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IKE'S NORTHWEST POWER BUDGET

President Eisenhower in his voluminous budget message to congress, called for \$65.5 billion expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, slashing \$5.25 billion from total spending but proposing record outlays for atomic energy, continental defense and overseas military aid. Despite the seven and a half per cent slash over estimated expenditures this fiscal year also lowered, the government will end up the 1955 year nearly \$3 billion in the red.

The northwest expenditures requested by the president are of chief interest to this region. The Bonneville Power Administration budget is placed at \$36.8 million. Requested operations and maintenance funds of \$6,600,000 reflected an increase of \$596,000, while proposed construction funds of \$30,200,000 showed a reduction of \$8,666,000 from 1954 appropriations.

Included in 1955 fiscal year construction plans were grid facilities from Grand Coulee and Chief Joseph dams to the Puget Sound area, and from McNary dam to the Walla Walla, The Dalles and Willamette valley area. These projects are already approved by congress and under construction.

Other funds were asked for starting of 230,000-volt transmission facilities from Oregon City to Chemawa, Ore.; facilities to service new or increased load areas.

The president also asked for funds to allow army engineers to do work on five multipurpose projects in the Pacific Northwest. They were Detroit reservoir, Ore., \$772,036; Lookout Point reservoir, Ore., \$6,543,800; McNary lock and dam, Oregon and Washington, \$24,200,000; The Dalles lock and dam, Oregon and Washington, \$38,782,000 and Chief Joseph dam, Columbia river, Wash., \$29,000,000.

The Northwest has not been overlooked despite the shrieks of public power fanatics.—G. P.

DEMOCRATIC LEADER BACKS IKE

The president's recommendations for changes in the Taft-Hartley act have met with a mixed reception in congress and it is freely predicted that either (1) Nothing will be done, or (2) The changes finally voted will show little resemblance to the recommendation. In short that the president may take quite a beating on his red hot issue. But Eisenhower has acquired one strong ally in the fight, and where he might have least expected to score an advantage. Lyndon B. Johnson, of Texas, Democratic party leader in the senate, supports the president. Here is what he says:

"I believe it is generally agreed that some clarifying amendments to the Taft-Hartley act are needed. Senator Taft himself thought so.

"I think the president was right when he said the Taft-Hartley act, as it stands, is sound legislation. I certainly do not favor weakening the basic provisions of the present law. I will oppose any suggested amendments that would have such an effect. Perhaps certain parts of the law need to be strengthened.

"What we want is a law that will be fair to both labor and management and also, and this is most important, to the people generally."

Johnson probably will not agree with Eisenhower on everything. But he is open minded and will support changes substantially in accord with what the president wants. This means that he will refuse to make the issue a party matter, and his lead is likely to be followed by a number of southern senators, if by no northern Democrats.

This makes a realistic new congressional look at the controversial "T-H" much more likely.

SALEM'S FIRST CITIZEN

It would be hard to imagine a more suitable choice for Salem's first citizen award than Carl Hogg, who was honored last night at the annual award banquet.

Carl Hogg has spent his life in the Willamette valley, Oregon City and Salem, and it has been a fruitful one indeed, as even a brief recital of his achievements will reveal. Best of all, he has as yet shown no tendency to relax and rest on his honors, as one who has so many of them might well be pardoned for doing.

The first citizen award is naturally cumulative, for achievement over a period of years. It would be hard to imagine any man who had done nothing in a public way before staging a burst of civic activity and winning this award in one 12 months period. Carl Hogg's activity has certainly covered a long period.

Yet the past year has seen one of the greatest of all his civic achievements in the implementation of the new Salem Industrial Development Council, whose supporters believe is destined in the coming years to bring to Salem new industries and expansion of existing ones. Carl Hogg has surely been the leader and guiding light of this vital present Salem activity.

In many other civic endeavors where he is not the front man he is in there pitching, doing his bit as a captain, lieutenant or private in the ranks, inspiring others by his example.

DUTCH RATIFY EUROPEAN ARMY

One of the curious things about the mentality of present day Europe is the courage of some of the small nations, in contrast with the cowardice of some of the big ones.

The Netherlands has just given a new illustration of the former in ratifying the treaty for the creation of a European army. The Dutch senate voted approval Wednesday. The house had voted in July. The document now goes to the queen for an assured signature.

Six nations are included in the arrangement, West Germany, France and Italy as big nations, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg as smalls. Only West Germany is sure to come in as a major power. France and Italy are the two chief holder-backers.

The defense setup may boil down to four, West Germany, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, leaving out Communist infested France and Italy but including virtually all the reliable fighting ability West Europe possesses.

St. Lawrence Wins in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate, after slapping down St. Lawrence seaway legislation for two decades, has finally taken a huge step towards authorizing the United States to join Canada in carrying out the project.

But after an enabling measure sailed through the Senate last night on a 51-33 vote, Canadian

informants raised a serious question as to whether their country was still interested in U. S. participation.

After repeated failure of seaway legislation in Congress, Canada underook to go it alone. In Ottawa last night, government sources said that country still would push for an all-Canadian seaway on her side of the boundary river. The Canadian government was represented as feeling that the United States, spending 105 million dollars, would be getting too much of a bargain in joint control of navigation and shipping tolls.

THE WORRIER



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Stormy Debate Preceded Committee Hawaii Vote

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—The press was shut out and the public shooed away the other day while the senate insular affairs committee debated Hawaiian statehood behind closed doors. However, this column can report that the state, near-empty hearing room was rocked by political thunder and lightning—a preview of the stormy debate to come on the senate floor.

The Democrats angrily accused the GOP of playing politics by turning Senator McCarthy loose to investigate corruption in Democratic Alaska, but at the same time refusing to investigate communism in Republican Hawaii. The session hadn't been going five minutes before Senator George Smathers, Florida Democrat, got down to the nub of the matter.

"I think," he declared, "all of us are practical to the extent that we recognize that if we get Hawaii in, we probably will get two Republican senators, and if we get Alaska in, we will get two Democratic senators."

"There is no cinch to that, I can assure you," disagreed Chairman Hugh Butler, Nebraska Republican.

"That's the rumor that is going around," snorted Smathers.

"Isn't it all in your mind?" piped up Senator Arthur Watkins, Utah Republican.

"It begins to look as though it is in somebody else's mind, when, right at this time, we vote to close the hearings and they suddenly find some corruption in Alaska, which of course gives reason to believe that maybe we shouldn't vote Alaska in at this time," retorted Smathers. "It must be admitted that this discovery of corruption in Alaska was timely."

"Let's go ahead with the consideration of the Hawaiian bill and leave the Alaskan corruption until it comes here as an issue," pleaded Butler, swinging his gavel.

HAWAIIAN COMMIES
"The McCarthy committee has been busy investigating communism around but even though there are very serious charges of communism existing in the island of Hawaii, it seems to me a bit inconsistent that the McCarthy committee should not want to investigate communism there," shouted Smathers, ignoring the gavel. "They have indicated in the past that communism is the thing that they really want to investigate, but they suddenly turn their attention to some alleged corruption in Alaska."

"I want to say to the senator that this committee quite thoroughly investigated the communist situation in Hawaii quite some time ago," barked Butler.

"Governor Steinback says it is worse since 1950," retorted Smathers, referring to a recent statement by Hawaii's ex-Governor Ingram Steinback that communist strength has increased on the island since 1950.

"The justice department says it has gotten better. So there you are," blurted Senator Russ Long, Louisiana Democrat, who recently sided with the Republicans in favor of statehood for Hawaii but not for Alaska.

The anti-subversive committee of the Territory of Hawaii says it is worse, and they filed a report in March 1952," replied the tall, handsome Senator from Florida.

At this point, Chairman Butler triumphantly pulled out a letter that he had just received from Attorney General Brownell. Read-

Risky to Ridicule The Ladies Anywhere

Astorian-Budget

The Yugoslavian vice-president who has just been kicked out of the communist party of that nation by Dictator Tito is accused of high crimes and misdemeanors including lechings toward capitalism and democracy.

His true crime, however, seems to have been a criticism of wives of other top-ranking officials.

The unfortunate vice-president had probably now learned, to his cost, that a woman scorned and ridiculed is a terrible instrument of vengeance, and that a combination of such women is too much for any one individual.

Even in communist dictatorships, wives of politicians can wield a tremendous influence if they put their minds to it.

Salem 24 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

January 21, 1930

Temperatures had dropped to two degrees below zero and zero weather had come to Salem for the first time in 10 years.

Salem city council had for its immediate consideration the selection of a new alderman to replace I. M. Doughton who had indicated his intention to resign.

Ice conditions in the Lower Willamette had closed all sawmills on the Portland waterfront, save one.

Representative Mary K. Norton of New Jersey had declared "as an experiment noble or otherwise, prohibition has failed" and demanded a referendum on the question of repealing the 18th amendment.

War department had disclosed that army regulations had been amended to make any violation of the national prohibition law a military offense.

At Champoug the Willamette had frozen over from bank to bank.

Said a Capital Journal headline: "Lambing Goes On Despite the Weather."

Motorists, who on Saturday had placed lighted candles behind their car windshields to keep ice from shutting off their vision, had by now discovered that the brown spots which had appeared on the windshields were there to stay.

Brown, snow falling over Bend had been attributed to pumice, a volcanic dust that may have been discharged into the atmosphere during Aleutian island eruptions through the past summer.

An old fashioned bob sled hitched behind a Ford car had made its appearance on the streets of Independence.

Thomas A. Edison, his wife had revealed, wore silk night shirts.

Yamhill Scores
McMinnville News-Register

Tuesday's report of 1953 sales of Series E and H savings bonds in Yamhill county—104 per cent of 1952 sales—is remarkable in the face of constant talk of hard times and declining income in this area.

Not only does the 1953 sales record reflect public confidence in their government but also funds in the hands of individuals that they can put into savings. It demonstrates the national situation of greatest volume of savings ever held in the nation's history. It reveals a rushion that will materially help to pad any effects of a declining economy. And it indicates a continued prosperity for the American people in the year ahead.

PORTLAND STATE GAINS
Portland (UP)—Enrollment at Portland State College for the winter term is up 21 per cent over last year, college officials reported today. An additional 293 students matriculated to bring the present total to 1905.

In the preparing of catgut (usually made from the intestines of sheep) it has been found that lean and ill-fed animals usually produce the best material.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Type of Pictures to Be Hung In Nautilus Still Unsettled

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—If you were fitting out a new submarine, what kind of pictures would you hang on the walls?

A portrait of Whistler's mother? An autographed photo of Adm. Bull Halsey and maybe one of Marilyn Monroe? Or perhaps a water color of Pike's Peak during a snowstorm at sunset?

This was one of the problems faced by a commercial designing firm called in by the U. S. Navy to make the Nautilus, the world's first atom-powered submarine, a comfortable underwater home to the sailors who man her.

"We thought pictures of peaceful country scenes would be more restful," said Walter P. Margulies, partner in the firm of Lippincott and Margulies. "But some Navy men figured pictures of famous fighting ships would be more inspiring."

"No final decision has been made," Margulies previously had designed everything from motor cars to cocktail lounges, from vacuum cleaners to soup and beer can labels, and one of his firm's beer can labels won first prize in a national contest.

But he found his two-year job of making the new submarine more habitable one of the most challenging of his career. And the result would amaze the shade of John Paul Jones. It is a submariner's dream.

The Nautilus is able to stay submerged for two months and sail around the world in that time. But men in close quarters often get on each other's nerves, and fighting efficiency falls off with lowered morale.

"Our task was to use color and design to fight monotony, improve living conditions, and provide as much privacy and variety as was possible," said Margulies.

In the battle control areas of the Nautilus the colors are crisp and sharp, the lights brighter, and even the equipment control knobs are rough to the hand—to keep the crew alert.

In the relaxation areas the colors are subdued, noise is minimized, and there are no plaid patterns—as complicated patterns have been found to increase seasickness.

What does the Nautilus have that John Paul Jones lacked aboard his ships?

"Well, the crew quarters on sailing vessels in the 18th century were only about 4½ feet high," said Margulies. "In the Nautilus there are separate decks for the officers and crew, and plenty of room to stand upright."

"The mess hall has yellow walls and red seats. Each sailor has a fluorescent bed lamp, and he sleeps on a foam rubber mattress. He can sit up without bumping his head on the bunk above him, and the men don't have to sleep nose-to-nose as in the old days."

"There are outlets for electric razors, showers, a phonograph with plenty of records, a movie projection machine, and library shelves. Each man has a personal locker by his bunk, instead of a duffie bag. There is even a place inside the locker compartment where he can hang a picture of his favorite pinup girl—and keep her to himself."

"The crew messroom can be cleared and hold the entire ship's company for Sunday church services. It can also be used as a gym for boxing matches or calisthenics. No, there isn't space to play basketball, but it is big enough for table tennis."

"Our aim was to have a well-rounded pattern of comfort—so that a sailor could leave a duty post, take a few steps and enter as homelike an atmosphere as possible. Cutting down the hardships reduces the tensions of underseas life in crowded quarters."

"Paying attention to human needs pays off in higher morale, and we have only scratched the surface so far in making fighting machinery more adaptable to the men who fight with it."

Naturally, the Nautilus will carry an ice cream freezer. As any infantryman knows, the modern Navy rarely steams into battle without a full supply of ice cream. But the doughboy would like to do it, too, if he could just figure out a way to carry it.

Still for Warren

Pendleton East Oregonian

In a powerful address at a Columbia university bi-centennial dinner Chief Justice Earl Warren had something to say that the hysteria peddlers need to hear. He told them: "When men are free to explore all avenues of thought, no matter what prejudices may be aroused, there is a healthy climate. . . . Our universities and our colleges are, therefore, even more precious to us now than in normal times."

This writer was a Warren-for-President man. And while he doubts that will come about he always will think it was a good idea.

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