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Poll Shows Opposition to Bricker Amendment

A subcommittee of the Senate judiciary committee has approved, three to two, the Bricker amendment to the Constitution. Favoring it were Daniel of Texas, Langer of North Dakota, Dirksen of Illinois. Opposed were Kefauver of Tennessee and Hennings of Missouri. Despite this boost the indications are that the amendment will not pass the Senate. In fact it is doubtful if it will muster as many votes as did the George substitute last year which failed of the two-thirds required by only one vote. This year Oregon's two senators, Morse and Neuberger, oppose the amendment. Last year Cordon voted for it, to the disappointment of many of his constituents.

As a fuller understanding of the amendment's implications covering the conduct of foreign policy spreads among the people it loses supporters. A recent Gallup poll showed 60 per cent of those interrogated were not in favor of the amendment, while 21 per cent were in favor of it and 19 per cent were undecided or made no response. This poll was conducted by taking a sampling of those recorded in Who's Who in America. With that response from persons whose achievements have been deemed worthy of recognition in Who's Who the chance for adoption of the amendment would seem to be mighty slim. The marvel to us has been that it got as many votes as it did last year.

McCall's Two Salaries

The Democratic state chairman, Howard Morgan, complains that T. Lawson McCall drew a salary as secretary of two legislative interim committees during 1954 when he was campaigning for the office of congressman from the third district. The committees were named to study public employees retirement system and the public assistance. Morgan says that McCall drew \$4,000 in salaries from the two jobs.

The imputation is that McCall continued to draw his salaries while he was campaigning for public office. That is an old controversy over whether a person should resign from one office while he campaigns for another. In general it isn't done, either by Republican or Democratic officeholders.

In the McCall case the governing body was the legislative committee. It had the power to select staff and fix salary and determine work required of employed personnel. Lacking knowledge of how the committees functioned it is rather hard to pass judgment on the compensation to McCall. Certainly during the heat of the campaign he could perform little service to the committees. It really is up to the committee chairmen to justify the expenditure.

Bulletin of a finance company says that housewives are not taking too well to colored kitchen appliances. They prefer to stick to white. That is understandable. After all white has been drilled into the subconscious mind as the color of purity. Besides, a housewife doesn't want to have to buy a new set of appliances whenever she decides to change the color scheme of her kitchen. We note also that auto makers are going to tone down the color varieties offered in 1956 automobiles.

Patterson's Stand on Crooked River Plan May Affect Future of Reclamation Projects

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Statesman Correspondent
WASHINGTON (Special)—Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay has put it up to Gov. Paul Patterson to decide, in effect, whether Oregon shall ask Congress to authorize any further irrigation projects of the marginal type that can be made economically feasible with the aid of power revenues from the big multiple-purpose dams now being built on the Columbia River.

McKay is in favor of the idea. So is his commissioner of reclamation, Wilbur A. Dexheimer. But up to now Patterson has been opposed to further reclamation work of this kind, whether it be in the Willamette Valley, Central or Eastern Oregon.

Secretary McKay indicated his attitude in putting his stamp of approval on the proposed Crooked River project near Prineville, which would be made economically feasible with the assistance of power revenues from the Dalles Dam after that project on the Columbia starts power generation in 1957.

The crooked River proposal bears special significance for future irrigation development in Oregon because it would be the first of its kind—the first to benefit economically from power sales of a dam which is utterly unrelated physically from the proposed reclamation project. The project and the dam in this instance are over 100 miles apart.

The Bureau of Reclamation calculates that the net power benefits from the Dalles Dam over a 74-year period would provide sufficient revenue—\$2,171,000—to put local landowners in the

project area over the hump in repaying the project's cost, which is estimated at \$6,339,000. The project involves using excess waters of Ochoco Creek and Crooked River to supply 10,220 acres that are now inadequately irrigated and 9990 acres of land not presently irrigated at all.

Patterson's attitude toward this type project was expressed last month at Portland when he testified before the Senate Interior Committee on the Hells Canyon project. The governor told the committee one of the reasons he opposed the high federal dam as proposed in the bill sponsored by Sen. Wayne Morse and 29 other senators was that it would offer power revenues to make possible development of the Mountain Home reclamation project in Idaho.

When Sen. Richard L. Neuberger pointed out to Patterson that the Crooked River project was based on the same principle financially and asked him what his opinion of that central Oregon project was, the governor replied:

"I would be of the same opinion. I believe that the revenue from these power dams should be considered and handled as a separate item. I think logically they should go into the general fund of the United States and then if the Congress desires to subsidize, and that is what it is, these reclamation projects we should do it openly and intelligently and vote the money out of our treasury in the usual manner. Secondly, I feel that if we are going to pledge the revenues from these power dams to anything, we should pledge them to the development of more power dams in the Northwest."

McKay has sent Patterson his report on the proposed Crooked River project—and if the governor continues his expressed attitude and sends back an adverse

report, the chances Congress will authorize the project would be seriously diminished. If Patterson changes his mind, in the normal course of events McKay can be expected to place the project before Congress, where Sen. Neuberger has already announced his support for it.

Reclamation Commissioner Dexheimer at a press conference last week said he envisioned additional reclamation projects by the bureau in Oregon if the principle of using a power subsidy from federal dams on the Columbia is adopted. The state has a number of planned but unauthorized irrigation developments, including the Willamette Valley project, John Day project, Cold Springs project, Warm Springs and Grande Ronde projects. The Upper Horse Heaven and Walla Walla projects on the Washington state side of the Columbia are in the same category.

Dexheimer pointed out to reporters that the principle of reclamation projects being aided by dams built mainly for power, navigation and flood control by the Corps of Engineers has been used in the Missouri basin.

"The Columbia basin will be the same," declared Dexheimer. "We are working by this (Crooked River project) and other projects, for a part in the power revenues for irrigation projects in that area."

Congress adopted the same principle last year for an Idaho project, Michaud Flats, where new land is to be irrigated with the assistance of power revenues from Palisades dam over 100 miles away.

Whether the same application is to be made in Oregon in the near future appears to depend on the formal stand taken by Gov. Patterson in his report to McKay on the precedent-making Crooked River proposal.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"We're going on a vacation trip, doctor... and the way my husband drives I have to see things fast..."

Comes the Dawn

Remember the fellow we mentioned a couple days ago, who had a TV set but no radio—on which to listen to the fights. Well, the fellows at local radio station KGAE heard about the whole thing. And they couldn't stand the thought of James Armstrong, the radio-less man, living without a radio. So they presented him with a dandy RCA model with the fond hope that when he gets tired of watching those old movies he can turn it on and listen to old (and new) songs.



Take the case of Charlie Ireland, Statesman Valley Ed., who talked at a collegiate press meeting the other day in Monmouth. Among the other weighty things he said that day, Charlie urged the girl students present to be sure to "operate from a broad base" if they ever became society-page writers. And here we thought that the last thing in the world a society gal wants is a broad base...

And Wendell Webb, Statesman's Managing Ed., has been getting plaudits for outstanding photos he took during a recent aerial and boat trip to the Snake River in the Hells Canyon area. Wendell finally confessed, though, that the credit should go to John Erickson, Statesman's bridge-playing fotog, that's who. WW admits that what he knows about a camera he could put in the corner of his shutter. So, before he left, John put a yellow filter on the camera, set the speed at 1/100, f 22, adjusted from 15 feet to infinity (later after making a tricky landing WW wished he'd also set it for eternity), put in a roll of Triple-X, gave a brief lecture, and turned it over... Result—just about every shot near perfect—both in the air and on the ground. Wendell is now thinking of soldering the adjustments in their present positions.

Oliver Huston, State Employees' answer to Douglas Fairbanks, took in five baseball games and two track meets in two days—last Friday and Saturday, Friday aft. in Eugene he saw Oregon-OSC doubleheader and that night Salem-Eugene. Saturday at Corvallis he saw the second Oregon-OSC doubleheader. In an adjacent field the state A and B interscholastic track meets were going on at the same time. And all Oliver had to do from his seat atop the bleachers was to pivot back and forth to watch both events...

New South Salem high em book lists a "Horror Hit Parade," which outa knock 'em dead on TV... Some of the titles: "Davy, Croak It!" "Slime On My Hands," "Butcher Arms Around Me," "Among My Seven Ears," "There's a Cavern in Your Crown," "Oh, What a Beautiful Mourning," "Curdle Up a Little Closer," "Holiday for Things," etc. After all, when a song reaches the hit parade it's almost ready for burial, anyway...

Time Flies:

10 Years Ago
May 25, 1945

Sandra Nordyke, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Nordyke, who received the distinct honor of being the first Oregon contestant to receive a "superior rating" in the original composition division of the National Federation of Music Clubs contest. Only two such ratings were awarded in the United States.

American Superfortresses almost wiped out Tokyo, at a cost of 31 of the big planes, in record pre-dawn fire raids, reports disclosed.

Because of late season snow in the high Cascades, the Boy Scout Cascade area council summer camp committee, under the direction of Harry Scott announced a change in dates for Camp Pioneer.

25 Years Ago
May 25, 1930

Madame Saroljina Naidu, poet and reformer of India, who had come to the front page of newspapers all over the world, had been a contributor to "The Oregon Magazine," printed in Salem by Murray Wade.

The Rev. P. W. Erickson, pastor of the American Lutheran church, was elected president of the Salem Ministerial association for 1930-1931 at the meeting held at the Y.M.C.A.

Turbulent India was much quieter, after disastrous riots in four large cities piled up a toll of 82 dead and more than 800 injured, but tension still existed.

40 Years Ago
May 25, 1915

The weather giving promise of becoming settled road work throughout Marion county began in earnest, according to County Roadmaster W. J. Culver, who predicted before the end of the

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merchant shipping. In the critical battle off Jutland the new German navy gave a good account of itself, though it retreated to its home ports and the British maintained their blockade of the enemy.

In this age of aviation, rivalry has developed over air power. Right now Washington has been thrown into confusion over conflicting reports on the relative strength of air fleets of the U.S. and the USSR. It all sounds so familiar, the Navy League's battle all over again, only this time for more air power; and the putative enemy is not Japan but Russia.

The controversy really began in the Truman administration when Congress voted a 70-group air force and President Truman held the spending down to provide one of 50-odd air groups. After war came in Korea Congress authorized up to 140 air groups. Later the Eisenhower administration gave assurance that it could do the job with much less, some 120-odd groups. Steadily Congress has been more air-minded than the administration. The latter presumably has been influenced by the arguments of the chiefs of staff for the Army and the Navy who stressed the continued importance of conventional units of armed might.

Recently the controversy broke out when Eric G. Woodruff M. Burgess, chief of intelligence for Continental Air Command, said in an address in Detroit that "the Russian Air Force is currently at least as good as ours, possibly better." He was summoned to Washington where Secretary for Air Talbot discounted such reports and Burgess took refuge by saying he was misquoted (Detroit reports) by the Times. Thomas S. Power distributed copies of his speech scheduled for Boston in which he was to say that Russia now has the world's largest air force and "resources in manpower and material we could not possibly match." On delivery, however, he modified these statements greatly, scaling down Russia to possessing "a large air force" and "impressive resources."

President Eisenhower stepped into the debate by denying that Russia possesses air superiority over the United States. And Senator George, who had commented that perhaps the allegations were directed toward influencing congressional appropriations, said he was sure the gap between air forces of the two powers "still is wide."

Meanwhile, Senator Symington who as Secretary for Air had clashed with James Forrestal, secretary of defense, in urging a bigger Air Force than Forrestal had recommended, continues his fight for more power in the air. He has called on the administration to make a clear statement of facts, and offered his opinion that the Communists are moving up to the United States in offensive striking power and moving ahead in the fields of defensive power, production and technology.

There seems to be little doubt that Americans were surprised when in a military demonstration in Moscow recently, the Russians flashed by a fleet of powerful jet bombers. This was what they had been counted short of. The display gave something of a shock to Americans, reminiscent of Russia's explosion of an atom bomb in 1949 several years before we thought they could do it; and

Death Takes Frank Wade

Statesman News Service
GERVAIS — Frank Wade, a lifelong resident of the Parkersville community died Monday at a Salem Hospital. He was the last survivor of the family of Murray A. Wade and Nancy Jane Webb-Wade, early settlers in the community.

Wade was born in February, 1879, and spent his entire life on the farm where he was born. He never married.

Several weeks ago he lost his home and possessions by fire and within a week fire destroyed his garage which was used for living quarters.

He is survived by several cousins. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of the Unger Mortuary in Mt. Angel, will be announced later.

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Let's just look at this for a minute. How many of us have said, and believed it, "the government owes me..." Well who is the government? I believe it's you and me and about 160,000,000 other Americans, and how come any of us owe each other anything? I've heard Morse and Neuberger about about the governments giving natural resources to private business, but not much said about the billions sent overseas. How come? You and I both know the how come of this one. Politics! Not so pure, but plenty simple!

For twenty years we have been listening to the smooth tongued professional orators tell us we can get something for nothing. These men have done very handsomely by themselves, but have surely left us with a mess that will handicap many generations to come. The public has been on a buying spree. We have bought plenty of this smooth talk and double talk from men like Wayne Morse. For me, think it's time to trade in Wayne Morse, who is just a professional orator, for a man of qualified experience. A man who knows more of how to work, than how to talk. We have a couple of political comedians back in Washington and it's high time we took care of that situation. Are we going to be sold a bill of goods term after term? I, for one, sure hope there is an end in sight. We need a man who has worked to get to the top... not one that has talked his way up with promises that are as empty as a hole in the ground.

Neuberger with his "empty chair debate" is typical of these professional orators. They are so darn willing to orate that they will talk to themselves in public. Funny, isn't it? ... you or I talk to ourselves in public and I guess you know where we would land!

The real question here in Oregon today is not public power vs. private power, as Senator Morse would like us to believe. Morse knows, as a professional orator that he can talk (in ad infinitum) about the subject of power, which is full of facts and figures so vast that the public will be lost for want of professional education in the field. Morse is relying on a confused public to fall under the spell of his professional oratorical ability. This is his plan just as though he would tell us before he started.

Morse may not touch on the real question at all, because there isn't much room for a professional orator to sound off. It will take a man who has worked all his life, to solve it. The question is this... with increased power for production, where and what is this production to be here in Oregon? Let Wayne Morse tell us, if he can, about the real problem facing Oregon. It takes more than figures on high or low dams to answer this one. A man who has worked all his life will be able to give us something concrete to go on, but I bet the best Morse could do would be to promise to move heavy industry from the east to the west, but I wonder how he would get around the fact of Oregon's limited natural resources with respect to heavy industry.

Time will tell soon, but for Oregon's sake, listen to what he says and remember that he is a professional orator and can promise the moon in such a fashion as to sell you a ticket on the first flight out. Are we going to send this college professor back, or are we going to send a working man who doesn't need to promise the public the woodshed door will always be open?

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