



PLEDGING government of justice, liberty, Ma. Gen. Eduardo Lonardi becomes provisional president of Argentina at Buenos Aires. (International)

In the Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS

Congressman Harlan Hagen, of Hanford, in the San Joaquin valley, representing California's 14th congressional district, suggests this week that the California state legislature rewrite the law on how much water can be retained by California's counties of origin. He says it is unrealistic to talk about solving water deficiency problems in California until a firm definition of the counties of origin is stated.

He suggests that the law be amended to allow the state to calculate the water needs of the county of origin for local projects.

This, he adds, would LIMIT THE COUNTY TO THAT AMOUNT, and release the surplus for use elsewhere.

LET'S TAKE a sharp look at his proposal.

The water needs for local purposes of these counties of origin (meaning the California counties where the water originates) would be calculated by the state as a whole. After the calculation was made, these counties where the water originates would be LIMITED to the amount of water allotted to them. Whatever surplus there might be, AT THE TIME THE ALLOTMENT WAS MADE, would be siphoned off for use elsewhere in the state.

THAT IS to say:

The water needs of these counties of origin would be FROZEN at the amount set by the state at the time the calculations and the allotments were made.

Since the economic future of these counties—along with the entire West—depends upon water, it follows that all future development would be frozen at the point set by the state when their water needs for local purposes were calculated.

THAT DOESN'T sound reasonable.

These counties of origin, for the most part, are located in far northern California. Far northern California (along with Southern Oregon) is as yet very little developed. Its future lies ahead of it.

Who knows NOW what the future development of these counties will take? Or what their future needs for water will be.

TIMBER is an important resource in all these counties.

The bulk of the timber is presently being sawed into lumber, which requires relatively little water. But it is quite generally believed that the time is near when trees will be a source of FIBER, rather than a mere source of boards.

The manufacturing of fiber products requires VAST QUANTITIES of water.

SUPPOSE the water needs of these counties in the way of timber development should be calculated on the basis of present needs for the sawing of trees into boards.

Suppose—and it certainly isn't an unreasonable supposition—that AFTER the calculations of water needs and the allotments of water for the future were made large pulp and paper developments (with their attractive accompaniment of large new payrolls) should be contemplated.

Where would the ADDITIONAL WATER come from?

That is an important question—not at some distant time in the future, but RIGHT NOW.

AT ANY rate, I hope these counties where the bulk of California's water originates do not suffer the evil fate of having their local water needs calculated and allotted on a basis that will leave them high and DRY in the future—when it is quite probable that their needs for water will be far greater than their present needs.

Here in Southern Oregon we have to remember that if that happens it will greatly increase the pressure for export of OUR water—and we aren't going to have any more water here than we are going to NEED.

Dogs bought by the Army must be from one to two years old, 22 to 28 inches high at the shoulder, and must weight at least 60 pounds.

Faith, Determination Credited With Saving Pair Downed at Sea

Honolulu — (U.P.) — The two survivors of the crash of a Flying Tiger cargo plane in mid-Pacific today credited "our faith in God and our determination to live for our families" with pulling them through 43 terror-filled hours of battling sharks and watching two buddies die.

The two men, Tony Machado of Hollywood and co-pilot Robert C. Hightower, Vallejo, Calif., are being returned here aboard the freighter Steel Advocate which rescued them from the sea 1000 miles west of Honolulu Sunday.

In a brief wireless report to the United Press here, Machado and Hightower described how one member of the DC4's five-

GUESTS OF YANKS

Fort Carson, Colo. — (U.P.) — Five of second Billy Martin's Army will attend the New York Yankees, it was announced today. Martin, who will be discharged after the series ends, was given an extended leave to compete in the world championship against the Brooklyn Dodgers.

man crew went down with the wrecked plane and two others died in the water while waiting and praying for rescue.

The three who died were Warren F. Gin, Los Angeles, R. C. Olsen, Van Nuys, Calif., and Dominick Ventresca, Sepulveda City, Calif. The plane was operated by the Flying Tiger Air Line of Burbank, Calif., and was en route to the Far East with a load of cargo when it crashed Friday night.

Machado and Hightower said the crash occurred after three of the plane's four engines quit

in rapid succession. They indicated that a faulty altimeter may have been responsible for the attempted ditching ending in disaster.

"Tony had just relieved Warren Gin when No. 3 engine quit," and we lost 500 feet. The third engine quit when we were down to the water.

"Tony ordered the crew to put on life jackets and get the raft ready. He was still trying to restart the engines and the altimeter was reading 400 feet when we hit.

"The impact tore loose the

freight, pinning Gin in the co-pilot's seat and Hightower under some freight. Tony shoved the navigator (Olsen) and Hightower out the dome and then tried unsuccessfully to reach Ventresca.

"As we climbed out on the fuselage, we heard Ventresca calling 'Which way do I go?'

"The ship sank very fast. There was no time to get supplies or the life raft.

"As the plane sank, Gin, who could not swim, was towed away by Tony who had no life preserver.

"To guard against sharks we agreed to stay together and bombard the water with our hands.

"Many planes were overheard the first morning, but they did not spot us and they stopped appearing at noon. We were very discouraged.

"Gin was delirious on the second morning and Olsen had his thumb bitten by a shark. After a while Gin died and Tony put on his preserver. Then Olsen died from loss of blood due to the shark bite. Hightower was holding Olsen's head on his chest

and he said 'It looks as if he's gone.'

"Hightower was bitten by sharks several times.

"Then we saw this ship zig-zagging toward us and we whistled until someone saw us.

"We're here because of our faith in God and our determination to live for our families. We all prayed aloud while we were waiting."

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