

# Talent Planning Funds OK'd by House Group

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## DIXON-YATES FUNDS TURNED DOWN

### Atomic Energy Commission Dealt Financial Blow

#### Ike's Private Power Proposals Hit Hard

Washington—(U.P.)—The House Appropriations Committee today denied President Eisenhower's request for \$6,500,000 for the Dixon-Yates project. It allotted the money instead to a new power plant for the Tennessee Valley Authority.

It dealt this sharp rebuff to the President's controversial private power proposal in recommending to the House a \$1,276,216,242 money bill to finance federal power, flood control, and rivers and harbors projects, plus the Atomic Energy Commission, in the 12 months starting July 1. The Atomic Energy Commission was hard hit by cuts in the bill.

The total was \$512,948,758 less than the President requested, a cut of about 28 per cent. This was the sharpest reduction applied so far this year by the appropriations group against any presidential money request.

**Unspent Funds Available**  
One of the deepest cuts was made in operating funds for the Atomic Energy Commission. The committee allowed the AEC \$616,000,000 for making A-bombs and H-bombs and other activities, a cut of \$427,000,000 below Mr. Eisenhower's budget request.

The committee noted that with unspent funds still available, the AEC will have on hand for the year a total of \$1,358,847,000, compared to the \$1,525,251,000 contemplated in the President's budget. The lawmakers said they did not question the importance of the AEC's work but felt that "economies can be effected" to make up the cut.

Other cuts were applied to TVA, Bonneville Power Administration, the Reclamation Bureau, and the civil functions (rivers and harbors and flood control) of the Army Engineers.

Southwestern Power administration got a \$450,000 cut in its operating and maintenance funds but picked up \$6,000,000 extra in a continuing fund for financing its contracts with co-operatives. Southeastern Power Administration got by without any cut.

**Floor Fight Looms**  
The bill, loaded with controversy, comes up in the House next week, probably Wednesday. Republicans promised a fight on two main provisions: Elimination of the Dixon-Yates funds and the extra allotment for the Southwestern Power Administration.

The committee action on Dixon-Yates was hailed by TVA supporters as a grievous and possible fatal blow to the Dixon-Yates plan. Under the plan a private power plant would be built at West Memphis, Ark., to replenish TVA power supplies drained by atomic plants at Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Paducah, Ky. In other sections of the bill, the committee allowed \$21,100,000 for the Bonneville Power Administration, a cut of \$903,000 from the President's request. The Reclamation Bureau got \$145,090,442, a cut of \$34,523,558. (See story on Page 9)

## GM, Union Talks Enter Final Hours

Detroit—(U.P.)—General Motors and the CIO United Auto Workers started a final drive today toward a new agreement by Sunday's midnight strike deadline with 60,000 workers already idle because of wildcat strikes. Wage talks went into the

### White Murder Case Reset for July 11; Plan Examination

A circuit court trial for murder, in which Bernice Hampton (Tex) White, 37, of 228 Hartley rd., Medford, is defendant, has been postponed until July 11, it was reported today. Originally the trial was scheduled to begin June 14, but the continuance was requested by Defense Attorney Robert Duncan, and stipulated by District Attorney Walter Nunley. The delay was granted by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna to permit examinations of White relative to his sanity.

**Unusual Order**  
Judge Hanna's order, which Nunley believes is the only time such an order has been entered in an Oregon court, provides that all written and recorded statements taken from the defendant since his arrest early in March be turned over to Dr. James C. Luce, Medford neurologist, to assist him in diagnosis of the mental condition of White at the time of the alleged commission of the crime.

Dr. Luce is instructed not to communicate any of these matters to anyone except the defendant. **Crime Accused**  
The first degree murder indictment accuses White of killing Eugene Raymond Birk, 32, Phoenix, with a two-by-four piece of lumber during an altercation at a Phoenix Mill March 4.

White was indicted by the grand jury, and later reindicted when the first indictment was found to contain errors. He has pleaded innocent.

### City Council Approves Hearing on Paving Plan

The city council, at a special meeting yesterday afternoon, adopted ordinances calling for a public hearing June 21 and accepting plans and specifications for paving East Jackson st. between the bridge over Bear creek and Genesee st. A petition for paving East Jackson st. was tabled at Tuesday night's council meeting, and a petition for paving the street between the bridge and Genesee st. was prepared. The meeting was called to consider the new petition so work could proceed as soon as possible.

final 72 hours masked under a self-imposed "news blackout." But negotiators appeared confident a new agreement would be worked out and a major strike prevented.

**20 Plants Shut Down**  
"Impatience" strikes earlier this week forced General Motors to shut down 20 plants employing nearly 60,000 workers today because of parts shortages. The last of the wildcat strikes came to an end today when 5000 voted to return to work. They removed their picket lines and workers returned to their regular shifts.

Meanwhile, contract talks appeared headed into the same kind of stretch drive that produced the union's first guaranteed wage pact with Ford Motor Company earlier this week. CIO President Walter Reuther recalled that the Ford talks went to the limit before an agreement was reached guaranteeing Ford workers between 60 and 65 per cent of their normal take-home pay during 26 weeks of layoff. **Prepared To Go Limit**  
"We're prepared to go to the limit with General Motors too," Reuther said. "Where there's a life there's hope and there's a lot of life here."

Reuther voiced his optimistic outlook after a long bargaining session that broke up shortly before midnight. The UAW scheduled morning meetings to take up "local issues" today before meeting with the company in a formal session this afternoon.

### Roundup Here Set For July 29, 30

The 13th annual Rogue River Roundup, sponsored by the Jackson County Sheriff's posse, will be held Friday and Saturday, July 29 and 30, at Saturday west of Medford.

Leonard Ward, former world champion bronc rider, is chairman of the committee in charge of the show, which will run a third day, July 31, if arrangements can be made. Stock will be furnished by Don Miller, stock contractor from French Glen, Ore. Five main events are listed in the show, which is open to all persons wishing to enter.

Medford's saddle maker, Evert Gibson, will again furnish a hand carved saddle to the best all around cowboy. The queen will be chosen from four princesses of last year. A new princess will be selected when the queen is chosen.

### Radio Highlights

The President of the United States and a former President will be heard in addresses over radio station KJYC (1230 kc) Saturday. President Eisenhower will speak at 1 p.m. and former President Harry Truman's talk from Portland will be carried at 10:15 p.m.

### Spectacular Storm Causes Nine Fires; Weather Is Cooler

#### Crews Dispatched To Combat Blazes

Cooler weather today followed on the heels of a spectacular lightning storm that touched off at least nine forest fires in this area last night.

The storm, which started shortly after dusk yesterday, rose to a pitch at about 9 p.m., when the eastern horizon was lighted almost continuously by lightning.

Eight storm-caused fires were spotted on state forest patrol protected land, and patrolmen said that more might be found by aerial searches being conducted over this region. Two-man crews were being dispatched to all of the blazes.

The largest reported fire, about an acre in size, was in the Thompson Creek area. Another was reported on Dead Indian creek, near Lake O' Woods road, and six others were in the Elk creek drainage, where Elk Lumber company crews took care of a seventh fire last night.

Rogue River National forest officials reported one fire at Sutton ridge in the Applegate district, and one man was sent out to handle it.

Meanwhile, this morning cloudy skies and breezy weather brought a welcome drop in Medford area temperatures. The weather bureau here predicted a high of 84 for today after four days of 95-degree plus temperatures.

The maximum temperature yesterday was 98, equalling a June 9 record set in 1918. Only a breeze kept the temperature from climbing to a new record of 102 which had been forecast by the weather bureau.

Despite cloudiness, which caused a brilliant sunset last evening, only a small amount of rain fell in scattered areas. This, coupled with expected thunderstorm activity again tonight, increased forest fire danger over the weekend.

Portland—(U.P.)—A return to seasonable, springlike weather was forecast for Oregon by the weather bureau today and the weatherman promised that temperatures for the state's biggest show, the Portland Rose Festival grand floral parade, would be a balmy 76.

The low pressure trough blamed for a two-day record heat wave has moved inland, leaving space for cool, marine air but still sunny skies for most of the state.

At least one death was blamed on the hot weather. At Reedsport on the Oregon Coast, temperatures in the high 90's apparently brought about the death of Andrew Knudson, 43-year-old logger. He collapsed Wednesday while at a logging operation.

### Motion for New Trial In Poirier Case Denied

District Court Judge Rawles Moore has denied a motion for a new trial in the case of Lee Poirier, Jacksonville, who last week was found guilty of practicing dentistry without a state license. Judge Moore set Monday at 2 p.m. for sentencing. O. H. Bengston, Poirier's attorney, filed the new trial motion recently and Judge Moore took the motion under advisement, ruling on it yesterday. District Attorney Walter Nunley represented the state.

### Spark Beats Firemen To Prevention Task

Central Point — Central Point rural firemen planned to burn off grass in the White City area this week end because they realized a spark from a mill burner might start a blaze when no one was around to control blaze. However, the spark beat them to it yesterday afternoon. A rural department struck just happened to be in the area on an inspection trip at the time. It was at the scene and in use on the fire before an alarm was turned in. Five or six acres of grass were burned.

### Eisenhower Signs Postal Pay Boost Of Eight Per Cent

#### Measure Said To Be Great Step Forward

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower today signed into law a bill giving the Post Office Department's 500,000 field workers an average eight per cent increase in pay.

The boost, which will add \$160,000 to the department's annual payroll, is retroactive to March 1.

Under the terms of the new law, each postal worker will receive at least a six per cent pay boost. A reclassification feature in the measure will give the average worker an extra two per cent.

**Two-Year Struggle Ends**  
Mr. Eisenhower's action ended a two-year struggle between Congress and the White House on the question of postal pay raises.

In signing the measure, Mr. Eisenhower stated that the bill provides "a fair pay increase" to every employee and "represents the greatest step forward for our postal employees in more than a century."

"The new law will bring about the elimination of inequities in the postal field service which for years have violated the principle of pay for equal work and discourage employees from seeking advancement," the President said in a statement.

**Two Measures Vetoed**  
During the course of the congressional-presidential controversy over postal pay Mr. Eisenhower twice successfully vetoed pay boost measures, a five per cent increase bill last year and an average 8.8 per cent last month.

The Senate and House promptly rushed through a compromise eight per cent measure after the 8.8 per cent bill was killed. Both houses sent the revised measure to the White House earlier this week.

### Hearing on Budget Complete Today

The Jackson county budget committee planned an executive session early this afternoon to give final approval to the county budget for 1955-56.

A public hearing on the budget was held this morning with only about a dozen people, most of them county officials, in the audience.

During the hearing, four changes were requested by department heads. Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, county clerk, requested that the committee reconsider three items which had been disallowed. Superintendent of Schools Al Mekvold asked that salaries be increased for two employees in his office.

A petition from the Jackson County Bar association was presented, recommending that the county supplement the salary of the district attorney, increasing it to \$7,500 a year, and that he have a first deputy, to be paid \$5,000 a year, and a second deputy, to be paid \$4,000 a year. At the present time, the district attorney receives \$5,000 a year, and his first deputy receives \$4,200 a year paid by the county. The petition of a second deputy for which the salary is only \$3,000 a year, is unfiled. Sheriff Howard Gault asked for additional equipment.

### Truckers Voting on Pact Ratification

Los Angeles — (U.P.)—AFL Teamster members and trucking operators were scheduled to vote today on an agreement to end the more than three-week-old trucking strike which crippled long-distance hauling in 11 Western states.

Federal Conciliator John Fenton indicated the strike was at last at an end late last night when he announced that representatives of the union and the trucking industry finally had reached an agreement.

Fenton said both sides had reached "a basis of settlement with mutual satisfaction," subject to ratification by both the union membership and trucking operators. Ratification meetings were scheduled for today throughout the Western states.

Headquarters Company and Company A of the Medford National Guard, 171 strong, leave for Ft. Lewis, Wash., by special train at midnight tonight for a two week training camp. A vehicle convoy advance detachment left Wednesday morning under the command of Capt. George T. Bennett, Ashland, assisted by Sgt. D. Chaney of Headquarters company. Col. Donald Burke, Grants Pass, is in charge of the troop move to

Justice," by Lt. S. J. Fagone. Headquarters Company will have specialists attending schools such as intelligence, communication, engineer, and chemical-biological-radioactive. Company A will have a crew serve weapons squads firing.

Saturday, June 18, the battalion will participate in a Governor's Day review for Governors Patterson of Oregon and Langlie of Washington. Another review will honor Maj. Gen. H. G. Mason, retiring, and General Cook, receiving command of the division.

**Battalion Training**  
The battalion as a whole will receive its training in the final week, concluding with inspection by regular army inspector teams. All units will leave Ft. Lewis Friday evening, June 24. The two Medford companies will arrive here Saturday, June 25, at 12:30 p.m. Friends and relatives of the citizen-soldiers are welcome to watch them leave for camp at the railroad station at midnight.



**FOOTLIGHTERS MOVING** — The building at the fairgrounds which for the past several years has housed the theater of the Footlighters little theater group here is undergoing a radical change, as is shown in the pictures above. The top picture shows it at its old location, with most of the underpinnings removed and in the process of moving some 2,000 feet almost due east, to a spot where a new foundation will be prepared for it. Major inside and outside renovations will change the theater, also. Other buildings are being moved in preparation for the erection of the new city-county-National Guard armory-auditorium building going in in the area. —(Brainerd photos.)

## Medford Armory Bids Over Estimate; New Plan Requested

Salem—(U.P.)—Architects will draw new plans for the proposed Medford armory because six bids submitted on plans already drawn exceeded the money available by 20 per cent or more. Lt. Col. Paul Kliever, director of armories for the adjutant general, said today.

The amount of money available, Col. Kliever said, was about \$364,000, including federal participation. But the lowest basic bid, submitted jointly by the Wiley and McLaughlin firms of Ashland, was \$401,500. This was in addition to architect's fees and other costs.

**New Plans Asked**  
Col. Kliever said R. J. Keeney and Jack Edson, Medford architects who drew the first plans, have been asked to draw up new specifications that would bring the project more nearly within the range of money available and amounts bid.

He said he had written Jackson County Judge Rodney Keating and Mayor Earl Miller of Medford advising them that the new plans are being drawn.

Other basic bids were submitted by H. Barnhart of Medford, \$431,044; D. W. Knight of Albany, \$469,400; H. G. Carl of Salem, \$402,901; J. G. Watts of Portland, \$465,917, and Smith Phillips Company of Portland, \$424,700.

**Clearing Well Along**  
Work to prepare the fairgrounds for construction of the proposed Medford armory is well along, it was reported today by Earle Jossy, secretary of the county fair board.

The Footlighters building is in the process of being moved, and yesterday work was to begin on the Eckerson building, being

moved by R. F. Vinson, Medford, to the 4-H area where it will be used as a cattle barn.

Still to be moved are the two identical wings of a building being used by the Courtesy Chevrolet company, which will be moved to another fairgrounds site and used as a warehouse and garage for weed and mosquito control equipment.

The Rogue Valley ballroom is now on a month-to-month rental basis, and no definite plans have been made until the armory area proper is cleared. The ballroom building extends about 15 feet on to the proposed parking area, and it is planned to move it later.

### Deadline Nearing In School Elections

The deadline for filing petitions for candidates for election to district school boards is June 12, the county schools office said today. The last day for filing acceptances is June 14.

Elections will be held in each of the county's school districts on Monday, June 30. This year, each of the second and third class districts will be electing three directors to bring their boards up to five members. The change is required by a law passed by this year's session of the state legislature.

The deadline for filing petitions and acceptances for the county non-high and rural school boards has passed with only one candidate for each of the three positions up for election. In each case, the only candidate is the incumbent.

## Guard Companies Leave at Midnight Tonight for Camp

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## \$150,000 Allocated For Local Project; Rehabilitation OK'd

### Ellsworth, Patterson, Neuberger All Pleased

A half-million dollars for planning and construction work on two phases of the Talent reclamation project today received the approval of the house appropriations committee in Washington.

The amounts are contained in a \$113,041,000 appropriations bill for construction of reclamation projects throughout the nation. The bill was cut by \$132,220,000 from the amount requested by the administration.

**Most Significant**  
The smaller of the two amounts approved for the Talent project is believed here to be the most significant. It is \$150,000 for planning construction of the Talent project proper, which, when completed, will provide added irrigation water for several thousand acres of land between Medford and Ashland, as well as some 16,000 kilowatts of power.

The significance of the amount lies in the fact that it was not originally budgeted, due to an error "somewhere along the line" in the bureau of reclamation.

**Ellsworth Optimistic**  
Congressman Harris Ellsworth, who telephoned the news of the money approval this morning to the Mail Tribune, said that he is "very optimistic" about the future chances of the Talent project, and believes that the amount will remain in the bill as approved by the committee.

"Naturally, we'd like to have had more," he said, "but \$150,000 will give us a good start on the job. And it means that we've got the project on an approved status." He added that the sum may be increased in the senate, and that the action makes it possible to request a substantial sum for construction at the next session of congress.

**Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.)** today expressed his gratification that the Talent project had received the approval of the house appropriations committee.

In a statement telephoned to the Mail Tribune by a member of his office staff, Senator Neuberger said:

"It is reassuring that the house committee has recognized the merits of the Talent project and provided \$150,000 for completion of planning needed to start the project. "Early in January I called attention to the fact the administration budget had ignored Talent's obvious construction needs."

The other \$350,000 contained in the bill for the Talent project is for the rehabilitation phase of the job, involving a total of \$1,712,000 worth of work on the canal and reservoir systems of the Medford and Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts.

**Election Called**  
(An election by landowners in the two districts to approve negotiations on a repayment contract was called by directors of the two districts this week. It will be held July 15.)

Ellsworth told the Mail Tribune that after the bureau of the budget discovered that the Talent project had been incorrectly listed as having a low benefit-cost ratio, it had gone "all out" to assist in restoration of the \$150,000 to the bill.

In Salem this morning Gov. Paul Patterson, who local irrigationists declare deserves much of the credit for restoration of the amount to the bill, expressed his pleasure in the committee's action.

"This means the project will go ahead. I am sure that appropriations for construction will follow in due course," he said. The governor's statement added:

"Even though the amount specified in the appropriation bill presently does not provide sufficient money for construction purposes, I shall continue to exert every effort to increase the amount to a figure where construction could start in the fiscal year 1956. The present amount is indeed a good omen."

"I have followed this project very carefully, and have made two trips to Washington, during which I have urged the going ahead with the Talent project and its construction.

"We all know the federal budget limitations in this period of necessary high defense spending, so the fact that \$150,000 has been appropriated for bid specifications on the Talent project, clearly places it in an advantageous position. As the preliminary step is completed, I am confident that construction appropriations will follow."

## Legislative Members Said Encroaching Upon State Administrative Functions

Salem—(U.P.)—Members of the Oregon Legislature are increasingly encroaching upon administrative functions of the state, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry said today, and in his opinion they are doing so illegally.

He told the State Speed Control Board here that he felt, for instance, that the law granting the State Emergency Board to give final approval to building contracts is unconstitutional. He said:

"It is rapidly becoming a habit of members of interim committees to attempt to direct state executives in matters that are purely administrative." And, Newbry said, it has become the habit of the emergency board, made up of members of the Legislature, to "promulgate conditions in regards to contracts

that are not contained in the authorizing legislation and which are the sole responsibility of the elected officials of the state. "I concede that the Legislature while in session has the power to enact laws governing state departments, but I seriously question the right of members of the Legislature to attempt to dictate policies during the inter-session sessions." Operation of the state's business is seriously handicapped, he said, by "this growing tendency on the part of members of the legislature to interfere with administrative affairs. . . ."

He expressed hope that court action might be initiated in the near future to settle the question.

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