

Russell Proposes Voluntary Reserve Plan

Next-To-Last Copco Plant at Toketee Project in Operation

The seventh and next-to-last power plant in the Toketee project of the California Oregon Power company went in to operation yesterday afternoon.

The new plant is Lemolo No. 1. The only one yet to be put in operation is Lemolo No. 2, with completion on it expected by the middle or latter part of 1956. When complete, the high-Cascade complex of dams, canals, penstocks and power houses, most of them remotely controlled, will produce an estimated 185,000 kilowatts, or more.

Brand New Airplane Almost Total Loss After Crash Here

A brand-new, \$23,000 twin-engine Navion plane was an almost total loss after a crash landing near the Medford airport last night.

The plane was being piloted by Don Oliver George, 29, of 897 Peachy rd., Ashland, who with his brother operates Rogue Flying Service at the airport. A state police report indicated the plane was crash-landed because of lack of fuel—either running out of gas or because of a fuel line block.

George only this week accepted delivery of the plane, which had been sold to a Klamath Falls man. It was believed to be at least partially insured, according to airport sources.

Cut Eyebrow
George suffered a cut over his eyebrow, it was reported, but was otherwise unhurt. A passenger, John Hammacker, 31, of 2328 Ruhl Way, Medford, was not injured in the crash.

State police said the crash was first reported to them at 7:43 p.m. The plane reportedly lost power while over Eld Lum-ber power while over Elk Lum-ber company and the pilot thought he could glide in to the airport. However, power lines interrupted the glide, and the plane crashed into an oat field owned by W. H. Fisher, 2795 Bullock rd., near the intersection of Bullock rd. with the Crater Lake highway, officers said.

High Canyon Dam Bill Seen Defeated

Portland—(U.P.)—The Oregon Journal's Washington, D.C. bureau said today President Eisenhower had intervened personally in the Hells Canyon dam dispute and probably has defeated a bill for a high federal dam at the Snake river site.

The newspaper said the President telephoned Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.) this week and urged him to vote against the bill when it comes up in committee. Kuchel was said to hold the deciding vote.

The report said the California lawmaker had told colleagues he promised the President to oppose the bill. It said he had been under pressure from both public and private power proponents in his own state.

The Senate committee has eight Democrats and seven Republicans but Sen. Russell Long (D-La.) already said he would oppose the measure, the newspaper said.

Eisenhower To Spend Week End at Gettysburg

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower planned to fly to Gettysburg, Pa., this afternoon for a week end at his farm.

The President expects to return to Washington late Sunday or early Monday. Mrs. Eisenhower has been at the farm since June 26.

The week end will be Mr. Eisenhower's last at Gettysburg before he flies to Europe for the Big Four conference at Geneva starting July 18. It has not been announced whether Mrs. Eisenhower will accompany him to Geneva.

County Schools Administrative Changes Announced; New Superintendents Named

Several administrative changes in Jackson county schools were announced today by Alf Meko-vold, superintendent.

Lewis Macklin, Portland, has been appointed superintendent of schools at Butte Falls. Macklin has been teaching in California. He succeeds Ward Sybouts, Butte Falls superintendent for the past two years, who has been named superintendent at Moro.

H. Kenneth Vannice has been named superintendent of schools at Prospect, succeeding John Harr, who has accepted a similar position at Rogue River. Vannice has been with the Halsey

Sea-Air Search Called Off; Hoax Appears Likely

New York—(U.P.)—The Coast Guard called off at 5:30 a.m. (PST) today a 31-hour sea and air search for a phantom fishing vessel whose purported report of disaster at sea appeared to have been a hoax.

Capt. Julius F. Jacot, chief of operations of the Third Coast Guard District, said Coast Guard and Navy planes and ships had searched an Atlantic area of approximately 3700 square miles without finding any trace of the mysterious "Blue Star."

Coast Guard investigators pressed what appeared to be an almost hopeless attempt to identify the prankster who in more than an hour of radio-voice "distress" calls early yesterday told a tale of sea terror which mobilized all coastal rescue forces. The radio message picked up

by a commercial tug said the "Blue Star" had hit a floating log, exploded and was ablaze and sinking with 21 persons aboard or overboard without life preservers. The caller signed off after saying a foreign submarine had surfaced nearby and "I don't think they'll let me talk any more."

Search for the perpetrator of the costly hoax was seriously hampered by the fact that no Coast Guard station had been able, through the long series of messages, to pick up the transmission.

The only evidence that the radio reports might be authentic was an oil slick and an orange life jacket found Thursday in the vast search area.

Oil slicks are generally formed on the water when fuel leaks

from a sinking ship. The life preserver found bore no evidence of burns and no markings to indicate from what vessel it might have been lost.

Six vessels named Blue Star are registered in the United States. Authorities said all of the six had been accounted for some 20 hours after the disaster was reported.

Bonus Suggested For Servicemen Signing for Duty

National Guard Would Be Included

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) proposed today that the administration's compulsory reserve training program be scrapped in favor of a voluntary, bonus-incentive plan.

Russell, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, suggested payment of a \$400 bonus to every serviceman who volunteers for three years duty in the combat reserve of the Army or Marine Corps.

Major Revision
Russell's proposal was aimed at one of the main features of the administration's reserve program. Under the administration plan, servicemen, particularly draftees, would be compelled to participate in the reserve following completion of active duty.

Russell offered his major revision of the administration program as the committee opened its second day of hearings on the reserve plan. He served notice he expects Defense Department witnesses to be prepared to discuss his proposal when they appear before the committee Monday.

The move by Russell, an influential military spokesman in the Senate, was clear notice that the administration plan, which cleared the House "with difficulty, is in for substantial overhauling in the Senate.

Another Battle Signal
Russell also raised another possible battle signal when he announced he would move to include the National Guard within the military reserve training system.

Inclusion of the National Guard was stricken out in the House to bypass the segregation issue. Russell said, however, he would propose that the reserve legislation include provisions for reservists to volunteer for or be assigned to National Guard units.

Russell said he offered his bonus enlistment plan because he believes it will produce a better reserve than the administration's compulsory plan.

Appeal Brief Filed In Murder Case

Attorney Edward Kelly has filed the appellant's first brief with the supreme court in the case of the state vs. James Norman Jensen, according to the district attorney's office.

Filing of the brief is one of the preliminary steps in an appeal of the conviction and death sentence for Jensen for the slaying of Mrs. Fern Hile, a Medford housewife.

Next step will be the filing of a brief by District Attorney Walter Nunley. After all briefs have been filed, the Oregon state supreme court will set a date for oral arguments.

Jensen was sentenced to die in the state gas chamber at Salem early this year, but notice of appeal filed by Kelly served as an automatic stay of execution.

Central Point Crews Extinguish Grass Fires

Central Point—Central Point Rural Fire department crews extinguished two grass fires yesterday afternoon.

Two trucks and crews were called to a fire on the Southern Pacific railroad right-of-way near the new Highway 99 overhead north of Central Point. Damage was limited to grass, fence posts and brush; department officials said.

About 3 p.m., three units responded to a five-acre grass fire at 5795 Crater Lake highway. Department officials said the cause is believed to be children playing with matches. Damage was limited to grass.

COMMITTEE PARES FOREIGN AID

Washington—(U.P.)—The House Appropriations Committee today cut \$627,900,000 from the \$3,266,641,750 asked by President Eisenhower to finance foreign aid in the fiscal year started July 1.

Rush To Commit Unspent Millions Nettles Group

The committee charged that a last-minute administration rush to commit \$951,000,000 in unspent military aid funds piled up from last year's appropriations has created a "chaotic fiscal situation" in the program.

Apparently nettled, the committee cut \$420,000,000 or 38 per cent, from the \$1,225,000,000 sought by the President for arms aid to U.S. allies in the new fiscal year.

Authorization Passed
The committee approved the aid bill just a day after Congress completed action on a measure authorizing \$3,285,000,000 for foreign aid. Mr. Eisenhower signed the authorization measure today. The House committee action indicates he will not actually get that much unless the House and Senate beef up the appropriations measure later.

In addition to arms aid and other cuts, the committee chopped in half the \$200,000,000 asked for a special presidential fund to be used for Asiatic development. It said the administration had testified it couldn't spend more than \$100,000,000 for this purpose this year.

The House is expected to pass the foreign aid money bill Monday.

Neuberger Blames Administration for Cut in Talent Fund

A House-Senate conference committee yesterday cut a proposed appropriation for the Talent project from \$500,000, which had been approved by the Senate, to the \$154,000 approved by the House.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, in a wire to the Mail Tribune, commented on the action today. His telegram follows:

To the Editor: It is extremely significant for the people of Jackson county to know the full story of the Talent appropriations. I plan to visit the county in September to tell that story, both in Medford and Ashland.

To begin with, the Eisenhower administration budgeted no construction funds whatsoever for Talent. In the House, \$154,000 was appropriated. Senators Morse and I made strong representations in the Senate, which resulted in the appropriation being increased substantially to \$500,000. The House-Senate conference committee then regrettably slashed the item back to \$154,000. Had the House done better by Talent, this would not have happened. Of course, the original stab in the back to Talent occurred when the administration included not one cent for Talent construction in its budget. This made it far more difficult to appropriate for Talent in committee. The fight for Talent will go on. Senator Morse and I will work hard with the appropriations committees and we promise no jamborees in public parks, with bands playing for political effect. Such stunts turn no dirt and lay no concrete.

Richard L. Neuberger, U.S.S. It was not known definitely here today whether the amount finally agreed upon for Talent is restricted to planning, or whether it can be used to start construction. If the latter is true, limited construction could be started soon, for much of the initial planning has been completed.

300,000 Doses of Salk Vaccine Released

Washington—(U.P.)—The government released 300,000 doses of Salk polio vaccine today for immediate use in the nation's nearly-stalled mass inoculation program.

The shots, made by Wyeth Laboratories, were the first cleared by the Public Health Service since June 6 when a little more than 1,000,000 shots made by the Eli Lilly Co. were approved.

Today's action means a total of 1,837,000 doses of vaccine have been released under rigid new safety standards put into effect May 26.

Central Point Man Admits Guilt in Rape

James Earl Sanders, 39, of route 2, box 671, Central Point, this morning pleaded guilty in circuit court to a charge of rape. The charge involves a 14-year-old Central Point girl.

Sanders was arrested yesterday by sheriff's deputies after a complaint was filed. A statement taken from the girl declared the attack took place in an automobile on June 2.

The case was continued by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna pending receipt of FBI records.

Prosser, Wash.—(U.P.)—Mildred P. Johnson, 45, Grandview, was killed last night in a smash-up of his pickup truck and two automobiles two miles north-west of here.

Ice Harbor Dam Funds Allowed by Committee

Washington—(U.P.)—A House-Senate conference committee agreed late yesterday to allow \$1,000,000 for a construction start on Ice Harbor dam on the Snake river in Washington state.

The amount was added earlier this week to a public works appropriations bill. House conferees agreed to endorse it although nothing had been allowed by the House.

They said the committee action "repudiated" the argument of "partnership advocates" that "we must surrender generating facilities to private utilities because congress would appropriate no more funds for federal dams."

Release of Turncoat Americans Postponed

London—(U.P.)—Red China announced tonight that it has "postponed" the release of three turncoat American prisoners.

The announcement was made by Communist Peiping Radio and monitored here.

The Communist broadcast said the postponement was ordered because Hong Kong authorities had not replied to a Peiping request for arrangements to transport the men.

The Chinese Red Cross had announced earlier that the three would be handed over to American and British authorities at Hong Kong on July 9—tomorrow.

Trimmed Budget, Annexation Plan, Due Before Council

Public hearings on annexation of Laurelhurst addition and a trimmed 1955-56 general fund budget for Medford will be held at a noon meeting of the city council tomorrow.

Votes cast in three elections in and around Medford Tuesday will be canvassed at the adjourned meeting. Residents of Medford defeated a proposed 1955-56 budget which was \$66,510 over the 6 per cent limitation, and residents in more than 3,000 acres east, south and west of the city limits rejected an annexation proposal.

The council probably will postpone indefinitely a public hearing on annexing South Medford.

Addition Approved
Residents of Laurelhurst addition voted for annexation 24 to 19 Tuesday. Council action on all three items was postponed Tuesday because election returns were not complete prior to adjournment of the council.

A revised and sharply-trimmed city budget is being prepared by City Manager Robert Duff and department heads for presentation to the council tomorrow. The revised budget must total \$66,510 less than the proposal recommended by the citizens' budget committee. The budget must be filed with the Jackson county assessor no later than July 15.

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Other items allowed by the committee, previously approved by the Senate, included \$750,000 for dredging at the mouth of the Columbia river, \$500,000 for construction on Cougar dam in Oregon, \$300,000 for construction on Hills creek dam in Oregon, \$200,000 for the Coos Bay project in Oregon and \$200,000 for the Tillamook bay project.

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George Marsters, formerly of West Side school, has been named principal at Evans Valley, replacing Orvel Walker, who has joined the teaching staff of the Grants Pass schools.

Floyd Gibson, formerly of Griffin Creek school, will replace Elmer Ayres as principal of Ruch school. Ayres will teach at Oak Grove school during the coming year.



NORTH CHURCH STEEPLE IS BACK—Once again Boston's North End is back to normal. Children play on Paul Revere Park lawn under the statue of Paul Revere and the steeple of the Old North Church. A glistening new white four-ton spire was put on the church 30 days after the old spire toppled to the ground in Hurricane Carol last August.

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Weather

FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness tonight and Saturday. A few light scattered showers mostly in mountains. A little cooler tonight with low near 54. High Saturday 75.

Temp. _____

Highest Yesterday _____

Lowest this Morning _____