

Water Prospects Report Issued By Sec. McKay

WASHINGTON (UP)—Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay said today the irrigation water storage situation "is serious in much of the Southwest, including parts of Texas."

There is also a shortage of irrigation waters in parts of Oregon and parts of the Missouri river basin, McKay said in a Bureau of Reclamation report on prospects for water stored in government dams in 17 western states.

The crop water prospect is essentially unchanged from last month, McKay said, although precipitation has improved the situation in California and Colorado.

"The runoff in the northern Columbia river basin is of flood potential, but the southern drainage runoff is subnormal," he said.

"The Umatilla and Baker projects in Oregon and the Angostura and Shadepill units of the Missouri river basin project are seriously short of irrigation water."

McKay gave a thumbnail sketch of the situation.

Region one (Washington, Oregon, western Montana, Jackson lake area in Wyoming, and Idaho) — for the region as a whole, the Umatilla projects in Oregon for which the outlook is fair to poor and the prospects for irrigation water are subnormal. Snow pack in the north contains the greatest water content ever recorded, making up the most serious flood potential since 1948 for the Columbia river basin.

Region two (central and northern California, Klamath lake area, Oregon) — outlook for water is excellent for the Central Valley project.

Region four — (Lake Tahoe area, California; Nevada; Utah; southwestern Wyoming; western Colorado; northeastern Arizona; northwestern New Mexico) — A recent storm brightened the outlook for water considerably. The outlook for water for the coming crop year is subnormal for these projects: Fruitgrowers, Colorado; Humboldt Nevada; Mancos, Colorado; Newton, Utah; Ogden river, Utah; and Weber river, Utah.

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SCRUBBING FOR "BLOOMING" GOOD TIME—The annual Tulip Festival at Holland, Mich., brings out the young and the old for the traditional washing of the streets. Dressed in their picturesque costumes, four-year-old Gretchen Scholten, and her grandfather, William Nise, scrub the streets.

Allied Powers Must Act Quickly To Draw Defense Line in Asia

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WASHINGTON (UP)—Red military advances toward Hanoi in Indochina make it imperative that Allied powers act quickly to draw a defense line in Southeast Asia, American officials said today.

They emphasized that delays would run the risk of all Indochina falling to the Communists.

This possibility, they said, would threaten the security of neighboring countries and make any collective defense stand more difficult.

Because of the critical dangers, officials said the United States would proceed with its proposal to weld an Allied defense arrangement without Britain, if necessary. They rejected Britain's position that action should await the outcome of East-West efforts at Geneva to arrange a ceasefire in Indochina.

Threaten Southeast Asia

The American position is that Russia and its Far Eastern satellites can drag out the Geneva talks indefinitely while Red armies march ahead in Indochina and threaten all Southeast Asia. The formation of a defense alliance, it is believed here, could sway the Communists to some acceptable peace formula in Indochina.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has said he favors a commitment in the proposed defense grouping that would call on member nations to fight if the Communists openly challenged the coalition.

The difficulties confronting the United States determination to go ahead without Britain were emphasized Thursday by New Zealand's minister of external affairs, T. Clifton Webb.

After talking with President Eisenhower and Dulles, Webb said

he could not conceive of a "satisfactory alliance being made" in Southeast Asia without the British. But diplomats said they do not believe New Zealand has slammed the door on going ahead initially even if the British hold back. They hoped and believed that Britain would join up later.

France Renews Warning

Meanwhile, the seriousness of the Indochina War has been underlined anew by France.

French Embassy Minister Counselor Roger Seydoux said in a Philadelphia talk that free nations "will have to join in the fight, not only with planes and ships but also with troops" if the Geneva conference fails to arrange a ceasefire. Seydoux's words, undoubtedly approved by Paris, served new notice that France may withdraw from the war unless it receives quick aid from Allied nations.

SPEEDING TO COURT

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UP)—James R. Wilbur, 18, told Judge Fred Donnelly he was speeding because he wanted to get to court to pay a fine for a muffler violation.

The court clerk couldn't find any record of a muffler violation against Wilbur—but he did discover an unanswered charge that Wilbur had passed a red light.

The speeding fine was \$32. The red light question will be decided later.

QUITE A PROBLEM

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—A safe-cracker turned safe-locker left Ed Henshaw with quite a problem.

The crook broke into Henshaw's refrigerator shop, hammered an old safe and succeeded in locking it for the first time in 50 years.

Now Henshaw wishes he would come back and open it—to retrieve the \$200 locked within.

Negroes Begin Housing Fight

SAVANNAH, Ga. (UP)—A group of 18 Negroes today sought a Federal Court order that would end racial segregation in public housing projects.

Their attorneys, headed by Thurgood Marshall of New York, asked Federal District Court for permanent and preliminary injunction against agents refusing Negro applicants residence in Fred Weasels Homes, an all new white apartment project.

The Negroes named as defendants the Public Housing Administration and the Housing Authority of Savannah and officials of the two agencies in the suit which also seeks a total of \$90,000 in damages.

The suit seeks to make it illegal to pursue racial segregation in public housing projects or to construct, operate or maintain separate public housing for Negroes and white families.

Marshall, the leading lawyer in the Supreme Court school segregation suits, and the other attorneys contend their plaintiffs were denied entrance to the Weasels homes solely because they were Negroes.

UNSCHEDULED ELECTION

ABASOLO, Mexico (UP)—There will be an unscheduled election soon in this tiny south-of-the-border village.

Mayor Evaristo Garza, his two assistants, the village treasurer and five members of the village council left suddenly for Texas to take jobs as farm laborers.

Student Riot In New York Proves Costly

NEW YORK (UP)—Subway officials counted hundreds of dollars damage today in the wake of one of the worst student riots in the city's history.

Two transit attendants were beaten, several subway stations and cars were ransacked, and passengers were thoroughly terrified when more than 500 teenagers rioted Thursday after a high school field day was called off because of rain.

Forty-three students, including 19 girls, were arrested by a squad of hurriedly summoned police.

One 16-year old student was held in \$10,000 bail on disorderly conduct charges by a judge who called on city officials to "stop coddling" youthful offenders who demonstrate "such mass irresponsibility."

The riot erupted shortly after some 3,000 students from four high schools were turned away from a scheduled field day in Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx because of rain.

Most of the students entered the 242nd Street Station in orderly fashion, police said.

A small group, however, tore down a gate, vaulted coin turnstiles and mobbed their way into

a waiting subway train.

As the train pulled out of the station, the uproar spread among more than 500 students jammed into several cars. With the train speeding downtown, the students smashed windows, knocked out light bulbs, tore up seat cushions

and hurled them from windows on to the tracks.

The train screeched to a halt several times as the rioters yanked on emergency brake cords. During stops, the rioters dashed out of the train and grabbed candy bars from newsstands, police said.

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