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COLUMBIA BASIN PROJECTS

The Columbia Basin interagency committee unanimously adopted a revised statement of its views on Columbia river development at its Portland meeting Wednesday which eliminated mention of the controversial Hell's Canyon and Ice Harbor dams.

At the December meeting the committee did not include Hells' Canyon and Ice Harbor as "recommended" dams but recognized them as "an important element of the over-all plan." This was eliminated in the new report. Hell's Canyon is vigorously opposed by the Idaho Power company and Idaho state officials and business interests, and Ice Harbor by fishery interests. The action is a setback for both projects.

The new statement, authorized by Governor Douglas McKay, recommended work on projects now underway should be completed as soon as possible and that the committee would endorse and support other projects "as continuing studies result in agreement on those projects which best fit into the region-wide plan and the national emergency."

McKay's statement said the committee expects to strive for a comprehensive, unified and balanced program for the orderly development and effective conservation of the natural resources of the region. Another aim of the program was given as striving "for all necessary needs for economic growth, with proper balance among all resources, and optimum distribution of benefits throughout the area."

The governor's statement also called for advisory consultation with representatives of the public and continuous appraisal of regional resources and their utilization. "The regional development," the statement concluded, "shall at all times progress as rapidly as consistent with the desires of the people in the northwest, having in mind the then current regional economy, world conditions and budget limitations."

The projects underway include the following dams under construction: Hungry Horse, McNary, Chief Joseph, Albeni Falls, Detroit-Big Cliff, Lookout Point, Dexter and The Dalles. Also mentioned were the reclamation projects of Palisades and Columbia basin and the Lower Columbia fisheries program.

Technical experts from the weather bureau reported on weather in detail on storm and flood forecasting and artificial rainmaking and the potential importance of cloud seeding experiments, and the existing snow pack. The governors agreed on state cooperation with federal agencies if floods materialize.

Governors Arthur Langelie of Washington and Len Jordan of Idaho also attended the meeting. Harold T. Nelson, Boise regional director of the bureau of reclamation, which would build Hells Canyon, also approved the revised statement. "It in no way ventures to inhibit the president's program . . . and doesn't restrict the comprehensive plan as we know it."

TOWARD AIR SAFETY

The recent series of airplane tragedies near the Newark, N.J., airport raises a question in many persons' minds as to the general safety of air travel and the steps aimed at safety that have been taken at the Salem airport.

It may be surprising to learn, therefore, that last year was one of the safest in the history of commercial aviation in this country. During 1951, the scheduled airlines of the United States, domestic and international, flew more than 25 million passengers over 13 billion miles with eight fatal accidents involving 173 passengers. This adds up to a safety record of 1.3 fatalities per 100 million passenger miles.

This means that for each passenger fatality on the scheduled airlines in 1951, more than 77 million passenger miles were flown. If someone were gambling on his chances, he could make more than 3,000 round-the-world flights, and more than 30,000 flights between the west coast and Washington, D.C., prior to an accident. The 1951 safety record was second only to that achieved in 1949.

As for the safety precautions locally, Salem has taken or is taking steady steps to make McNary field as safe as possible.

With the cooperation of the civil aeronautics administration the city made arrangements for an instrument landing system, commonly referred to as ILS, to be installed. The federal government allotted the money, and installation started about a year ago. However, because of shortages, the glide path transmitter, a feature of the system, has not been received. But the ILS is about 80 per cent complete and should be ready about June. The Air Transport Association of America figures that the instrument landing system eliminates generally more than 55 per cent of all cancellations of flights because of bad weather.

Supplementary to this ILS will be the high intensity lights which the city recently voted money to meet the large offer of funds by the CAA for that installation.

So the instrument landing system and the high intensity lights will increase the safety factor at the Salem airport, as well as the reliability of air service. Also contributing to the better operation of McNary field in this connection is the 24-hour control tower service there.

Woman Still Alive Three Years Later

Oklahoma City (AP)—Remember Mrs. Heart? She's the anonymous Oklahoma City woman who three years ago said she was given only a year to live and asked the nation's newspaper readers how she should spend \$10,000 in savings to enjoy her remaining days.

Mrs. Heart is still alive—two years after doctors said she would die from a heart ailment.

She said Tuesday she is "living very carefully," adding: "All I do is try to forget things and just live from day to day. I won't permit myself even a little bit of overexertion."

Mrs. Heart received thousands of suggestions on what she should do with the \$10,000. But she decided to live out her days frugally as usual, not spend the money and "pamper my heart."

"I'm tickled to death to be doing so well," she explained.

BY BECK

A Dog's Life



DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Gov. Stevenson of Illinois Would Fit Nominee Pattern

(Editor's note—This is the last of four dispatches presenting the views of announced and prospective candidates for the democratic presidential nomination.)

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington (AP)—Gov. Adlai Ewing Stevenson of Illinois would just about fit the democratic presidential nominee pattern if President Truman decided to retire.

Stevenson is in the last year of a four-year term as governor. He is 52 and an apprentice seaman veteran of World War I.

In FDR's first-term agricultural adjustment administration, Stevenson was general counsel. AAA was held by the supreme court to be unconstitutional.

The governor held high wartime and post-war office in the navy and state departments. He helped put the United Nations together and served as a general assembly delegate.

In general terms, Stevenson is all out for Mr. Truman's foreign policy, lags a bit behind him on some domestic questions. Stevenson is not a state's rights man. But he is suspicious of big central government and would leave much more responsibility and power to the states than would Mr. Truman.

The governor and Mrs. Ellen Borden Stevenson were divorced in December, 1949. There was no scandal nor even hint of such. But divorce is never a political asset. They were married Dec. 1, 1928, and have three children.

Here are some positions Stevenson has taken on public questions:

Foreign Policy: "We want no more Munichs. As much as we hate war, we have drawn the sword in unprecedented defense of peace, security, and justice. We know that force without justice is tyranny and that justice without force is impotent."

MacArthur: "No one has done more than Gen. MacArthur to preserve our system of government. But it is a system in which civilian control of the military is basic. As a great military leader his apparent departure from fundamental military principle is hard to understand. Our only compensation for a great loss is the reaffirmation of a great principle."

Medical Insurance: Does not endorse government-sponsored health insurance, but says making good medical care available to all is one of the great pending social problems. Believes the solution lies in some compromise between private initiative and government initiative.

Civil Rights: Twice failed to persuade the legislature to enact a fair employment practices bill. Presumably favors state as against federal legislation on basis of his belief that states should not "abdicate" their responsibilities. Stevenson holds that voluntary action usually is

Loses Eyesight in Freak Accident

Lubbock, Tex. (AP)—A freak golfing accident cost Mrs. Pat Lindsay, two-time winner of the Plainview Women's Golf championship, her right eye.

The eye was removed after a golf ball, driven off the No. 5 tee by Dr. Gerald Wagner, shattered Mrs. Lindsay's sunglasses while she was sitting on a bench.

Advertisement for Andy Foster's Cameras featuring a 50% off sale on greeting cards.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Earl Warren Held Surest Shot for GOP Victory in Fall

By DREW PEARSON

Los Angeles—The governor of California was sitting in Sacramento's Sutter club with Walter Jones of the Sacramento Bee when his "one-time opponent on the democratic ticket, Bob Kenny, walked in.

"Governor," said Kenny, "I've been conducting a democratic underground for you for president. Every time an eastern newspaperman interviews you, he comes to see me afterward and asks: 'What's this fellow Warren really like?'"

"I tell them," continued Kenny, who served eight years as democratic attorney general of California under Governor Warren, "that I went eight rounds with the guy and couldn't even lay a glove on him."

"Perhaps we ought to get a statement from Kenny endorsing you for the nomination, governor," suggested newsman Jones.

"Oh no," good-naturedly protested Governor Warren, "I'm having a hard-enough time convincing the republicans that I'm not a democrat."

GOP Sure Shot

Democrat Kenny, who is a sincere admirer of Governor Warren, republican, put his finger on the real reason why GOP bosses frown on Warren's nomination, and also on the reason why more realistic republican leaders are coming round to the fact that the governor of California would be the surest shot to win for the GOP next November.

For what Franklin Roosevelt advised his party in 1932—"to win we have to wean away republican votes"—is even more true, in reverse, today. With heavy democratic registrations built up during 20 years of Roosevelt-Truman rule, the republicans must be able to pull democratic votes to win, and Earl Warren is one sure shot who can do so.

When running for governor in 1942, for instance, he polled 400,000 democratic votes. When he ran again in 1946, he pulled so many democrats that they nominated him on the democratic ticket. In 1950, despite the opposition of Jimmy Roosevelt, a popular and appealing candidate, Warren rolled up a lead of around 800,000 in a state that has 1,000,000 more registered democrats than republicans.

OPEN FORUM

Claims Sales Tax Unfair

To the Editor: As a tax-paying Oregon citizen, I take exception to your editorial, "Sales Tax Only Solution." Not being a tax expert I am reluctant to write on this subject, but after reading your editorial I realize that I'm not writing to a tax expert either.

Quoting from your editorial, "fairest of all taxes." I ask you what is fair about a tax that makes the same demands on the low income people as it does on the higher brackets? What's fair about a tax that isn't based on your ability to pay? What's fair about a tax that is the same on the necessities of life for a needy family as it is on the most well-to-do family? There's nothing fair about it.

I have been in a majority of the states that you have mentioned as having the sales tax. Everytime those people make a purchase they complain about the sales tax imposed upon them by their legislators, not because they object to paying their state's

Asks Sales Tax for Welfare

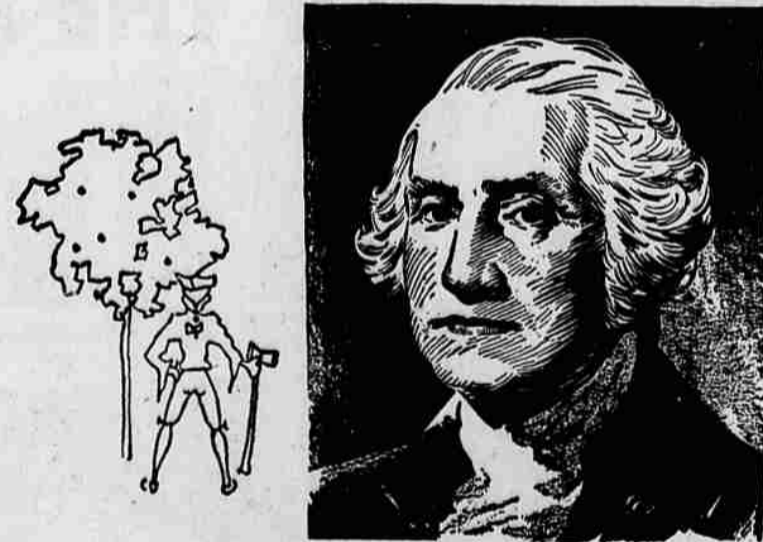
To the Editor: I read a long article in the Capital Journal relating to the sales tax. I have spoken about that several times before, and wonder why Oregon defeated it three times. When I was in California in 1935, they had a sales tax there then, and I don't know how long before then. I wish they would pass the sales tax here.

Hair Firm Gets Scalped

Chicago (AP)—Thieves broke into the Grossberg Manufacturing company plant and stole \$1,000 worth of human hair, wigs and toupees.

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