

Chiang Navy Told To Seize Finnish Tanker

Post Office Department Told To Worry About Delivery of Mail

Time for Savings To Show in Money, Committee Says

Treasury Position Would Be Abolished

Washington (U.P.)—The House Appropriations Committee bluntly told the Post Office Department today to worry less about getting completely reorganized and more about delivering the mail.

The Democratic controlled committee, in its first crack at the Eisenhower administration's budget, also told the department it is time "some of the substantial savings" promised from reorganization show up in dollars and cents.

So, the committee lopped \$69,117,000 off the department's request for \$2,754,817,000 for operating funds during the fiscal year starting next July 1.

Abolish Treasury Job

In the same bill, the first regular money measure of the session, the committee also took a swing at the Treasury Department. It voted to abolish the job of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Laurence B. Robbins.

He has charge of rubber and tin programs and other assets transferred from the defunct Reconstruction Finance Corp.

The committee said Robbins' post, created by the last Republican Congress, isn't necessary any longer because of progress made in disposing of the assets.

Eliminating salaries for Robbins and his clerical staff will save \$50,000, the committee said.

Altogether, the committee cut \$6,580,000 from the Treasury's request for \$604,398,000.

The \$3,282,553,000 bill also included the full \$1,035,000 requested by the Tax Court of the United States.

Altogether, the cuts amounted to \$77,697,000, or 2.3 per cent, from the administration's budget requests.

The committee's criticism of the Post Office Department was set forth in a report prepared by a subcommittee headed by Rep. J. Vaughan G. (D-Va.).

"There is some evidence that the department's top management... has become so enamored with reorganization that it has 'overlooked' its 'primary duty,' that of insuring 'the mails are handled expeditiously,'" the report said.

Promised Savings

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield in testimony before the subcommittee last month claimed the reorganization drive already had paid off in better mail service at lower cost. He said he expected to return to the treasury \$53,000,000 of the funds the last Congress allotted for the current fiscal year. He asked for the same allotment for the next fiscal year so he could hire additional personnel.

The committee replied that Summerfield should have saved \$75,000,000 during the current fiscal year because the volume of mail was four per cent lower than anticipated. It said it was cutting his budget by \$69,117,000 because of savings promised through reorganization and because he again may have "overstated" the mail volume during the next fiscal year.

In dealing with the Treasury, the committee allotted \$278,500,000 to the Internal Revenue service, a budget cut of \$7,500,000, and \$185,225,000 to the Coast Guard, a budget cut of \$250,000.

The committee gave the Customs bureau its full \$41,200,000 budget request.

Easter Basket Display Due Downtown Saturday

Easter baskets made by students throughout Jackson county will be displayed Saturday at 23 downtown Medford stores as a part of Spring Opening, it was announced today.

Prizes, ranging from \$10 to \$25, will be awarded to students entering winning baskets. Judging will be conducted tomorrow by a special committee, and will be based on originality, colorfulness, and other characteristics.

Weather

FORECAST: Brief periods of partial clearing and a little cooler tonight. Mostly cloudy with occasional rain Saturday day. Low tonight near 34. High Saturday 48.

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Thunderstorms, Tornado Add to Ohio Suffering

Five Dead Counted In Midwest Storms

By UNITED PRESS

A tornado, other winds of hurricane force and thunderstorms buffeted the Ohio Valley area, and parts of Pennsylvania today, and rains fell along the flooding Ohio river as its crest neared Louisville.

Five dead were counted in the storms. Lightning touched off a fire at Union City, Ind., and the city police chief said damage might reach \$1,000,000.

Far to the West, the drought parched soil was kicking into the air under the lashing of March winds across Southwest farm areas, bringing further damage to some regions already suffering wind erosion.

Building Collapses

A building collapsed under the winds at Brookville, Pa., killing Orin Ramsey, 37, a workman. At Allegheny County Airport, in Pennsylvania, weather men reported winds up to 92 miles an hour in gusts.

A Madison, Ind., high school teacher, Mrs. Evelyn Feebach, 44, drowned in floodwaters. Benton Myers, 35, drowned after falling from a boat while residents around Greentown, Ky., were moving out because of the flood and two men died in floodwaters around Cincinnati.

At Connersville, Ind., about 40 miles from the Ohio river, a tornado tore the roof from the Rex Manufacturing Co. plant, a division of the Philco Corp. It overturned railroad box cars. Other winds felled trees in parts of Indiana.

Winds Cause Damage

Winds of 58 miles an hour hit Cincinnati, where the Ohio river flood crest passed only 24 hours earlier.

Dayton, Columbus, Zanesville, Akron and Youngstown felt heavy winds as they swept across Ohio.

The winds in Pennsylvania knocked down an ore bridge at the Homestead Works of U.S. Steel Corporation and felled the broadcasting towers of WENS-TV at Pittsburgh and of WLOA at North Braddock.

The muddy flood crest, which claimed two lives as it rolled past Cincinnati Thursday, now aimed its fury at the Kentucky and Indiana shores.

Walls Expected To Hold

A 641-foot crest was due to hit Louisville at about noon, but flood walls were expected to prevent major damage.

However, there were no flood walls at Carrollton, Ky., when the crest came at midnight Thursday night. Riverside shacks were flooded, many of the 3,000 residents were evacuated, and U.S. Route 42 between Carrollton and Louisville was blocked to traffic.

Morse Says Northwest Republicans Ailing

Washington (U.P.)—Senator Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said today that Democratic sponsorship of a Hells Canyon bill has caused "frantic alibiing" by Republican congressmen from the Pacific Northwest.

Morse said the Republicans for years have dodged, ducked and weaved to avoid taking a definite stand on Hells Canyon. Now that Democrats have introduced legislation to authorize the Hells Canyon dam as a federal project, he said, "the Republican spokesmen from the Pacific Northwest have redoubled their evasive efforts."

"Their latest diversionary tactics is advocacy of 'partnership' which would produce little power and then only high cost power," Morse said in a statement. "They couldn't put across their phony schemes in the last Congress and they won't be able to do so in this Congress."

Portland (U.P.)—Wholesale coffee prices in Portland are down to 94 cents a pound.

Location of Freeway Undecided, Highway Engineer Declares

The state highway department has made no decision as to the location of a proposed freeway in the Medford area, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, has remphasized.

It will be some time before such a decision is made, he pointed out, and will not be until all facts on two alternate routes are available.

His statement was in the form of a letter addressed to the Medford city council, and was motivated by a number of letters and petitions "protesting the location of the proposed US99 freeway along Hawthorne Park in Medford."

Confirms Earlier Story

His letter confirms in detail a story carried in the Mail Tribune of Thursday, Feb. 24, which quoted W. C. (Dutch) Williams, assistant highway engineer, to the effect that such a decision has not been made, and will in large part be up to residents of Medford, acting through the city council.

Baldock added: "We are making a survey now for an ultimate route of US99 that can be constructed to the freeway standards required by the Federal Government. In making such a survey, we must look over all possible routes, and in the city of Medford we are making a study of a route along Bear creek which would pass fairly near the business district and through the park. We will also make a similar study of a routing that would entirely by-pass Medford to the east."

To Check With Council

"No decision can be reached in this matter until full information from the surveys of the alternate routes is available. With all the facts at hand, the problem will be discussed with the city council of Medford, which is the duly constituted authority of the people of that city."

"I believe that this matter would be clarified if the press would run a story to the effect that we are now making preliminary studies and that no routings can be selected at this time."

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce has also known an interest in the problem, and the board of directors, meeting yesterday noon, voted to withhold any action on a freeway location until further facts are available.

Explosion Tentatively Scheduled on Saturday

Las Vegas (U.P.)—The Atomic Energy Commission today made tentative preparations for a test detonation tomorrow morning at 5:20 a.m. (PST). The commission said a further weather evaluation later tonight would indicate positively whether the atomic explosion would take place.

The shot, reported to be a small one, is the same on which was scheduled for yesterday but which was postponed because of unfavorable weather conditions.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York (U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 401.08 off 5.75; 20 railroads 146.79 off 3.03; 15 utilities 63.23 off 0.44, and 65 stocks 150.24 off 2.23. Sales today were about 3,040,000 shares, compared with 2,760,000 shares traded yesterday.

Salem (U.P.)—Gov. Paul L. Patterson has proclaimed the week of March 19-26 as national baseball week in Oregon, in recognition of the sport born in this country 115 years ago.

Hells Canyon Bill Sponsors Confident of Success

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent
Washington — Congressional sponsors from the Pacific Northwest of the federal Hells Canyon dam legislation are confident now they will have the votes needed to push the bill through the Senate by summertime.

For the past two months, since Congress convened, they have been lining up support for the high Hells Canyon dam project. This involved personal contacts by the four Democratic senators from Washington and Oregon to persuade colleagues to enlist in the drive to gain authorization of the high dam and stop Idaho Power Co. from possibly developing the Snake river in the Hells Canyon area.

In addition to the 30 senators who cosponsored the Hells Canyon bill this past week when it was introduced by Sen. Wayne Morse, a smaller group of senators had committed themselves to support the bill without fanfare. This week, Hells Canyon's chief strategist had counted 38 senators they could count on to vote for the bill. And they expect to pick up additional commitments by the time they have concluded their complete canvass of the Senate.

Exactly how many votes they may need to pass a Hells Canyon measure is problematical, for bills are passed by a majority vote of those present and voting. A majority of all senators is 49, but seldom are all senators present

House To Vote on Bonus Payment To Korea War Vets

Recommendation For Defeat Made

Salem (U.P.)—House members will get a chance to vote on the Korean veterans bonus bill. The proposal was reported to the floor today by the Joint Ways and Means Committee but with the recommendation that it be defeated.

The committee voted against a motion to table the bill, thus killing it in committee, and approved a substitute motion sending the bill out with an adverse report.

Would Pay Bonus

The resolution would submit to the voters the proposition that veterans of the Korean conflict be paid a bonus computed on the same basis as the World War II bonus. A maximum payment of \$800 would be authorized and it would cost the state an estimated \$11,000,000.

Sen. John P. Hunsell (R-Hood River) pointed out that if funds to pay off such a general obligation bond issue were not available, the cost could go onto a real property tax.

Must Provide Money

Sen. John C. F. Merrifield (R-Portland) said he would never vote again for such a bonus "unless the people provide the wherewithal to pay it."

The committee approved a bill extending for five years the length of time for repayment of veterans farm loans. Tabled was a bill that would have given the State Department of Finance authority over the affairs of the motor vehicle department of the secretary of state's office.

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Bonneville Sees No Serious Power Lack

Portland (U.P.)—Bonneville Power Administration officials said today that continuation of this winter's low precipitation trends would not affect firm power commitments.

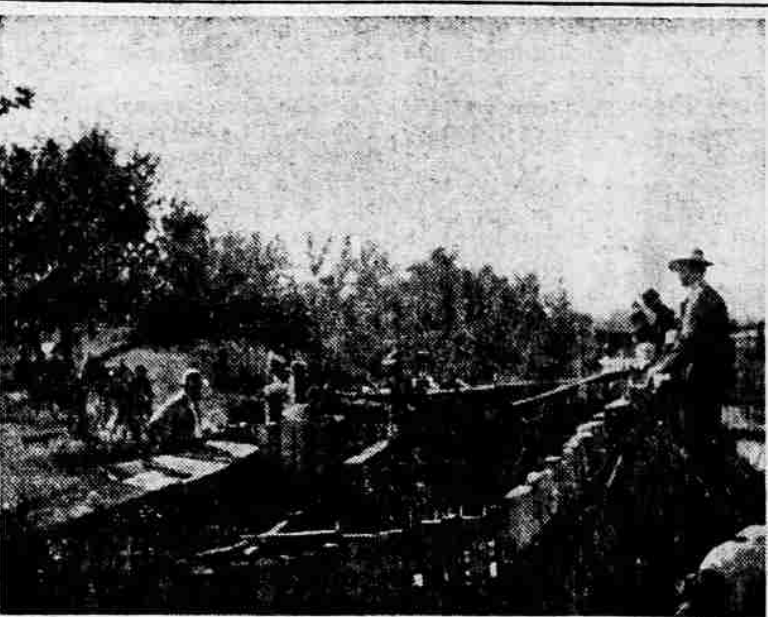
BPA officials here said current low stream flows and the estimated 80 per cent of normal Columbia Basin snow cover "do not add up to a prospective brown out or serious power shortage."

The BPA said an early runoff of the Columbia basin snow melt and a dry summer and fall could result in "curtailment" of interruptible industrial loads until the start of the fall rainy season. The curtailment could be met with higher cost generation if industries concerned so decided.

Airline Liquor Bill May Be Unconstitutional

Salem (U.P.)—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said today that, in his opinion, a bill recently passed by both House and Senate to allow airlines flying over Oregon to serve alcoholic beverages was unconstitutional.

The bill has been recalled from the governor's office where it was awaiting signature.



Vessel Carrying Jet Plane Fuel For Red China

United States Warned On Aiding in Capture

Taipei, Formosa (U.P.)—The Nationalist government has ordered its navy to intercept the Finnish tanker Aruba carrying 13,000 tons of jet plane fuel to Red China, authoritative sources said today.

The tanker, which passed through Port Said recently with jet fuel from the Romanian oil



TURTLES ONCE ABUNDANT—There were so many turtles in Jackson county's Table Rock region 50 or so years ago that their capture and shipment to Italy was a flourishing business. The above pictures from the collection of President Claire Hanley of the Southern Oregon Historical society shows a party of townspeople inspecting pens located near Bybee bridge on Rogue river where the turtles were held and fed until shipped out. The turtle population, decimated by the commercial hunting, has never regained the former number. (See Editorial Comment, Page 4)

Klamath School Official Accused of Attempt To Undermine State FEP Act

Portland (U.P.)—Klamath County School Superintendent Carrol Howe has been accused of leading a move to undermine the Oregon fair employment practices act.

The charge was made last night by David Robinson, chairman of the FEP advisory committee, at a meeting of the Portland Urban League.

Robinson said Howe was responsible for an attempt by the Oregon School Superintendents Association to get a bill through the Legislature which would require teacher applicants to submit photographs with their applications.

State Labor Commissioner Norman Nilsen told the group the measure to amend the law had been introduced by Rep. Harry Semon (D-Klamath Falls) but that strong opposition by the FEP advisory committee and the labor bureau had delayed action until a study could be made.

Robinson said Howe had told him he wanted the photos to determine if the applicant was a Negro. The superintendent was quoted as saying there was strong Indian prejudice against Negroes in Klamath county and he feared a Negro teacher might suffer bodily harm if he were hired.

Robinson said it was a sad commentary if Klamath law enforcement officials could not protect a citizen engaged in lawful pursuit of his occupation.

Plea Set Saturday On Murder Charge

Bernice H. (Tex) White, 37, of 228 Hartley rd., is scheduled to appear in circuit court at 10 a.m. Saturday to enter a plea to a first degree murder charge. The plea will be heard by Judge Orval Millard.

White has been indicted by the Jackson county grand jury on a first degree murder charge growing out of the death March 3 of Eugene Raymond Birk, 32, Phoenix.

Eyewitnesses said Birk was struck over the head by a two-by-four piece of lumber wielded by White. An autopsy revealed that Birk died of a skull fracture.

Robert Duncan, Medford attorney, has been appointed by the court to serve as counsel for White.

Eagle Point Man Hurt As Car Leaves Highway

William Snapper, 40, Eagle Point, was taken to Community hospital by Medford Ambulance service last night, after his car left the Butte Falls highway, according to state police.

The hospital this morning listed his condition as fair. The extent of his injuries was not reported.

Police officers said his car failed to make a right-hand turn and went over the highway bank, landing on its wheels. It had to be towed away.

Taipei, Formosa — (U.P.) — Communist artillery shelled Nationalist-held Quemoy Island today, breaking a week-long lull in the Formosa Strait.

A Defense Ministry communique, the first in seven days, said Red guns at Amoy and on two nearby islands fired three barrages, totaling 52 rounds, on Quemoy.

The shelling lasted 25 minutes.

The communique said no damage was done.

fields, was thought to be somewhere between Suez and Singapore.

The Nationalists believed its destination was the port of Foochow at the mouth of the Min river and near the Nationalist offshore island of Matsu.

Jet Planes Massed

The Communists have recently massed large concentrations of jet planes in this area of Southeastern China—including modern MIG-17s, an improved version of the MIG-15—apparently for attacks against Matsu or Formosa.

"We will capture this ship if we can," a high-ranking Nationalist official told United Press.

The Nationalist Navy previously captured two Polish and one Russian tanker which attempted to ram jet fuel through the Nationalist China blockade.

Communist China warned the United States only Wednesday it would have to bear the "full responsibility" if it "dares" to try to intercept the tanker.

Peiping Warns on Help

The Peiping regime ignored the Nationalist Navy as such and warned the United States against daring "to direct and help the traitor Chiang Kai-shek to intercept the Finnish tanker."

A U.S. Air Force officer said the Aruba's fuel would be enough for 5,000 Communist jet missions against Nationalist China's outpost islands.

Britain has refused permission for the Finnish tanker to take on fuel in Singapore, but Nationalist authorities said it could easily obtain supplies in Indonesia.

Suit Award Higher Than State's Offer

A circuit court jury last night voted to award \$20,173 in a highway property condemnation settlement. The state had appraised the property at \$7,500.

The price was set by the jury after a three-day trial between the highway commission and the Rogue Valley Creamery at Central Point.

The proceeding involved property taken by the state for the new four-lane highway through the creamery's property.

Appraisers for the state in the case included Elmer F. Kohlberg, Portland, James M. Rodman Jr., Eugene, and Cap C. Vandagriff, Medford. The defendant's appraiser was Ray Schumacher, Medford.

Attorneys for the state included Leonard Linds and Ralph Wycoff, Salem, and Frank J. Van Dyke, Medford. The creamery was represented by Paul W. Haviland and Hugh B. Collins.

Penicillin Discoverer Dies of Heart Attack

London (U.P.)—Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin, died today of a heart attack.

There had been no previous knowledge that Fleming was ill, and the cause of his death was not announced.

The white-haired scientist was 73.

He died in his London home, not far from St. Mary's Hospital where he discovered penicillin by accident. It was one of the most momentous accidents in the history of medicine.

In 1915 Fleming married Sara McElroy, who died in 1949. They had one son, Robert.

He married his second wife, Greek bacteriologist Amalia Coutsouris, in April, 1953. She worked with him at the Wright-Fleming Institute, which was the center of his life to the last.