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President Undergoes Successful Operation

Senate Committee Votes \$871 Million For NW Projects

Oregon Jobs Receive Increase in Funds
Washington (U.P.) — The Senate Appropriations committee Friday voted \$871 million to finance federal public works projects in the fiscal year beginning July 1.

This was \$81 million more than approved by the House last month, and \$53 million more than President Eisenhower requested. It now goes before the Senate.

River Improvements
The bill would give the Army Engineers corps \$649 million for river and harbor improvements, flood control works and other civil functions in the next fiscal year. That is \$57 million more than the House voted.

The measure also contains \$27 million for the Interior Department, \$189 million of it for the Reclamation Bureau's river development work in western states. The reclamation total was \$21 million more than the House allotted.

The Senate committee made the following changes in the flood control and rivers and harbors bill approved by the House.

No Change
If the project does not appear in the following list, the Senate committee made no change from the House figure. In the changes the Senate committee figure is followed in parentheses by the House figure, or by the word, "nothing" if the House authorized no funds for that particular project.

Oregon:
Cougar reservoir, \$1,800,000 (\$1,500,000). Hills Creek reservoir, \$2,250,000 (\$2,000,000). McNary lock and dam, Oregon and Washington, \$4,500,000 (\$2,822,000). Skipanon channel \$185,000 (nothing).

Washington:
Blaine harbor, \$116,000 (nothing). Everett harbor and Snohomish river, \$120,000 (nothing). Grays harbor and Chehalis river, \$61,000 (nothing). Shilshole bay, \$400,000 (\$300,000). Willapa river and Naselle river, \$130,000 (nothing).

Jacksonville School Name Superintendent

John J. Crabb, superintendent of schools in Newport for the past two years, has been appointed superintendent of Jacksonville schools, according to Woodrow McCormick, chairman of the school board.

Crabb received his bachelor of science degree from Whitman college, Walla Walla, Wash., and his master's degree at the University of Washington.

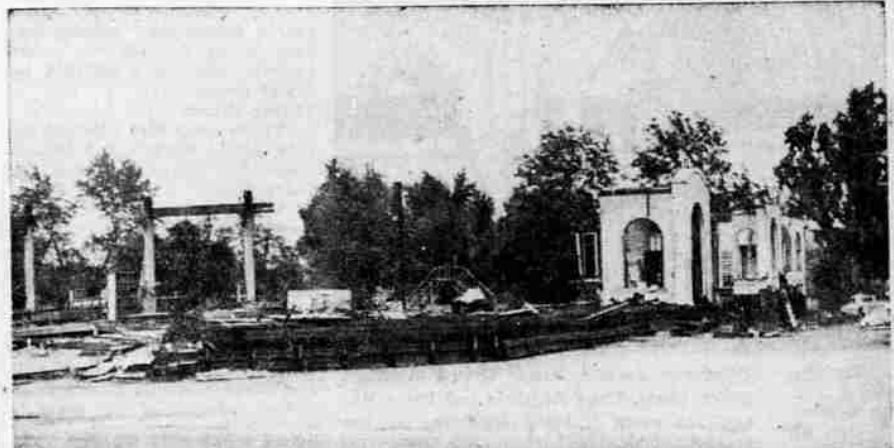
His experience as an educator includes two years at Cowiche, Wash., high school, where he served as coach and instructor of biology, physics and chemistry; five years as superintendent of schools in Riverside, Wash., and 13 years as instructor at Central Valley, Wash.

The new superintendent is married and has a son who will enroll as a freshman at Southern Oregon college this fall. The Crabbs will move to Jacksonville on about July 1.

Crabb replaces Clyde F. Sutherland who resigned as Jacksonville school superintendent to assume a similar position in Sandy, Ore.



GOING, GOING... — Merrick's building—also known over the years as the "Natorium" or "Nat," and also the ballroom—one of Medford's landmarks, virtually vanished last week, as wrecking crews neared completion of the demolition job. The picture at the left shows how the building appeared just as the tearing-down job was started several weeks ago. The view at the right shows how it appeared last week, with only a few girders and one or two smaller walls and archways remaining.



The building was a principal center of recreation, cultural and social life in Medford in the earlier decades of this century, offering dancing, lectures, grand opera, swimming and other attractions. One of the first tourist camps in southern Oregon was located on its grounds, near Bear Creek. Tentative plans for a modern and luxurious motel are being developed for the site.

Minneapolis Plane Crash Fatal to 6; Five Children Hurt

Minneapolis, Minn. (U.P.) — Six persons, four of them from one family, were killed Saturday when a Navy F9F4 jet Panther fighter plane plunged into a residential street and set fire to five homes.

Five children were injured critically in the flaming crash. Among the dead were Mr. and Mrs. John Donald Garies, and two of their three children, Mark, 6, and Bryan, 2. A third son, Joe, 11, was believed to have gone missing.

The other victims were Deborah Susan De Wolfe, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don De Wolfe, and Maj. George Armstrong, 33, Minneapolis, member of the Marine Air Reserve. Armstrong was the father of four children.

Shortly after the crash, Sen. Edward Thyne (R-Minn.) wired President Eisenhower and demanded that all military flight operations at Wold-Chamberlain air base be stopped immediately pending an investigation.

Emergency Declared
Navy officials said Armstrong declared an emergency as soon as he took off from the base. However, he did not radio what was wrong with the craft.

The plane faltered as he turned to approach the runway, then crashed in a street and slithered into two homes. He was only two blocks from the runway at the time, and would have missed the homes had he been able to stay aloft for 500 more feet.

Five children were rushed to Veterans hospital at Fort Snelling in critical condition. Two homes were destroyed, and three others were badly damaged by fire.

Witnesses said Armstrong apparently aimed for the street to avoid hitting the homes when he saw the crash was inevitable.

Authorities Seek Man Who Killed Three

Chicago (U.P.) — Authorities in 16 states were alerted Saturday for the shotgun killer of three Chicagoans believed fleeing toward Mexico.

Chicago police probed the city with "shoot on sight" orders for Lawrence Neumann, 28, an ex-convict. Neumann was identified as the gunman who killed a bartender, a dice girl, and a newsboy Friday in a "revenge" shooting spree.

Averell Harriman Officially Enters Presidential Race

New York (U.P.) — Gov. Averell Harriman tossed his hat into the air Saturday and announced he is an active candidate for the democratic presidential nomination.

Until now he has been an "inactive" candidate for the nomination. He made his first formal declaration of his candidacy for president in a speech to 200 delegates of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery workers international union at the Statler hotel. This 20-minute speech was interrupted by cheers and applause 18 times.

Friday the same delegates heard David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers union, urge Harriman to stay out of the presidential race to aid the candidacy of Adlai E. Stevenson. Harriman will be 65 in November.

Harriman, former ambassador to the Soviet Union and Great Britain and an international trouble shooter for President Roosevelt and Truman, has the all-out support of Carmine De Sarpio's Tammany Hall organization. A businessmen-for-Harriman organization recently was formed here and Democrats from 11 states will hold a pro-Harriman meeting in Denver next Saturday.

Lifelong Democrat
The millionaire lifelong Democrat, heir to a Union Pacific railroad fortune, long has held high political aspirations. He sought the democratic nomination in 1952 and his bid this year was regarded as his last chance, because of his age.

Although he has served in government posts for many years, the governorship of New York is his first elective office. He defeated Republican, Sen. Irving M. Ives for the post in 1954.

Copco Announces Plan for Pipeline

Klamath Falls (U.P.) — California-Oregon Power company has announced plans for replacing a quarter of a mile of pipeline at Klamath Falls.

The project is estimated to cost \$250,000 and will include replacement of the worn out wooden penstock from upper Klamath Lake to the Copco turbine in Klamath Falls.

Work on the project is to be completed by August 29, but will not entail interruption of power to Copco's customers, according to Sam Ritchey, manager.

Weather

Forecast: Partly cloudy and cooler today with scattered afternoon and evening thunder showers. Fair and warmer Monday. High today 75, low tonight 48.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunrise 4:34 a.m.
Sunset 7:48 p.m.
The moon sets 9:37 p.m. and is in Perigee.

Floor Collapses at Wedding Party; 17 Killed, 36 Injured

Madrid (U.P.) — A floor collapsed beneath a wedding party and crashed into another party on the floor below Friday night killing 17 persons, five of them children.

Thirty-six persons were injured. The collapse sent 60 wedding guests crashing into the midst of a party celebrating a baptism.

The guests were dancing on the second floor of an old building on Madrid's north side when the floor gave way.

Bride Angela Ramos Vazquez, 21, suffered fractures of both legs. Groom Tomas Rodriguez Diez, 26, escaped with light injuries.

Police, firemen and Red Cross workers worked throughout the night to free screaming victims and remove the bodies. The city's 52 ambulances shuttled the victims from the scene as they were found.

The rescuers found a man and his wife huddled in each other's arms, dead.

A man, his wife and young child were among the wedding party. The father was holding the child when the floor collapsed. Both escaped injury. The mother was killed.

200 Men Attempt to Save Injured Man

Feather Falls, Calif. (U.P.) — Some 200 men from this small northern California lumbering town armed themselves with torches and a stretcher last night to try and save a badly injured fisherman who fell into Feather Falls canyon 11 miles east of here.

A helicopter from Hamilton field tried earlier Saturday to reach the canyon floor, but failed.

Paul Ackerman was the object of the night mission into the deep and rock crevice on the South Fork of the Feather river. He fell from a 60-foot ledge down onto the bottom of the 3,500-foot canyon early today while on a fishing trip.

Evaluation of Hail Suppression Plan May Be Made in Fall

No general evaluation of the hail suppression program pioneered in Jackson county by the Rogue River Valley Traffic association will be made at least until the end of the season, it was reported this week end.

However, Bob Root, president of the association, said that there are indications the program has met with general acceptance by local growers.

An appraisal of this season's project, was solicited last week from orchardists, members of the association, the county agent's office, the weather bureau and the Water Resources Development corporation, which has conducted the cloud-seeding operation.

No Conclusions
No conclusions were voiced, but Bob Church, meteorologist in charge of the weather bureau, pointed out that May was the second-wettest on record here, and there were an unusually high number of thunderstorms, which give rise to hail conditions.

The average number of days of thunderstorm activity in May is two. This month five such days were recorded. Several storms are not infrequent in a day of thundershower activity.

Reports from the office of C. B. Cordy, county horticultural agent, indicate that only a small portion of the total pear acreage in the valley has received any hail damage. Reports of fruit marking came from widely separated localities, and in these cases some down-grading could result, it was reported, but the overall acreage affected will not be great.

Possibility of Hail
There is still a possibility of additional hail-potential weather, Cordy reminded, but as of now, orchardists are counting themselves fortunate in sustaining only minor damage.

Local growers were given a respite from threats of hail-storms Friday and Saturday, as the weather cleared. They have been concerned all through May at the unusual storm activity—a concern which is shared by other segments of the economy.

Inquiries Received
He pointed out that governmental agencies have been interested in the results here, and that inquiries have been received from other areas of the United States and Argentina as to the project's effectiveness.

The weather modification program is now in its third season of operation by Water Resources Development corporation, and the organization is not yet prepared to make even a preliminary report at this "early stage" of the project. A spokesman said the firm feels fortunate in having had two seasons of preparatory work on which to base their activities during the unprecedented hail potential in May.

Tuttle noted that the pear industry here, like most agricultural operations, is hazardous at best, and must be constantly alert to new developments in order to survive and progress in a free economy. He pointed out the pear industry is self-governing and receives no government support or subsidies. The hail suppression program is financed entirely by the industry, without government aid. Tuttle said the project is among the newer developments receiving attention from the association.

Physicians Expect Good Recovery From Emergency Surgery

May Sign Official Papers This Week

Washington (U.P.) — President Eisenhower underwent an emergency operation early Saturday. The surgery was a success and doctors expect him to be back in full harness in four to six weeks.

The President's doctors reported at mid-afternoon that his condition is "excellent" and that they expect a "rapid and complete recovery."

Mr. Eisenhower was on the operating table at Walter Reed Army hospital for an hour and 53 minutes. The operation bypassed a diseased 10-inch section of the tube-like small intestine to relieve an obstruction. No tissue was removed.

News Conference
At a hospital news conference, the doctors said the operation was performed on an "emergency basis to save the President from possible fatal gangrene of the bowel."

The President's scarred 65-year-old heart proved equal to the ordeal. His doctors said there is no reason why he should not seek re-election. They added the operation increased his life expectancy.

An official bulletin issued four hours later at 7:15 p.m. EDT said the President's condition "continues to be most satisfactory." The bulletin was signed by Maj. Gen. Leonard D. Heaton, who performed the operation, and Maj. Gen. Howard M.C. Snyder, Mr. Eisenhower's personal physician.

They said he should be able to leave the hospital in about 15 days if there are no complications.

His doctors said Mr. Eisenhower's illness was not in any way connected with his heart condition. The President suffered a heart attack in Denver last Sept. 24, less than nine months ago.

Official Duties
"During the coming week," the doctors said "he should be able to sign official papers and carry on those functions of the government which are necessary."

In Syracuse, N.Y., the President's heart specialist, Dr. Paul Dudley White of Boston, said he came through the operation "magnificently." Dr. White was summoned to stand by during the operation as a "precautionary measure." He last saw the President at 8 a.m. EDT.

Maj. Gen. Leonard D. Heaton, Walter Reed commander and one of those who performed the surgery, said the President's operation should increase his life expectancy. (See Stories Page 12)

French Troops Kill 33 Algerian Rebels

Algiers (U.P.) — French troops killed at least 33 rebels in a running fight along the Algeria-Tunisia border, French officials reported last night.

They said the band was cut to pieces through the "perfect coordination" of troops in Tunisia and Algeria. The rebels were taken prisoner.

Columbia Continues to Drop; High Tides Cause Anxiety That Levees Might Break

Portland (U.P.) — The Columbia river continued to drop slowly Saturday but high tides backed water up near the tops of dikes along the lower river, causing some anxiety that the sodden levees might give way.

Army engineers said some seepage is occurring in the Clatskanie area but the danger spots have been sandbagged.

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Pasadena Float Wins Grand Sweepstakes in Rose Event

Portland (U.P.) — The Pasadena Tournament of Roses association float won the grand sweepstakes award in the non-commercial division Saturday in the floral parade of the annual Portland Rose Festival.

The Meier and Frank company float took top honors in the commercial division in the judging of 52 flower-decorated floats in the parade, one of the features of the five-day festival.

In keeping with the Disneyland in Flowers theme of this year's parade the Pasadena float featured flowered likenesses of Mickey Mouse, Pluto and Donald Duck. Fantasia was pictured by the