

Plans Coordinated With Reclamation Bureau Advocated

Washington, May 20 (AP)—Governors Arthur B. Langlie of Washington and Douglas McKay of Oregon carried to congress today plans for approval of the program of army engineers and the reclamation bureau for development of the Columbia river basin.

Governor McKay told the house public works committee that the people of Oregon are for the coordinated program, including plans for the Willamette river valley.

Governor Langlie testified that his state and the region want the Columbia basin developed according to the joint program. He did not specifically refer to President Truman's proposal for a Columbia valley administration but he did say that no plan "for exclusive federal control" should be considered.

Needed Flood Control McKay said the Willamette improvement proposal would give Oregon needed flood control, electric power and supplemental water for crops.

"Our state has the fastest growing population in the country," he said. "That means we must have more flood control to protect our people and projects to increase our power now. The overall purpose of the army engineers means the future welfare of the new west."

"We urge congress to assist us in constructing these additional projects which are self-liquidating and eventually will pay for themselves."

The Oregon governor asserted there is no opposition in his state to the coordinated program.

Langlie Opposes TVA

He said the overall program of the two agencies comprise sixty projects, two of which have been completed—Grand Coulee and Bonneville dams—eleven already authorized and under construction, 12 more authorized by congress and 37 projects before the committee as joint recommendations of the army engineers and the reclamation bureau.

Langlie said the governors of the states involved in the coordinated program have approved the plan.

"The present development that has taken place on the Columbia river is considerable," he said. "These and all plans for the future which we are discussing, have come from the initiative of the local people and their state governments working together through congress, with the existing federal agencies, under present laws."

"This is not the time for any of us to consider abdicating our responsibility, or of accepting a rigid formula for exclusive federal control."

Asks 40 Percent Flood Control

Washington, May 20 (AP)—Senator Douglas (D., Ill.) today urged the senate to slash a \$751,000,000 appropriations bill by 40 percent.

"This is our chance to make big savings," he said of the army civil functions bill carrying funds for scores of flood control and rivers and harbors projects.

"We are heading for a budgetary deficit of at least three to four billion dollars a year," Douglas told his colleagues. "I urge therefore, that we cut these appropriations (in pending bill) by 20 percent or approximately \$300,000,000 to a total of \$450,000,000, and that we give the secretary of the army and the director of the budget the responsibility for making these cuts."

Douglas said that "in the old days" the civil functions bill was known as the rivers and harbors bill, and added: "It was also commonly, if irreverently, referred to by the people as the 'pork barrel.' It was commonly believed that sufficient fat chunks of appropriations were passed around among the various districts and states to insure its passage."

"This bill is now being marketed with a comparatively new package, but when the new wrapping is peeled off, I have a very real feeling that however succulent the slices, it is still the same old bologna."

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26 Fires Blazing On Whangpoo Near Shanghai

Shanghai, May 20 (AP)—Twenty-six fires burned tonight along the Whangpoo on the Pootung side of the river as a result of shelling and demolition.

The blazes appeared to range from small villages on the horizon to industrial installations a few hundred feet from the east bank of the river opposite Shanghai's Bund. They extended from Shanghai almost halfway to Woosung fortress, where the Whangpoo and Yangtze converge.

Red Drive Not Pressed

Except for this fearsome chain of fires the night was relatively quiet. The communists did not appear to be pressing their drive toward the river to the east. Very little shelling was heard and only occasionally some machine gun bursts. Now and then small arms fire rattled. But it sounded more like trigger happy soldiers than fighting.

The city seethed with rumors. But what looked like a nationalist withdrawal last night looked less so tonight.

Claim Reds Repulsed

A garrison communique claimed the nationalists threw back all new Red efforts to close in from the Pootung area across the Whangpoo. Nevertheless four Red shells fell in Shanghai proper—killing half a dozen Chinese along Rue Lafayette in the old French concession. The area is about a mile from the Whangpoo front.

One foreigner who went to the front said he walked three miles beyond Kaohao and saw no communists. The Reds are supposed to have attacked that area last night. It is near the Yangtze downstream from Woosung fortress.

Although the famed Bund is closed, the expected evacuation of troops has not developed. The foreigner who visited the front said he saw no large ships loading there.

Eskimos Caught In Yukon Flood

Fairbanks, Alaska, May 20 (AP)—Some 180 Alaska natives clustered on a shrinking point of high ground astride the Arctic circle today while the ice-jammed Yukon river, which flooded their Fort Yukon homes, inched higher above them.

At Ladd air force base, Fairbanks, 10th rescue squadron officers plotted means of evacuating the refugees should efforts fail to reblast the stubborn Yukon ice jam. The flooded area is about 140 miles northeast of here.

Four twin Mustangs, each carrying two 500-pound bombs, will try again to shatter the jam which has formed anew after being blasted free by air force bombs last night.

A following C-47 then dropped food and blankets to the natives, cut off from all sides by flood waters.

Rescue officials expressed fear that the small knoll on which the townspeople have taken refuge might become inundated. A glider or helicopter landing on the tree-studded crest appears impossible and float planes are unable to put down on the river because of ice floes.

There was hope, however, that blasting the jam might bring immediate relief.

Truman Presses Golden Key Starting Coulee Generator

Washington, May 20 (AP)—President Truman said today that operation of the 10th main generator at Grand Coulee dam marks "one more of the many steps necessary in harnessing the almost limitless power potential of our great northwest."

Mr. Truman made the statement as he pressed a gold key at the White House, giving a signal to start the new generator in commercial service.

The president said that the additional power facility, and more to be added later, could be used to develop industry and agriculture in the northwest and the nation. He urged congressional approval of his plan to establish a Columbia valley administration.

The text of Mr. Truman's statement follows: "The placing in service of this additional generator, which today makes Grand Coulee dam our biggest producer of hydroelectric power, is indeed an historic event. This is one more of the many steps necessary in harnessing the almost limitless power potential of our great northwest. "Already the nation is indebted to the northwest and its great Columbia Valley resources for a large contribution in winning our most terrible war. Now, in peace, this power, and more to be added, can be used in the development of industry and agriculture in a coordinated approach to the needs of the region and of the nation. "The various federal agencies have already done much to develop the area of the Columbia river. Now, by uniting their activities and authority in one administration, the entire program can be geared more efficiently to the rapid growth of the area."

Senator Claims Malmedy Probe Whitewashing

Washington, May 20 (AP)—Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.) today angrily quit the senate group investigating the Malmedy trials and blasted it for "attempting to whitewash a shameful episode" in armed forces history.

McCarthy, himself a World War II marine veteran, has constantly been at odds with Senator Baldwin (R-Conn.), chairman of the group looking into the trial of nazi soldiers charged with massacring American prisoners of war during the battle of the Bulge.

The Wisconsin lawmaker issued two bitter statements—one to the press, another for the senate record—in which he accused Baldwin's armed services subcommittee of "a deliberate attempt to avoid the facts."

Shameful Farce "I feel that the investigation has degenerated to such a shameful farce that I can no longer take part therein," he said.

After issuing his statement, McCarthy went to a meeting of the committee, then walked out, saying the inquiry is "a sham, a farce and a very deliberate attempt to whitewash" the army's trial of the Germans.

Speaking directly to McCarthy, Baldwin added: "More than 100 unarmed surrendered American soldiers were brutally shot down in cold blood by German SS troops."

"To this day, not one German has been executed for this crime."

Wants Murderers Punished

In his statement to the press McCarthy declared that "I want no murdering nazis freed," and added: "I do want the innocent protected from the abuse of Hitlerian tactics, fascist interrogation, and the communistic brand of justice."

He said they aren't getting such protection from the senate group, and concluded: "I accuse the subcommittee of being afraid of the facts. I accuse it of attempting to whitewash a shameful episode in the history of our glorious armed forces. I accuse it of compounding a wrong, perpetrated by a few members, and impugning the fair name of the millions of men and women who served with valor and distinction in the armed services."

"I accuse it of sabotaging our efforts under the European recovery act, setting at naught that which we spent and are spending billions to prove."

Western Germany OK's Constitution

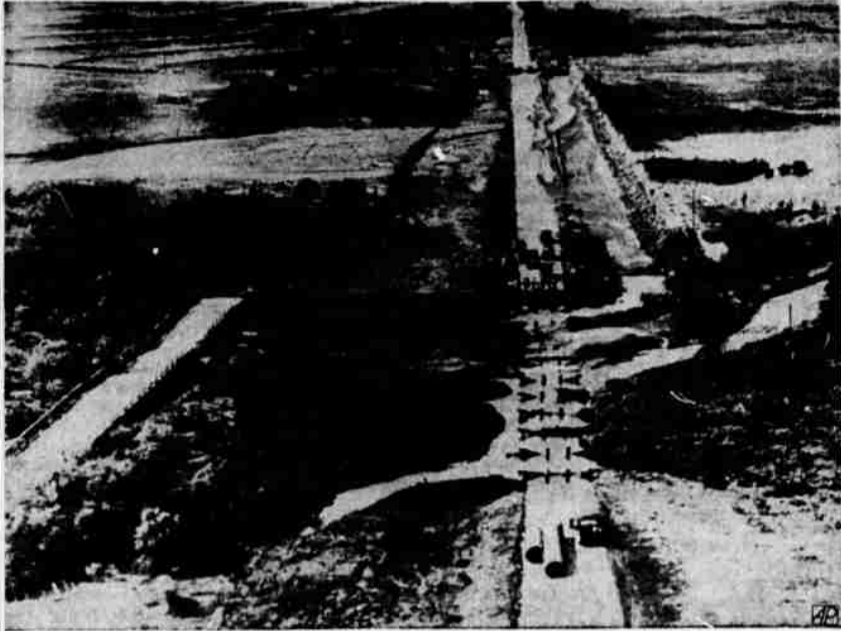
Munich, Germany, May 20 (AP)—Western Germany tonight ratified a constitution uniting 11 states outside the Soviet zone into a federal republic.

Ratification was completed by the parliamentary action of eight or two-thirds, of the states of the western occupation zones.

The eight states voted "yes" by overwhelming margins, with virtually all the opposition coming from the communists. Bavaria, the big state in the American occupation zone, voted "no," but reserved the right to enter the new government upon ratification by the others.

Snow at San Gabriel

Los Angeles, May 20 (AP)—Southern California's rugged winter isn't over yet, although it's mid-May. It snowed last night in the San Gabriel and San Bernardino mountains.



'So That's Where Our Bridge Went'—"So that's where our bridge went," the Oklahoma highway department said after a flash flood, near Gracemont, swept the 300-foot long wooden span (left) 100 feet from its original position. The bridge is a total loss. (AP Wirephoto)

Teachers Don Overalls And Wear Long Skirts

Parrish junior high school teachers dressed in long skirts, overalls and other assorted costumes today—and they chewed bubble gum, too.

The purpose was to show the students how the students normally look, and also to prove that teachers can be young and human, too.

Some of the men teachers had their shirttails hanging free, in the approved style of the teenage male.

The women teachers wore long skirts—the kind that fall to the ankles and contain enough material for two or three skirts. These skirts are several inches longer than the "new look" calls for.

Principal Carl Aschenbrenner showed up in carpenter overalls with rivets to hold them together. He said he didn't know if he could wear them all day because he hadn't learned the secret of making the rivets stay put.

The women wore HI-Y pins and engagement rings. (When a girl wears a HI-Y pin, that means she's engaged to be engaged to a HI-Y boy, who is in the upper strata of junior high school society.)

The school custodian, who usually wears overalls, set the style pace. He came to work in his Sunday suit. He wore a bright tie and had an iris in his lapel.

Principal Aschenbrenner said the idea started among the teachers.

"We wanted to prove to the kids we may be old looking, but we're young in heart. Also, we wanted to demonstrate to the students just how attractive they normally look. It's nice to let the kids know that teachers can relax," he said.

The teachers who chewed bubble gum weren't doing too well at it, but they hoped they could blow big bubbles before the day is over.

It was their first bubble gum experience, and some feared it would blow up in their faces. That would be embarrassing, especially for a teacher standing in front of a class in etiquette.

Greek Ex-Premier Dies Suddenly

Athens, May 20 (AP)—Archbishop Damaskinos, former regent of Greece, died suddenly today. He was 58.

The archbishop, who ruled Greece as regent from 1944 to 1946, had been in poor health for the past several months. He suffered from heart trouble.

Damaskinos, who was Greek Orthodox primate, took over the reins of troubled Greece after its liberation from the Germans, to serve until a plebiscite was held on the return of the monarchy. When Greece voted for the return of the king Damaskinos relinquished the position.

Truman Breaks Ice On Dixie Nominee

Washington, May 20 (AP)—President Truman today appeared to have broken the ice on southern appointments with his nomination of Abraham Conger as federal judge in Georgia.

Conger was recommended by Senator George (D., Ga.), vigorous foe of the president's civil rights program and one of the democrats who has refused to go along with Mr. Truman's request for \$4,000,000,000 in new taxes.

750 Knights to Convene Here

Approximately 750 delegates are expected to register Saturday morning when the annual state convention of the Knights of Columbus opens in Salem, according to Adam Lefor, convention chairman.

Delegates will register at both the Senator and Marion hotels. The first session will be opened Saturday afternoon at the Salem council clubrooms, 193 N. Commercial street by State Deputy Sylvester Smith of St. Paul.

Prior to this session fourth degree delegates will be welcomed by officers of the local council.

A dinner dance for knights and their ladies will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Senator hotel. Delegates to the convention will attend mass at St. Joseph's church Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Rev. James Maxwell, St. Paul, state chaplain, will be the celebrant.

At 11 o'clock the convention will convene in the club rooms and in the evening a dinner will be held at the Marion hotel for the delegates and their wives. Clarence Brown of Eugene will be toastmaster and Judge Frank J. Lonergan will be the principal speaker.

Entertainment for the wives of the delegates will include a tour through the Mt. Angel seminary, a fashion show and a bridge tea.

Business sessions Monday will bring the session to a close.

Hesse Ratifies New Constitution

Munich, Germany, May 20 (AP)—Parliament for the American zone state of Hesse ratified the constitution for a west German republic today, 73 to 8. All the opponents were communists.

This brings to five the number of states ratifying the charter. Only three more—of five yet to vote—are required to put the constitution into effect. A west German federal government may come into operation by mid-July.

Bavaria rejected the constitution today, but reserved the right to enter the new government if the other states in the western zone accept it.

THE WEATHER (Released by United States Weather Bureau)

Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday with occasional showers. Little change in temperature. Lowest temperature expected tonight, 48 degrees; highest Saturday 70. Conditions will generally be unfavorable for farm work Saturday. Maximum yesterday 58. Minimum today 50. Mean temperature yesterday 54 which was 3 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today .11 of an inch. Total precipitation for the month 1.77 inches which is 3 of an inch above normal. Willamette river height at Salem Friday morning, 2.5 feet.

Peace in Greece Up to Russia

Washington, May 20 (AP)—United States has told Russia that if it wants peace in Greece it should get the communist satellite states to stop aiding the Greek guerrillas.

Until such help is ended this government will not relax assistance to non-communist Greece. These two points were disclosed in a lengthy statement issued by the state department today. The statement brought out that the department has rejected Soviet efforts to get the Greek situation out of the United Nations and into the hands of the great powers for what amounts to a compromise settlement.

Columbia Flood Now Stationary

The Columbia river was nearly stationary in the Portland-Vancouver area today and only a slight fall was forecast through the week-end. The current crest was reached yesterday at 22.5 feet.

Portland weather bureau forecasters said the Snake river's fall had slowed—probably due to rain—and with the upper Columbia still coming up slightly, the middle river showed a minor rise today.

The stage was 22.4 feet today at Vancouver—7.4 feet over flood stage. It is expected to go down fractionally each day until Tuesday when the level is forecast at 21.3 feet. The forecast does not go beyond Tuesday.

Bonners Ferry, Ida., was out of the woods today when the Kootenai dropped to 25.4 feet—it had been 30.6 on Tuesday—and was expected to fall another three feet tomorrow.

The Columbia was up to 29 feet at the Canadian border, reaching flood stage in the area where there is nothing to be damaged, but its rate of climb was slowing.

Lewis Dickers for Return Of Miners Union to AFL

Cleveland, May 20 (AP)—AFL leaders said today that John L. Lewis is dickering to return to the American Federation of Labor.

If he does, he will face strong opposition to any effort to come into power again in the AFL, these influential men predict.

President William Green reported to the AFL executive council on a meeting with Lewis two weeks ago. Green had indicated earlier that the session with the Mine Workers' leader had been devoted principally to the fight over repeal of the Taft-Hartley act.

But one top AFL leader said that Lewis was anxious to come back to the organization "on any terms" now because of the imminence of his own contract showdown with the soft coal industry July 1. Also, any new labor law enacted in the next two months may carry provisions directed squarely at Lewis, the AFL leader thinks.

Lewis took his 600,000 miners out of the AFL in December, 1947, after he lost a convention fight in San Francisco to per-

Communists Threaten to Go Underground

American Leader Tells Congress Reds Defy Legislation

Washington, May 20 (AP)—A communist party leader said today the party "will go underground" if congress passes communist-control legislation.

Arnold Johnson testified before a senate judiciary subcommittee that the communist party would not register and would resist such "unconstitutional" legislation.

He referred to two bills to require registration of communist-front organizations.

Johnson is secretary of the communist party's national legislative committee. It was his second day before the committee.

'Heresy Trials' Hit

He lashed out at the communist conspiracy trials in New York as "popular heresy" trials. He said 12 communist leaders were indicted after "popular protest" blocked passage of an anti-communist bill last year.

Senator O'Connor (D-Md) took issue with Johnson that there was any connection with the action of congress and the communist trials.

O'Connor asked whether the communist party would "abide by the law and register" if congress should pass control legislation.

"We would not register," Johnson replied.

O'Connor asked if it would be party policy to violate the law. "You would force us into a position of being outlaws," Johnson replied, "and you would force us underground."

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Reds Holding Atomic Grants

Washington, May 20 (AP)—A young medical student in Boston holds a \$3,750 atomic fellowship. It was disclosed today, although he has been denied clearance on security grounds for secret work.

The student was named before a senate appropriations subcommittee as Isidore S. Edelman, of the Peter Brent Brigham hospital, Boston.

Senator Wherry (R., Neb.) brought up Edelman's name after a list of some 500 fellowships granted by the atomic energy commission (AEC) had been given to the committee and AEC Chairman David E. Lilienthal had acknowledged "there may be as many as three in the 500" about whom questions of loyalty had been raised.

Wherry asked Lilienthal if Edelman is a communist. "He denies he is a communist," Lilienthal replied.

Wherry then asked if Edelman had been refused security clearance for access to secret information. Lilienthal said this was true because of "derogatory evidence" against him.

Dr. Shields Warren, head of the AEC's division of biology and medicine and a Boston pathologist, stepped in with a defense of the award of the fellowships.

He had accompanied Lilienthal before the committee. Warren said the fellowship was granted in the spring of 1948 and is for medical work in a non-secret field. Warren said Edelman was "outstanding" in his field.

Father of Four Shot

Los Angeles, May 20 (AP)—A 45-year-old unemployed machinist is held on suspicion of murder today in the fatal and apparently pointless shooting of a father of four who police said was just a stranger passing by.

Killed yesterday was William G. Whately, 37, a musician, and one-time movie extra.

Allies Go into Big 4 Conference On 'Offensive'

America, Britain and France in Strongest Position Since Yalta

Berlin, May 20 (AP)—America, Britain and France will go into the Paris foreign ministers conference in their strongest positions since Yalta.

This is the situation of the Big Four as seen today in Berlin where France, Britain, the United States and Russia wrangle daily.

The Soviet Union's bargaining situation has been considerably weakened economically and politically since the Moscow and London conferences.

In both previous conferences the west was in a defensive position trying to seek agreements from Russia.

Leave It to Russia

In the Paris conference for the first time diplomats believe the west can take the offensive or sit tight and let the Soviets seek to break the deadlock.

The west's stand with the airlift heartened not only Germany but all of Europe to resist communism.

The Soviet withdrawal of the blockade without achieving their objectives showed the Russian Bear to be vulnerable if the opposition is firm and united.

In past foreign ministers' conferences the Russians have posed as the supporters of a united Germany with a central government. They have appealed to German nationalism. The west has feared this appeal would be decisive in winning German support for Soviet policies.

Appeal to Germans Failed

But this propaganda appeal has failed. The Germans have been skeptical of Soviet promises. The Soviet appeal to nationalism has failed to win support even in the Soviet zone.

Given a choice between a Soviet picked government and none at all, one in every three eastern Germans chose none at all.

The west goes to Paris Monday with a western German economy headed toward recovery; a stable, democratically elected government and with as much support from west Germany's 46 millions as any occupation power could expect.

Russia goes to Paris with a decimated eastern German economy with a falling living standard, a "government" handicapped but lacking popular German support and a German population skeptical of any promise or proposal they might make.

Acheson Off To Big 4 Meet

Washington, May 20 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson left for the Paris foreign ministers meeting today bearing President Truman's best wishes and pledged to a firm policy in dealing with the Russians on Germany.

The president was at the airport to see Acheson off at 12:05 p.m. EST. Mr. Truman shook hands with the secretary and then turned to reporters, saying: "I wish him luck."

Mr. Truman was asked whether he thought the Paris meeting would be an auspicious occasion.

"That remains to be seen," the president said. "You can tell more about it after it has been in session a while."

Pressed further, Mr. Truman referred reporters to Acheson's statement pledging a "no compromise" stand in the talks with the Soviets on Germany's future.

In a pre-departure statement he made clear that his primary concern will be not an east-west agreement on Germany made just for the sake of agreeing. Instead he spoke of a determination to protect the economic recovery and political stability of all western Europe in which Germany plays a vital part.

"We shall neglect no real opportunity for increasing the area of solution and tranquility in the world," Acheson declared.

Bill Creating CVA Before Committee

Washington, May 20 (AP)—A hearing on a bill to create a Columbia basin administration will be opened by the senate public works committee next Friday, Chairman Chavez (D., N.M.) said today.

The bill, introduced in the senate by Senator Magnuson (D., Wash.) and several other senators and in the house by Reps. Jackson and Mitchell (D., Wash.) is backed by the Truman administration.

It would set up an independent governmental agency similar to the Tennessee Valley authority to direct development of the Columbia river basin.