

Valley Authority Bills Confronting U. S. Legislators

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Washington, Feb. 16 (UP)—One of congress' next big problems, it appears, is deciding whether it wants to develop America's great river valleys under separate laws for each valley or under all-in-one legislation.

Sen. Hugh B. Mitchell, D., Wash., has introduced a measure to establish a Columbia valley authority (CVA), and Sen. James E. Murray, D., Mont., brought in a bill yesterday to create a Missouri valley authority (MVA).

Just a few hours later, representatives of the department of interior trudged up to Capitol hill with a rough draft of a single bill to:

- Rough Draft Made**
1. Set up both an MVA and a CVA.
 2. Provide for even more valley authorities "as warranted."
 3. Create a national river basin development board to co-ordinate all the valley authorities in a "broad national plan."
- The all-in-one proposition was presented to a group of western senators called together by Sen. Carl Hayden, D., Ariz., to get the interior department's slant on river valley development.
- Murray indicated he would stick by his MVA bill.
- Other senators in the western group said they planned to confer again soon, and predicted that legislation along the lines of the interior department's proposals would be introduced by several sponsors.
- One favored the interior department plan "because it puts all the cars on one train."

Claim Made

Another said, "Out in our country the department of the interior has control of reclamation, Indian land, grazing, oil and coal. The forests are under the department of agriculture.

"If we are to accept the authority idea in the public land states, it would avoid confusion if the department of the interior were made the co-ordinating agency."

Both approaches are aimed at flood control and development of water resources, land reclamation, production of power, promotion of industry, better farming and wildlife conservation.

The interior department plan gives valley development a national scope by creating a river basin development board to serve as a policy-forming and advisory unit.

On the board would sit the sec-

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retaries of interior and agriculture, the chief engineer of the war department, the chairman of the board of the Tennessee valley authority and administrators of other valley authorities created by congress.

They would be charged with preparing long-range national programs to "prevent floods and soil erosion, conserve and develop national resources, improve agriculture, develop industries and minerals, encourage navigation and increase national wealth and employment."

The board also would review recommendations of the various valley authorities "in the light of such national programs."

Five Day Forecast

Five-day forecast ending Tuesday night:

Oregon and Washington west of Cascades: light showers Sunday and Monday, otherwise fair. Temperatures near normal.

Idaho, Oregon and Washington east of Cascades: No important precipitation during period. Temperatures rising slowly and averaging above normal throughout period.

Redmond to Get Honor Society

Redmond, Feb. 16 (Special)—The Torch Honor society, a national society, based on specific grade average for membership, is being organized under the direction of Mrs. William Glang, in Redmond high school.

DOG GIVEN GROUND GLASS

Bend police today were investigating a report of Mrs. Earl Moorman, 210 East Franklin avenue, that her dog had been given food containing ground glass. Mrs. Moorman said that it was necessary to kill the dog, and that its actions indicated that it was suffering from the effects of ground glass.

DOG SLOWS TRAIN

Woburn, Mass., Feb. 16 (UP)—A Boston and Maine railroad passenger train from Wilmington arrived here 16 minutes late after being stopped 12 times on the three-mile run by a dog which ambled on and off the tracks in front of the engine.

The February Birthstone Is an AMETHYST

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Bend Welder in Noted Air Group

An Eighth Air Force Liberator Station, England—Staff Sergeant Thomas C. Merchant, 350 Ogden avenue, Bend, an aircraft welder, is serving with the 392nd Bombardment group, a Liberator unit recently cited for "distinguished and exceptionally outstanding performance of duty" on 200 missions.

Commanded by Col. Lorin L. Johnson of Payson, Utah, the group has been overseas for more than a year. The 200th mission was made on Armistice day, the 100th on D-day. The citation, issued by Major-General William E. Kepner of Second Bombardment division read:

"During this period of 200 missions, the 392nd attacked 120 targets in Germany and 80 targets in enemy occupied territory despite adverse conditions and inclement weather at times . . . overcoming fierce enemy fighter opposition on many occasions in order to reach assigned objectives."

Targets attacked by 392nd Liberators include Berlin, Gotha, Politz, Bremen, Hamburg and other objectives in Germany, France, Norway, Holland, Belgium and Poland.

RUHS Pep Club Selects Officers

Redmond, Feb. 16 (Special)—The Redmond high school Pep club elected the following officers for the ensuing year at a recent meeting: Betty Lou Bartel, president; Mary Putnam, vice-president; Marie Knorr, secretary; Deane Meeker, sergeant-at-arms.

LION NAMES OMITTED

Lion club officials, busily making plans for their annual "Sweetheart" party Monday night at 7 o'clock at the Glen Vista club, inadvertently omitted the names of two of the many candidates who are to be initiated, it was announced today. The list of candidates; officers say, should have included the names of Ray Hafstad and Joe Justin.

Students Name Class Officers

Redmond, Feb. 16 (Special)—Class officers for the second semester for Redmond high school have been named as follows: Seniors—Bob Daniels, president; Don Rogers, vice-president; Lorraine Allen, secretary; Deane Meeker, treasurer; Bob Holmstrom, sergeant-at-arms.

Juniors—Bill Ayres, president; Fred Stevens, vice-president; Lorraine Ayres, secretary; Richard Kribs, treasurer; La Roe Sabin, sergeant-at-arms.

Sophomores—Willard Thornton, president; Theresa Manning, vice-president; Dolores Thornton, secretary; Betsy Ross, treasurer; Clyde Carlson, sergeant-at-arms.

Freshmen—Harold Doty, president; Philip Weigand, vice-president; Julia Christiansen, secretary; Robert Peterson, sergeant-at-arms.

Employees Favor Retirement Plan

Salem, Ore., Feb. 16 (UP)—State, county and city officials today filed arguments with the house counties and cities committee in favor of a bill (HB344) to provide retirement systems for public employees.

Sponsors said the bill was needed because such employees are not now covered in social security, need an incentive for long years of public work, older workers want to retire to make way for younger employees, and most of such jobs were relatively low in salary, precluding much change for private savings.

If enacted, the retirement system would be compulsory for the political subdivisions unless they elected to withdraw within six months.

Group Named

Among those supporting the bill were Fred Inkster, Oswego, president, Herman Kehrl, Eugene and J. W. McArthur, Eugene, representing the league of Oregon cities; W. M. Sylvester, Hood River, president of the Oregon State Finance Officers association; John Herring, Jr., Yamhill county clerk; I. A. De France, Salem, president of the State Employees association; Guy M. Buford, McMinnville, school unit clerk; Dr. Frank Parr, Portland president, Miss Martha Shull, legislative chairman, Oregon Teachers association; Charles Burnett, Pendleton city clerk, and Gault Patton, Seaside city judge.

Authors of the bill are Representatives Van Dyke, Thomas, Frisbire, Moore and M. Wilson, Senators McKenna and Paul Peterson. No opposition was received at the hearing.

NEWSBOY IS BITTEN

The owner of a dog in the 800 block on Columbia street today was warned by police to keep the animal locked up, following a report by Herbert Longton, 16, a newspaper carrier living at 1168 Federal street, that he had been bitten by the animal.

BICYCLE IS STOLEN

Theft of a bicycle from the rear of his home in the night, today was reported to police by Art Nickel, 1229 Newport avenue.

Do Hottentots Want Milk? Question Worries Othman

By Frederick C. Othman (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Feb. 16 (UP)—The question before the house today seems to be whether those Hottentots really want that milk.

They're meat eaters with a taste for fresh-roasted missionary, according to my information, and congress has decided tentatively that a bottle of homogenized grade-A is to a Hottentot what a lettuce and tomato sandwich would be to a Bengal tiger.

What I mean is, I've spent five solid hours with my chin in my hands and both feet asleep, listening to the house of representatives debate the George bill, which would separate the Reconstruction Finance corporation from the department of commerce.

The boys talked mostly about Henry A. Wallace and inevitably they got around to milk-for-Hottentots and you never did hear such oratorical bon-mots about the man President Roosevelt wants to make secretary of commerce.

A few weeks back I heard Wallace say he never did claim we ought to provide milk delivery for Hottentots. He said one of his political enemies said he said it. The funny thing, he added, was that President Roosevelt, himself, asked him what he meant, recommending free milk for Hottentots? You can't blame congressmen for getting the idea. So much for history; now for oratory.

Rep. Edward Eugene Cox of Georgia opened the proceedings by saying he did not believe the garment worn by Jesse Jones could be put down to buttonhole size. Jesse used to be the secretary of commerce. Get it?

Cox went on to say that an engine which is mostly whistle can't pull many cars. That's the first time I ever heard a man called a whistly engine. Cox continued:

"I am not hostile to Mr. Wallace. His colleagues went haw-haw-haw, or as the congressional record will report it: there was laughter.

Cox sat down and then came a couple of hours of speechmaking in no way remarkable, except for

noise the chairman had to bang his gavel at 'em.

Rep. Jesse P. Wolcott of Michigan said if the Wallace boys had such faith in him, why didn't they want him to keep the RFC?

"Let's review some of the dreams that have been published," he said. "We are told that we should put a bottle of milk on everybody's doorstep, including the Hottentots. Let's get to the meat of this cocanut."

That's the meat of this dispatch, Wolcott said in effect that Hottentots don't want milk.

I know what they want; missionary iricasee.

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