

Construction Activity in 7 Western States Below 1953, But Higher Than Nationally

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Construction activity in the seven western states during 1954 was lower than last year, despite the fact that it was higher on the

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland ranks third among West Coast cities and 12th in the nation in construction activity, according to a U.S. Department of Labor survey.

The survey, based on the number of men employed, shows building industry jobs reached a peak of 14,300 in August, compared to 10,800 last year. Los Angeles led with 104,900 and the San Francisco-Oakland area had 56,200. Seattle trailed with 13,900 building jobs.

Oregon, with 28,900 men employed in the building industries, is ranked 25th nationally and trails both California, with 236,300, and Washington, with 52,700, on the West Coast.

national average, the Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco reported today.

The publication said the high level of construction activity has been an important prop to the national economy during 1954. On the national scene, private construction activity especially was well above last year, while public construction outlays were slightly greater than 1953.

In the 12th Federal Reserve District, however, construction employment was 8 per cent lower and residential building was less active than a year ago.

The Monthly Review also pointed out that there have been marked differences in per capita income stability among the Western states since 1929, with the intermountain states of Ari-

zona, Utah, Nevada and Idaho showing the least stability. California, Washington and Oregon were more stable, with California showing the greatest stability in the district.

The differences were thought to be largely reflections of two kinds of structural factors in the economies of the seven states.

The first factor relates to the sources from which income payments are derived. The intermountain states, which depend primarily upon income payments from agriculture, showed the least stability. The Pacific Coast states, which derive the highest proportion of income payments from trade and service industries, were more stable.

The second factor was the different types of income payment. The states with a relatively small proportion of total income in the form of property income and relatively high proportion in the form of wages, salaries, and proprietors' income were

November Lumber Carloadings High

Seattle — (U.P.) — The Pacific Northwest Advisory Board said today November carloadings of lumber and forest products this year were the highest for any November on record.

The 11-month total of shipments of lumber and forest products from Washington, Oregon and Idaho north of the Salmon river also set a new high, the board added.

A total of 37,401 carloads were shipped last month, and a total of 408,036 carloads have been shipped so far this year.

The 86,777 carloadings of grain and grain products loaded during the first 11 months of this year also is the highest for any similar period on record for this territory, the board added.

November carloadings were up 5.5 per cent over a year ago, but the total 11-month loading to date is 3.3 per cent under the first 11 months of 1953.

State Will Present Evidence in Trial

Portland — (U.P.) — The state was ready to present its evidence here today in the trial of Donald S. Lehman, 20-year-old former Marine accused of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the shooting of his pregnant wife last June.

The defense claims Lehman did not know that the borrowed .22 calibre pistol he was cleaning was loaded. His 18-year-old wife was fatally wounded when the weapon discharged.

Lehman was formally exonerated at a coroner's inquest but was later indicted on the basis of further investigation by the district attorney's office.

less stable than California, which has the largest proportion of income of any of the states in the Twelfth District in the form of property income.

Navajos Pledge Aid To 'Aqualantes' in River Dam Project

Grand Junction, Colo. — (U.P.) — The Navajo Indian Tribal Council representing 75,000 members in Utah, New Mexico and Arizona joined forces with the "Aqualantes" today in a drive to push congressional approval of the billion dollar upper Colorado River storage project.

Navajo tribal chief Sam Akeah of Window Rock, Ariz., sealed the bargain for his tribe's participation in the storage project promotion campaign by pledging \$10,000. The pledge is the same amount already contributed by the upper basin states of Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico and Utah.

The Aqualantes consist primarily of Chambers of Commerce representatives of the four upper basin states to back a program "to educate the people of the upper basin and congressmen" concerning the need for adoption of the upper Colorado storage project.

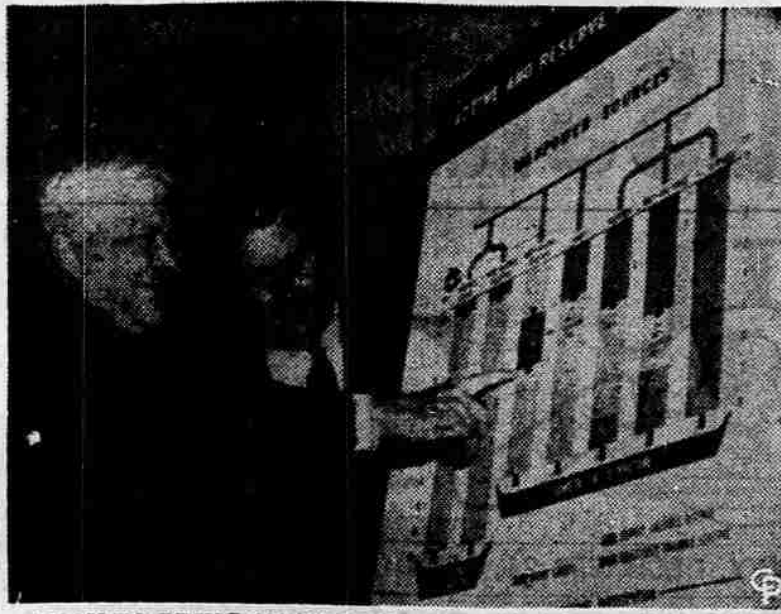
Seek 100,000

The Aqualantes will end a two day meeting here today which was called to organize a drive to enlist 100,000 members through the sale of special badges. Proceeds will finance a war chest to promote the giant, far flung water storage and hydroelectric project.

California was reported to have spent more than \$100,000 in Washington last year to block congressional passage of the multi-phase development.

Meantime, the stage was set yesterday for possible internal controversy between water officials of the four upper basin states over a demand by Colorado Gov.-elect Edwin C. Johnson.

Johnson, retiring U.S. senator, said Colorado "must insist" on authorization of 42 reservoirs surveyed in the high country of his state be authorized simultaneously with the upper Colorado River Project.



PLAN TO BRING 100,000 youths annually into greatly-modified universal training system is explained by Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson (left) and Assistant Secretary of Defense Carter Burgess. Defense chiefs unveil new military training program which allows youths 17 to 19 to volunteer for six months service with nine and one-half years in reserves. (International)

Beauteous German Admits Spy Guilt

Berlin — (U.P.) — A German beauty who became so friendly with American officers she was given an Intelligence Department job was sentenced today to five years imprisonment for spying for Russia.

Brunette Irmgard Margarethe Schmidt, 24, wearing the best clothes obtainable in the American Post Exchange, pleaded guilty to spy charges in a U.S. High Commission Court which passed the sentence.

Tears streamed down her face and sobs shook the shapely body that attracted the caresses of the U. S. officials who whispered to her the secrets her Communist bosses wanted to know.

Irmgard, in pleading guilty to two of the charges against her, admitted she used her beauty and brains as a modern day Mata Hari to wheedle secrets from American intelligence officers.

U.S. High Commission Judge Ambrose Fuller stonily disregarded her plea for pity. She told him she was forced by the Russians to use her charms to get information.

Dog Catcher Fined For Biting Officer

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Humane Society Dog Catcher John L. McKenno was fined \$25 Monday by Municipal Judge Clayton Horn for biting Patrolman Loren D. Clem on the arm when the officer tried to arrest him.

The first defensive shot in the Civil War was fired April 12, 1861, by the First Artillery at Fort Sumter.

Officials Pleased At Low Wheat Crop

Washington — (U.P.) — Agriculture Department officials are happy that next year's wheat crop may not be large enough to meet anticipated domestic and export demand.

They're not happy over a shortage because the government has in storage 900 million bushels of old crop surplus wheat on hand, enough to meet a full year's needs all alone.

But they are pleased the 1955 wheat crop may be small enough to require using up some of the surplus. It would be the first time in five years that a wheat crop hasn't added to the surplus.

T. B. Walker, chief of the Program Analysis Branch of the Grain Division, said the wheat control program, going into its second year in 1955, was set up to reduce supplies "and it's going to do it."

The basis for the optimism was a report yesterday estimating a 679,137,000 bushel winter wheat crop in prospect, a decline of 14 per cent from this year.

The department said weather from now to harvest next summer will exert "considerable influence" on the final crop size.

'Santa Claus Gang' Captured by Officers

Yokohama — (U.P.) — Police announced today the capture of the "Santa Claus gang," who entered homes by way of chimneys.

Police charged the four gang members more than \$20,000 worth of goods.

Army Engineers completed the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in 1828.

New Bus Plan Hearing Continues in Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — A hearing into the application of a new bus company which proposes to operate between Portland and Oregon City continued today before the Public Utilities commissioner.

The application, by Intercity Buses, Inc., was contested by Ardenwald Stages, Inc., a company which now operates over part of the proposed Intercity route.

Hearing Examiner Malcolm L. Jones upheld a contention by Ardenwald Attorney Donald A. Schaffer that the good of the public should be the primary consideration in deciding on the application.

Three Air Force Men Killed in B-25 Crash

Rapid City, S.D. — (U.P.) — The big plane crashed while attempting an emergency landing at the base. The names of the victims were not released, pending notification.

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