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ing River, $29,000
while at Corvallis Mon- Col. O. E. Walsh, Portland engineer, Corps of En-

couraging to proponents of control was a telegram re- here late Monday from Wayne L. Morse, who least a dozen Senators him about the damage last week's flood when ess convened Monday.

ere is no doubt that the ds which Guy (Senator n) and I have been giv- Willamette flood prob- ince we have been in the is beginning to produce ood results," Morse said.

told the Benton County ette Basin Project Com- that damage from last flood was estimated at 000.

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sserted the two completed Fern Ridge and Cottage — prevented an estimated 00 in additional damages. Presidential requests are on information from the of Engineers and the of work the engineers n be undertaken in one nd the expected congres- titude toward appropri- e funds.

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o Student Lauds Court Decision

VIDENCE, R.I. —(AP)— Mrs. Sipuel Fisher, Oklahoma ays that a U.S. Supreme ecision ordering Oklahoma vide her forthwith with al facilities equivalent to white students "proves Justice in America."

e prepared to leave by uesday for Oklahoma, Mrs. said "I am happy now be- can begin to realize my ambition to become an at- The decision means a new the colored people of my

MAHATMA GANDHI (center), beginning what may be his last fast, is flanked by Abha Gandhi (left), wife of his grand-nephew, and Dr. Sushila Nayyar, one of his medical attendants, as he walks through the garden of Birla House in New Delhi, India. left rear is H. S. Suhrawardy, former premier of Bengal. Gandhi devoted Tuesday to prayer and fasting for the cessation of the communal strife which has beset India since freedom from British rule.

'Gandhi or Lawlessness'

Aged Patriot Starts Dangerous Fast

NEW DELHI, India — (AP) — Mohandas K. Gandhi started a life-endangering fast for communal peace in Delhi in India Tuesday.

The Indian patriot and prophet of non-violence, frail and 78, rejected last-minute appeals from Hindu, Sikh and Moslem delegations that he give the people 15 days to restore peace before beginning his fast. He received them in the garden of a millionaire friend's home here.

"You must prefer Gandhi or lawlessness. You can't have both," delegation members said he told them in Hindustani. They added he asserted life had no value nor attraction without peace and love.

Gandhi pointed to the remnants of his breakfast of goat's milk and vegetables, from which he had been eating sparingly, and said, "take it away. It it time.

He timed the start of the fast exactly with his watch. He then rinsed his mouth with water and held a brief prayer service for his assembled friends and others, reading selections from the Mohammedan Koran, the Christian Bible and the Hindu Vedas or religious tenets.

Normal Routine

He asked the people, including the Hindu, Sikh and Moslem delegations, to leave him then, and he went indoors to follow his normal routine of reading mail, dictating messages to his followers and closely studying current events in the newspapers.

In undertaking his fast, Gandhi said it "will end when and if I am satisfied that there is a reunion of the hearts of all communities, brought about without any outside pressure, but from an awakened sense of duty."

Noting the mention of death in Gandhi's public announcement of his plan, some disciples said they feared that, should he die, India's non-Moslems would blame the Moslems and avenge him with a terrible slaughter.

Gandhi Trembles

Gandhi, lecturing the Sikhs in the garden, became so agitated his granddaughter had to help guide the wooden spoon in his shaking hand to his lips as he took the last mouthfuls of his breakfast.

"Death for me would be a glorious deliverance, rather than that I should be a helpless witness of the destruction of India, Hinduism, Sikhism and Islam," declared Gandhi, whose following numbers many thousands.

"That destruction is certain if Pakistan ensures no equality of the status and security of life and property for all professing the various faiths of the world, and if India copies her."

Pakistan, mostly Moslem in population, and India, mostly Hindu, were created British dominions in a partition of the subcontinent last Aug. 15.

They now are at odds over warfare waged by Moslem tribesmen upon the northern state of Kashmir, which has joined India. India has accused Pakistan before the United Nations of supporting the tribesmen. The case comes up before the Security Council Thursday.

School Board Hears Need

There must be a 60 per cent growth in local grade school facilities by 1953.

Such were the findings of a report submitted to the Eugene District four school board Monday night, by Dean Lobaugh, ass't superintendent of schools.

Already With Us

The report which is based on a house to house census of the local area, included no estimate of a birth rate. The future pupils whom Lobaugh took into consideration are already here. If they are to start their educations on schedule, here are the basic needs:

Approximately 179 classrooms by 1953 (there are at present 105); approximately 179 teachers as compared to the present 112; the reopening of Gardenway school in the Washington district and a new primary unit in the River Road area by 1949.

More rooms

Broken down, the building timetable reads: nine classrooms in 1948; 21 in 1949 (not counting the reopening of Gardenway); seven additional in 1950, nine in 1951, seven more in 1952, and at least ten in 1953.

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HINGTON—(AP)—President s request to Congress for 000 for rivers and har- jects and $268,590,000 for ion was termed "too lit- late" Tuesday by Senator (R-Ore).

k the Truman budget on ion, rivers and harbors d control is another ex- of too little, too late," aid in a statement.

e Republican party really o serve the best interests outh and West and there- improve the entire na- conomy it will increase decrease the President's enditures."

e same time Senator Mag- (D-Wash) said the presi- budget of $48,000,000 for umbia Basin Project and amation requests were conservative" and that more ight have to be appropri- for the next fiscal year

ntioned funds to push construction of the Foster Creek Dam on the Columbia River in Washington.

Morse, who has just returned from his home state where he saw the Willamette River in flood that caused millions of dollars worth of damage, said such floods are unnecessary.

"I say unnecessary," he continued, "because if Congress would stop its penny wise and pound foolish policy on flood control, the people of the Willamette Valley and elsewhere in the country would be saved tremendous losses each year from floods.

"I wish every member of Congress could have seen thousands of acres of fertile land which I saw last week under flood waters. I wish they could have seen the overflowing rivers rushing to the sea loaded with precious topsoil that will be lost to our agriculture forever."

Morse said he had been fighting for more flood control money and intended to continue.

Hindus Evacuated

KARACHI, Pakistan—(AP)—Mohammed Ayub Khurro, premier of Sind Province, said Tuesday 15,000 Hindus had been evacuated by sea and air from Karachi and interior districts of Sind since the start of communal rioting last week. He said about 32,000 are awaiting evacuation, and that about 80,000 Hindus in all will remain in Karachi.

BPA Requests $9 Million For 'Local' Area

Budget Includes Southwest Oregon

The Bonneville Power Administration has requested more than nine million dollars in cash and contract authorizations for the construction of power facilities which would aid Lane County and southwestern Oregon.

Of the total which President Truman has asked Congress to act upon—$38,475,000 — about one-third is being asked for the construction of new power lines and other facilities in this part of the state. The budget asks for $4,654,000 in cash $4,418,000 in contract authorizations for this area.

Last Year's Cut

Acting Bonneville Administrator D. L. Marlett said the total requested budget for the 1948-49 fiscal year is more than two and one-third times the amount of the curtailed 1946-47 budget of some 15 million dollars. This area got only $1,800,000 last year.

Local Bonneville officials think the most important item in the budget, as far as this area is concerned, is the request for construction funds for the Goldendale-Detroit 230,000 volt line. Bonneville has requested $300,000 cash for this work; $1,700,000 in contract authorizations.

Coulee Power

This line has not been authorized by Congress, but approval of the budget request would mean automaitc approval of construction. It would help to eventually bring power to the Eugene area from Grand Coulee Dam.

The second half of this line is the Detroit-Eugene 230,000 volt line, for which Bonneville is asking $1,975,000 cash; $1,825,000 in contract authorizations. This line was approved by Congress last year, and an initial appropriation of $166,000 in cash was granted. The line has been surveyed from Detroit to Lebanon, and right-of-way negotiations are underway.

More Lines

Other "Local" projects for which funds are being requested are as folows:

Salem, Albany, Lebanon line, $641,000 and $143,000. This project would provide a second line from Salem to Albany, leaving more carrying facilities for bringing power into the Eugene area;

Eugene, Reedsport, $1,112,000 and $350,000. This is the line for which a clearing contract will be awarded within a few weeks. It will serve the Mapleton area and facilitate the serving of the Florence area by the PUD;

Reedsport, Coos Bay, $400,000 cash, $400,000 contract;

Cottage Grove, Drain, $66,000 cash;

Detroit Dam substation, $53,000 to furnish temporary power to the army engineers.

Fir Brings Record Price

The price of Douglas Fir in Oregon apparently had hit a new all-time high Tuesday, after the Willamette National Forest Service sold at auction a stand of over seven million board feet at the rate of $25.05 per thousand.

Forest Supervisor J. R. Bruckart said he believed it was the highest price ever obtained for Douglas Fir in Oregon. The stand of 7,097,000 board feet, located about 40 miles from Eugene on Fall Creek, was sold to the Fall Creek Lumber Co. The total bid price of $179,855.75 included the Douglas Fir, plus 4000 board feet of cedar, and 499,000 board feet of hemlock.

"You fellas will have to use armored cars to get that timber out of there," Administrative Assistant Clyde Quam told the successful bidders.

The appraised value for the Douglas Fir was $10.70. The appraised value on the cedar was $7.30, and the company bid $7.50. The bid on the hemlock was $4.10, the same as the appraised price.

The other two bidders were the Associated Plywood Corp. of Eugene, offering a bid of $21.50 on the Douglas Fir and a total bid of $154,661.40, and the Springfield Plywood Corp., offering $25 on the Douglas Fir and a total bid of $179,500.90. The bid differential between Fall Creek Lumber Co. and the Springfield Plywood Corp. was only a nickel per thousand on the Douglas Fir, and a total bid difference of only $354.85.

The timber was made available through the recent completion of a short access road extending the Fall Creek access road. The new road is a mile and a half long.

"The high bid will pay for the extension of the road, and we will have lots of small change left over," Bruckart remarked.

DEAD FLYER FOUND

FAIRBANKS, Alaska—(AP)—The frozen body of the second of three paratroopers who vanished after jumping to the aid of six B-29 crash survivors north of Nome Dec. 27, was found Saturday by an Eskimo dog team driver, Ladd Field **authorities said Tuesday.**

GOP Hones Axe; Fights Rationing

Five Billion Cut In Budget Eyed By Lawmakers

Foreign Aid Main Slashing Target

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Republicans set out Tuesday to chop some $5,000,000,000 (billions) out of President Truman's $39,669,000,000 budget for the year starting July 1.

The Foreign Aid Program appeared likely to be the main target of the money saving drive.

Tentative Slash

A $5,000,000,000 slash was the tentative goal set by Chairman Taber (R-NY) pending a meeting of the Senate-House Budget Committee to go over details of the unprecedented peacetime spending estimate Mr. Truman sent to Congress Monday.

While Taber declined to specify just what items most likely would be singled out for cuts, he noted that the President's estimate of actual foreign aid outlays during the year and his requests for funds to finance other projects not yet authorized by law run well over $5,000,000,000 (billion).

For example, he said, the President wants half a billion dollars to finance universal military training legislation which Congress has not enacted and which some of its top leaders expect it to put aside for at least another year.

Taber pointed out that while the Marshall Plan for European recovery contemplates a $6,800,000,000 appropriation for the first 15 months, the budget says only $4,000,000,000 of that sum will be spent during the 12 months starting July 1.

The New Yorker termed even that "too much."

Pirate Gold Is Object Of Search

GREEN COVE SPRINGS, Fla. —(AP) — Eighty-year-old G. B. Mobley started digging in the middle of town Tuesday for $4,000,000 in gold he said pirates buried many years ago.

Using a dragline, he dug a 25-feet deep hole between the sidewalk and the street, about 50 feet from the nearest building.

Mobley got grudging permission from city officials in February, 1945 to dig for the gold, location of which he said was given him 20 years ago by pioneer residents.

He signed a contract then to pay the city ten per cent (up to a maximum of $500,000) of whatever he found. The contract still holds. Mobley ran out of operating funds in 1945 after getting down nine feet. Reports were that two Jacksonville doctors are financing his new burrowing job.

Mayor E. L. Bradley estimated the city debt at $350,000. He said he understood Mobley shortly would put donw steel pilings but that he didn't believe traffic would be disrupted.

"If we have a heavy rain, though," the mayor said ruefully, "we'll probably have a lake."

New Atomic Element Found By Frenchman

PARIS—(AP)— Frederic Joliot-Curie, French scientist who heads the National Committee of scientific research, has announced discovery of a new radioactive body in cosmic rays which permits a more complete disintegration of the atom.

He communicated to the French Academy of Sciences Monday a note concerning the study of this new radioactive body by four French scientists.

You Were Right, It Was Rather Chilly

Temperatures in the Eugene area fell to 27 degrees Tuesday morning, the weather bureau reported.

This is the lowest reading for the winter with the exception of one day last fall when the temperature fell to 26 degrees.

Chinese Leave Cities

SHANGHAI—(U.P.)—The Chinese government was reliably reported Tuesday to have decided to abandon two of its most important cities in Manchuria—Mchangchun and Kirin—to the Communists, and to concentrate on defending Mukden.

Abandonment of the two cities, each about 200 miles north of Bukden, would mean withdrawal from a narrow corridor which the nationalists have held since V-J day.

Plaintiff Says Meat Made Her 'Allergic'

A suit was filed in circuit court Tuesday by Charlotte Bruhn, asking $2950 damages against a national meat packer because of (complaint claims) "corrupted, poisoned and putrified meat."

She alleges in the suit that she bought some bologna "sealed at both ends, and stamped with the company's mark," which caused her painful and lasting injuries."

Alleging the bologna contained "harmful bacteria," she said she suffered, "injury to the lining of the stomach, nervous system, destruction of her ability to sleep, weakened kidneys, shock, and destruction of her emotional stability, and had become allergic." (Just allergic.)

New Water Plan Under Study

SPRINGFIELD — Dr. W. N. Dow, head of the city's special water committee presented a report to the city council here Monday night in which his committee recommended that the services of a Portland engineering firm be acquired to make a survey of the city's water supply.

The committee, in their report, declared that any system considered should be able to serve a population of 25,000 people and be prepared to handle an area extending one mile to the north, east and west of the city.

Five Steps

The committee recommended that the survey should include: 1—Source of supply; 2—Distribution system, including the adequacy of the present system; 3—storage facilities, present and future; 4—cost estimates of a proposed plan; 5—methods of financing a proposed plan.

The committee proposed that the money to finance such a survey be considered in next year's city budget.

The council, which took no definite action on the report, asked Dr. Dow about the possibilities of dealing with the Eugene Water Board for treated water.

Rates Studied

Dr. Dow said the committee felt it best to consider the possibility of developing a system without the aid of Eugene because the committee could get no definite rate established for treated water from the Eugene system, other than the stipulation that it would propably be about the same as

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Alert Driver Gives Alarm

An unidentified motorist Tuesday had prevented a possible two-day power failure for 600 farmers served by the Blachly Lane Cooperative, after he reported a burning switch at the cooperative's substation near Eugene.

The motorist, whose name was not obtained in the rush to extenguish the blaze, called William E. Trommershausen, Bonneville local manager, at 7:30 p.m. to inform him that sparks could be seen at the Bonneville substation on Highway 99 North. An investigation by Trommershausen proved that a pole-top switch was on fire at the Blachly Cooperative substation adjacent to the Bonneville unit.

Trommershausen said the motorist's prompt reporting of the blaze prevented a power failure for the Lane County farmers served by the cooperative. "If I could find the motorist, I'd certainly write him a nice letter," said the BPA manager.

Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity, fair Tuesday and Wednesday with patches of morning fog; warmer daytime temperatures; cooler again Tuesday night with low of 28 degrees. Oregon, same, with increasing high clouds Wednesday and light rain along north coast; moderate southeasterly winds off coast.

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Monday, 39 degrees; low Tuesday, 26 degrees; no rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a. m.; total for month, 8.13 inches; normal for month, 5.42 inches; river at 7:30 a. m., plus 2.10 feet; wind at 11:30 a. m., North 6; prevailing Monday, North 5.

Sunrise and Sunset (PST): Wednesday, 7:44 a. m. and 4:58 p. m. Thursday, 7:44 a. m. and 5 p. m.

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Wednesday
High 2:49 a.m. 7.3 ft. 3:05 p.m. 8.1 ft.
Low 8:35 a.m. 3.4 ft. 9:00 p.m. 6.3 ft.

Taft Skeptical Of Proposed Meat Control

Predicts Black Market Revival

WASHINGTON— (AP) —Sounding a key note of Republican opposition to meat rationing, Senator Taft (Ohio) predicted Tuesday it would revive black markets and lead to even higher prices.

The Ohioan told a reporter that while he is not completely barring rationing or price controls, he does not believe that meat rationing would work.

Meat Susceptible

"You have to set up just as big an organization to ration one item as to ration everything," Taft said.

"Besides, meat is the one thing most susceptible to black market operations. I am afraid that we would have a repetition of the time when cattle were killed widely on the farms instead of at the slaughtering houses, with the hides and other by-products being lost.

Higher Prices

"Certainly the people who got beef through black markets would have to pay even higher prices for it than they are now and a great many people would get practically none at all."

Although a handful of GOP lawmakers led by Senator Flanders (Vt) have said they believe meat rationing may be necessary by spring, Taft's views reflect the attitude of Republicans generally toward President Truman's appeal for stand-by power to restore rationing and wage-price controls on a limited basis.

Opposition

The party skepticism and outright opposition came into sharp focus Monday when Secretary of Agriculture Anderson plugged for meat rationing and wholesale price ceiling on meat. He testified before the Senate Baking Committee, which is considering various bills to re-establish these wartime controls.

The committee assembled Tuesday to hear representatives of veterans' organization and Secretary of Labor Shwellenbach.

Hotel Florence Gutted by Fire

FLORENCE — Fire of undetermined origin swept through the Hotel Florence Tuesday afternoon leaving the third story a total loss and at least 11 persons temporarily homeless.

Despite a brisk wind, the Florence fire department brought the blaze under control within a half hour after the 1:30 p.m. alarm.

The entire building was damaged but 11 rooms were a total loss, including the personal property of the tenants.

The 30-room structure was partially covered by insurance, according to Mrs. George Chenault, owner. It was built in 1890 by Mrs. J. E. Morris.

The ground-floor coffee shop, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Faye Pitts, formerly of Springfield, and the beauty parlor of Harold Ronning were damaged. No one was injured.

City Bus Fare Increase Given Council Okay

$840,000 Bond Issue Under Study

WHAT THE COUNCIL DID:

1. Amended the franchise ordinance under which the city bus service is operated to permit fare increases from 8 to 10 cents per single fare and from 7 and ½ cents to 8 1-3 cents for fare tokens.

2. Scheduled a meeting of the council as a committee of the whole on Jan. 19 to consider proposed bond issues totalling $840,000 and special millage levies.

3. Heard a preliminary report on plans and cost estimates for the city's proposed sewage treatment plant.

4. Requested a report from the Planning Commission on the status of a rezoning petition filed by Henry Byers of Medford in July, 1946 regarding property owned by him on Franklin Blvd., east of Walnut Street.

5. Approved annual appointments to various city boards and commissions as announced by Mayor McNutt. (See story, page 6).

6. Attended to other routine business, acted on committee reports, etc. (See story, page 9).

Following a lengthy discussion and a series of parliamentary maneuvers, members of the city council Monday night approved an increase in fare charges of the Oregon Motor Stages, operators of buses serving the city and suburban areas.

The increase amounts to two cents on a single cash fare or 5/6 of a cent on fare tokens.

First action on the proposal was to the effect that data supporting the rate increase request would be referred to the council's judiciary committee with final council action to be deferred until Jan. 26. This move was rescinded after the councilmen heard testimony from A. L. Schneider Oregon Motor Stages general manager, that Eugene was the only Oregon city receiving bus service for less than a 10-cent fare.

Costs Cited

Under interrogation of the council, Schneider explained his contention that operating costs of the bus company have climbed roughly 30 per cent since the company's last rate boost in April, 1946. He stated that due to extension of routes and provision of additional buses (bringing the total in use here to 23

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New Rates Set

The new bus fare schedule approved by the city council Monday night will be put into effect at midnight Tuesday, A. L. Schneider, general manager of the Oregon Motor Stages, has announced.

The single cash fare will be increased to 10 cents and the price of fare tokens to three for 25 cents. These rates will prevail for all routes except those formerly operated as double-fare lines where the fares will now be double the new rates (20 cents or two tokens).

Double-fare routes are those serving Springfield, Danebo Elmira, Santa Clara, Coburg and Park-Horn Lane. Patrons of those lines will now be able to transfer to other city routes without payment of addition fare, Schneider said.

Ike for President...

Pennsylvania Vote Might Disturb GOP

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The daring young men on the Eisenhower-for-president political trapeze Tuesday threatened to upset Republican party calculations with a flyer into the April 27 Pennsylvania primary.

Unabashed by the general's newest but second-hand disavowal of political desires, the Pennsylvania Draft-Eisenhower League announced at Harrisburg that a slate of delegates will be entered for the retiring Army chief of staff.

Second Test

Thus Pennsylvania, with 73 national convention votes, offers a possible second testing ground for those who think Dwight D. Eisenhower ought to be the Republican nominee and insist they intend to proceed along that line, come what may.

The fact that Eisenhower passed up a chance Monday to kill off a similar move in New Hampshire immediately subjected the general to suspicion in both major political camps that, if he isn't **already a candidate, he is not** slamming the door on the possibility.

The chief of staff himself declined comment. But Maj. Gen. Floyd L. Parks, head of the Army Public Information Division, responded to reporters' prodding with this statement, issued through regular military channels:

"General Eisenhower will make no statements with regard to the New Hampshire primary. He has reiterated on many previous occasions that he wants nothing to do with politics. He has not changed his mind."

The Flirting?

A Democratic National Committee official who didn't want to be identified by name said that as a result of the Parks statement he thinks Eisenhower is "flirting" with the idea of running, but may not have made up his mind.

There appeared to be some possibility that the highly organized Republican leadership in Pennsylvania might disrupt the result, but apparently only a flat disavowal by Eisenhower could kill **off the movement.**