

## Decision on Marginal Irrigation Projects Left Up To Patterson

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Washington (Special)—Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay has put it up to Gov. Paul Patterson to decide in effect whether Oregon shall ask Congress to authorize any further irrigation projects of the marginal type that can be made economically feasible with the aid of power revenue from the big multiple-purpose dams now being built on the Columbia river.

McKay is in favor of the idea. So is his commissioner of reclamation, Wilbur A. Drexheimer. But up to now Patterson has been opposed to further reclamation work of this kind, whether it be in the Willamette Valley, central or eastern Oregon.

### Attitude Indicated

Secretary McKay indicated his attitude in putting his stamp of approval on the proposed Crooked river project near Paineville, which would be made economically feasible with the assistance of power revenues from The Dalles dam after that project on the Columbia starts power generation in 1957.

The Crooked river proposal bears special significance for future irrigation development in Oregon because it would be the first of its kind—the first to benefit economically from power sales of a dam which is utterly unrelated physically from the proposed reclamation project. The project and the dam in this instance are over 100 miles apart.

The Bureau of Reclamation calculates that net power benefits from The Dalles dam over a 74 day period would provide sufficient revenue—\$2,171,000—to put local landowners in the project area over the hump in repaying the project's cost, which is estimated at \$6,339,000. The project involves using excess waters of Ochoco creek and Crooked river to supply 10,220 acres that are now inadequately irrigated and 9,990 acres of land not presently irrigated at all.

### Attitude Expressed

Patterson's attitude toward this type project was expressed last month at Portland when he testified before the Senate Interior Committee on the Hells Canyon project. The governor told the committee one of the reasons he opposed the high federal dam as proposed in the bill sponsored by Sen. Wayne Morse and 29 other senators was that it would offer power revenues to make possible development of the Mountain Home reclamation project in Idaho. When Sen. Richard L. Neuberger pointed out to Patterson that the Crooked river project was based on the same principle financially and asked him what his opinion of that central Oregon project was, the governor replied:

"I would be of the same opinion. I believe that the revenue from these power dams should far

be considered and handled as a separate item. I think logically they should go into the general fund of the United States and then if the Congress desires to subsidize, and that it what it is, these reclamation projects we should do it openly and intelligently and vote the money out of our Treasury in the usual manner. Secondly, I feel that if we are going to pledge the revenues from these power dams to anything we should pledge them to the development of more power dams in the Northwest."

McKay has sent Patterson his report on the proposed Crooked river project—and if the governor continues his expressed attitude and sends back an adverse report, the chances Congress will authorize the project would be seriously diminished. If Patterson changes his mind, in the normal course of events McKay can be expected to place the project before Congress, where Sen. Neuberger has already announced his support for it.

Reclamation Commissioner Drexheimer at a press conference last week said he envisioned additional reclamation projects by the bureau in Oregon if the principle of using a power subsidy from federal dams on the Columbia is adopted. The state has a number of planned but un-

authorized irrigation developments, including the Willamette Valley projects, John Day project, Cold Springs project, Warm Springs and Grande Ronde projects. The Upper Horse Heaven and Walla Walla projects on the Washington state side of the Columbia are in the same category.

### Principle in Missouri Basin

Drexheimer pointed out to reporters that the principle of reclamation projects being aided by dams built mainly for power, navigation and flood control by the Corps of Engineers has been used in the Missouri basin.

"The Columbia basin will be the same," declared Drexheimer. "We are working by this (Crooked river project) and other projects, for a part in the power revenue for irrigation projects in that area."

Congress adopted the same principle last year for an Idaho project, Michaud Flats, where new land is to be irrigated with the assistance of power revenues from Palisades dam over 100 miles away.

Whether the same application is to be made in Oregon in the near future appears to depend on the formal stand taken by Gov. Patterson in his report to McKay on the precedent-making Crooked river proposal.

## Heat Wave, Flooding Downpours Stretch Over Eastern Region

By UNITED PRESS

A muggy heat wave, sparked by savage electrical storms and street flooding rains, stretched across the nation's eastern half today.

Downpours and ripping winds hit from Wisconsin to southern Louisiana as an advancing cool front battled with a vast blanket of hot, moist air.

The storms hit hardest at eastern Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Communications were washed out, city streets were flooded, and tornado winds tore down buildings.

### Lightning Kills Boys

The heat crackled with more storms farther east, and at Tampa, Fla., 9-year-old Syd McDuffie was killed by a lightning bolt as he played in his back yard during a thunderstorm. His 7-year-old sister standing only a few feet away was unhurt.

The May heat wave sent the temperature to 81 late Monday at Caribou, on the northern tip of Maine where some of the nation's coldest readings are often registered. It was a blistering 104 at Laredo, Tex.

The humidity made the heat from these power dams should far worse. New York City swel-

tered in 91 per cent humidity, with little promise of relief, and the humidity was 75 per cent early today in Chicago.

In the heart of the storm belt, Greenwood, Miss., was swamped by 4.7 inches of rain and Shreveport, La., had 4.65.

### Streets Washed Out

Streets were washed out in Tyler, Tex., Vicksburg, Miss., and Shreveport, La., where rising waters forced some residents from their homes. Debris blocked four Greenwood streets and communications were cut for a time between Logansport, Miss., and eastern Texas.

At least one tornado corkscrewed out of the thunderheads ripping across a farm and wooded section near Arcadia, Ia. One person was injured, four tenant houses were destroyed, and timber was leveled.

In Kansas, two and a quarter inches of hail fell as a tornado funnel menaced Wichita, and Butler, Mo., got 2.62 inches of rain.

### Krishna Menon On Way Home To Make Report

Hong Kong — (U.P.) — V. K. Krishna Menon, India's trouble-shooting ambassador, left by air today for Bangkok, Thailand, en route to India.

Krishna Menon was en route home to report to Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru on his ten days of talks with the leaders of Communist China on ways to ease the Far East situation through direct U.S.-Communist talks.

### REASONABLE JUDGE

Epsom, England — (U.P.) — Judge Tudor Rees refused Monday to convict four men arrested for shooting craps just outside Epsom Downs race track. The gambling law is "most chaotic," he said, when it prohibits a small game of chance outside the track and allows racing fans to bet thousands of pounds inside.

## Attorneys Argue Against Reversal In Sheppard Case

Cleveland, O. — (U.P.) — Prosecution attorneys today argued against reversal of the second degree murder conviction of Dr. Samuel Sheppard on the second day of a hearing on the defense motion for a new trial.

The hearing began Monday with defense attorneys telling the three-judge court of appeals that if the young osteopath had killed his wife, Marilyn, last July 4, "it would have been a perfect crime" with "no trace of murder."

### Pictured as Happy

Chief defense attorney William J. Corrigan said Sheppard "could have planned his wife's death in many ways. I know of a way to kill a person and leave no trace of murder. Doctors know it, and I know it."

He pictured the Sheppards as a happily married couple and said the defendant was incapable of committing the bludgeon murder.

The court of appeals is considering the new trial motion based on the defense contention of judicial errors in the nine-week trial. Another new trial motion, based on defense claims of new evidence, was scheduled for a court of appeals hearing at a later date.

### Inquest Denounced

Corrigan denounced the "carnival" inquest and trial, the "gestapo tactics" of the investigating police and charged that Sheppard "was tried and found guilty in public before he was indicted."

Although both the defense and the prosecution had been allotted four hours each to present their arguments, the three defense attorneys argued into late afternoon. The court adjourned for the day after rejecting a prosecution request to enforce the time limit against the defense.

Defense attorneys were given 15 minutes today to conclude arguments before the prosecution presented its rebuttal.

## 'How To Invest' Show Presented

New York — (U.P.) — Wall Street launched a \$1,000,000 show today titled "How To Invest."

The "angels" for this first-of-its-kind spectacular are the world's biggest brokerage firms, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Beane, and six top corporations.

Free to the public, the show opened in the big 71st Infantry Regiment Armory on Park Avenue. It closes on May 30.

Main purpose of the 40,000 square feet of displays is to stir up wider interest in stock investment.

"Business will continue to grow only as it succeeds in creating new investment funds," says Wintrop H. Smith, managing partner of Merrill Lynch.

Puppet shows, a six-minute movie and a corps of account executives will be on hand to explain the world of stocks and bonds to the public. But they won't actually tell you what stocks to buy.

After its New York premiere, the show takes to the road in the form of a color motion picture.

### FIRST FLIGHT SET

Cologne, Germany — (U.P.) — West Germany's Newly-revived Deutsche Lufthansa Airline announced today it will make its first transatlantic flight June 1. A super Constellation will fly from Hamburg with a stopover at Shannon, Ireland.



**WON'T RETIRE** — Mrs. Mathilda Maas refuses to retire as nurse, even though she is 70 years old. Informed she could not collect pension and salary, she elected to give up salary and continue working at Chicago State Hospital.

## Two Accused of Misuse of Funds

Portland — (U.P.) — Two officers of the Mt. Hood Hardboard and Plywood Cooperative charged with misusing \$160,000 in co-op funds, have been ordered to appear before the Securities and Exchange Commission.

W. W. Lock, Salem, association secretary, was ordered to appear before the SEC June 7 in possession of records and minutes of the cooperative.

Charles E. Goddard, former salesman and now one of the firm's officers, would appear for questioning the following day. Both hearings would be supervised by U.S. District Judge Gus Solomon.

Judge Solomon issued the order after the two men appeared in open court. The co-op had sued for an injunction restraining the SEC inquiry, and Lock and Goddard had refused to accept commission subpoenas to testify.

## General Motors, CIO Open Negotiations On Guaranteed Wage

Detroit — (U.P.) — General Motors Corp. and the CIO United Auto Workers today began day-long negotiations for the first time since the talks on the guaranteed annual wage started last month.

The company's negotiators had been meeting with the union for only a few hours at a time previously, although Ford Motor Co. and the union negotiators have held several all-day sessions on the annual wage issue.

Ford's contract with the union expires June 1 while GM's pact has been extended until June 7. CIO and UAW President Walter Reuther attended the union's talks with Ford this morning and planned to shift to the GM talks this afternoon. Reuther has been attending talks with both companies regularly for several weeks.

Meanwhile, the union announced that General Motors workers throughout the nation have approved a strike should the talks fail to reach an agreement. John W. Livingston, UAW vice president and head of the GM negotiating team, said 103 of 107 bargaining units have reported returns completed. He said the workers voted 93.4 per cent in favor of striking unless they obtain their demands.

Complete returns from Ford workers were expected later this week. But union officials said they were sure the Ford workers would back up their negotiating committee with a favorable vote. Returns reported so far have been favorable by a wide percentage.

The union is seeking a pay increase, insurance improvements and other fringe benefits but the guaranteed annual wage is the central issue in the talks.

Union spokesmen have said they would strike to obtain some form of the GAW but emphasized the strike votes did not mean they would strike immediately after the expiration of the contracts.

The strike votes give the union the right to strike after the

## Lithuania Girl Finds Lost Freedom

Chicago — (U.P.) — America means a lot to 17-year-old Zita Urbonas.

As a little girl she saw her father executed by the Communists in Lithuania.

It changed her from a happy child to a bitter one.

She and her mother came to the United States in 1950, and life has been better.

Now a student at Jones Commercial High School, Zita said she will apply for American citizenship "the minute it is legally possible."

"Here I have the freedom I have always dreamed about," she wrote in an essay.

Her story won for her a plaque from the second district American Legion Auxiliary.

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