

Senate Committee Starts Hearings on Plan For Federal Disaster Insurance Program

Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate Banking Committee summoned administration witnesses to testify today on proposals for federal insurance against disasters like this year's New England floods.

The administration was expected to make public its own proposed insurance program.

Also under committee scrutiny are various congressional plans for disaster insurance. The latest, disclosed Sunday by Acting Chairman Herbert H. Lehman (D-N.Y.), would furnish coverage against risks of floods, drought, smog and atom bombs. It would be a \$12,000,000,000 program.

First witnesses summoned were Federal Housing Commis-

sioner Norman P. Mason and other housing officials.

Army Engineers Chief. Other witnesses included Maj. Gen. Samuel D. Sturges Jr., Chief of Army Engineers, and spokesmen for the Civil Defense Administration, the Department of Commerce, Agriculture, and Interior and the Small Business Administration.

The Commerce Department has reported that Hurricane Diane, which struck the Northeast Aug. 17-19, caused 179 deaths and \$457,674,044 in property damage. Most of the property damage must be considered a total loss because private companies will not insure individuals against hurricane and flood.

New York City Thursday to hear Gov. Averell Harriman and private insurance spokesmen. It will hear state officials Friday in Goshen, N. Y., and conduct hearings later in Boston, Providence and Hartford.

Lehman's sweeping proposal would center all disaster relief

in the Civil Defense Administration, which would be entitled the "Federal Disaster Administration."

Two Kinds of Coverage

Under Lehman's plan, the administrator would set up two kinds of insurance: against natural disasters such as flood, drought, smog or volcanic eruption; and against property damage, personal injury, sickness or death caused by war. This would cover atomic or biological attack as well as conventional war.

The \$2,000,000,000 natural disaster program, financed by a Treasury loan of half that sum, would limit property damage claims to \$300,000 per person. The program also could be sold as a package to a state or local government.

The war risk insurance would be based on a \$10,000,000,000 federal loan.

WRONG WAY HOME

Chicago—(U.P.)—Chicago's police will escort five-year-old Joseph Pirog to his home the next time they find him wandering around the Loop. Joseph talked police into letting him go home alone after they found him Sunday. He went to a movie instead.

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Youths End Marathon Reading of Bible

Hermiston—(U.P.)—A group of teenagers who started with the first book of Genesis at 8 p.m. last Wednesday, Saturday night finished their 75-hour marathon reading of the Holy Bible.

Nineteen members of the Baptist Youth Fellowship of the First Baptist church in Hermiston started reading and the group grew to 40 before the reading was completed at 8:10 p.m. Saturday.

The youngsters read in 15-minute shifts and took turns catnapping during the marathon. The group claimed it was the first time the modernized version of the Bible had been read aloud.

AUTOIST DROWNS

Goldendale, Wash.—(U.P.)—Olliver Evans, 40, Yakima, Wash., drowned in a foot and a half of water Saturday after his car plunged over an embankment into Swalk creek about 3½ miles south of here.

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No Major Changes in Atom-Exposed Japanese

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Dr. Wayne Truax, a member of the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission at Hiroshima, said today "there have been no really significant changes in blood composition of the Japanese exposed to radiation of atomic bombs dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima."

He said studies of 20,000 persons in Hiroshima and Nagasaki have disclosed only a small incidence of leukemia among persons exposed to radiation in the Nagasaki and Hiroshima atom bomb blasts.

Pope Pius Considers

Sacred College Vacancies

Vatican City—(U.P.)—Authoritative Vatican sources said today Pope Pius XII might call a consistory early next year to fill eight vacancies in the Sacred College of Cardinals.

The sources said most Vatican quarters expect the consistory to take place in January or February if one is held. They said it was too early to speculate on the names of the new cardinals the Pope might appoint.

Wendleton's Office Reported

Wendleton—(U.P.)—Fredrick Christensen, 31, Wendleton, died while hunting last Friday, apparently of a heart attack, the coroner's office reported. Christensen was hunting with several companions near Troy.

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The Meeting Season

Back of all these mighty fall forestry meetings looms Edward T. Allen, of evergreen memory, who founded the Western Forestry and Conservation association 46 years ago and was a partner in founding all the others. William B. Greeley, then in the U.S. Forest Service, was a prime mover, too.

In 1909 timber was still largely looked on and worked as a mine. But today the Allen-Greeley idea is accepted in all regions of America where much of the productive land is more suited to trees than to any other soil crop.

For timber growing is a good investment in everybody's view now. It was in 1919 that Colonel Greeley, fresh home from his forestry regiment command in France, really started the talk about "timber mining to timber growing." The seedling ideas of Allen and Greeley are the thriving "tree farms" program that blankets America in this year of 1939.

But even they hardly dared to dream in the early days that the main theme of a Washington State Forestry conference might be "Alder: An Important Asset." But so it's slated for the Friday, Nov. 4 all-day meeting at Seattle, in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium. While the over-all theme of Western Forestry conference at Portland, Dec. 7-9, is "Forestry Progress in the West."

Looking Backward

Northwest history and folklore present the pioneer's view of the forest and its uses as one vastly different from that of our time. In the 1880s a song called "The Old Settler" was written by some anonymous bard and is yet heard over the radio in programs that are made up mainly of hillbilly bawdy ballads. In this true oldtimer a pioneer tells of his travels, which led him at last to "a country they called Puget Sound." The verses continue:

"Arriving broke in mid-winter
I found it enveloped in fog,
And covered all over with timber
Thick as hair on the back of
a dog.
I took up a claim in the forest

And set myself down to hard toil.
For two years I chopped and I labored—
But I never got down to the soil."

The last two lines tell a story that was a common and grim one for many thousands who tried and failed to make farm land of nature's own forest land in the Douglas fir region. Until a comparatively few years ago our natural dense growth of Douglas fir and companion trees was seen by the majority as more of an obstacle to progress on the land than as a resource to be perpetuated through management for crop-harvest-seeding-protection rotation. First, hemlock found use in mill and market. Now it's alder's turn.

Wide Use

Theodore Roosevelt gave tree farming his ruling principle when he was president, in the statement, "The fundamental idea of forestry is perpetuation of forest by wise use." He made it mighty clear that the timber mining philosophy was most unwise, its effects destructive. The policies that he laid down for his Agriculture Secretary Jim Wilson and Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot to follow in national forest management may be pinpointed in other terms as short and potent as "wise use."

"Stop fire." "Grow trees." "New products." "Reasonable taxes."

These and other terms like them represent the nation-wide guide lines of the privately owned, taxpaying tree farm enterprises of this day and age. Theodore Roosevelt would hail the tree farm movement as a march in the way of forest progress that he opened in 1901, there's no doubt about it.

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