

Water Experts Visit Northwest

Foreign Technicians Eye Basin Program

SPOKANE — (AP) — Water resources experts of 20 foreign countries visiting the Pacific Northwest to study the region's power and reclamation program started a tour of the million-acre Columbia Basin irrigation project Wednesday.

The 27 reclamation engineers were slated to go to Ephrata to join in All Nations' Day ceremonies at the Little World's Fair, Wednesday's feature in the 11-day Columbia Basin Festival.

The travelers are from India, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Nepal, Turkey, Ethiopia, Thailand, Burma, Indonesia, Vietnam and Cambodia in Indo-China, Formosa, The Philippines, Mexico, Brazil, El Salvador, Cuba, Panama and the Dominican Republic.

The engineers' visit to the U.S. is sponsored by the Bureau of Reclamation, in cooperation with the Mutual Security Agency and the Technical Cooperation Administration.

The Interior Department in Washington said the group will attend the International Reclamation Conference in Yakima June 2-6 and the centennial conference of the American Society of Engineers in Denver.

After taking part in the Columbia Basin Festival and before leaving for Denver, the announcement said, the engineers will visit Bonneville Dam, the Army Engineers hydraulics laboratories near Portland, and participate in a conference with Bonneville Power Administration officials.

OSC Gets Grant

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — A du Pont post-graduate fellowship of \$2,100 has been awarded to an Oregon State College student along with a grant of \$1,200 to the OSC chemistry department. Dr. E. C. Gilbert, chairman of the chemistry department, has been informed. This is the sixth year this grant has been made to the college. Richard LaPore, graduate student in chemistry, will study a problem by using radio-active carbon.



SIGN WEST GERMANY PEACE PACT — Western Big Three foreign ministers and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer smile in Bonn after signing the separate peace treaty that aligned enemies of World War II in a united front against Russian aggression. The treaty returned most sovereignty to West Germany and in return she pledged to rearm and raise 12 divisions to serve in the Western European army. Left to right: British Foreign Secy. Anthony Eden, French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman, Secy. of State Dean Acheson and Chancellor Adenauer.

Berry Picking Price 4 or 5c

SALEM — (AP) — It looks like the picking price for strawberries in the Willamette valley this season will be four and five cents a pound.

Growers met with State Labor Commissioner William E. Kimsey here Tuesday night. They did not come up with a definite establisher price but they made this provision: If the canner price is less than 17 cents a pound the picking price will be four cents plus a half-cent bonus for picking out the season. If the canner price is 17 cents or more, the picking price will be four and one-half cents plus the half-cent bonus.

Last year's picking price was 4½ cents plus the half-cent bonus.

Convention Dates Favor Democrats

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WASHINGTON — (UP) — What the Republican National Convention does will considerably affect Democratic nominating and platform actions this year.

The Republican convention starts July 7 in Chicago. The Democrats meet a fortnight later, Franklin D. Roosevelt was the far-seeing politician who shifted the Democratic convention to second place after many years had established a tradition that his party teed off first.

FDR also forced both conventions into July. June had been the customary convention month until Mr. Roosevelt came along. He held that there was too much dead time between the nominating conventions and the election. FDR liked a short and sharp campaign and held that September was the time to start it.

His maneuvering left the Democrats with a real advantage this year in holding the second convention because the man and platform put up by the Republicans probably will help Democrats to determine their own choice and strategy.

REPUBLICAN nomination of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, for example, would pitch the entire campaign on domestic issues. There is not much difference between the Eisenhower and Truman foreign policies.

Against Eisenhower, the Democrats would want their most vigorous defenders of Truman domestic policy. Vice-President Alben W. Barkley would be as handy with that as any Democrat. Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, Sen. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, and some others would be well qualified.

Republican nomination of Sen. Robert A. Taft would make foreign

policy the top campaign issue and the Democrats would draft their platforms and, perhaps, nominate their ticket accordingly. Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois has a foreign background. So does W. Averell Harriman.

IT HAS BEEN suggested, too, that Stevenson's determination not to be a candidate for Democratic presidential nomination this year might weaken more than somewhat if Taft were nominated. Also that Stevenson would firmly reject a bid to run against Eisenhower.

Any of the others, including Barkley, doubtless would accept with enthusiasm an opportunity to run against any Republican, even Taft and Eisenhower on the same ticket.

Win or lose, a presidential nomination looks good in the record books.

New GI Bill Hits Block in Congress

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WASHINGTON — (UP) — The new GI Bill of Rights for Korean veterans has run into a roadblock in Congress.

Backers originally had hope to get the measure to the House floor next week and to pass it with no trouble. At best, the outlook now is for some delay. At worst, the bill could be shelved.

Rep. Olin E. Teague (D-Tex.), the bill's sponsor, said the hitch developed from last-minute opposition by a group of private school operators to key points of the veterans' measure.

He said amendments the group is supporting would wreck the bill. If the House adopts them, he said, he will move to send his own bill back to committee—a step normally tantamount to killing it.

THE MEASURE carries free schooling, loan guarantees, and mustering out pay up to \$300 for men discharged after June 27, 1950, who served at least 90 days. It is a revised version of the World War II GI bill under which veterans have drawn benefits totalling more than \$16,000,000,000.

To beat racketeering that developed under the World War II GI Bill, a special House committee headed by Teague developed a new school program. This new program is the source of the current contention.

FORMERLY the government sent the GI scholar a monthly living allowance and mailed tuition checks, up to \$500 yearly, directly to the school. Teague said this encouraged fly-by-night schools set up solely to get the \$500 tuition checks.

Under the new plan, the veteran would get a monthly check to cover everything. He would pay his own tuition and use whatever was left to live on.

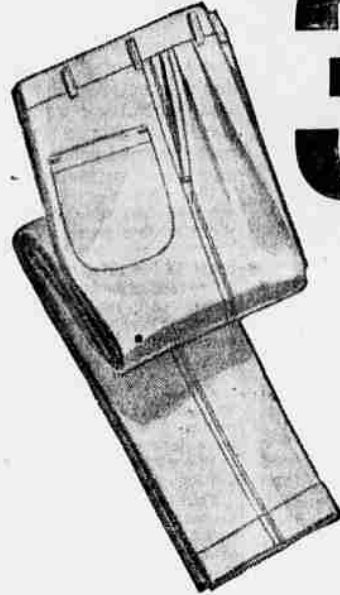
HOWEVER, HOUSE members in the past few days have been besieged with letters and telegrams from officials of private schools contending the new plan would discriminate against them and favor tax-supported schools, which usually charge lower tuition.

Members are being pressed to support a series of 20 amendments sponsored by Rep. William L. Springer (R-Ill.) which in effect

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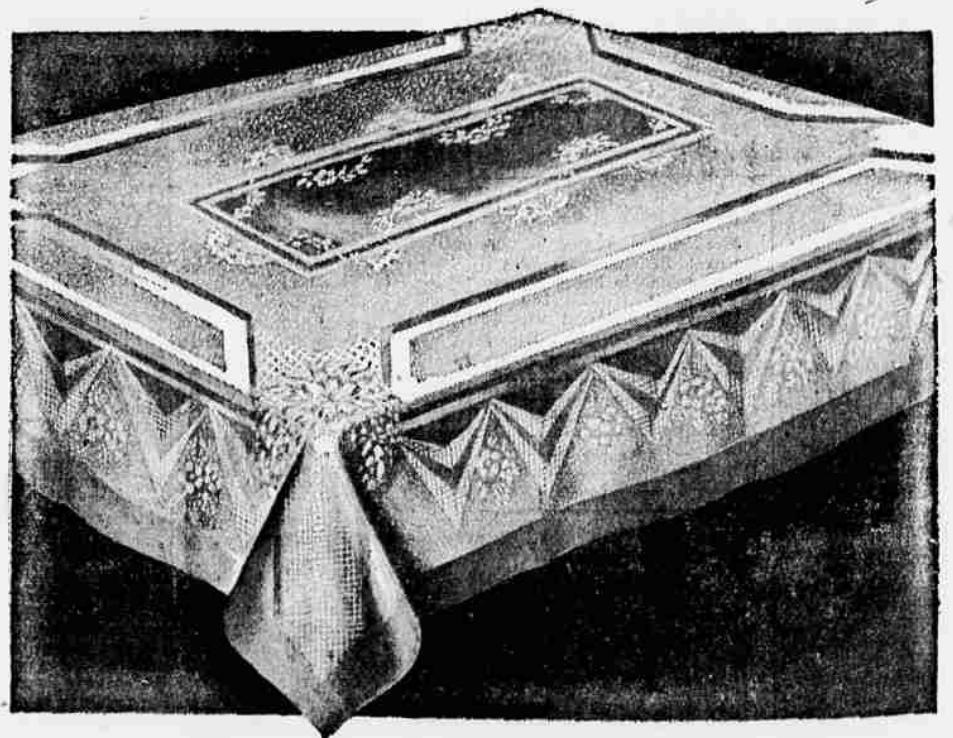
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