

Compulsory Meat Inspection Urged On '57 Legislature

Salem—UP—The State Agriculture Department has recommended that the 1957 Legislature spend \$295,018 biennially on a compulsory meat inspection program.

The recommendation was contained in a report on operation of the state's pilot meat inspection program through last October.

The suggested program would employ 75 personnel, with a trained veterinarian and lay inspectors serving slaughterhouses in 18 designated areas.

Agriculture Director J. F. Short said the compulsory inspection program would function in 101 slaughter plants which are not now served by federal or state-approved city meat inspection programs.

Portland, Albany and Klamath Falls have state-approved city meat inspection, Short said. He added that 25 per cent of the proposed budget would not be used the first year because a full-time program could not be activated at once.

The report showed that 94 carcasses and nine animals were condemned during the 14 months the pilot inspection has been under way.

This is one-half of one per cent of all animals inspected and compares with 43 of one per cent condemned under federal meat inspection in Oregon in 1955.

Larger percentages of livers, heads and other parts of animals and over 17,000 pounds of meat products also were condemned.

Collision of Gaseous Clouds May Form Stars

Berkeley, Calif. — (UP) — Dr. Su-Shu Huang, University of California research astronomer, recently outlined the theory that collision of two clouds of gaseous material in interstellar space may be the mechanism by which new stars are formed.

The theory was developed to account for the presence of stars thousands of times brighter than our sun.

Dr. Huang, speaking at a recent joint meeting of the American Astronomical Society, said that the very luminous, early-type stars probably are formed in the compressed layers between the colliding clouds.

Resignation of Undersecretary Davis Symbolizes End of An Era

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Washington—The resignation of Clarence A. Davis as undersecretary of the Interior Department symbolizes the end of an era in the management of the nation's natural resources. You might call it the McKayera, because it began under President Eisenhower's first Interior Secretary, Douglas McKay. Or you might call it the Tudor-Davis era in memory of McKay's two undersecretaries, Ralph Tudor and Clarence Davis, who were unquestionably the two strongest resource policies during McKay's tenure in the cabinet.



When McKay was succeeded by Fred A. Seaton last spring, it was a rebuff to Davis, who had hoped to be promoted to secretary and who had the backing of the most powerful western Republican senators. Seaton asked Davis to remain as undersecretary — and when Davis agreed it was generally understood that it would be only a temporary stay, possibly through

the elections and until Seaton could get on top of his new responsibilities.

Campaigned for McKay
During this period of months, there have been no outward changes in resource management policies. Indeed, Seaton campaigned for McKay in Oregon in the fall, warmly endorsing his record and defending the policies — from Al Sarena to Hells Canyon—which made the McKay era such a controversial one.

With the election returns, in which many western Republicans including McKay suffered severely, there came a determination in high GOP circles here to make some significant changes in resource policy—a problem that is still under con-

sideration by Seaton and his associates.

When reports leaked out that Seaton was ordering a reappraisal of the power policy which had originally been drafted by Tudor and passionately adhered to by Davis, the reaction of Davis was that "I would be greatly surprised" if any change is to be made in the power policy. He added: "Dwight Eisenhower will not

alter a policy for purposes of political expediency."

Sharp Departure
Subsequently, it developed that Seaton was seriously considering a sharp departure in the Hells Canyon area of the Snake river where private power companies had been encouraged during the McKay era to develop a chain of dam sites previously marked for federal development.

Within the past few days, as the resignation of Davis was announced, it was reported that Seaton had decided to step into the Snake River situation in the following manner:

1. Request that the Federal Power Commission, which is in the midst of hearings on Pacific Northwest Power Company's license application, suspend further consideration of the utility's plan for a low dam at Pleasant Valley and at Mountain Sheep sites downstream from Hells Canyon.

More Beneficial
2. Explain that a preliminary report prepared by the Interior Department indicates that a high dam at Pleasant Valley would be more beneficial in terms of flood control, power output and irrigation subsidy than the private utility's scheme—but that before any final decision is reached, a more detailed study

should be undertaken of the full implications of a higher dam.

When Seaton came to the Interior post from the White House staff, he brought with him a reputation for being a trouble shooter. The western election results, which bore the imprint of the Democratic charge of "giveaway," indicated to him that the GOP is in trouble over resource policies. Davis, who personally handled the disputed Al Sarena case, was one of the chief architects of those policies.

His departure, more than McKay's, marks the end of an era—and the start of a new one under Fred Seaton.

Local Man Awarded Production Prize

John Dunlap, Jackson county sheep grower, was named winner of third prize in a statewide sheep production contest by the Oregon Purebred Sheep Breeders' association this week.

Dunlap was awarded a \$20 check as his prize.

This contest is scored on 15 points in feeding and management practices and 85 points on gross returns in money per ewe from lambs and wool, according to Earle Jossy, county agriculture agent. The state contest is divided into two groups, those with more than 100 ewes and those with less than 100 ewes.

Dunlap has 82 ewes. His income per ewe was \$29.95.

The first winner in this division was Douglas Chambers of Salem with a total income per ewe of \$30.80. O. C. Lester of Aurora was second in this division. Dunlap was the only entry in Jackson county in the 1956 contest.

The association is now taking entries for the 1957 contest and entry blanks can be obtained in the county agents' office. Any sheep grower who has at least 35 ewes of breeding age is eligible for the contest, Jossy said. Entries must be made by Jan. 1.

TO FLAG

Watertown, N. Y. — (UP) — Mayor William G. Lachenauer, leading city council members in the weekly meeting routine of saluting the American flag, was halfway through the ceremony before it was noticed there was no flag in the chamber. It had been removed during renovations to the council chamber.

Eden Calls for Showdown in Party

London—(UP)—Prime Minister Anthony Eden called a meeting tonight of his divided Conservative party for a showdown with party rebels on the Suez crisis and the resulting economic difficulties.

But first he goes before the House of Commons to answer another barrage of questions by the Labor party opposition and to try to strengthen his government leadership.

The conservative Daily Sketch, one of the strongest supporters of Eden throughout the long Suez crisis, said tonight's political session could make or break his career.

The party is either split or discontented over the outcome of the attack on Egypt and the massive home front problems that have boiled up because of blockade of the canal and sabotage of oil pipelines.

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