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FLOOD CONTROL HEARING—The senate interior and public works committee hearing on Rogue river flood control drew a large crowd of spectators and a parade of witnesses Friday in the federal courtroom of the Medford post office building. Above, a witness (in front of table) testifies before the committee. Left to right, committee members are Sen. Thomas A. Woffard (D-S.C.), public works committee; Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), member of both committees; T. W. Snead, public works committee staff member; Sen. Roman L. Hruska (R-Neb.), public works committee; and Sen. Frank R. Barrett (R-Wyo.), senate interior committee.

Flood Control vs. Fish, Wild Life Issue At Senate Hearing on Rogue River Basin

Flood control vs. preservation of fish and wild life was the issue Friday afternoon during closing hours of he senate interior and public works subcommittees' hearing on flood control in the Rogue river basin.

The all-day hearing in the federal courtroom of the Medford post office building drew a near-capacity crowd of local residents as well as witnesses.

Presents Brief

Rodney Keating, Jackson county judge, presented a brief on behalf of he county court, urging completion of studies on flood control and subsequent development of a program with respect to flood control and preservation of fish and wild life. The brief listed six major hazards facing Jackson county until a flood control program is adopted.

They included the danger to human lives, overall financial losses to the county, lowering effect on the county's tax base, damage to land and property, unfavorable effect of floods on growth of the county, and the threatened loss of valuable bottom land.

U.S. Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), who presided, asked Judge Keating the probable reaction of the court if it were found that an adequate flood control program would result in loss of fish and wild life in the area. The judge replied, "Flood control is our primary object."

Extensive Damage

A similar brief was presented on behalf of the Josephine county court by Ben Hilton, Grants Pass. Hilton briefly described extensive damage in Josephine county from the flood last December. He added that Civil Defense boatmen performed a major rescue job and indicated their work was largely responsible for the absence of fatalities during the flood.

Hilton's statement was later contradicted by Paul H. Weiland, vice president of the Oregon division, Izaak Walton League, and president of the Jackson county Izaak Walton League chapter. "No boatmen got out on the river during the flood," he declared. In response to his statement, several in the audience shouted, "That's a lie!"

Senator Neuberger had to rap for order several times and verbally reprimand the crowd. Weiland, revising his original comment, then said, "don't think there was anyone fool enough enough to go out." He was shown a photograph of a man sitting on the roof of a building during the flood and was told the man rescued by boat. "He was foolish to stay with the building as long as he did," the witness said. He added that he felt reports of the seriousness of last winter's flood damage were exaggerated.

False Impressions

Weiland also said, "Many people have the false impression that spring chinook salmon and summer steelhead runs can be maintained by hatchery methods. The fish biologists have not been able to successfully propagate the spring chinook salmon or the summer steelhead on the Rogue. These fish, that are impossible to reproduce by hatchery methods, are far more valuable as sport fish than the fall run chinook and the winter run steehead. A dam as far down as Lewis creek would virtually do away with these two famous fish runs in the Rogue, since most of the spawning takes place above this point."

He added, "This year Congress appropriated $208,000 for screening of the turbine intake at Savage Rapids dam in order to help perpetuate salmon and steelhead runs. Any one of our county's representatives or senators could have objected to this insertion in the appropriation bill on a point of order and the entry would have been removed. This appropriation, however, was not secured by local effort, but by the insistence of the lovers of outdoors of the entire 48 states."

Another witness, Joe Shaw, representing the Rogue Rod and Gun club, drew a round of applause when he said, "All the fishing and hunting in this area is not worth one human life."

Suggests Hatcheries

Shaw recommended development of hatcheries to supply streams with fish and added that protection of life and property should be the first consideration for the a area.

Some argument arose during the hearing as to whether or not the supply of fish in the Rogue river and its tributaries is sufficient to justify consideration in a flood control program.

Walter Kasworm, who represented the Jackson County Farm Bureau and Rogue River Berry Growers, said, "Figuring time at $1 per hour, it costs about $100 to get one fish. Anyone who spends a lot of time fishing in this area must either be shiftless or plain lazy."

Among those contending chinook runs are showing an increase here was C. J. Campbell of the Oregon Game commission. Campbell also stated, "We are aware of the desirability of flood reduction and of summer flow maintenance in the Rogue river system. We believe and hope these ends can be accomplished in a way that will aid rather than injure the valuable fishery resource. As in the past, our position is that high mainstem dams across the migration route of the salmon and steelhead would cause irreparable damage to those runs, and that other methods can and will be found that would more nearly serve all interests in the basin."

Valuable Resources

William B. Morse, field representative for the wildlife management institute endorsed Campbell's statement. He said fish and wildlife resources are valuable to the area and represent an annual investment of about $10,000,000. He added, "Construction agencies should be prepared to make restitution for fish damage resulting from dams."

Among those testifying on behalf of conservation districts was Don Minear, member of the Rogue Soil Conservation district board of supervisors. He said the south and west sections of Jackson county comprise about 766,260 acres. Of this total, 412,300 acres are agriculture land and there are some 2,500 operating farm units.

He listed five needs in the interest of soil conservation: control of stream bank erosion, prevention of silting farm lands, reduction of flood hazards to lands in annual crops, prevention of loss of bridges and irrigation devices, and control of water losses in dry seasons.

Recommend Studs

He said the conservation districts recommend a comprehensive study of a flood control program as well as watershed improvements and tributary storages.

Robert Duff, Medford city manager, read a city council resolution recommending a flood control program. The resolution pointed out that Bear creek is capable of causing extensive damage in the city and that last winter Medford was on the brink of a disastrous flood condition from the rising creek. Hugh McKinley, Grants Pass city manager, also testified in support of a flood control program on behalf of that city.

D. H. Barber, Trail, representing the Preserve the Rogue association, took a strong stand against construction of a dam at Lewis creek. He also said partial flood control is dangerous because people won't remember the limitations. He said people place false confidence in dams and go beyond the limits of safety in constructing buildings.

Lengthy Reports

Submitting lengthy reports of studies to the committee during the morning were Arthur M. Piper, U. S. Geological Survey staff scientist and chairman of the Rogue river task force survey group; O. M. Browne, regional project development engineer for the bureau of reclamation; Doren E. Woodward, regional supervisor of river basin studies in the fish and wildlife services of the department of interior; W. H. Stewart, corps of engineers; Victor Boehl, representing the eight organized irrigation districts in the Rogue River basin and irrigation committees in proposed new irrigated areas; and William L. Jess, representing Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association.

Stewart said, "Until the study of current conditions has progressed to its final stages, taking into account the needs and desires of all concerned, the corps of engineers will maintain an open mind on all matters concerning improvements in the Rogue River basin." He said a public hearing will be held in Grants Pass some time in November or December to ascertain current needs, views and desires of the people. When studies have been completed, he said, a second public hearing will be held to present the results of the survey and obtain views of those concerned on any plan that may be devised.

More than 30 other county and local organizations also submitted reports for the record. Senator Neuberger announced that the record would remain open 15 days from the date of the hearing, and organizations having written testimony they desire entered in the record may send it the public works committee or it to the public works committee at the senate office building, Washington, D.C.

Other officials present at the hearing included Sen. Roman L. Hruska (R-Neb.) and Sen. Thomas A. Wofford (D-SC), public works committee members, and Sen. Frank R. Barrett (R-Wyo), senate interior committee member. Neuberger is a member of both committees.

Russia-Oppos... Ruler Wins Poland Control

Officials Launch Investigation into Fatal College Fire

State Police Ordered To Idaho Campus

Moscow, Idaho—(U.P.)—State and local officials launched an extensive investigation Saturday of the University of Idaho dormitory fire which killed three men students. All agreed the tragic blaze was the work of an arsonist.

State Law Eenforcement Commissioner Earl Koehler was sent to the university by Governor Robert E. Smylie, who also ordered state police assigned to the campus.

University President D. R. Theophilus said "every feasible measure" was being taken to prevent further outbreaks of fire at the school where three other blazes, all the work of a firebug were discovered within a week.

Theophilus said, Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC units were supplying security guards for women's dormitories and sorority houses. Men's living groups were asked to post their own guards.

Alarms Not Working

The fire at Gault Hall was discovered about 2 a.m. Friday. Two students tried to turn in fire alarms but they were not working. Howard Hunker, Gault Hall proctor, said the alarm system was in working condition when it was checked two days earlier.

The flames started in the second floor lounge and flashed up the stairwells and along the corridors on the fourth floor where the victims were trapped.

Fire Chief Carl Smith said arson was indicated by the flash nature of the fire and the terrific heat it generated. He said the fire "must have had a petroleum base."

"We've Got Something For Everybody, Too"

Gomulka Promises Free Elections; Backed by Police

Russia Moves Red Troops into Country

Warsaw — (U.P.) — Moscow-opposed Wladyslaw Gomulka, backed by special Polish security police, won apparent control of Poland Saturday and immediately promised free elections. Russia moved Red army troops into Poland from East Germany.

There was no immediate indication whether Soviet-trained Polish army units and Soviet troops through Poland would accept Gomulka's leadership.

The Polish Communist party central committee acclaimed 52-year old Gomulka as first secretary.

Promises Elections

His first act as party chief was to promise elections would be held Dec. 16 and the people will have "not only the right to cast votes . . . but will also be in a position to elect."

Polish forces loyal to Gomulka took over the transmitter and downtown headquarters of Radio Warsaw, the state radio, and broadcast the speech which he made to the central committee Friday.

The seizure occurred after Soviet Party Chief Nikita S. Khrushchev returned home following a 24-hour blitz visit designed to slow down Poland's de-Stalinization program.

Thousands of workers demanded that Russia keep hands off Poland's internal affairs and went on strikes to enforce it.

Gomulka, jailed five years ago for supporting the line of Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito, obviously emerged as a victor in the first round of a sudden political upheaval set off the June 28 Poznan riots.

He survived a face-to-face challenge by Krushchev and then went before the central committee and gave a two-hour speech.

The speech attacked the Stalinist mistakes of "these years which should be forgotten forever."

Guard Transmitter

Internal security troops headed by Gen. Waclaw Kimar, who was jailed with Gomulka in the Titoist purges and rehabilitated with him several months ago, guarded the radio Warsaw transmitter and studios while Gomulka's speech was broadcast.

Wearing steel helmets and carrying rifles they surrounded the station during the day and moved inside after dark, barring admission to unauthorized persons.

Civilian volunteers were alerted to guard major factories. Units of the Polish army commanded by Red Army Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky, the pro-Soviet Polish defense minister, took up positions in and around Warsaw.

The leadership of the Polish Communist party workers organizations in Warsaw and outlying cities, farm organizations, Internal Security Corps and Civil Police in Warsaw all were reported backing Gomulka. Only the Army was unheard from.

One-Party Monopoly Is Thing of Past in Oregon, Neuberger Says

"Oregon will never again revert to the one-party monopoly that dominated it for 40 years," U. S. Sen. Richard L. Neuberger said here Friday.

The Democratic senator spoke to about 40 people at a no-host dinner at the Medford hotel sponsored by the Jackson county democratic central committee. He pointed out he is the first Democratic senator from Oregon since 1914.

Here For Hearings

He was in Medford Friday for hearings of the senate interior and public works committee on flood control in the Rogue River basin. The Senator and his wife, Maurine, left Friday evening for the northern part of the state.

Neuberger said that "monolithic control" by either party in a state is an "unhealthy" thing. But of the two parties, the Democratic party is the one of "responsibility," He said, and if it had not been for a Democratic congress, there "could have been no Eisenhower foreign policy."

The Republicans, according to Neuberger, are essentially a party of "isolationists." Eisenhower, he claimed, initiated no new foreign policy of his own, but relied on the policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman.

Refers to Quarterly

According to the Congressional Quarterly, the senator declared, Harris Ellsworth, Republican representative from the fourth district seeking reelection supported Eisnhower on foreign policy only 60 per cent of the time.

Neuberger said another Republican congressman, Sam Coon, whom he called the "coattail rider of the purple sage," supported Eisenhower on foreign policy just 20 per cent of the time, while he (Neuberger, backed the administration on 87 per cent of the foreign policy votes. The only part of the "Eisenhower anatomy" Republicans like, he added, are his "coattails."

Senator Neuberger cited as an example the "failure" of the Oregon legislature, which, he said, has been dominated by Republicans, was its refusal to support the Eisenhower-backed bill to continue the reciprocal trade program for three more years.

He added that State Representatives E. H. Mann and E. A. Littrell supported a resolution which the legislature sent to congress urging the termination of the bill. It was this same bill, Neuberger declared, which caused Eisenhower to say, "if we fail in this, we fail in all."

Political Capital

"As a Democrat," he said, "I could have made political capital over the reciprocal trade bill, but I voted for it. Democrats traditionally are not fettered by partisanship," he said.

Neuberger lashed out at the GOP charge that Democrats are the "war party," stating, "the Korean war was no more the Truman war than the civil war was the Lincoln war." Had it not been for the Korean war, he said, the United States would not have one small uncommitted ally to its name. "And Eisenhower knows it," he said.

Republicans in this state, he charged, have had the idea for the last 40 years, that they were "born to the cloth." But, he added, that Oregon voters are beginning to realize that the "divine right" of the GOP in this state should end, as "Republicans have not kept up with the times."

The Senator again endorsed the Democratic governor for governor, State Sen. Robert Holmes. He said the only member of the state senate who voted against supporting the United Nations was Elmo Smith.

Neuberger declared the differences between Morse and McKay seem to be symbolized by the fact Morse was "concerned enough with southern Oregon problems" to send a representative to the Friday hearings on flood control in the Rogue river basin while McKay did not.

Charles O. Porter, Democratic candidate for congress from the fourth district, also speaking at the no-host dinner, declared his opponent, Harris Ellsworth, has an "uninformed and shallow" outlook towards foreign policy.

Referring to the Al Sarena dispute, Porter declared that anybody who would say the government was forced by law to issue the mining patents must not be informed of the fact that Secretary of the Interior Fred Seaton has changed certain mining regulations and stated that "there will be no more Al Sarenas."

Registration Mentioned

Porter said that according to recent Democratic registration in the fourth district he is running about 10,000 votes ahead of Ellsworth. He was in Medford Friday and Saturday for a series of coffee hours.

Neuberger was also a guest speaker later Friday night at a meeting of the Southern Oregon Salesmen's club at the Medford hotel. Discussing the economic conditions of the state, he said the most logical way to encourage industry and business in Oregon is through the use of its "largest natural resource — water power with cheap power rates."

Final Appearances of Candidates Will Be At League Fair Here

Final campaign appearances in southern Oregon will be made by candidates for national, state and local offices at the Candidates Fair at McLoughlin Junior High school boys gymnasium Saturday, Oct. 27, according to Mrs. Helen Thomas, chairman.

The Candidates Fair is being sponsored by the Medford League of Women Voters, the Democratic and Republican parties and other organizations. The Fair will start at 8 p.m., and continue until about 11 p.m.

Accept Invitations

Candidates who have accepted invitations from the League include Douglas McKay, Republican candidate for U. S. senator; Wayne Morse, Democratic senator seeking reelection; Harris Ellsworth, Republican congressman seeking reelection; Charles O. Porter, Democratic candidate for congressman from the fourth district; Governor Elmo Smith; Robert Holmes, Democratic candidate for governor; Mark Hatfield, Republican candidate for secretary of state; Monroe Sweetland, Democratic candidate for secretary of state; and Sig Unander, Republican, seeking reelection as state treasurer.

Mrs. Thomas said that Robert Y. Thornton, attorney general, who previously had accepted an invitation, will be unable to attend the Fair because of the coming Multnomah county vice trials which will be getting under way this week.

The only other candidates who do not plan to attend are Carl J. Francis, Republican candidate for attorney general, who was unable to include the Fair in his campaign schedule; and Wiley Smith, Democratic candidate for state treasurer, Mrs. Thomas said. Smith did not respond to invitations either from the Medford League during a candidates Fair there.

or the Eugene League during a candidates Fair there.

Local Candidates

Mrs. Thomas said all local candidates plan to attend the fair.

The Eugene League of Women Voters is planning a similar Candidates Fair there Oct. 26. Both fairs have been organized with the policy that if the candidate is unable to attend, there will be no representative accepted for that candidate.

Mrs. Thomas explained that the policy was adopted because the fair was set up with no political speeches and emphasis has been placed on meeting and talking with the actual candidate himself. The candidates will be at tables decorated by the two political parties.

A special gift will be awarded the political party having the largest number of voters represented at the fair. The gift will be presented by the Medford Mail Tribune, and will be accepted by the county central committee chairman on behalf of the political party.

A similar presentation is made at the Eugene Fair by the Eugene Register-Guard. In 1954 the gift was won by the Republican party in Eugene.

Plans for Nixon's Visit Announced

Vice President Richard Nixon will speak in Medford Friday, Oct. 26, in the last appearance of his campaign swing through the northwest.

He will speak to a Republican rally at Hedrick Junior High school at 8:15 p.m. Friday. He will confine his speech largely to campaign issues vital to the northwest, and major national issues.

Nixon, accompanied by Mrs. Nixon, will arrive at 5:30 p.m. Friday from Walla Wall, Wash. The vice presidential party will be met at the airport by Republicans from the fourth congressional district.

The junior high school was selected by the Jackson County Republican Central committee because of its seating capacity and parking facilities. The school gymnasium will hold over 2,500.

The vice president will make no other appearance while in Medford. He will remain overnight at the Medford hotel and will leave at 7:30 a.m. Saturday for Santa Rosa, Calif. The Nixon party, which includes some 15 or 20 newspapermen who have toured the nation with Nixon, and around 30 staff members, will stay at the Medford hotel Friday night.

Weather

FORECAST: Clearing this afternoon. Clear and cooler tonight. Increasing cloudiness with chance of showers Monday. High today 68. Low tonight 30. High Monday 56.

	Temp.
Highest yesterday	64
Lowest yesterday	32

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise	6:31 a.m.
Sunset	5:20 p.m.
Moonrise	6:39 p.m.

MORNING STARS are now Venus and Jupiter, in the order of their rising. In less than a week their positions will be reversed and we will see Jupiter above Venus.

Sports Bulletin

A Jacksonville High school touchdown and conversion with 45 seconds left play gave the Redskins a 14 to 13 nod over Rogue River here last night in a Jackson County B league football game.

FOOTBALL SCORES

Oregon Tech 27, So. Ore. 20
College of Pacific 28, Marquette 6
Stanford 21, Oregon 7
Oregon State 21, Wash. State 0
USC 35, Washington 7
UCLA 34, California 20
Dartmouth 7, Holy Cross 7
Pennsylvania 14, Brown 7
Columbia 26, Harvard 20
Syracuse 7, Army 0
Boston College 32, Rutgers 0
Princeton 28, Colgate 20
Yale 25, Cornell 7
Michigan 34, Northwestern 20
Michigan St. 47, Notre Dame 14
Oowa 34, Hawaii 0
Wisconsin 6, Purdue 6
Missouri 20, Kansas State 6
Oklahoma 34, Kansas 12
Indiana 19, Nebraska 14
Colorado 52, Iowa State 0
North Carolina 34, Maryland 8
Pittsburgh 27, Duke 14
Wyoming 30, Utah 20