

Ellsworth Bill Would Give One Agency Survey Responsibility

The responsibility for making a comprehensive multiple-purpose survey of the Rogue river basin should be placed within the authority of one agency, Congressman Harris Ellsworth told the House of Representatives today.

Representative Ellsworth Wednesday introduced a bill to "authorize a preliminary examination and survey" of the basin.

The bill directs the secretary of the Army, through the Army engineers, to study the "river basin with a view to developing comprehensive multiple-purpose and integrated plans for flood control, reclamation and irrigation and other beneficial development and utilization of water resources including recreational uses."

The plan includes development and utilization of hydroelectric power, conservation of soil, forest, fish and wildlife resources, and protection of recreation values. The comprehensive plan would be coordinated by the department of interior, the department of agriculture, the federal power commission, other appropriate federal agencies and the state.

Ellsworth said "the responsibility for making such a study should be placed in one agency which would, of course, incorporate the original survey work done by all other federal agencies and by state and local agencies so far as such material was useable in making its final report to Congress."

Appropriate Agency "It seems logical," he said, "that the appropriate agency... is the corps of engineers," because of experience Army engineers have had in making river basin surveys.

Since disastrous floods have occurred "during the past few months involving a total loss and damage of more than \$3,000,000, extraordinary attention is therefore focused on the need for flood control in the valley," Ellsworth said.

He pointed out that "several surveys based on other congressional authorizations have been under taken" in the past 20 years. He said an Army engineer survey authorized by the 1936 flood control act is about 65 per cent complete, and the bureau of reclamation made a survey and submitted a comprehensive reclamation plan in 1950.

Ellsworth said the secretary of interior refused "to consider it further until other bureaus of the department of interior could complete their investigations and report on other aspects of the basin such as scenic, recreational and fish and wildlife values. It was quite apparent as that study was in progress

that irrigation and flood control development could not be the only factors to be considered."

After Douglas McKay became secretary, Ellsworth said, "one segment of the total plan which was completed in 1950 was forwarded to congress in 1954—this being known as the Talent project which was authorized by congress in August, 1954."

He pointed out that early in 1955, the park service completed its report, and at the present time, the fish and wildlife service is working on a report "which may be released soon regarding the fish and wildlife resources of the basin."

Ellsworth said the new survey authorization is necessary for several reasons:

"1. The existing flood control survey authorization con-

tained in the Flood Control act of 1936 is too limited in its scope to permit the Army engineers to make a comprehensive and all-inclusive report.

Overall Plan "2. Other agencies such as the bureau of reclamation, the fish and wildlife service and the national park service may make studies in their own respective fields, but again there is not existing congressional authority for the integration of such reports in an overall plan including flood control.

"3. It is essential if the desired result, namely a complete comprehensive plan is developed, that the responsibility for gathering together the reports and information available from all other agencies, federal, state, and local, be placed in the hands of one agency."

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

Tokyo, with Japan Air Lines—With Japanese, who love the outdoors, the customary greeting is: "Isn't this a fine day?" "Isn't it warm?" "This rain will make the rice plants grow." An intimate relationship exists between their lives and the weather.

Like their appropriate greetings, their dress, too, harmonizes with the seasons. In spring, their traditional kimonos may be decorated with spring flowers and birds; in summer, insects and fish; in the fall, autumn leaves; in winter, snow-covered landscapes.

What's the weather really like? Definitely, it is four-season; at times subject to rather violent changes.

The reason is at once appar-

ent when the map of Japan is superimposed—latitude for latitude—on North America. North to South, the four main islands extend from Montreal, Canada, to New Orleans, Louisiana, some 1,600 miles!

Generally speaking Japan has a moderate climate—but it can be varied and capricious, much like that of central and southern Europe; or, taking away the excessive heat and cold, like that of the Middle West of the U.S.

Centered in Japan is Tokyo, with its 8,000,000 inhabitants. It is on about the same parallel as Washington, D.C., Lisbon, Portugal; Athens, Greece, Kabul, Afghanistan. Its elevation is 30 feet. Within three degrees, its yearly climate average parallels that of Rome—slightly cooler in winter, slightly warmer in summer.

Three Major Features Besides its geographical location, three major factors affect Japan's climate mostly: the ocean currents, its nearness to the vast Asiatic continent, and its mountainous terrain. Of these, the currents are perhaps most important.

The Japanese current, comparable to the Gulf Stream in the Atlantic, brings a strong and vast stream of warm water from the south; the Kurile current, comparable to the Labrador current, brings in a cold current from the north. Where these two meet off the northern coasts, there are heavy fogs and tempestuous winds.

At places, the velocity of the Japanese current rivals that of the Gulf Stream—from four to five knots, which means as much as 100 to 125 miles a day! However, as it sweeps to North America, south of the Aleutians, its speed is more like 25 miles a day.

So warm is this current and so definite its limits that a ship crossing it may have the waters at its bow register 20 degrees warmer than at its stern! Naturally, such a current exercises a tremendous influence upon the country.

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Kidd Captured After Few Hours of Freedom

Salem—(U.P.)—Richard R. Kidd, 22-year-old Portland firebug, was back in the ward for the criminally insane at the state hospital here Saturday after enjoying a few brief hours of freedom.

Kidd broke out of his quarters at the hospital Thursday night, stole a panel truck at Detroit and drove 300 miles to Seneca which is 20 miles from John Day. He was captured early Friday afternoon in a tavern while drinking beer. He was unarmed and offered no resistance to the state police officer who nabbed him.

Kidd was committed to the hospital after setting a series of costly fires in Portland in 1954. Psychiatrists said he had an "uncontrollable urge" to set fires. They said he had shown no improvement after a year in the mental institution.

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CANTEEN OFFICER—Clarence J. Byran, Veterans Administration canteen officer, is shown receiving a citation and cash award for superior accomplishments leading to improved VA service. Byran will have completed five years service at Camp White this year. He at first operated the canteen alone but now has 21 employees, including 13 veterans stationed at the demobilitory. The citation comes from the VA central office in Washington, D.C., and is the only one of its kind given on the Pacific Coast. Staff Manager E. K. Ricker is making the presentation.

Leaflets Issued to Help Small Business

Two leaflets designed to help small firms improve operations have been issued by the small business administration, according to John G. Barnett, Portland branch office manager.

The leaflets, "Records retention in small business," and "How good plant housekeeping practices will increase production," are available upon request at the small business ad-

Portland Girl Wins Baton Contest Friday

Salem—(U.P.)—Joan Crane, Cleveland high school, Portland, took first place in the 18th annual state championship baton twirling contest here Friday night.

The event, sponsored by the Salem Elks, drew 3,000 spectators and baton-twirling, high-kicking girls from all over western Oregon.

administration office, 520 Southwest Morrison st., Portland 4.

Hearing Scheduled on Motor Carrier Rates

Salem—(U.P.)—A petition by the Pacific Inland Tariff Bureau concerning motor carrier rates will receive a hearing in Portland March 27, the Public Utilities Commission announced Saturday.

On Sept. 7, the commission allowed a six per cent increase on all motor carrier rates and charges on shipments of less than 10,000 pounds with a 25-cent increase on the minimum charges.

That order provided for an expiration date of April 30, 1956 for the six per cent increase.

More recently the Tariff Bureau asked that the increase be raised to 7 per cent and that it cover all rates and charges on all size shipments with certain exceptions, and that the increases be made permanent.

The March 27 hearing on the new request will make consideration of the proposal possible before the present rates expire.

County Officials Attend Portland Meet

Four representatives from Jackson county were in Portland recently for the 11th national conference on rural health.

Attending were Dr. A. E. Merkel, director of the county health department; Miss Dorothy Huskey and Miss Josephine Koppes, both of the health department; and Mrs. Glenn Hale, Eagle Point, county committee of the home extension service.

Representatives of farm groups, college extension services, medical societies and others held informal discussions concerning the relationship of the family with its physician, mental health, care of older persons and health insurance.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 am Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

One Killed Last Week In Industry Accident

Salem—(U.P.)—The State Industrial Accident commission reported one fatal accident for the week ending March 8. Twelve claims for occupational disease and 975 accidents were reported for the state.

The fatality was Edgar Huether, Coos Bay farm foreman, who was injured Dec. 26, 1955, near Coos Bay.

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Salem—(U.P.)—The State Water Resources Board will meet Monday, March 26, in the offices of the State Game Commission in Portland, it was announced Saturday.

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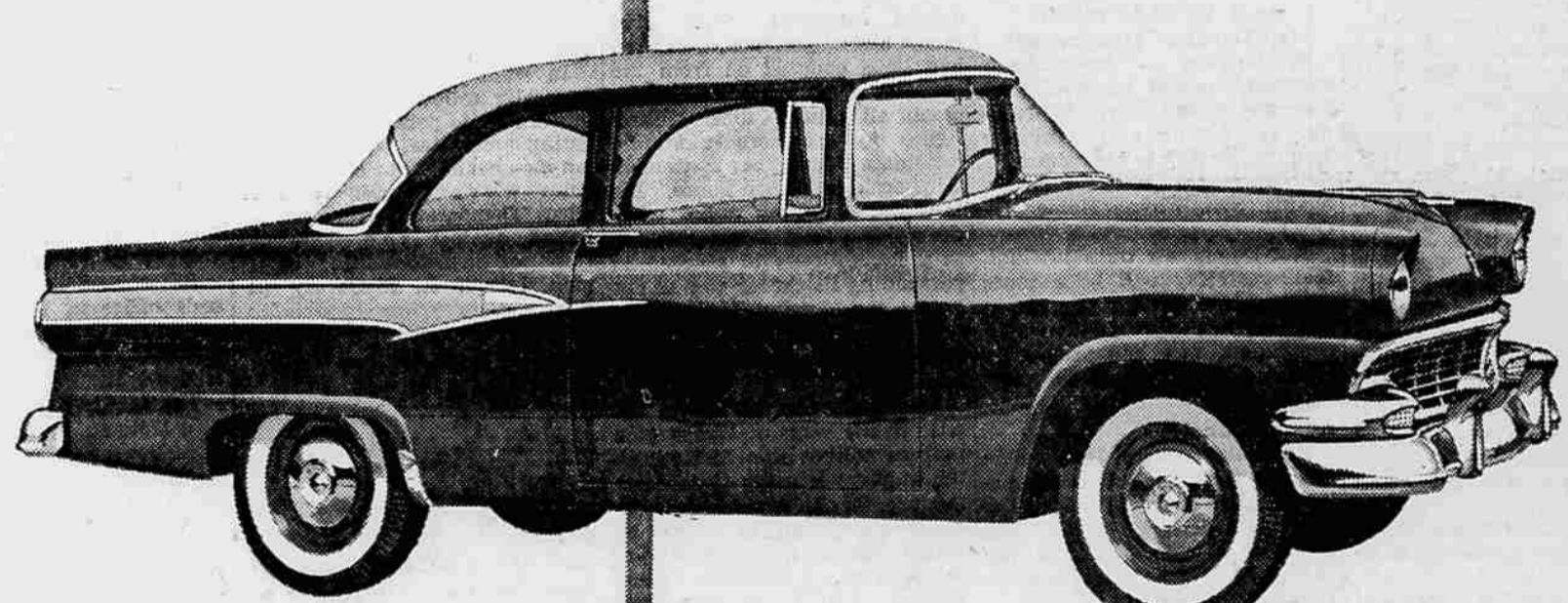
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