

Klamath River Water Bill Introduced by Coon, Engle

Klamath Falls — Speedy authorization by Congress of the proposed compact between Oregon and California over the use of the Klamath River for irrigation and power, was promised Friday with the introduction of a bill by Rep. Sam Coon (R) of Oregon asking consent of Congress for negotiating the contract.

Passage of the bill, according to Rep. Coon, will clear the way for discussion of future use of the water which flows from Oregon into California. Coon worked with the Oregon Klamath River Commission in preparing the bill.

Rep. Clair Engle (D) of California, whose house interior committee will take up the matter, also introduced a similar bill.

The bill would permit a compact to be drafted and submitted to the legislatures of the two states. It would need congressional ratification to become effective.

The Coon bill provides that the President will appoint a representative of the federal government to participate in the negotiations and report to Congress. It also provides that any compact worked out will not become law until ratified by both the state legislatures and the Congress.

Coon introduced the bill at the request of the Oregon Klamath River Commission with whose officers, Nelson Reed, chairman and James Kerns, vice-chairman, he had conferred. Both are from Klamath Falls.

Coon was urged this week by Oregon's state engineer, Lewis A. Stanley, to try to obtain enactment of the authorization bill so that the compact may be drafted and placed before the legislators during their current session.

Most Klamath Basin irrigation, present and potential, is in Oregon, while most hydroelectric power developed and left to be developed, is in California. As the river is further developed Coon said, the rights to the remaining water will need to be divided between the two states.

Coon disclaimed any political inference in the fact that the bill's two sponsors are of opposite parties. His bill declares the intent of the proposed compact to be to apportion the water rights of the Klamath River and its tributaries, including Lost River, between the two states.

"There is ground for more irrigation development in Oregon, from the Klamath and more in California," Coon said, "and there is a lot of power potential on the river."

A meeting, tentatively set for February 9 in Salem, has been called for a conference between Stanley, Oregon state engineer, Robert Bond, assistant engineer for the California-Klamath River Commission, Allan G. Bird, special legal counsel for the California-Klamath River Commission, a representative from the office of Robert Y. Thornton, Oregon state attorney general and representatives from the California and the Oregon Klamath River Commission.

Slated to attend from here will be James Kerns, vice-chairman of the Oregon Klamath River Commission or George Stevenson, Klamath Falls, member of the commission.

Lower Coffee Prices Expected in Portland

Portland—(U.P.)—Coffee industry spokesmen said here today a devaluation in Brazilian currency may result in a drop in the price of wholesale coffee of from 8 to 10 cents a pound during the next several months.

However, spokesmen said such a drop might not be noticed too much by the consumer because many stores have been selling coffee under cost as a loss leader.

WEATHER By United Press
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By CLAY R. POLLAN

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4-5-10-24
31-62-74

AQUARIUS
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26-27-33-35
43-50-62

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Film Actress Sought For Jewelry Return

Hollywood — (U.P.)—Actress Linda Christian, estranged wife of film star Tyrone Power, was sought today for the return of \$132,500 worth of jewelry given her by Robert H. Schlesinger, scion of a wealthy Milwaukee family.

The sheriff's office began looking for the film beauty yesterday shortly after an attorney representing Van Cleef and Arpels, an international jewelry firm in New York, filed suit here for return of the jewels.

Deputies went to Miss Christians home yesterday, but she was not there. They said they would return to the house today.

The suit, filed by Atty. Jerome D. Rosenfield, alleged that a \$100,000 check Schlesinger gave the jewelry firm in part payment for the gems "bounced."

Heavy Winds Lash North Part of State

By UNITED PRESS

Widespread power failures were reported last night as brisk, 50 to 60 mile per hour winds whipped through Oregon from the Columbia river to Salem.

Portland Weather Bureau reported gusts up to 51 miles per hour, while the Columbia lightship was tossed about by 60-mile winds.

Astoria, Gearhart and Seaside were blacked out by the winds, which knocked down power lines at the Clatsop county airport. Minor outages were reported in Portland.

Street crews were busy in Portland this morning clearing fallen trees and limbs that blocked many streets.

The winds slackened at midnight and were expected on a greatly diminished scale today.

Last of Union Vets Nears 108th Birthday

Duluth, Minn. — (U.P.)—Spry old Albert Woolson, the drummer boy who lived to be the last of the Civil War "Boys in Blue," will celebrate his 108th birthday Friday under orders not to talk about the war between the states.

His daughter, Mrs. John Kobus, issued the "no war talks" order.

"He gets too excited when he talks about the war," Mrs. Kobus said. "It isn't good for him."

She also will discourage him from shoveling snow on his birthday, as he did for several years up to 1954.

Aside from Woolson's tendency to get excited when he talks about the Civil War, Mrs. Kobus said his health was as good as a year ago, maybe better.

Union Pacific Rail Strike Called Off

Pocatello, Ida. — (U.P.)—A strike against Union Pacific Railroad by conductors and brakemen was called off last night and a union officer said the matter had been turned over to the federal mediation board.

H. W. Corbett, general chairman of the Order of Railroad Conductors and Trainmen, said Federal Mediator J. M. Holmstrom would hear the case Feb. 21 either here or in Salt Lake City.

The strike had been set to begin Wednesday at 3 p.m. on all Union Pacific lines west of Huntington, Ore.

In Spokane, Orley S. Benjamin, secretary-treasurer of the union there, said the strike had been called as a result of "several grievances over the company's failure to live up to certain rules and regulations."

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

Back Stairs: Ike's Remarks for Sale

By MERRIMAN SMITH
United Press White House Writer

Washington—(U.P.)—Backstairs at the White House:

When President Eisenhower made his inaugural address in 1953, he had no idea that within two years the text of his remarks would be selling for \$3.50.

A Worcester, Mass., publisher, Archille J. St. Onge, has brought out a limited edition of the Eisenhower inaugural address in the form of a miniature book measuring 1 3/4 by 2 1/2 inches.

St. Onge had the book bound in London. He felt that the President's inaugural speech and the prayer preceding it were the most powerful words Mr. Eisenhower probably would ever utter.

The Worcester publisher reports that among his best customers have been members of the White House staff. Press Secretary James C. Hagerty keeps one of the little volumes on his desk at all times.

The people of Thomasville, Ga., were right in their hunch that Mr. Eisenhower would visit

them shortly. When the President was in Augusta, Ga., last week end, there were reports from Thomasville that he might go there soon for a week end of quail hunting on the plantation of Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey.

At the time, members of the White House staff were unaware that such a trip was in the works. Barring a new international crisis, Mr. Eisenhower will spend this next week end at Humphrey's handsome plantation.

The trip to Thomasville will not stretch Mr. Eisenhower's flexible and self imposed travel limitation of no more than two hours flying time from Washington. The White House points out that the two hour limitation was not meant to be precise, but "about." The flying time in the chief executive's Air Force plane probably will not be much more than two hours.

The desk behind which the President stands at his filmed press conferences is now covered with a large, bright yellow blotter. It serves to reflect the movie and television flood lights up into his face, relieving

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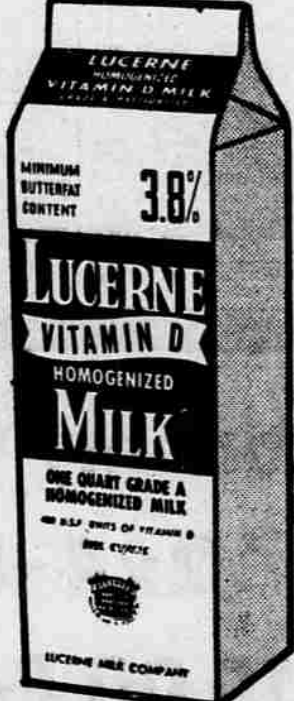
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