

Neuberger Blasts Dropping of Project

WASHINGTON (AP)—The administration's decision not to budget money for starting construction of the Talent Irrigation Project, Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said Wednesday, "constitutes a betrayal of the people of Southern Oregon."

In a speech prepared for the Senate, the newly elected senator declared:

"The people of Jackson County were sold a mirage—for political purposes."

The Talent Project, in the

New Senator's Charge Hit By Ellsworth

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Harns Ellsworth, dean of Oregon's House Republicans, Thursday labeled as a "gross misstatement" a charge by Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) that the Eisenhower administration has "evidently abandoned interest" in Southern Oregon's Talent Irrigation Project.

Neuberger told the Senate Wednesday the fact that no construction funds are budgeted for the project in the year beginning July 1 "constitutes a betrayal of the people of Southern Oregon."

Ellsworth, whose district includes the Talent Project site, flatly denied Neuberger's charge.

'SMEAR-LIKE ATTACK'

"In his smear-like attack on Republicans in general and Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay in particular, the new senator either overlooks or ignores several important facts," Ellsworth declared in an interview.

He said the administration allocated \$84,000 to the project for preliminary work last year and, in the President's budget, has asked another \$352,000 for rehabilitation of the Medford and Rogue River Valley irrigation districts which is included in the Talent authorization. Another \$30,000 has been asked for planning, Ellsworth said.

NOT ABANDONED

"This certainly doesn't indicate the project has been abandoned," he declared.

The commission said McKay's original requests submitted to the budget bureau included two million dollars for construction of the Talent Project. He said it was eliminated by the bureau, however, because that agency had insufficient time between passage of the Talent authorization late last session and printing of the budget to complete its independent examination of the project.

"In fact," Ellsworth said, "it decided some further data was needed and so budgeted the \$30,000 for additional engineering."

Joe, Marilyn Remain Mum

NEW YORK (AP)—Joe DiMaggio and Marilyn Monroe, both in town and friendly though divorced, shy away from discussing any reported reconciliation.

Joe was very happy Wednesday about his election to baseball's Hall of Fame. But to all questions concerning Miss Monroe, he said: "I've got nothing whatever to say about Marilyn."

Miss Monroe, staying at another hotel, could not be reached for comment.

Before coming here, the couple were in Boston for several days. There they denied a reconciliation was in the offing, although they dined together and visited with Joe's brother Dom and his family.

Car, Bus Collide

PRESCOTT, Mich. (AP)—A school bus loaded with 40 to 45 children collided Wednesday with a car and hurtled into a ditch. Three of the children's teachers riding in the car were injured. Three children were also hurt slightly but were released after treatment.

Rogue River Basin, would develop storage to water 8,640 acres of arid land and supplement the water supply of another 9,250 acres. Also included is a 16,000-kilowatt power plant. The project, estimated to cost 23 million, was authorized by Congress last summer.

MAIDEN SPEECH

Neuberger, in his maiden speech in the Senate, said Republicans staged celebrations during last fall's political campaign "heralding" the Talent project.

"Yet, having used this important project, which has the support of Oregonians of all political persuasions, as a campaign device to drum up Republican votes," he declared, "the administration has now evidently abandoned interest in the project—as demonstrated by the fact that no funds have been included in the budget for construction of either irrigation works or the power plant."

Neuberger said both he and Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore.) have urged the Department of Interior to request project funds and "will spare no effort to try to redeem the broken promises which the administration made to the people of Southern Oregon last year."

He said the budget for the year beginning July 1 should contain "at least \$350,000" to restore Medford and Rogue River Valley canal systems and 2½ million to start engineering and construction of the project.

FAST-GROWING STATE

Asserting that Oregon is one of the nation's fastest growing states and needs sound and steady development of its resources, Neuberger declared:

"It's people should not be subjected to so-called political 'authorizations' of projects, which then are cavalierly abandoned—once the campaign at the polls is over."

Solons Argue

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an understanding that Eisenhower does not regard the resolution as authorizing him to wage preventive war.

KNOWLAND BACKS IKE

A major battle was threatened on that point, raised by a small but vocal band of senators who contend the resolution is so broad as to give blank check authority for war against Red China as a "preventive" against attacks on Formosa.

Republican Leader Knowland (Calif.) sought to counter that argument. He visited the White House and on leaving said the President "certainly" does not place that interpretation on the resolution.

Knowland declared that unless the Communists attack U. S. planes or ships "there will be no shooting as far as the United States is concerned."

2ND DAY OF DEBATE

As the Senate began its second day of debate—and for the first time got the resolution formally before it—senators who questioned Dulles said top U. S. military officials in secret gave their colleagues a formal report expressing doubt that the 1950 Soviet-Red Chinese defense treaty could be applied to anything which might develop.

But the report said Communist China might try to bring Russia in if hostilities developed involving Formosa and the surrounding area.

"This is a calculated risk which the United States must take," the joint report of the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committee said.

SEVERAL AMENDMENTS

Knowland said that if Formosa fell to the Reds the free world's Pacific defense line might be forced back to California, Oregon and Washington—no place for it to be, he said, in this day of aerial warfare.

Several amendments have been proposed but Knowland is battling to get the resolution through the Senate in exactly the same form it was approved by the House 409-3.



(Register-Guard photo, Wiltshire eng.)

PLAN CAMPAIGN—Division leaders for the Central Lane Y community campaign were selected this week by Ehrman Giustina and Charles Wiper Jr., co-chairmen of the March 17-31 campaign. John Northam was unable to be present for the picture. Other division leaders going over plans for the campaign organization are, left to right, Monte Montgomery, Archie Zarewski, Melvin Gustafson, and James Kays. The five men will lead the divisions which will raise the money necessary to complete and equip the new Y building. About 80 per cent of the \$525,000 needed for the YMCA-YWCA building is on hand in advance gifts cash and pledges. The division leaders will announce their section leaders soon.

2 Convicted Reds Offer To Leave U.S.

NEW YORK (AP)—Two of 12 jailed second string Communist leaders have offered to leave the United States if they are spared prison terms. They previously spurned an offer to send them to Russia.

They are Jacob Mindel, 74, Russian-born but a naturalized American since 1918, and Claudia Jones, 40, a British subject from the West Indies.

Asst. U.S. Atty. George Bailey said it was the first time he ever heard of an American citizen willing to leave his country to escape prison.

Mindel is serving two years and Miss Jones a year and a day. They began serving their time Jan. 11 after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review their case.

At their sentencing two years ago, Federal Judge Edward J. Dimock offered all 12 of the opportunity to go to Russia and escape sentencing. At the time, they all declined.

Arguments on the pair's unusual offer were scheduled for next Monday before Judge Dimock. The maneuver suggested was that their sentences be reduced to time already served, and they then leave the country.

Payroll Tax

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insurance plan to one to help stabilize the economy.

"If that idea is used," Cellars said, "we should overhaul the entire structure and employees should not be solely responsible. Everybody has a responsibility to stabilize the economy, so everybody should help pay."

"We must consider the health of business. Taxes are going up. If you don't help maintain a healthy business condition, the employees would suffer far more."

AVERAGE TAX

The average payroll tax now is 1.1 per cent. The committee's plan would raise it to 2.3 per cent.

Mead said also that the Legislature should decide whether jobless benefits should be given to persons receiving social security. Cellars criticized this practice.

Mead explained that his committee noted that President Eisenhower suggested that benefits amount to half the weekly wage. The proposed benefits would amount to 39 per cent of the average weekly wage. Mead said a \$50 weekly benefit maximum would be necessary to achieve the President's goal, and that employers couldn't afford it.

McKean said the proposed higher payroll taxes would work a big hardship on food processors and the lumber industry. He said much of the unemployment in these two industries should not be paid for by benefits.

'NOT WELFARE'

"Unemployment compensation is not welfare nor is it a vehicle for the benefit of a segment of our economy through the sustaining of purchasing power. If the policy of Oregon is to make it welfare this, too, should be the burden of all," McKean declared.

About 300 persons filled the hearing room. They appeared to be about equally divided between representatives of employers and labor.

Recorded Statement

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One statement was recorded at the Swanberg home, 2380 Emerald St., about 10:30 p.m., the night of Swanberg's death. A second recording was made at the Eugene City Hall about 1 a.m. the following morning. In both recordings—in response to questions by police officers—Miss Starmer gave her version of the events leading up to the death of her stepfather.

BREAKS DOWN

The Eugene High School junior broke down briefly while the jury was listening to one of the statements. And at another point, Mrs. Anne Swanberg, the girl's mother, bowed her head and cried quietly.

Miss Starmer said in the recording she had hated her stepfather "ever since I can remember." The reason for this hatred, she stated, was because of the way he "often beat up mom."

"He could be nice when he was sober, but he was terrible when he was drunk. . . . I was afraid he was going to kill Mom. He was acting insane. He would kill me, too, if he could have gotten that knife," the recording said.

Asked (in the recording) why she first grabbed the knife, Miss Starmer answered: "I knew something was going to happen."

Explaining the fatal stabbing, the girl said she thought she was just going to hit Swanberg, "but I stabbed him instead."

Commenting on the way she treated her mother, Miss Starmer said: "You can't have any respect for someone when they beat up on you love."

STRUCK HER ONCE

The girl recalled that her stepfather had only struck her once, a blow across the side of her face several years ago. But she said he had a "vicious" temper.

Miss Starmer, later in the recording, declared she had never intended to stab her stepfather. "I only wanted to scare him. I thought showing him the knife would get him to leave mom alone, but he didn't scare."

In ruling out portions of the two recordings, Reid said some of the statements were "cumulative" and touched on "collateral" matters. "Admission of some of this," the judge said, "would in effect be like having the girl testify against herself."

District Attorney Eugene Venn, objecting to Reid's ruling, asserted the state has an obligation "to prove its case to the hilt."

Venn pointed out that a complete wire recording was allowed in the Harlan Belcher murder case by Judge G. F. Skipworth, now retired.

Reid said the Belcher "confession" took only 12 minutes and that the youth had been warned he could have an attorney before the transcription was made. This was not done with the Starmer recording, Reid said.

DUTY TO DEFENDANT

"The girl's constitutional rights were not too well protected in the recording," the judge declared. "The court has a duty to protect the rights of the defendant."

Defense Attys. Herman Hendershott and William Bartle told Reid, after hearing the two recordings, they had no objection to the jury hearing the entirety of both statements. Reid, however, stuck to his initial ruling on the matter.

The state's case appeared to be drawing to a close as the court recessed at 5 p.m. Wednesday. Assisting Venn in presentation of the state's evidence is Edward Leavy, deputy district attorney.

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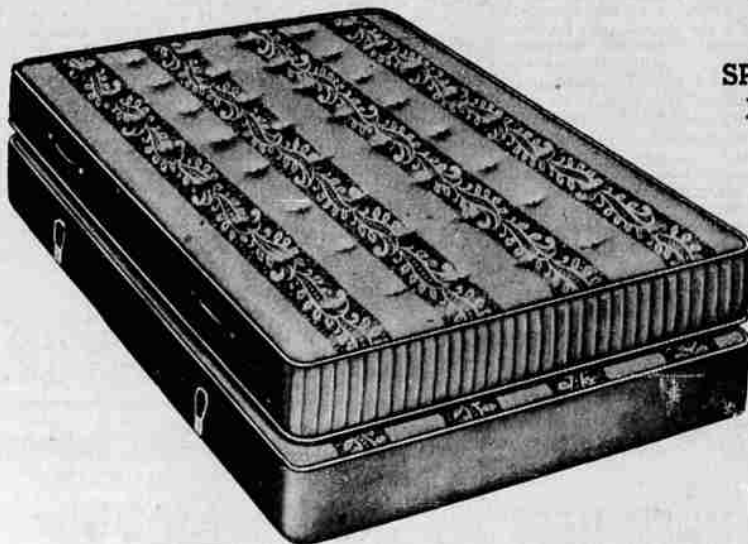
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