

WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM GOES TO CONGRESS

20-MONTH STUDY BY CABINET COMMITTEE LISTS FUTURE NEED

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower submitted to Congress today a long-range program to overcome the nation's growing water shortages and insure a supply of 350,000,000,000 gallons a day by 1975.

In a special message to the House and Senate, Mr. Eisenhower forwarded a report on water resources policy prepared by a Cabinet committee after a 20-month study. It sharply criticized "lack of cooperation and coordination" among federal agencies dealing with flood control, irrigation and other water problems.

It also called for local governments and private industry to bear most of the costs of furnishing an adequate water supply.

Shortage Looms

The report warned that the nation is experiencing the first symptoms of a water shortage, which will grow steadily more acute unless far-sighted action is taken.

It said the country is now using 200,000,000,000 gallons of water daily and will need an estimated 350,000,000,000 gallons daily by 1975.

"The policies we adopt for the development of our water resources," Mr. Eisenhower said, "will have a profound effect in the years to come upon our domestic, agricultural and industrial economy."

The report said Americans now use an average of 145 gallons of water each day from public water supplies. This "tremendous need" is expected to rise, by 1975, to 175 gallons a day, reflecting the increased use of water in homes for such purposes as air conditioning.

On top of this household use, there is a "staggering" demand for water in industry and agriculture. For example, the report noted, it requires 65,000 gallons of water to produce one ton of steel. Counting such uses, daily consumption amounts to 1,200 gallons per person.

Streams Polluted

Already, it said, "shortages of water for domestic and agricultural use are frequent. Industry is finding it increasingly difficult to locate adequate water supplies. Many streams are seriously polluted."

While too little water is the problem in many areas, the report noted, others are occasionally devastated by too much, in the form of floods.

"Lack of adequate planning threatens to impose a water scarcity which can become a limiting factor on the growth of some of our cities, while at the same time flood damage in many areas continues to be great."

The report endorsed a number of controversial Hoover Commission proposals, including the appointment of a top-level "water coordinator" who would represent the President in overseeing the work of all federal agencies concerned with water.

To Submit Legislation

The committee which prepared the report was appointed by the President in May, 1954. Members included Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay, Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson and Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson.

Mr. Eisenhower said he will submit legislation later to carry out recommendations in the report.

The report said it would be a "practical impossibility" for the federal government to assume the entire responsibility for developing water resources.

"As a general policy," it said, "the federal government should not build any... project or part thereof, that can, under fair and reasonable terms, be built by non-federal interests, except those projects of primary national concern, where non-federal interests are unable adequately to provide the need."

The committee said "the greatest single weakness" in the federal government's water resource activities is "lack of cooperation and coordination of the federal agencies with each other and with the states and local interests."

To correct this situation the report recommended appointing a "water coordinator" and setting up three other new bodies to insure teamwork.

They are:

1. A board of review, independent of federal agencies, to analyze the engineering and economic feasibility of projects and to report to the President through the coordinator.
2. Regional water resources committees with a permanent non-voting chairman appointed by the President. Membership

would be composed of representatives of all federal departments and states involved.

3. A permanent federal inter-agency advisory committee on water resources under chairmanship of the coordinator. It would be composed of principal policy making officials of agencies concerned in water resources development.

Other Recommendations

The report also recommended:

1. An increase from \$40,000,000 to \$80,000,000 a year in spending for collection of the basic water data, such as rainfall measurement, stream flows, geology and hydrology.

2. Cooperative planning of water resources and related developments by all federal, state and local agencies concerned.

3. Accepting principles recognizing water rights as property rights. These principles were started in the West where a rule evolved giving whoever first applied water for beneficial purposes a prior right to use the water, even though he might not own the land adjacent to the stream.

4. That no system of relative priorities for use of water be applied uniformly throughout the country because of differing water problems in different regions.

5. A uniform evaluation of water projects by all agencies so that each purpose of the project "bears its own share of the costs and shares equitably."

6. Authorization by Congress of each major water resources project separately. Congress now lumps together numerous flood control project authorizations in a single omnibus bill.

7. Participation in the cost of water resources development projects by all interests "in accordance with the measure of their benefits."

Rynning Returns From Highway Convention

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rynning returned yesterday from Miami Beach, Fla., where Rynning, Jackson county engineer, attended the annual convention of the American Road Builders association.

He reported the association went on record as asking congress for the speedy enactment of a "well-balanced" highway bill. The group indicated, Rynning said, that it feels more emphasis should be given to portions of the highway program not in the interstate system, including state and rural routes.

Viet Nam Film Slated At Central Point

A motion picture, "Trail's End" will be shown Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Community Bible church, South Fourth and Alder sts., Central Point.

The picture was filmed among the tribes of Viet Nam in Indo China. Photographed in Filmorama, it traces the experiences of a missionary in a country infested with tigers and aboriginal blood-hunters.

The public is invited and there will be no admission charge. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hedderly Smith, authors and anthropologists, will be introduced during the evening and will tell of their experiences in Viet Nam.

IN THE FAMILY

Newaygo, Mich. — (U.P.) — Charles C. Larsen, 34, is carrying on a family tradition in his new job as Newaygo postmaster. His grandfather was postmaster here early in the century and his great-grandfather was postmaster in Aalborg, Denmark.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 3:30 previous day

American Legion Disaster-Rescue Plan Discussed

Chief of Police Charles Champlin said Monday that if the city wanted disaster and rescue protection it would have to support the type of program advocated by the American Legion or vote more tax money for emergency police work.

Details of the Legion's plan for a disaster and rescue organization were discussed at the roundtable luncheon at the Jackson hotel, by police, legion officers and chamber of commerce members.

Champlin said that in an emergency the police could put only a maximum of 10 men at the scene of a disaster and had no funds for emergency policing.

Test Emergency Call

American Legion Commander M. E. (Bud) Fisher told the group that a test emergency call would be held in February with organized rescue and disaster teams of Legionnaires.

Using the teams as a nucleus the program would be expanded to include all those interested, and would furnish manpower and equipment for any emergency, Fisher said.

He stated that the disaster-rescue group would work with civil defense, city county and state police departments, forest service, fire departments and any other agencies dealing with such emergencies.

Body of Portland Girl Found in Johnson Creek

Portland — (U.P.) — The body of two-year-old Julie Davidson was found in Johnson creek yesterday afternoon after she had been reported missing from her home.

The girl, daughter of Mrs. Wilma E. Davidson, Portland, had apparently fallen into the creek while playing.

Top Secret Defense Blueprints Found in Murder Victim's Case

Georgetown, Mass. — (U.P.) — Top secret East Coast defense blueprints were found today in the briefcase of a murdered engineer.

The body of Robert H. Himmler, 31, Cumberland, Md., an employee of the Bendix Engineering Co. of Maryland, had been found Saturday night in a cemetery here. Police said he had been shot twice at close range with a pistol.

Car Abandoned

His car was found abandoned in Boston early today with the briefcase and ransacked suitcases in it. After the slaying the car was used in a \$50 gasoline station holdup, police said.

The gasoline station owner said he was sure he could identify the holdup man if he saw him again, police said.

The FBI said the briefcase contained blueprints for various Nike and other radar defenses for the East Coast. It was not known whether any of the papers were missing.

Hitchhiker Suspected

Police said it was possible that Himmler was shot to death by a hitchhiker who did not know the value of the papers.

The victim's wife telephoned The Boston Globe to ask that

Mrs. Keeney Endorses Letter In Defense Of Ousted Administrator

Mrs. R. J. Keeney, a member of the Jackson county welfare commission, today said she is in "full agreement" with a letter signed by the commission defending Mrs. Blanche Lyman, who was discharged as local administrator earlier this month. Her agreement makes the local commission unanimous in its defense of Mrs. Lyman.

Mrs. Lyman was discharged following an investigation of the local welfare department arising out of the arrest and conviction of Harley Huebner on a bad check charge. He also was accused of misappropriating funds in connection with his welfare duties.

Letter of Dismissal

J. H. Luin, chairman of the state commission, in a letter of dismissal of Mrs. Lyman, said Mrs. Lyman "failed to fulfill the administrative responsibilities" of her office, "lacked loyalty to the department," and hindered the performance of the functions of the state commission.

Following her discharge, the county commission signed a letter in which they defended Mrs. Lyman. The letter, sent to the state commission, attested Mrs. Lyman's honesty and integrity.

Mrs. Keeney said she concurred with the local board, and is "in full agreement with their thinking." She added that she had been in welfare work and feels that Mrs. Lyman "is extremely competent," and outstanding in her service.

All other members of the local commission have signed or endorsed the letter. Mrs. Keeney has been out of town. County Superintendent of schools Alf B. Mekvold also expressed

strong disapproval of the action taken against Mrs. Lyman.

"It appears to me that what has happened to Mrs. Lyman is very unfortunate," Mekvold said.

He stated that while he has perhaps not had as much occasion to work directly with her as members of the welfare commission, dealings he has had with her have caused him to regard her as one of the most competent people handling public affairs.

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Sam Stewart To Talk At Study Meeting

Sam Stewart, state tax commissioner in charge of property taxation, will be the speaker this week at the tax study meeting of the legislative committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting will be at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, at the Jackson hotel. The meeting was changed from Friday to Saturday to accommodate Stewart, who had other commitments Friday.

The committee has been conducting meetings on various phases of taxation in the county and state, and will continue the sessions for several more weeks.

CONSCIENCE MONEY

Selem, Ore. — (U.P.) — A repentant woman who took more time than she felt she had coming for her daily coffee breaks while working for the state motor vehicle division here sent a check for \$95 to pay for the "borrowed time," during "a year's employment."

Dooley To Be Candidate For Demo Committeeman

Portland — (U.P.) — Attorney Pat Dooley, state representative in 1953 and 1955, has announced he will be a candidate for Democratic National Committeeman for Oregon.

The post is now held by Monroe Sweetland of Milwaukie, but Sweetland has filed for the Democratic nomination for secretary of state and will not be a candidate for reelection as committeeman.

Dooley said he will also seek reelection to the legislature.

Teen-Age Group Thanks Nixon for Conference

Washington — (U.P.) — Vice-President Richard Nixon has received a quarter-mile thank you note signed by some 40,000 teenagers.

The note from Junior Achievement, Inc., thanked Nixon for sponsoring the teen-age organization's conference in Washington Feb. 1. The organization aids teenagers to establish businesses.

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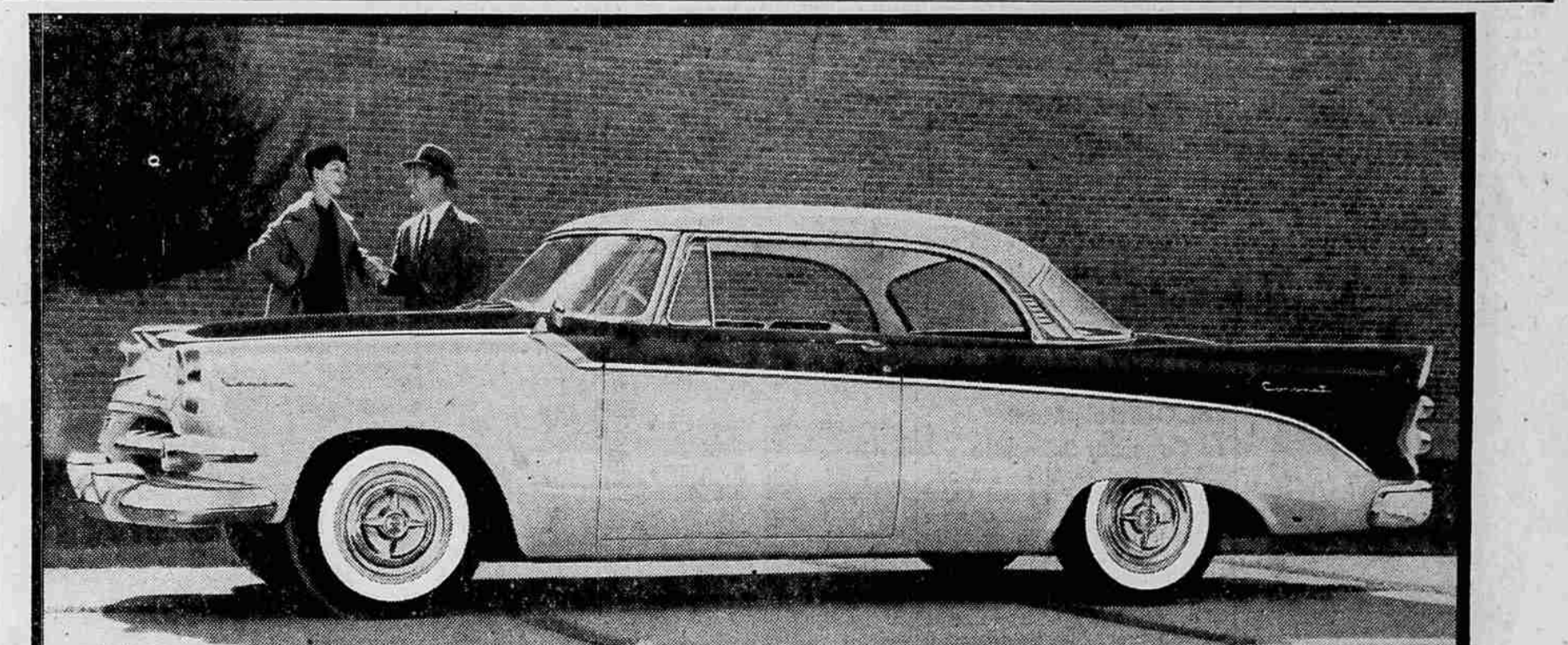
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