

FEDERAL DAM IN HELLS CANYON LOSES BY 51-4 SENATE VOTE

Eugene Man Tells
Of Seeing Sergeant
Drink Before March

Testimony Given
Despite Protests

Parris Island, S.C. — (UP) — A former Marine, S.C. — (UP) — testified that he saw Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon take "two or three" drinks of vodka the day the sergeant ordered a "death march" in which six recruits drowned.

The drinking testimony was injected in the trial despite the strongest efforts of McKeon's defense counsel to keep it out as trivial matter, coincident to the accusations of manslaughter and cruelty.

Drinking Incident Turned Up
Six of McKeon's platoon drowned on a surprise night march that carried them into the salty waters of Ribbon creek on the Parris Island base.

An investigation following the tragedy turned up the information that McKeon and two sergeants on the base had been drinking vodka the day of the incident.

The first witness to tell about that was Cpl. Richard J. King, Eugene, Ore., who at the time of the fatal march was a junior drill instructor, along with McKeon, of Recruit Platoon 71.

He was the seventh prosecution witness. It was the fourth day of the court martial.

Vodka Bottle on Table
King said that about 11 a.m. he entered the drill instructors' room and found T. Sgt. Elwyn B. Scarborough, lunchroom, S.C., the range instructor, there. McKeon came in.

"There was a bottle of vodka sitting on the table when I walked into the room," King testified. "Sgt. Scarborough and Sgt. McKeon had a drink, maybe two. And after that someone offered me a drink. I took it."

Under questioning by the prosecution, Marine Maj. Charles E. Sewler, King said he saw McKeon take "two or three" drinks.

Photographs Shown
Photographs of the six drowned recruits were held in front of McKeon today.

The prosecution was attempting to send McKeon to prison for six years and three months and to have him dishonorably discharged from the Marines for an April death march in which the six men were drowned in a training exercise to "teach them discipline."

Deadline for City Candidates Nears
The deadline for candidates filing for mayor and four council positions in Medford is Aug. 31. Mayor Earl Miller has reminded councilmen. The positions will be filled at the general election in November.

Mayor Miller urged councilmen whose terms expire this year to announce their intentions soon.

In addition to Mayor Miller's term, other terms which will expire are those of John Snider, councilman from ward I; Harold Frye, councilman from ward III; Jack Fitzgerald, councilman from ward IV; and a ward II position, left vacant when Dick Woodcock resigned because he moved from the ward.

Filings for various positions should be made with the city recorder in the city hall.

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Ike Convinced of
Physical Stamina
For 4 More Years

Doctors Unconcerned
Over Loss in Weight

Washington — (UP) — President Eisenhower is convinced that he has the physical stamina to carry on a vigorous reelection campaign and serve out another four years in office.

That is the consensus of a United Press survey of persons who have talked with the President since he returned to the White House from Gettysburg, Pa., last Sunday.

The White House plans to issue no new medical bulletins on the President's condition. It is possible, however, to give this up-to-date report of Mr. Eisenhower's condition:

He weighs 163½ pounds. Prior to his heart attack last Sept. 24 he weighed 178. About the time he underwent surgery on June 9 for ileitis, he weighed just under 170 pounds.

Shirt Size Changed
Following his heart attack he was placed on a reduced diet of 1,800 calories a day. Since his more recent illness, his caloric intake has been boosted to 2,500 calories a day, but this has not produced much increase in weight. Shortly after his operation, Mr. Eisenhower's weight went down to 161 pounds.

The President's physicians are not particularly concerned about his weight. They say that Mr. Eisenhower's basic period of convalescence will run about 12 weeks from the date of operation. This means he will be classified medically as a convalescent patient until sometime in late August.

Blood Pressure Normal
His muscle tone is more than the doctors expected at this point. Contrary to some reports, he is not suffering from diarrhea, which sometimes is an after-effect from an operation on the intestine.

As of Wednesday night, Mr. Eisenhower's blood pressure was normal for a man of his age and the prothrombin time (the blood clotting rate) was normal. Mr. Eisenhower recently has resumed taking an anti-coagulant medicine.

The Chief Executive's associates appeared to be more concerned about his reaction to the windup of Congress late next week than the rigors of his immediate schedule.

Small House Burns Near Sardine Creek
A small house near the mouth of Sardine creek in the Gold Hill area was destroyed by fire this morning, state forestry department patrolmen reported.

The house is owned by the Estremado family but the occupants were not at home at the time of the blaze and their names were not learned.

Patrolmen were able to keep the fire from spreading. Cause of the blaze was undetermined. A crew of four men was sent to the scene with a pumper truck.

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Medford Wasn't Oregon's
Only Hot Spot Yesterday

Weather forecasters said today there is no relief in sight for the heat wave that has blanketed Oregon this week. Even the coastal area is coming in for some of the torrid temperatures and many areas of the state were expected to get 100-degree plus readings again today.

The climbing temperatures coupled with a downward plunge in the humidity readings has sent the forest fire danger in the state soaring to a critical point.

Gov. Elmo Smith has issued a proclamation, effective tomorrow, closing more than 400,000 acres of Coos county forest lands and 100,000 acres in adjoining forests of Douglas county. Entry will be by permit only.

Grants Pass reported the high reading in the state yesterday, at 106. The Dalles was close behind with 105. Salem and Medford were only one degree cooler and Roseburg recorded an even 100.

Klamath Falls and Lakeview reported highs of 90 while Portland had 96 and Penolenton 99. Even at Astoria on the coast the temperature reached 88.

Four Juveniles Admit Part in Theft of Car

Four juvenile boys turned themselves in to Medford police about 6 p.m. last night and admitted parts in the theft of a 1940 model Chevrolet coupe from Parson's Motors used car lot, 817 North Bartlett st., the night of July 15.

The boys are aged 13, 14, 14 and 16. The 13-year old has been lodged in a local home and the others placed in county jail. They all were referred to county juvenile authorities.

Others Arrested
Two other boys, Theodore Jasper Daily, 19, 544 E. 2nd st., and a 16-year-old from Talent were arrested by city police on Riverside ave. later last night. Daily is in city jail charged with auto theft and receiving stolen property. The other youth is in county jail charged with receiving stolen property.

A sixth juvenile, 16 years old, from Jacksonville, was arrested yesterday and placed in county jail charged with larceny of an auto. His arrest was in connection with the theft of a second

Moist Air Brings Relief From Heat

Moist unstable air moving in from California brought relief to area residents today from yesterday's highest temperature of the year, but brought with it the threat of thunderstorms. The forest fire hazard remained.

Medford sweltered under a 104 degree maximum yesterday while Grants Pass was hottest in the state with 106, according to the weather bureau.

Forecast through Friday is for cooler temperatures with a high of 92 to 95 degrees tomorrow. The local weather bureau station said the outlook is for afternoon and evening thunderstorms both today and Friday.

Southwest district headquarters here for the state forestry department reported a lightning storm over Soda mountain this morning with no rain. The lightning storm was moving into the southeast corner of the district, District Worker Curt Nestheim said.

The weather bureau reported the intrusion of moist unstable air moved up from the San Francisco bay area, building up thunderheads from the south. Dry unstable air accompanied yesterday's high temperature.

Portland — (UP) — Leith Abbott, a Portland advertising executive, has been elected as president of the Rose Festival association.

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Controversial
Project Appears
Permanently Out

Idaho Firm at Work
On Three-Dam Plan

Washington — (UP) — The Senate rejected today a Democratic sponsored bill to authorize construction of a high federal dam in Hells Canyon on the Idaho-Oregon border.

The roll call vote was 41 to 51. It apparently doomed the controversial project for this session of Congress and perhaps permanently.

A similar bill is before the House Rules committee but it was indicated there would be no move to bring it before the House itself in view of the Senate vote.

Meantime, the Idaho Power Co. is at work on a three-dam plan in the canyon that would preempt the Snake river site, and which will be well underway before Congress meets again.

Before the vote, both opponents and backers of the bill charged the other side with political maneuvering on the measure.

Democratic supporters asserted the White House staff brought "all the pressure it could" to defeat the bill. One purpose, Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), said, was to accomplish the defeat of Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), an ardent backer of the federal dam.

Others charged the bill was opposed to support the position of Republican senatorial candidates Douglas McKay in Oregon and Arthur B. Langlie in Washington. Both have been against the federal dam.

But Republicans countered that Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler "sold" the bill to congressional leaders to help Democratic candidates in the Pacific Northwest, like Morse, Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.), and Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.).

The bill would have authorized a high dam across Snake river, a smaller power project on Scraper creek in Idaho, and transmission lines costing in all about \$430,000,000.

The Idaho Power Co. has estimated its three-dam plan will cost \$133,000,000. It includes one storage dam with 1,000,000 acre feet capacity and two smaller "run of the river" structures.

The 41 to 51 roll call vote by which the Senate defeated the bill:

Democrats for — (39) — Anderson, Bible, Chavez, Clements, Douglas, Ellender, Fullbright, George, Gore, Green, Hayden, Hennings, Hill, Humphrey of Minn., Humphreys of Ky., Jackson, Johnson of Tex., Johnston of S.C., Kefauver, Kennedy, Kerr, Laird, Lehman, Magnuson, Mansfield, McClellan, McNamara, Monroney, Morse, Murray, Neely, Neuberger, O'Mahoney, Pastore, Scott, Sparkman, Stennis, Byrd, Stinson and Woford.

Republicans for — (2) — Langer and Wiley.

Democrats against — (8) — Byrd, Eastland, Ervin, Fred Long, Robertson, Russell and Smathers.

Republicans against — (43) — Aiken, Bennett, Barrett, Beall, Bicker, Blount, Bricker, Bridges, Bush, Butler, Capehart, Carlson, Case of N.J., Case of S.D., Cotton, Curtis, Dirksen, Duff, Dworshak, Flinders, Goldwater, Hickenlooper, Kruska, Ives, Jenner, Knowland, Kuchel, Malone, Martin of Iowa, Martin of Pa., McCarthy, Millikan, Mundt, Payne, Purcell, Saltonstall, Schepel, Smith of Me., Smith of N.J., Thye, Watkins, Welker and Williams.

Paired for the bill: Young (R). Paired against the bill: Holland (D).



COURT SESSION DELAYED—Billy Junior Nunn, center in dark suit, is shown calmly waiting for selection of jurors in his first degree murder trial. Nunn is charged with the sex slaying of 14-year-old Alvin William Escart April 19. Wednesday's session was delayed as furniture was being moved into the new circuit court room. Nunn's trial will be the first to be held in the new brick panel room. Behind Nunn are, left to right, Alan Holmes, deputy district attorney; Sam Harbison, court-appointed defense attorney; and Deputy Sheriff Ed Zander. At extreme left is Ed Kelly, Medford attorney.

Selection of Jury Completed; Trial Expected to Start Today

A jury of six men and six women was impaneled at 11:45 a.m. today to serve in the first degree murder trial of Billy Junior Nunn, 28, Klamath Falls, charged with the April 19 slaying of 14-year-old Alvin William Escart. Nunn has pleaded innocent to the charge.

The trial was expected to get under way this afternoon, following selection of two alternate jurors.

Selected to serve on the jury were Otto Ewaldson, Dorothy Young, Wallace Rasmussen, Arnold Zempel, James B. Shaw, Alvin Hersek, Betty Lacy, Dorthea Hershner, Maybert Gilmer, Dorothy Nease, Howard Davis and Ina Bell Ragsdale. Three special venire have been issued during the jury selection.

Defense Attorney Sam Harbison exercised all 12 of his preemptory challenge rights. District Attorney Walter Nunley exercised five of the six the law allows him.

Twenty-three prospective jurors were dismissed after examination. The court dismissed six jurors and one alternate. According to law, a juror must be dismissed by the court for such reasons as having an opinion or feels unable to set aside or a conscientious objection to the death penalty. If a defendant is found guilty of first degree murder, the death penalty is mandatory unless the jury recommends leniency.

18 Witnesses
Alan Holmes, deputy district attorney assisting with the state's case, said the state plans to call approximately 18 witnesses. One of the first to appear will be Mrs. LaRue Middaugh, 18, formerly of Dorris, Calif., now residing in Klamath Falls. She was one of two people who discovered the Escart boy's nude body at Tubbs Springs state park several days after his disappearance from home.

Other witnesses will include State Police Sgt. Thomas Eaton,

Chief Deputy Sheriff Joseph Walsh, two of the investigating officers in the case and Shirley Bishop, a restaurant operator. Sgt. Eaton, Deputy Walsh and Mrs. Bishop also appeared before the grand jury.

Request Denied
A request from the state that the jury be taken to the scene of the crime was denied by Judge H. K. Hanna Wednesday afternoon. Both the judge and defense attorney said they would consider the trip an unnecessary inconvenience, though the district attorney said failure to make the trip would be an inconvenience to the state. Considerable argument ensued between Nunley and Harbison, but the decision was not changed.

Mrs. Billy Junior Nunn, wife of the defendant, has been present since the trial opened Tuesday morning. She has been asked to stand several times during the jury examinations for purposes of identification. Her second child is in the near future.

Directors Set Date For Talent Election

The board of directors of the Talent Irrigation district today set Aug. 22 as the date for the election among district landowners on a repayment contract for irrigation features of the Talent irrigation and reclamation project.

The election will be held between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. that day at the district's office on Valley View rd. just east of Talent.

Final Details
The details, final details of which are now being completed, provides that the irrigation features of the project, totaling about \$5,000,000, will be paid back from water-user fees over a 60-year period. No interest will be charged by the government.

Total cost of the project has been estimated at about \$21,000,000. Of this, about \$12,000,000 has been allocated to irrigation, but less than half of this amount will have to be repaid from water fees.

The balance will be paid from revenues from the sale of power to be generated at the Green Springs power plant, or will be non-reimbursable items paid for by the federal government, including flood control, recreation and fish and wildlife benefits.

Meeting Planned
The contract itself will be between the Talent district and the bureau of reclamation. A meeting has been planned for the week of Aug. 6 at which time the TID board of directors and representatives of the bureau of reclamation will discuss the project, the contract, and other phases of the plan, with water users of the district, who are invited to attend.

Oregon law (ORS 545.002) provides that those eligible to vote in a repayment contract election are those owning four or more acres of land in and assessed by the district.

Eligible landowners can vote by absentee ballot, if necessary, but must apply for them from the district secretary on or before Aug. 11 to be eligible to cast them.

Formal Charges Are Filed in Narcotics Case; Hearing Set

Donald LaVerne Ambuehl was formally charged in district court this morning with unlawfully dealing in narcotics.

Ambuehl, 31, operator of the Y-Club in north Medford, was committed to county jail after failing to post \$3,500 bond set by District Judge Rawles Moore.

Preliminary hearing was set for 10 a.m. July 25.

Arrested Wednesday
Ambuehl was arrested Wednesday by city and state police following several days of investigation after receiving a "tip" early last week.

Ambuehl was a suspect, and officers followed him to the Plaza apartments and confronted him when he attempted to leave the building early yesterday. Seeing them, he ran to his car and in trying to get away from the officers, backed his car approximately three blocks. As he attempted to get it into a position to go forward, a state police car rammed Ambuehl's vehicle, bringing it to a halt.

Police Chief Charles Champin said federal narcotics agents have placed a federal "hold" order on Ambuehl's car.

Continue Investigation
Although a narcotics agent is expected to arrive in Medford tomorrow in connection with the case, city and state officers are continuing their investigation for further evidence.

Champin stressed that the police have no indication that juveniles have been obtaining or using the narcotics. He requested that parents suspecting any juveniles of using or buying narcotics to notify the police department immediately.

Morse, McKay Speak On Hells Canyon Vote

Portland — (UP) — The office of Sen. Wayne Morse in Portland today issued this statement from the Senator following defeat of the Hells Canyon bill in the Senate:

"The defeat of the Hells Canyon bill is a tragic blow to the welfare of the nation. The Eisenhower administration cracked a political whip on Republican senators with the result that another give-away of our natural resources was perpetrated on the American people."

Portland — (UP) — Douglas McKay, Republican candidate for the United States Senate, today hailed defeat of the Hells Canyon bill in the Senate as "a great boon to the power-hungry Pacific Northwest."

McKay said the Democratic-sponsored measure "was an authorization bill" and not an appropriation bill. He declared that "past history in the northwest has indicated that it takes from seven to 10 years after authorization to get appropriations."

He added, "we can't wait that long."

Equipment Failure Leaves City, County Without Power

An equipment failure at the California Oregon Power company sub-station at Prospect yesterday caused Medford and Jackson county to be without electrical service for periods ranging from 17 to 25 minutes in different areas.

Frank Benesh, Copco district manager, said the outage was due to a bushing failure on a large power transformer at the station. The bushing is an insulation on one of the wires leading into the transformer.

The central service area, Medford and vicinity, was without

electricity for about 17 minutes from the time the outage occurred at 4:48 p.m. Service in the area around Gold Hill was out 25 minutes, and in the area south of Medford, including Phoenix, Talent and Ashland, was out 35 minutes.

Benesh said the failure affected all of Jackson county and a part of Josephine county and the Murphy and Proutville districts on the Applegate river.

Complete repairs at the sub-station were not finished until 8 a.m. today, Benesh reported.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN
Kansas City 8 10 1
Boston 4 6 1

Burnette and Thompson; Sissler, Delock (8) and White. Home runs: Piersall, Boston; Power, Kansas City; Williams, Boston; Simpson, Kansas City.

Eagle Point Man Hurt In Tractor Accident

Wayne Whaley, 41, Eagle Point, was reported in serious condition at Sacred Heart hospital following a tread tractor accident this morning on the Christiane brothers logging operation near the Thompson creek bridge in the Applegate area. He was brought to the hospital by Medford Ambulance service.

Weather
FORECAST: Afternoon and evening thundershowers today and Friday. Cooler temperatures. Low tonight 58. High Friday 92-95.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset 4:31 a.m.
Moonset 2:41 p.m.
Moonset Friday 2:00 a.m.
Full Moon Sunday



Greatest Rate of Flow on Record Noted By Water Department in City Yesterday

Medford residents at 7 p.m. yesterday were using water at a rate of 28,300,000 gallons per day, the largest rate of flow on record by the city water department, Robert Lee, superintendent, said today.

During one minute, the rate of use was 19,700 gallons based on the rate of flow taken at 7 p.m.

Lee pointed out there is an ample supply of water available from Big Butte springs, but a problem arises in distributing it to residents during hot summer weather.

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tributes water over a large area and the soil is able to absorb it. General Alarm
Lee also reminded residents to turn off irrigation water when the general fire alarm is sounded. This will increase the pressure in the mains and provide more water for fire fighting. Lee said the general fire alarm will be sounded from the central fire station. One blast of the siren will indicate when an emergency is over.