieth Century-Fox spokesman said Dr. S. R. Kennamer ordered a three-day rest for the actress. He said she had been run down since an attack of flu 10 days ago. Nearly all the principals of the cast have been beset by the malady in the past month.

Miss Monroe's latest collapse came during the filming of a scene depicting a dance rehearsal in a theater. The physician found her suffering from exhaustion but not in serious condition, the studio said.

AFL Gets 2 Time Plans

ASTORIA — Rival resolutions on daylight saving time appeared at the State Federation of Labor convention here Wednesday. Delegates will choose between them later.

One calls for labor to support daylight saving time; the other would prohibit it until the federal government adopts it for the entire country.

Delegates to the annual state AFL convention heard Elmer McClure, state grange master argue for keeping of atomic power development in public hands. He protested recent proposals to allow private industry to try to develop atomic-powered electricity plants.

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Wreckage of Plane, Three Bodies Found

ROSEBURG — A coroner's party reported Wednesday that another trip to the scene of a five-year-old plane wreck would be necessary before positive identification could be made of those killed.

Aboard the private plane when it left Eugene on a trip to California Dec. 9, 1949, were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hyland of Eugene, Dr. H. Ellet Scoles of Cottage Grove and L. Virgil Fish of Eugene.

Deputy Coroner Ira Byrd said the plane, which crashed 200 feet below the summit of Old Farview mountain, a 4,000-foot peak about 35 miles east of here, was badly smashed. The wreckage was found Tuesday by a topographer.

Byrd said four billboards and a woman's handbag were found. Byrd said there appeared to be only three bodies in the wreckage, and another trip is planned Thursday to try to settle that point.

Papers in two of the billboards could not be read, but Mrs. Hyland's name was found in the woman's handbag, and the names of Hyland and Dr. Scoles were found in the other billboards.

Defense Fund Issue Solved

WASHINGTON — A Senate-House conference reached a compromise Wednesday on the defense money bill, largest of all appropriations.

Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich.) said the compromise total will be "slightly less than \$3 billion dollars."

The bill provides about 11 billion dollars of new money for the Air Force, just under 10 billions for the Navy and Marines, a little more than 7 1/2 billions for the Army, with the balance going to the Department of Defense and interservice activities.

GETTY FOR GIANTS

GETTYBURG, Pa. — Truck driver George Chilcote thought he had hit just another pothole in the New Oxford road. That was before the hole was smoothed over with 160 tons of earth. Chilcote's truck, loaded with concrete blocks, had knocked in the top of an underground cavern some 40 feet deep.

Coast redwood trees in California have bark up to two feet thick.

Today At the Theaters
ELSINORE
"FLAME AND THE FLESH" with Lana Turner and Pier Angeli
"PRISONER OF WAR" Ronald Reagan and Dewey Martin
CAPITOL
"THEM" with James Whitmore, Edmund Gwenn
"SHARK RIVER" with Steve Cochran
GRAND
"JOHNNY GUITAR" with Joan Crawford
"MR. ROBINSON CRUSOE" with Douglas Fairbanks Sr. Also see the Marciano vs. Charles Fight
HOLLYWOOD
"THE GLENN MILLER STORY" with James Stewart and June Allyson
"JALOPY" with the Bowery Boys
NORTH SALEM DRIVE IN
"THE BOY FROM OKLAHOMA" with Will Rogers Jr. and Nancy Olson
"THE WILD ONE" Marion Brando

Fire Destroys Seoul Shanties

SEOUL — A huge fire destroyed a shanty area of shops and houses in the center of Seoul Wednesday night and left at least 1,000 homeless before it was brought under control by fire engines and U. S. Army bulldozers.

Police estimated damage at \$378,000. They said the flames destroyed 790 shanties and booths in a market center and 25 homes. The police said the fire was caused by a gasoline explosion in a shop. A merchant was burned seriously. There were no other known casualties.

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