

Mechanic Displays Design In Automobiles

A Washington, D. C., who has worked for 30 years, has designed the new "Mustang" car. The price around \$1,000.

The car has a "teardrop" design, with a blunt, bus-like front.

Ontario, Canada, has a lake and river area estimated at 80,000 square miles.

California Water Studied

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — The Central Valley report, which has been turned over to President Truman, will help California catch up on its number one problem of water and power, Interior Secretary Julius A. Krug said Monday.

Krug said that the state is 10 years behind the times in dealing with its problem, but that the report calls for projects which will help bring it up to date.

The report, he said, calls for 38 major dams and 28 major power plants. It would add 3,000,000 acres to the farm land in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys and produce 8,000,000,000 kilowatt hours of electricity annually.



UN ON GUARD — Commandant Le Moine (right) of Rennes, France, United Nations observer in Jerusalem, watches no man's land separating Jews and Arabs for violations of the UN truce. With him is an Israeli soldier.

Foley Probes Housing Crisis

PORTLAND — (AP) — National Housing Expediter Raymond M. Foley planned to confer Tuesday with building industry groups to learn why more low cost houses have not been built here.

After hearing arguments favoring use of Swan Island barracks and dormitories as stop-gap housing for flood evacuees, Foley told civic leaders and officials the plan wasn't the best solution.

He said he would take the plan to convert the barracks to family units under advisement, however. City housing authority committee members had said the Vanport and North Portland flood victims must soon be moved from trailers where they are unhappy.

Foley asked at one point "What are we going to do with these people permanently? Push them around from Swan Island to Duck Island to Goose Island?"

He said what was needed were houses costing \$4,000 to \$6,000. He said Portland builders have such plans but have not built very many such dwellings.

The conferences were aimed at using some \$6,000,000 available for emergency housing for flood victims. About \$4,000,000 of federal funds already have been used.

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If California is to meet its water and power problems in the years ahead, Krug told a press conference, Congress must appropriate money for more projects. He stressed the importance of keeping water and power projects allied, because the sale of power generated by the water lowers the price of that water so that the average farmer can afford it.

Krug said he was debating whether to use his powers under the Reclamation Act of 1939 to get funds for the planned Solano water project or to wait until Congress meets.

He said he expects "tremendous support" of the project because three military installations in the area are greatly in need of water.

Krug said the Pacific Gas and Electric Company plan to remedy the power situation was not enough because it would make a government-constructed dam necessary to provide water.

The secretary was scheduled to speak at Oroville, Calif., Tuesday and to spend Wednesday inspecting the Shasta Dam project.

After 50 Years England, US Will Standardize Manufactures

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Before long every British bolt will fit the threads of an American nut.

If you like you can say, "Who cares?" But it happens that a lot of important people do care—manufacturers, and even diplomats and military strategists!

Fifty years ago it didn't make much difference what fit what in the nut and bolt department. At that time the world's workers was located in Britain. America was hitting her stride but she was concerned mostly with the home market for plow shares and wagon wheels.

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Time marched "a fer piece," as they used to say out West, and today the problem of standardization is a vital one. Especially American machinery is important to Britain's industrial comeback after the war. Implements of combat come into the picture too. That's where the diplomatic and military angle comes in.

Now, something that should have been done years ago, at long last is in the works.

Standards Bureau

And what agency do you suppose is coming to the rescue? The National Bureau of Standards, the outfit that gave us better toothpaste, longer wear on the seat of our pants, better luggage, kiss-proof lipstick and a stay-in curl for the women's hair.

The Bureau some time in the next three months will rap a gavel for a nut and bolt convention, the likes of which the world has never seen. It will be attended by the best minds of Britain, Canada and the United States.

"Plain Talk"

This meeting will be unique in several respects. There will be no striped pants and swallow-tailed coats. The great industrial minds of the three countries will shuck their dignity and roll up their sleeves. They'll also talk "plain talk." Politics will go beggin'.

The guiding genius behind the nut and bolt hoe-down will be the unsung heros of the Bureau of Standards, the test-tube folks, or the scientists.

The problem of a unified screw thread standard is an old headache to the experts. In 1918, Congress authorized a National Screw Thread Commission, with the director of the bureau as chairman.

Temper, Temper

A year later, the commission met with British and French engineers to see what could be done. Nothing happened.

Another attempt was made in a 1926 meeting with the British. Tempers held the upper hand over common sense.

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A serious shortage of electric power threatens Oregon today! Many industries may have to curtail their use of power this winter. Even homes and farms may have to get along with less electricity. New industries can't come to Oregon, especially if they use large amounts of power.

Three little words in the Oregon hydroelectric law are largely responsible for this power shortage. These three words give the state, or any city, the right to take over any Oregon hydroelectric plant AT ANY TIME, upon short notice.

Power companies haven't completed any new power plants in the state during the past 17 years

that these three little words have been on the statute books. Investors won't put millions into new power projects, when the dams can be seized, and the company left without a source of power. Power companies in every western state have built many hydroelectric plants, but not in Oregon!

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE

BILL AMENDING LICENSING AND ACQUISITION PROVISIONS OF HYDROELECTRIC COMMISSION ACT

PURPOSE: Amending hydroelectric commission act of Oregon requiring commission to set forth the maximum rate of return and amortization in license; providing that state as any municipality thereof shall have right to take over any project at expiration of the original license upon payment of fair value not exceeding net investment; if not taken over, commission may issue new license under then existing laws or extend original license according to the terms and conditions thereof for periods of five years; providing further, upon payment of just compensation state has right to acquire project during any license period by condemnation.

306 X Yes

REFERENDUM 306 CORRECTS THE LAW AND ENCOURAGES BUILDING OF POWER DAMS IN OREGON

The last state legislature corrected the obsolete Oregon hydroelectric law by making it read that the state or any city can take over a power project built under state license UPON EXPIRATION OF THE LICENSE (and not "at any time"). The vote was 70 to 20 to correct the law. Now the voters are asked to approve the action of their state legislature by voting 306 X YES.

Eliminating the three little words providing that any new power dam can be taken over AT ANY TIME is the principal change provided by measure 306. The measure also corrects two additional sections of the state hydroelectric act. These changes require the license for a hydroelectric project to set forth the maximum rate of return which a power company may earn, and otherwise make the state hydroelectric laws conform to the Federal Power Act. The people and the state's right of condemnation remains unchanged under the modernized law.

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4. Does not interfere with any Federal Dams that may be built later on the Columbia.
5. Fully protects Oregon's power resources.

Approve the state legislature's amendments to the hydroelectric law

Vote 306 X YES

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