

Medford Irrigation District Meetings On Vote Scheduled

A series of three meetings, to acquaint water-users of the Medford Irrigation district of the issues in the July 15 election, will be held next week, it was announced today by Jack Hoff-buhr, manager of the district.

The election will be held to authorize the district to enter into a repayment contract with the federal government for rehabilitation work planned on the canal system of the district. Funds to start the work are in a bill now before congress, and bids on the first phases of the work have already been received.

The meetings will all be held at 8 p.m. and are:

For Precinct 1, including all the district north of Barnett rd., at Roxy Ann Grange, July 6;

For Precinct 2, all area in the district south of Barnett rd. and east of Kings highway, at Phoenix Grade school gymnasium; and

For Precinct 3, all area west of Kings highway, at Oak Grove school.

The board of directors of the district will attend all meetings to explain the details of the proposal and to answer any questions district voters may have on the proposal.

Plywood Workers Walk Off Job at Mill in Eureka

Eureka —(U.P.)— Workers at the M & M Plywood Co., plant here walked off the job at midnight when their contract expired and they demanded its simple renewal "with no higher wages or fringe benefits of any kind."

The plant employs 404 workers. The walkout started when 90 men of the night shift refused to go on working without a contract.

The strike came as a surprise since it has been the custom for years in Humboldt County for all sawmills to close down the week end of July 4th for a 10-day vacation period during which only skeleton crews are maintained.

Negotiations were being held today between the company and the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union, Local 2931.

Joseph Stockwell, union business agent, said the strike did not involve wages.

"We are only asking for the old contract to be renewed," he said. "No higher wages, no fringe benefits of any kind. The men simply will not work without a contract."

Portland Haircut Prices Increased

Portland —(U.P.)— The price of haircuts goes up "two-bits" in Portland today.

The new price will be \$1.50, because of a new agreement between barbershop owners and AFL barbers. CIO shops also will raise their prices to \$1.50.

Charles T. Crane, AFL barbers union secretary, said Portland was the last large city on the Pacific Coast to keep the price of haircuts at \$1.25 for such a long time.

Children's haircuts will cost \$1.50 on Saturdays only.



REFUSING to give details Angela Clarke, character actress, admits to House probes in Los Angeles she once was member of Communist party (International)

Final Witnesses Called in Hearing On Red Activities

Los Angeles —(U.P.)— The House Un-American Activities Subcommittee today called the last witnesses in its week-long probe of Communism in the Los Angeles area.

The subcommittee, after questioning "unfriendly" witnesses during the first three days of its investigation, yesterday heard extensive testimony from a police officer who served as an under-cover member of the Communist party for 11 years.

Reported to Police The witness, William Kimple, said that during his membership from 1928 to 1939 he had access to secret membership lists, and had made reports on them at that time to the Police Department. He named six persons as card carrying Communists.

Three of the six, Max Appleman, Max Natapoff, and Mrs. Tassia Freed, were called to the stand following Kimple's testimony and pleaded the First and Fifth Amendments in refusing to answer questions on their affiliation with the Communist party.

The three others, Ann Pollock, James Burford and Frank Davis, were called for today's session.

Kimple testified the Communist party did its best to gain control of youth organizations, and formed the Young Pioneers to combat the influence of the Boy and Girl scouts. In Hollywood, he said, the party was virtually organized for battle, being split up into street units for possible use in event of a revolutionary upheaval.

Clashes With Chairman Another witness was William B. Elconin, an organizer for the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America. He clashed with subcommittee chairman Rep. Doyle (D-Calif.) repeatedly and at one point told the committee the best thing it could do was "to pack up and go home."

Asked if he was a Communist, Elconin said he had taken a Taft-Hartley oath as a union official. He refused to tell the committee whether he was a Communist during World War II, declaring a Supreme Court ruling backed up his stand.

Ray Smith Chairman Of Tax Commission

Salem —(U.P.)— Ray Smith yesterday was elected to be chairman of the Oregon State Tax Commission for the next year. Smith has been a member for about six years.

Carl Chambers was elected secretary.

Hoover Ends Lengthy Commission Studies

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United Press Correspondent

Washington —(U.P.)— Former President Herbert Hoover today closed out another career-government reorganizer—and stood ready at 80, for new calls to duty from his country.

The elder statesman stepped down from his post as chairman of the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, generally known as "The Hoover Commission."

But Mr. Hoover had no intention of counting himself out for further service to the government.

Can't Retire "I can't retire," he told a farewell news conference Thursday.

"Any man who is physically able has no right to refuse service to his government in times of crisis as this country is now in."

Mr. Hoover pronounced the words solemnly. In the course of four decades, he had been called to serve many times. He never refused.

In 1914, he was chairman of the American Relief Committee — which helped Americans stranded in Europe get home.

In 1915, he took over the Belgian relief program and fed that starving people. In 1917, he became U.S. food administrator.

Four years later, he was made secretary of commerce and served under Presidents Harding and Coolidge, quitting in

1929 to become president himself. In 1946, President Truman called him back to service—as coordinator of the European food program—and again in 1947 to feed Allied-occupied Germany.

In 1948, again at President Truman's call, Mr. Hoover undertook the mammoth task of overhauling the executive branch of the government. The recommendations of the first Hoover commission on reorganization were estimated to save \$4,000,000,000 a year.

In 1953, another reorganization commission was created and President Eisenhower called on Mr. Hoover to head it.

At his news conference, Mr. Hoover said the recommendations of the second commission — if carried out — would wipe out this year's \$3,500,000,000 deficit and save enough to allow perhaps a \$2,000,000,000 cut in taxes.

Business Machine Men Select New President

Denver —(U.P.)— David C. Silvers, president of American Business Machines, Inc., of New York, took over today as president of the National Office Machine Dealers Association.

Silvers was elected to the office at the close of the association's 30th annual convention here Thursday. Delegates to the meeting chose Houston, Tex., as the site for their 1956 convention on July 8-11.

Graham Sees Religion As Force To End War

Rotterdam, Holland —(U.P.)— American evangelist Billy Graham today proposed religion as the "third force" that could prevent war and said he will pray for world peace on the eve of the Big Four summit talks in Geneva.

Graham is scheduled to conduct a crusade meeting in Geneva on the eve of the July 18 conference of the chiefs of state of the United States, France, Great Britain and Soviet Russia.

Human Cell Use for Vaccine Possible

Berkeley, Calif. —(U.P.)— Three University of California scientists have disclosed that polio viruses for the Salk vaccine can now be propagated in large numbers in healthy human body cells.

The scientists, Elsa M. Zitcer, Jorgen Fogh and Thelma H. Dunneback, reported the new process in "Science," official publication of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Kidney cells of monkeys now are used to propagate the viruses. By substituting human body cells a possible harmful "side effect" of the Salk vaccine would be cheaper and easier to make.

Instead of using monkey cells, the scientists reported that they have successfully grown polio viruses on the tissue cultures taken from the afterbirth of the human infant.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

Army Engineers Back Lower John Day Dam for Columbia

Portland —(U.P.)— Army engineers said today they have recommended modification of the authorized plan for John Day dam on the Columbia river to provide for a lower dam.

The report, prepared by the Portland district engineer, recommends a lower dam with a maximum pool level of about 265 feet elevation rather than an elevation of 292 feet. Col. L. H. Foote, North Pacific Division engineer, said he concurred in the plan.

Hearing Held on 1953 Col. Foote said the report was pursuant to a resolution adopted in 1953 by the Senate Public Works Committee regarding ad-

visability of modifying the plan for John Day dam near Arlington, Ore., as authorized by the 1950 flood control act. A public hearing was held in Arlington on Sept. 23, 1953.

The authorized plan provides for a dam including use of two million acre-feet of storage space between normal pool elevation 255 and elevation 292 feet, mean sea level, for flood control. The modified plan would provide for a normal operating pool level of about 262 feet, but not to exceed 265 feet. About 500,000 acre-feet of storage would be obtained below elevation 265 feet in the interest of power generation and

flood control.

Report Submitted The report has been submitted to the chief of Army engineers and to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors. If approved, the report will go to the Secretary of the Army and finally to Congress.

Col. Foote said interested parties may present their views on the report to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors in Washington, D.C., either orally or in writing, prior to July 29, 1955. Dates should be arranged in advance of that date for oral hearings before the board, he said.

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