

Ike Would Drop Dixon-Yates Project if Memphis Builds Own Power Plant

Involvements of Plan Under Study; FBI Use Revealed

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower said today he would be willing to cancel the controversial Dixon-Yates project if the city of Memphis, Tenn. can go ahead with construction of its own power plant.

Mr. Eisenhower told a news conference that Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr., and Budget Director Rowland Hughes are studying the feasibility and possible legal involvements of the Memphis plan before the administration makes a final decision.

Use of FBI? Meanwhile, it was disclosed that Brownell had sent FBI agents to Memphis to check on the city's power intentions. This prompted Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.), a leading Dixon-Yates foe, to accuse the administration of "shocking misuse" of the FBI.

At today's news conference Mr. Eisenhower was questioned repeatedly about the role of investment banker Adolph Wenzell of the First Boston Corp. who was a consultant to the Budget Bureau prior to final drafting of the Dixon-Yates contract. Wenzell's corporation subsequently arranged Dixon-Yates financing.

Mr. Eisenhower has consistently taken the stand that Wenzell had nothing to do with actual planning of the Dixon-Yates project.

Shrugs Off Politics He asserted again today that he thinks Wenzell's role was proper. He shrugged off a Capitol Hill suggestion that this decision to re-study the Dixon-Yates contract was a political victory for the Democrats and that he was backing down.

Senate Dixon-Yates opponents Tuesday abandoned one line of attack against the project. They dropped a fight to eliminate from a pending public works money bill a \$6,500,000 fund to finance a transmission line linking Dixon-Yates with the government's Tennessee Valley Authority.

They contented themselves instead with a committee-approved proviso that the money would be eliminated if Memphis does carry out its announced plans to build its own municipal plant.

Not Investigation A Justice Department spokesman revealed, meanwhile, that the FBI in Memphis has conducted a "fact-finding mission" to determine whether Memphis really intends to build the plant. He said the information was sought by Brownell and the FBI mission was in no sense "an investigation."

In Memphis, utility chief Tom Allen said he and his assistants gave the FBI all available information on the city's plans and assured them the city is "sincere" in its determination to build its own plant.

Sen. Lister Hill (D-Ala.), one of the contract's outspoken opponents, said that action by Memphis will kill the Dixon-Yates contract. Kefauver, in a Senate speech, said the administration is likely to drop the Dixon-Yates "hot potato."

TO STOP CURFEW SIREN Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.) — The curfew siren which has rung out at 10 p.m. nightly for years will be silenced. The city council decided last night to stop the siren but members said the ordinance which requires juveniles to be off the streets by 10 p.m. is not changed.

Poultry Workers Reach Two-Year Agreement

Portland — (U.P.) — Agreement on a new two-year contract was reached last night by the Egg Canners and Poultry Workers Union AFL and the Oregon Egg and Poultry Dealers Association, ending a strike which started June 23.

The walkout had closed five poultry processing plants and affected about 15 others in the state.

Federal Mediator Bob McClelland announced that the agreement had been reached after union members voted on a new offer.

Idaho Highway May Be Evacuation Route

Lewiston, Ida. — (U.P.) — The possibility of declaring the Lewis-Clark highway an evacuation route for the Pacific Coast is under consideration, Sen. Henry Dworshak (R-Ida.), said today.

Dworshak, in a letter to the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce, said he and Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) are sounding out possibilities of the proposal.

The Greater Clarkston Association broached the subject during the congressional hearing here on Hells Canyon dam. It was suggested the unfinished portion of the road between here and western Montana could be declared necessary for evacuation of civilians from coastal points in event of an emergency.

Reporter Gets Guided Tour Of Isolation Cells During Washington Prison Riot

By FRED ZAVATERO
Walla Walla — (U.P.) — Now I know the difference between "the hole" and "the hole with bedsheets."

California Woman Dies in Coast Crash

Gold Beach, Ore. — (U.P.) — Berthe Perigot, 65-year-old Blue Lake, Calif., woman was injured fatally last night when the car in which she was riding plunged off Highway 101 about two miles north of Pistol river, state police reported.

The woman died in a local hospital about 3:30 a.m. Pasquale Cicchetti, who was driving in the other direction, said he saw the headlights of a car approaching and then disappear around a curve last night. When he failed to meet the car he investigated and found it had left the highway.

State police said the dead woman was riding in a car driven by Emile Gibouret, 71, Los Angeles. Two other passengers were in the car, Pierre Perigot, a cousin of the dead woman, and Ferande Anne Gibouret. There was no report of injuries to other occupants of the car.

Patterson Reappoints Engineering Examiners

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul L. Patterson has reappointed Bertram G. Dick and S. C. Schwartz of Portland as members of the State Board of Engineering Examiners.

Ralph G. Demois of Mapleton was appointed to the State Board of Engineering Examiners to succeed Charles B. Carpenter of Portland, whose term expired July 1.

Gov. Patterson appointed Kenneth Davis of Portland to the Oregon Development Commission.

Woman Testifies To Selling Rifle To Casper Overross

Salem — (U.P.) — Mrs. Marion Zahler, now of Eugene but formerly of Silverton, testified in Marion County Circuit Court yesterday that she sold a 30-30 rifle to Casper A. Overross on March 5, 1949, of the same type as the one which killed Ervin Kaser Feb. 17.

The state has introduced in evidence a rifle taken from Pudding creek near Pratum which it says is the gun from which shots were fired into Kaser as he sat in his car in the driveway at his home near Silverton.

Mrs. Zahler was a bookkeeper and clerk at the Ames hardware store in Silverton at the time she said she sold a rifle to Overross.

Witnesses have testified that Overross blamed Kaser for breaking up his home. Mrs. Edith Kaser, sister-in-law of Ervin Kaser and twin sister of Ethel Overross admitted to her she had gone out with Kaser.

Testifying also in connection with the reported sale of the rifle were Deputy Sheriff Amos Shaw, State Policeman Lloyd T. Riegel and Norris Ames, owner of the store.

Shaw and Riegel told of finding the sales slips, invoice, letter and account sheets in the records of Carl Handy hardware store, the one owned in 1949 by Ames.

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I was one of three reporters who met on the second floor of wing I last night with about a dozen spokesmen for the 800 convicts now controlling half the Washington State Prison and the fate of seven hostages.

UAW Brands Probe As Political Move

Detroit — (U.P.) — United Auto Workers today branded a federal grand jury probe of its political expenditures as a "Republican attempt to put labor in a straitjacket."

UAW Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey made the statement as the grand jury began its second day of hearings on charges that the union violated the Federal Corrupt Practices Law by contributing money from union dues to national political candidates.

Mazey appeared as a witness in the opening hearing yesterday and presented union records of expenditures.

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Reward Offered for Atomic Bomb Smugglers

Washington — (U.P.) — The House voted unanimously yesterday to pay a reward of up to \$500,000 to anyone who uncovers an effort to smuggle atomic bombs or nuclear material into the United States.

The measure, which now goes to the Senate for action, is aimed at protecting the nation against sneak atomic attack. Officials have warned that a single saboteur armed with a "suitcase" A-bomb could cause untold damage.

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SEAMEN PAY TRIBUTE

Portland — (U.P.) — About 1000 seamen of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union gathered to pay tribute to men killed in the 1934 strike. Harry Bridges, international president, had been scheduled to speak, but was unable to attend.

Detroit Salesman Held as Suspect in Slaying of Two Girls

Charlotte, Mich. — (U.P.) — A 62-year-old Detroit salesman, suspected of the sex slayings of two young Michigan girls in recent months, was scheduled for a lie detector test today.

The suspect, Wade Caulder, was arrested yesterday for questioning about the slayings of Barbara Gaca, 7, of Detroit, and crippled Jeanie Singleton, 8, of Kalamazoo.

Caulder volunteered for the lie test after police questioned him throughout the afternoon and evening about the slayings. Transfer Scheduled

He was held at the Eaton county jail here throughout the night and was scheduled to be transferred to the state police post at either Detroit or East Lansing for the lie test.

Caulder admitted having been in Detroit March 24, the date the Gaca girl disappeared while on her way to school, and in Kalamazoo May 23, when the Singleton girl disappeared while returning from school.

Although he could not produce any alibi for the time he spent in the two areas, Caulder denied any knowledge of the crimes and asked to take the lie test, state police said.

Police posted a stakeout for Caulder at the local post office after a Detroit woman in whose home he had roomed tipped police that he may have had something to do with the crimes. She said Caulder had warned her never to leave her two young daughters alone with him because he "might harm them."

Similarity Noted The similarity of the two crimes has led police to believe they may have been committed by the same person.

The bodies of both girls were found in secluded "lovers lane" areas about a week after they were first reported missing. Both had been strangled and raped almost simultaneously by a "sadistic sex fiend."

Both had been the object of a widespread search before their mutilated bodies were found. Autopsies showed both had been raped, slain and dumped on the day they disappeared.

Eastern Half Of Nation Bakes

By UNITED PRESS
The eastern half of the nation sweltered in a 100-degree heat wave for the seventh straight day today.

A mass of hot, muggy air kept the heat wave simmering from the Dakotas to Maine. Temperatures jumped over the 100-degree mark in the New York area and Pennsylvania yesterday and threatened to do the same today.

To make matters worse, there was no relief in sight, at least for the next two days.

At least two heat prostration deaths were reported in Michigan and New York City. In Manhattan, blonde actress Sherry North was put under a doctor's care after coming down with heat prostration.

The heat was so bad in Chicago that 128 workers went on a sitdown strike at the Ford Assembly plant because some employees had been disciplined for refusing overtime. The strike shut down the whole plant, idling almost 2,000 workers.

Funerals Slated for Pendleton Polio Victims

Pendleton — (U.P.) — Funeral services were scheduled today for Ronald Lewis, 25, Pendleton, a polio victim for the past three years, who died Friday.

Lewis' death was the second from polio in Pendleton in the past two weeks. Mrs. Ray Eckles died June 21. Both were stricken in 1952 and spent the rest of their lives in iron lungs. Physicians attributed death to prolonged inactivity in the lungs.

Dependents To Join Soldiers in Japan

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Long-awaited "Operation Gyroscope" became a reality at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation today for 366 Army dependents as they embarked on the USS Gen. A. E. Anderson for Japan.

On Friday 365 women and children will board the USS Gen. J. C. Breckinridge to complete the Pacific Coast's first movement of its kind in the post-war period.

They are the families of members of the 508th Regimental Combat Team (airborne) of Fort Campbell, Ky., which is being moved en masse under the unit rotation plan to replace the 187th RCT (airborne) which is returning for permanent station at Fort Bragg, N.C.

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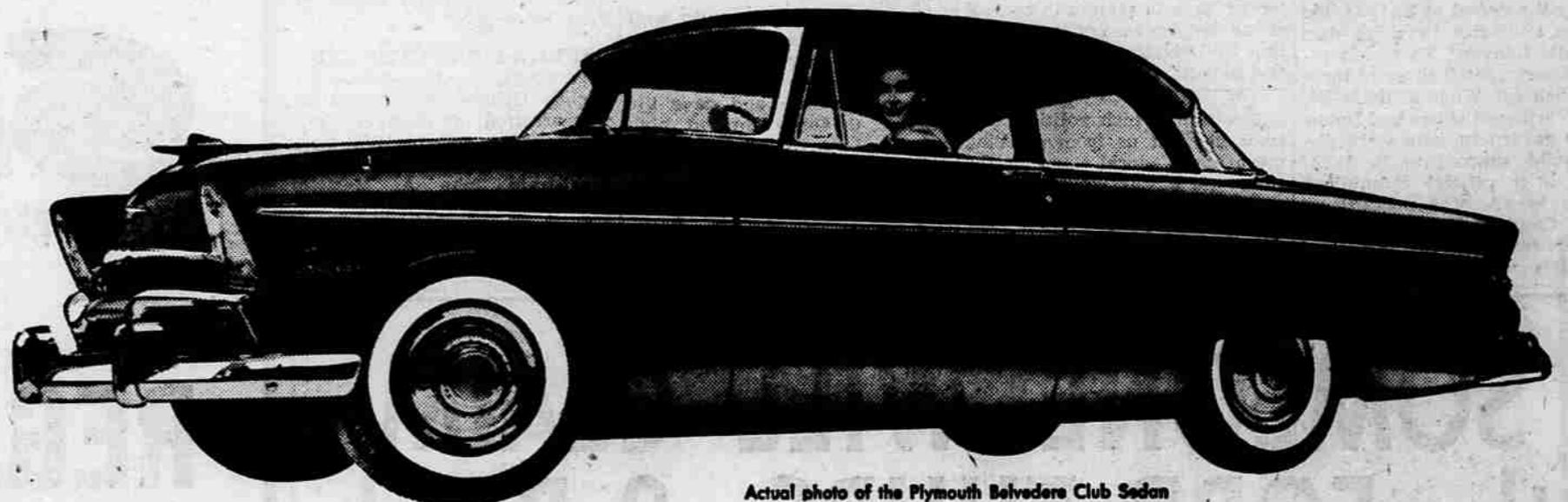
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