

Morse Sees Flood Threat in Snake, Columbia Basins

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said today above-average snow packs in tributaries of the Snake river are a flood threat to the Snake and Columbia basins.

He blamed what he called "partnership-do nothing" policies for delaying or blocking construction of storage dams in the Snake river basin.

Morse said April 1 reports show that the snowpack in the Snake tributaries is from 20 per cent to 58 per cent above normal. The same tributaries had packs from below-normal to 17 per cent above normal in the winter preceding the 1948 Columbia river flood, he said.

Foes Minimize Need

"Some opponents of a federal Hells Canyon dam have minimized the need for flood control storage which the high dam would provide by claiming that the snow packs did not contribute a great deal to the 1948 flood," he said. "That was due to the accidents of weather."

"We are now faced with the threat of a flood in which the snow pack in the tributaries above the Hells Canyon site might be a major cause of flood."

Morse's statements were made in a letter to Chairman James E. Murray (D-Mont.) of the Senate Interior Committee. The committee is holding hearings on problems in the Upper Columbia basin.

Portland Traction May Come To Vote

Portland — (U.P.) — City Commissioner William Boves says he will recommend a November vote to put the city of Portland in the traction business if a satisfactory franchise agreement cannot be worked out with a private firm.

Boves told the city council yesterday he had always been against municipal ownership but that it appeared the only way out if no solution is reached with Rose City Transit Company.

The firm has asked a two-year operating permit which would allow it to raise fares or cut services whenever its quarterly net profit from operations fell below five per cent. Boves called the guaranteed profit proposition "ridiculous and unworthy of consideration."

UO Medical School Announces Gifts

Portland — (U.P.) — The University of Oregon Medical school announced today that it has received \$127,721 in gifts the past month, most of it for specific research problems.

Largest grant was from the United States Public Health Service which gave \$49,621 to be used for leukemia research under Dr. Edwin E. Osgood.

Other gifts were from the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases, Oregon Heart Association, and the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness. There was also a grant from the Air Force for research on tolerance of cold and fatigue.

Missing Flier Lands Safely in Colorado

Grand Junction, Colo. — (U.P.) — Fran DeCastro, 38, Littleton, Colo., landed his light airplane safely at the Grand Junction airfield early today, ending reports he was missing on a flight from Las Vegas, Nev., to Denver.

The Civil Aeronautics Communications office said DeCastro reported he was merely delayed in flight.

The plane was first reported missing when Dick Nolan, Greeley, Colo., telephoned Salt Lake City CAA officials and said DeCastro's plane had not arrived at Denver as scheduled.

The two had left Las Vegas at the same time in separate planes.

US Plane Crashes in Japan; No Survivors

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Three Air Force para-medics reached the wreckage of a C-119 transport plane on a southern Japan mountain today and reported there were no survivors from the crash.

Far East Air Force Headquarters here did not say whether the bodies of the four crewmen and one passenger who were in the plane when it crashed Tuesday were found.

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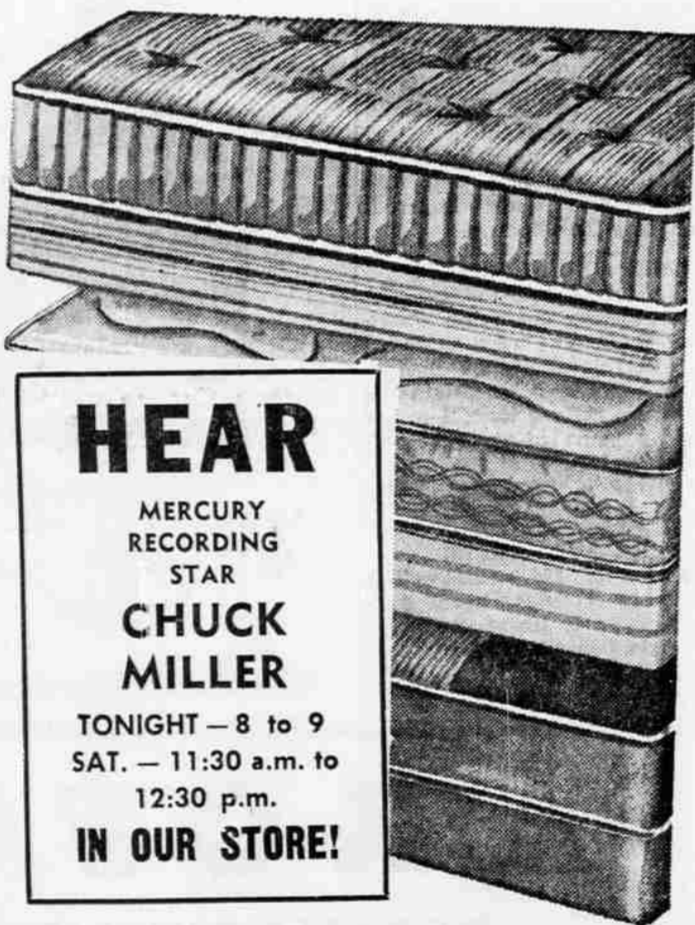
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