

House Votes Eisenhower Unlimited Powers

House Approves Request for Joint Dam Construction

Green Peter, Cougar Memorials Sanctioned

Salem — (U.P.) — A memorial urging Congress to approve partnership construction of Green Peter and Cougar projects was passed in the House today by a vote of 44 to 16.

Rep. Maurice Neuberger, Portland Democrat, raised the only voice against the memorial and carried 15 other Democrats with her in the roll call vote on the measure. Nine Democrats voted in favor of the memorial.

Goos To Senate

The memorial now goes to the Senate where its passage appeared assured.

Rep. Edward Cardwell, Linn county Republican who was one of the sponsors of the memorial, emphasized the flood control aspects of the two projects and said their power generating features were marginal. Rep. Loran Stewart, Cottage Grove Republican, said power generated by the two dams would go into the Northwest power pool and, though small by comparison with other Northwest dams, would help to alleviate regional power shortages.

Mrs. Neuberger said she had no objection to the projects but to the method of construction recommended in the memorial. She said she considered President Eisenhower remiss in not including them in his 1955 budget message to Congress for full federal financing.

Cooperative Financing

Green Peter dam on the South Santiam river would, if authorized by Congress, be built in partnership with Pacific Power and Light of Portland. Partnership construction of Cougar dam on the McKenzie river would mean cooperative financing by the government and by the Eugene Water and Electric Board.

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Administration Officially Asks Postal Rate Hike

Washington — (U.P.) — The administration has asked Congress to hike the cost of mailing letters both locally and out-of-town by one cent.

It was proposed in a bill sent to Congress yesterday that the first class mail rate be boosted from three to four cents and the air mail rate from six to seven.

10 Cents Monthly Cost

The Post Office department estimated the one cent increase on first class mail would cost the average family about 10 cents a month. It would produce for the government a total of \$27,000,000 annually in new revenue.

The air mail hike would produce \$14,000,000 a year.

In another bill, the administration proposed a pay boost averaging 6 1/2 per cent for 500,000 postal workers. The raise would cost about \$127,000,000 annually.

President Eisenhower earlier this month recommended both the pay raise and the increase in mail rates to finance it and the post office department's multi-million dollar deficit. But the bills sent to Congress yesterday filled in details of his recommendations.

Other Increases Asked

The administration also asked for increases in other mail rates which, along with the boost in letter postage cost, would produce a total of \$332,250,000 in revenue. The other proposals included:

- A 15 per cent increase in second class mail (newspapers and magazines) this year and another 15 per cent boost next year. These would bring in \$16,500,000 over the two year period.
- Both increases would become permanent, the post office said.
- A 28 per cent increase in third class mail circulars, advertising, miscellaneous printed materials and merchandise weighing eight ounces or less to bring in \$73,000,000 a year.

Community College At Bend May Get Aid

Portland — (U.P.) — The State Board of Higher Education today agreed to study a proposal to help out a community college at Bend and indicated it might undertake an investigation on possibility of junior colleges elsewhere in Oregon.

Robert Chandler, publisher of the Bend Bulletin, said the 100-student Central Oregon Community College is growing so fast that state money might be needed in the near future. It is now financed by local school district funds.

Chandler said the school provides a valuable educational core in helping students get two years of junior college work in preparing for upper division college courses.

Chest X-Ray Clinic Open Again Wednesday

To help break the "chain of infection" from an estimated 108 unknown cases of tuberculosis in Jackson county, the chest x-ray clinic will again be open to the public on Wednesday, Jan. 26, from 3 to 6 p.m., according to Mrs. Jack Walker, case finding chairman for the Jackson County Public Health association.

Lengthening of clinic hours has greatly reduced the waiting time to have chest x-rays, Mrs. Walker said.

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Six Bills Introduced To Revise Milk Regulations

Salem — (U.P.) — Six bills were introduced in the House today for the Department of Agriculture that would revise state milk regulations.

One of the bills, introduced by the committee on food and dairies, provides that the price differential between grades of milk shall not be less than five per cent of the price paid for milk of the next highest grade.

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If finally approved, the bill also would require that price differentials between grades of cream could not be less than three cents a pound of butterfat between premium and first grade cream and not less than five cents a pound of butterfat

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Sen. John L. McClellan of Arkansas, new Democratic chairman of the group, said another investigation of the case "will be among our first projects." Maj. Irving Peress, a New York dentist, refused to tell a former committee chairman, Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, whether he was a Communist, and the Army later gave him an honorable discharge.

McClellan said the subcommittee also will go into other investigations left over from McCarthy's regime. These include the question of East-West trade with Iron Curtain nations, the inquiry into the Army radar center at Ft. Monmouth, N.J., and the investigation of alleged Communists in defense plants.

Possible Subversion Seen in Korea Conflict

Washington — (U.P.) — Top U.S. military commanders in the Korean war believe they were denied victory because of "possible subversion, wishful thinking, European orientation and Allied pressure," the Senate Internal Security Committee reported today.

The report said that five officers who testified before the subcommittee last year — Gen. Mark Clark, U.N. commander in Korea; Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, U.N. air commander; Army commander, Lt. Gen. Edward M. Almond, X Corps commander, and Adm. C. Turner Joy, U.N. naval commander — "supplied some clues to possible subversion in government departments, but were unable to make specific charges."

Russia Announces End Of War With Germany

London — (U.P.) — Radio Moscow tonight announced that Russia has ended its state of war with Germany.

The far reaching announcement was heard in Moscow broadcasts, monitored here.

The decision to end the state of war with Germany apparently was taken at a conference of Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov with the Soviet ambassador to East Germany and the East German ambassador to Moscow.

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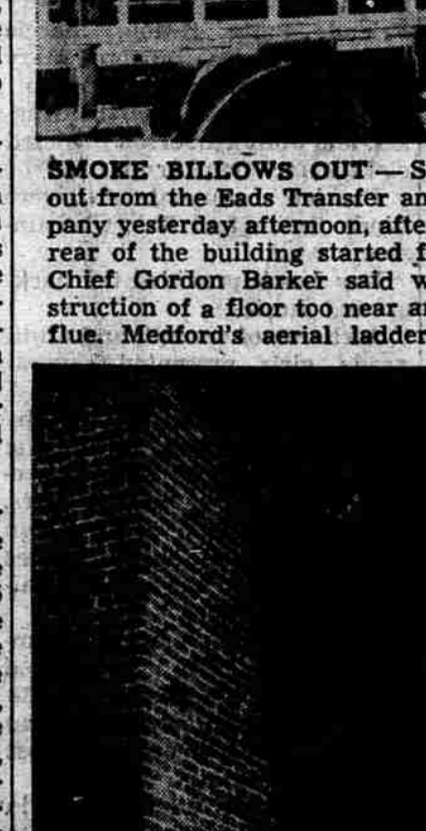
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Reps. Graham A. Barden (D-N.D.), Eugene Siler (R-Ky.) and Timothy P. Sheehan (R-Ill.) were the dissenters.

Unanimous Action Asked

House Democratic Leader W. McCormack and GOP House Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. both appealed for unanimous action to demonstrate that America is "united" in the fight against Communist aggression.

Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas also called for speedy approval of the President's request for the authority, but he warned that it could be "very dangerous and embarrassing" if it becomes a precedent for the President to ask prior congressional approval of actions that he can take on his own as commander in chief.

Political Sniping

Rayburn said that if the President waits for congressional action in such emergencies, "There will come a time when 12 hours will be too long a time to act."

McCormack told the House that this was no time for trying to place the blame for the crisis. "Today is the day for unity and action," he said.

Some political sniping broke out anyway. Rep. Chet Holifield (D-Calif.) accused the President of "duplicitous."

He said the President has now "admitted" he was not telling the truth two years ago when he said former President Truman had used the Navy to "shield" the Chinese Communists from a Nationalist attack.

Rep. Ray J. Madden (D-Ind.) said the administration should "apologize" for telling the country during the last political campaign that it had "accomplished peace in Asia."

The House debated the matter less than three hours.

The Senate was expected to act on the resolution later this week, perhaps Thursday.

No Ground Troops

While the House debated the fateful resolution, the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees met jointly to hear members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Sens. Alexander Wiley (R-Wis.) and John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.) told reporters that Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs, made it clear that U. S. ground troops will not be used in the defense of Formosa and that the reduction in manpower will not affect the situation.

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