

NRA Asked To Adopt Three-Goal Program For Development of Nation's Resources

Salt Lake City—(UP) — The National Reclamation Association was asked by its Water Policy Committee here yesterday to adopt a three-goal program in development of the water resources of the nation.

The committee, as "primary goals," listed:

1. The prosperous establishment of the man on the land.
2. The priority of the beneficial consumptive use of water.
3. The supremacy of state water laws.

The committee report was submitted to the association's 25th annual convention by Chairman Hugh A. Shamberger, Carson City, Nev. Committee members are from each of the 17 Western reclamation states.

Much of the report was devoted to a discussion of recommendations on a national water policy presented in recent years by a Hoover Commission task force, the President's Cabinet Advisory Committee and the St. Louis Interorganization Conference on Water.

Look To Congress

The NRA committee said that it recognized the value of the reports prepared by presidential study commissions but it said it "recognized a fatal defect in that entire approach."

"In the final analysis," the Shamberger committee declared, "Congress must set the policy and standards of a water policy under which it will authorize the construction of projects. The executive branch, in the exercise of its constitutional powers, can only recommend."

The committee commended the Senate for action at the session in approving a resolution calling for establishing national policies and standards in the field of land and water resources conservation and pledged NRA cooperation.

It urged that the next session of Congress enact legislation that reaffirms the supremacy of state water right policies. This, the committee said, "is without question one of the most important objectives before this as-

sociation and the people of the West."

In a 10-page discussion of the report sent to Congress by President Eisenhower from his Advisory Committee on Water Resources Policy, the secretaries of interior, defense and agriculture, the NRA committee said it agreed with some findings, but disagreed with others.

The committee agreed with the presidential committee in general in these findings:

That there should be more cooperation and coordination of federal agencies with each other and with the states and local interests.

That it is neither practical nor desirable for the federal government alone to assume responsibility for complete development of water resources.

That collection of basic data

should be accelerated.

That long range cooperative planning is needed.

That principles which recognize water rights as property rights be accepted.

That no system of relative priorities for the use of water should be applied uniformly to the entire country.

And that each major water resource project be authorized by Congress, although the NRA asked that individual authorizations not conflict with basinwide plans.

However, the Reclamation Association report disagreed with the President's committee on a recommendation that the position of federal coordinator of water resources be established.

"Continued apprehension has been expressed lest the operations of such an officer

hinder rather than hasten water resources development," the NRA said.

It also disagreed with the advisory committee suggestion that an independent board of review be created to analyze the engineering and economic feasibility of projects.

Further disagreement was expressed on the technical question of ratios of benefit-cost on water development projects. The NRA committee said it believes that benefit-cost ratios should be calculated using a proper evaluation of direct, indirect and public benefits.

In conclusion, the committee urged the association join in all efforts to provide a national water policy "adjustable to every geographic area" that "spells for our country and our people a future unlimited."

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Birmingham, Ala. — (UP) — The city commission on Birmingham's refusal to abide by the Supreme court ban on bus segregation:

"It is a time-proven fact that the customs, morals, habits and dignity of a citizenry can neither be established by legislative enactment nor court decisions."

Washington—British Ambassador Harold Caccia in a plea for U.S. aid to meet a European oil shortage:

"Without that oil, or oil from other sources, the industry of Europe, a vital factor for NATO, could in a matter of months come to a grinding halt."

Chicago — Thomas J. Watson Jr., president of International Business Machines, on automation:

"Automation is not going to take large numbers of Americans out of their jobs. Instead it will take the drudgery, the hazards, the noise and the dirt out of jobs for Americans."

Stoughton, Mass.—Daniel H. Hasenbine Jr., 24, a young hijacker arrested after he hid with his wife and two children in an unheated cottage for two days with practically no food:

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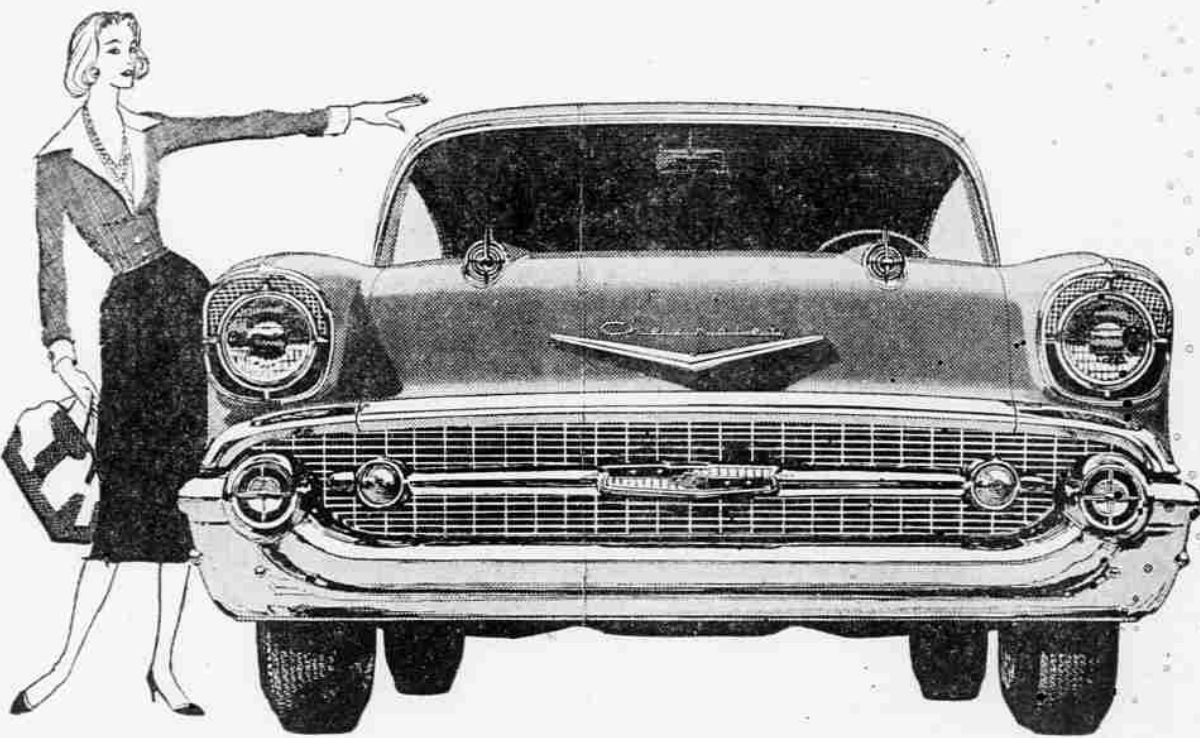
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Pace Too Fast; Asks Prison Return

Salem — (UP) — After five years of freedom, prison chess champion Miguel Marrero was back behind bars at the Oregon penitentiary today—at his own request.

The 55-year-old convict asked Klamath County Sheriff Murray Britton to send him back "home" because "life just reached too fast a pace during the 21 years I was behind bars."

"I felt like Alice in Wonderland," Marrero said.

Marrero was originally sentenced to life in prison because he and two companions fatally wounded a professional gambler during a holdup on a railroad work train in 1931.

Before he was paroled five years ago he had become the prison chess champ. But, complained the convict, "I couldn't find anyone who would take the time to play a game of chess on the outside. It's the material things that count now."

Marrero came to the United States from Puerto Rico when he was 15. He said that he had been going straight except for crossing the line into California in violation of his parole.

Court Records

POLICE COURT

Agnes Strand Morse, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Michael Wells Travis, expired vehicle plates, \$5.

Harold Ray Kinney, failure to stop at red light, \$5.

DISTRICT COURT

Charles Wiley Spence, overload, \$21.

Mervin Mays, violation of basic rule, \$20, bail forfeited.

Darwin Leroy Leeper, one head light, \$10, bail forfeited.

Elbert Lee McNeer, overload, \$20.

Charles Elwood Murrick, failure to stop at red light, \$10.

Norman Eugene Reynolds, violation of basic rule, \$15.

Rudy Milton Smith, violation of basic rule, \$25.

DeVonne Michael Sutton, no PUC permit, \$15, bail forfeited.

John Isaac Jones, following too close, \$15.

George Walter Brewer, no over-size permit, \$15, bail forfeited.

Samuel Lee Hopkins, no operator's license, \$5.

Gene Slater, Scarborough, no operator's license, \$5.

CIRCUIT COURT

Lester E. Mathes vs. Jessie B. Mathes, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION

Clarence M. Baker, 1114 West B st., Grants Pass, and Patsy Harader, Grants Pass.

Richard Joseph Meister, 943 Murray st., Medford, and Barbara Jane Allen, 776 Pennsylvania ave., Ashland.

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