

Neuberger Asks Funds For West Rainier Dike

Washington — (U.P.) — The office of Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), said today that he had asked the Bureau of the Budget to include funds from a West Rainier, Ore., dike in its 1957 budget.

Neuberger asked \$500,000 for the project which would provide the only protection for four miles of a drainage district along the Columbia river.

The only protection now is a railroad embankment and Neuberger said "a similar embankment, collapsing in 1948, resulted in washing away of Vanport city and caused the most disastrous flood damage in half a century in the Pacific Northwest."

Italy and Germany To Sign Manpower Pact

Rome — (U.P.) — Italy and Germany will sign an agreement in Rome next week under which Italian manpower will be used in German factories eventually.

No transfer of Italian workers is contemplated immediately. But the two governments consider it possible in the future if Germany's booming industry develops a manpower shortage and Italy's unemployment problems continue.



SUGAR RAY CELEBRATES—New middleweight champ Sugar Ray Robinson sips champagne with his wife, Edna, in Chicago to celebrate his victory over Carl (Bobo) Olson. Robinson knocked out Bobo in the second round of their championship fight.

Butter From Sandwiches Aids in Escape Effort

Portsmouth, England — (U.P.) — Police said today two convicts who escaped Tuesday apparently greased their wrists with butter from their lunch sandwiches and slipped out of their handcuffs.

The escapees were part of a group of 26 prisoners being

Aids in Escape Effort

transferred by bus from a mainland jail to the Isle of Wight. When the bus stopped at the harbor to meet the ferry, the two men got away.

Michigan's coastline is equal in length to the Atlantic coastline from Maine to Florida.

Tending Airplane Beacons Found To Be Tough Job

Albany, N. Y. — (U.P.) — The beam from an air beacon stabbing the darkness from a distant mountain peak has become a familiar light in this flying age. But few people know about the men who keep these sentinels flickering without fail.

In eastern New York State, a man named William Conlon, who works for the Civil Aeronautics Administration has the job of tending 15 of the beacons.

Fifteen doesn't seem such a lot until you learn where some of them are located.

For example, the one atop Black Mountain towering above Lake George. On a mid-winter dawn, Conlon, a heavy-set man in his 50's, pulls on snowshoes and starts up the peak with a 25-pound pack of tools, beacon parts — and a few candy bars.

Part way up he hits frozen snow and his snowshoes have to be fitted with screws on the bottoms to keep him from slipping back on the icy glare.

At the top of the 2,600-foot mountain, he finds an ice-encrusted fire tower. To reach the beacon, he has to chop his way up iron stairs into the vacant observer's lookout and through a trapdoor to the roof.

With the mercury at 20 below and a northwest wind whipping by, Conlon takes off his gloves, cleans and repairs the light, and then climbs back down.

He used to have to make the trip at least once a month. Now, it's every two months.

Once a year, in summer, he also hauls six 300-pound tanks of acetylene to the peak. He uses a tractor as far as possible up the trail, then has a horse pull the tanks one at a time the remaining mile and one-half—straight up. The job usually takes a week.

At one time, Conlon also tended the beacon atop the highest part of the George Washington Bridge in New York City. Once he climbed 648 feet above the Hudson river to fix it but when he climbed down he got a complaint. He had forgotten to turn on the light.

Along with the beacons, Conlon cares for boundary lights and teletype machines at Albany Airport. He makes no bones about his preference.

"Teletypes are messy," Conlon says, "I'd rather climb a mountain and fix a beacon any day."



BLAST RIPS UNION OFFICIAL'S AUTO—Shown above is the explosion shattered auto of Charles Clark, president of Local 746, IUE-CIO, Columbus, O. The car was bombed as Clark addressed a mass meeting of some 3000 Westinghouse strikers at a drive-in-theater a mile from the blast scene.

Fish Sticks Said Major Development

Gloucester, Mass. — (U.P.) — Fish sticks are being hailed as the most important development in the fishing industry in two centuries.

Though the fish stick did not go on the market until late in 1952, it already has established itself as a major segment of the fishing industry.

Monthly production rates soared throughout 1954, reaching 4,900,000 pounds by year's end. By last March, the monthly rate had exceeded 7,000,000 pounds.

Of about 50 U. S. plants processing fish sticks, 20 are in New England, with Gloucester the principal manufacturing center in the northeast.

Fish sticks are made primarily from cod. However, ocean perch (rosefish) and haddock also are used. The raw material is a big block or slab of frozen fillets. Sizes and weights vary greatly.

These blocks are run through high-speed saws to obtain small finger or sticks about 3 1/2 inches by 1 inch by 3/4 inch. Still frozen, the sticks are placed on an automatic conveyor that passes them successively through a prepared batter and a liberal sprinkling of cracker crumbs.

Some sticks are removed at this point and packaged to be sold as "raw breaded" fish sticks. These must be cooked by the consumer. The remainder continue through a big tank where they are slowly fried in deep fat, then cooled quickly in special cooling chambers.

Packing is done by hand, usually 10 sticks to a 10-ounce package, the popular consumer size. Packages are closed and wrapped automatically and then go to the quick freezing room.

Don't use dry cleaning fluids on spots. Doing this always leaves a ring. Use a dry rubber sponge. Don't place your hat on a shelf unless brim overhangs the edge. This keeps brim from buckling. Turn leather sweat band out overnight during warm weather. This dries hat and prevents staining.

Push out creases, round out dents, turn up brim and stand rain soaked hat on leather until it dries naturally. Don't use artificial heat. Don't continually snap hat brim for it will cause shape loss. Hold hat by the brim, front and back, when placing it on the head. This will keep crown crease from popping out. Store hat in hat box between seasons and keep away from heated radiators. Panamas should always be kept in a cool place during the winter.

Finally, when checking your hat make certain it is not thrown in a heap with other hats. Which is easier said than done, if some popular New York gathering places are any example.

Tips on Care Of Hats Offered

New York — (U.P.) — Rabbits are scarce, so hat prices are on the rise. Here are some tips on preserving men's hats from an expert, Thomas Beff, hatter.

Don't let a hat accumulate dust. One drop of rain and you have a hard-to-remove mud spot. Brush daily with the nap, using a medium bristled clothes brush. (Never use a whisk broom).

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Easy Credit by Private Schools Eyed

New York — (U.P.) — More students are going to private schools today because they can get an education on easy credit, according to a banking executive.

Privately controlled elementary and secondary schools showed an enrollment increase of more than 725,000 students over last year, said Rudolf Neuberger, president of The Tuition Plan, which handles pay-as-you-go financing of school tuitions and other fees. Total national enrollment for the so-called exclusive schools, he added, was 4,690,000.

A significant portion of the increase in private school enrollment, Neuberger said, can be attributed to wider use of time financing in paying school tuitions and other fees. Total costs at a private preparatory school may run as high as \$2,000 a year, he added, although most run well below this figure and many schools offer scholarships which trim the expenses greatly.

Portland Detective Head Takes Federal Job

Portland — (U.P.) — Detective Capt. William Browne, head of Portland detectives, said today he would leave Dec. 30 to accept a job as a consultant to federal agencies.

Browne said the position may be only temporary but that if it lasted through March he would probably apply for retirement from his Portland job. He has accumulated time off until then.

BORSCHT REPORT

Hartford, Conn. — (U.P.) — U. S. Sen. William A. Purtell (R-Conn.) back from a trip behind the Iron Curtain, said he didn't think much of Russian cooking. "Even the borscht isn't as good there as it is in America," he said.

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College Training Crop Dusters

College Station, Tex. — (U.P.) — Texas A.&M. College has started the first college-sponsored training course for crop dusters.

Last year an estimated 628,000,000 pounds of dust and 91,000,000 gallons of sprays were used by agricultural pilots.

College officials said the days are gone when an aerial applicator was a harum-scarum guy who was here today and gone tomorrow. There was no assurance in the old days that the crop was treated properly.

Aerial applicators of today are responsible businessmen who plan to be in business next year and the year after. They appreciate regular patronage as much as the seed dealer.

The Texas A.&M. College system is sponsoring the school with cooperation from the Civil Aeronautics Administration, the Texas Aerial Applicators association and other interested groups.

"The shortage of good pilots is always critical," said Gale F. Hanson, agricultural operations specialist with the CAA, who is a key figure in the school.

Pilots taking the courses receive instructions in all phases of their future business from top-ranking specialists in the different fields.

Dr. J. C. Gaines, head of the department of entomology, who has worked with aerial control of insect pests for more than 20 years, and his staff provide instruction in this field.

Weick and his assistant, George A. Roth will provide instruction in aircraft care and service, calibration of equipment and distribution patterns, seeding and fertilizing and laws and regulations on the subject.

The course runs five weeks, with presentation of certificates to those who qualify.

LOT OF MILEAGE
 Marion, Ill. — (U.P.) — Will Westbrook, of nearby Creal Springs, certainly can't complain about the wear he got from a pair of tan walking shoes. Westbrook bought the shoes for \$7 in 1915 from a shoe store here. He wore them only on Sundays and special occasions until 1948, but now he wears them every day.

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