

Seed for Valley Authorities Sown in Congress in 1925

By WILLIAM E. LOWELL

Washington, July 18 (AP)—This basin authority idea that has the northwest stirred up just now isn't very new to congress.

Like Topsy in the story, it "just grew." Back in the 69th congress (it's the 81st now in session) Rep. John McDuffie of Tennessee became interested in the hydroelectric power possibilities of the Tennessee river.

He had heard an army engineer tell the public works committee more rain fell in that area than any other river basin in the country.

He got the committee to order the engineers and the federal power commission to make a complete survey of the basin to determine how much power could be developed in connection with navigation improvements.

Joseph H. McGann, Sr., the committee's veteran clerk, doesn't believe McDuffie had anything like TVA in mind, though an agency official testified last week that many of the engineers' recommendations of that time have been carried into effect by the agency. All of the 11 dams recommended by the engineers have now been built.

The power survey seemed to catch on and later the committee asked the engineers to estimate the cost of similar surveys on all navigable streams, except the Colorado river. The states in the Colorado basin already had plans for development of that basin well under way.

The engineers reported the cost of surveys for navigation and power on about 200 streams would cost about \$7,322,400 and in 1927 congress okayed the expense.

The next year the scope of the survey widened to include possibilities for flood control and irrigation.

In 1934, when times were getting tough, the engineers had about 1,600 projects ready for construction involving an estimated cost of about \$8,000,000,000.

From this list were drawn many of the jobs on which the unemployed were put to work. Projects built under the relief program cost about \$380,000,000.

Some of the projects selected by the administration didn't have committee or congressional approval. It wasn't necessary under the emergency program. Grand Coulee dam on the Columbia was another unauthorized project. It had been deferred by the committee because there was already a painful surplus of farm projects. The big dam, as a power producer, was invaluable during the war that broke out a few years after its completion. It is now the nucleus of a huge irrigation project.

It was not until 1936 that congress wrote a general flood control policy into legislation and it was several years later that Senator Murray (D-Mont.) launched his first attempt to create a Missouri basin authority and President Roosevelt proposed the "eight little TVA's" in the major river basins.

None has yet been created, aside from TVA, but the seed sown back in 1925 has shown amazing vitality.

CIO Acting Secretary Named
Portland, July 18 (AP)—The state CIO executive committee today appointed George W. Brown, Jennings Lodge, as acting secretary to replace Stanley Earl.

Earl has accepted a post as government labor adviser to Korea.

Black bears are fond of roots, nuts, berries, and fruit, but will also eat flesh and fruit.



Being Talked About—Princess Margaret (top, right) and Sharman Douglas (bottom, left) are creating quite a stir in London. A British columnist has reported that both have gone out with the same young man. In the pictures above, Princess Margaret is shown with her sister, Princess Elizabeth; Miss Douglas, daughter of the United States ambassador, is seen with Prime Minister Attlee.

TWO GIRLS FALL FOR SAME MAN?

Could Young Love Jar U. S.-British Friendship?

London (AP)—Can young love break up American-British friendship? The London Daily Mirror says that U. S. Ambassador Lewis W. Douglas is afraid it might—

Princess Margaret and her daughter Sharman should fall for the same man. So, Columnist Noel Whitecomb told his four and one-half million readers in Saturday's paper, Sharman has had orders to stay home more than she has in the past.

"Not that Princess Margaret minds about a spot of lend-lease in reverse as far as her dance partners are concerned," said Whitecomb, "but I hear that Mr. Douglas has had an uncomfortable feeling that both girls might end up with a preference for the same young man, which would be awkward."

Both girls were already in the news this week. Word got around that they and ten other girls danced the French can-can at a party for

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BUSINESS MIRROR

American Businessmen Unhappy Over World Trade

By SAM DAWSON

New York, July 18 (AP)—Many American businessmen are unhappy today about world trade. Some say there is too much of it, headed for the American market, to suit them. Some say there isn't enough, and the U.S. businessman is holding the bag.

In just this one day's news packet you'll find opinions expressed on either the importing or exporting of oil, rubber, rice, hides, cotton, wheat, automobiles, china, toys, manganese and fruits and vegetables.

First place in the talk derby goes to reaction to the British plan to buy \$400 million less in this fiscal year from the dollar area, chiefly the United States and Canada. American businessmen will feel that, starting this fall, it means the British will buy only three-fourths as much as they did this last year.

Here are some specific worries American exporters have: The British are now selling more automobiles in the world market than American car makers. While Detroit isn't much worried yet about selling its own output, it hears today from Sir William Welsh, North American representative on the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders that more British cars were sold in the United States in the first five months of this year than in the like period last year. Sir William contends it isn't true, as recently charged, that sales of British cars are on the downgrade here.

American tanners are unhappy about Argentina. In an open letter today to U. S. senators and representatives, the Tanners' Council of America protests a bilateral trade agreement it says, has been drawn up between Argentina and western Germany. The Germans, under the pact, would get their hides and skins from South America. The council says the consequences "are profoundly serious to the tanning industry, to the shoe industry and to consumers of the United States."

Some U. S. senators from the farm states are also trying to get Marshall plan dollars earmarked for the purchase of surplus farm products in this country. They say relief should start at home. They are thinking of wheat and cotton, among others.

The U. S. office of Foreign Agricultural Relations tells American rice growers that competition in world markets is growing, with output outside the United States increasing and demand in some previous rice deficit areas declining.

Cotton farmers note that England is late this year in entering the American market, but is reported to have a buyer on the way here now to size up our crop prospects. Meanwhile, Switzerland is arranging to get cotton for its textile mills from Egypt.

On the other side of the picture, American producers hear today of more foreign goods on the way here.

In New York, a congressional select committee studying small

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Bean Picking Starts In Jefferson Section

Jefferson—Bean growers in Jefferson community are getting ready to start picking. The hot weather has matured the beans more rapidly. Dale Eisenman began picking in his 13 acre of Blue Lake beans Monday. These beans are of a variety which have no peak in their bearing season. Bill Grenz has 14 acres of beans, five of which are on the Greens Bridge road, expects to begin picking July 20. George McCoy has 50 acres of beans and expects to begin a few days later.

Up in Ottawa the Canadian government is steeling its heart against the pleas of its people. Canada bans imports of U. S. fruit and vegetables, and says it saves about \$2 million a month in scarce Yankee dollars that way. Now Canadians are clamoring to have the bars lowered during the watermelon season. Ottawa sternly says, "No."

Firemen Given Treat
Hubbard—The Hubbard fire department was called out to help extinguish a brush fire on Broadacres road. The members of the department were treated to a crab feed when they held a special study meetin, by Elmer Stauffer, who had recently been assisted by the fire department when a tractor burned at his farm.

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