



HEADING DOWN SUEZ CANAL from Port Said, Rameses, Egyptian cargo vessel, is first commercial craft to travel waterway's 100-mile length since it was blocked last November. Large vessels will not be able to use waterway for many weeks. (International)

Hells Canyon Issue Gets Spirited Airing

Salem — (U.P.) — The controversial issue of harnessing the Snake river in the Hells Canyon area for power and flood control drew spirited arguments on the one hand for a proposed federally constructed high dam and on the other for three so-called low dams by Idaho Power Company in a Senate hearing last night.

Bill Provides For Colleges

Salem — (U.P.) — Establishment of two-year community colleges under the State Department of Education was provided for in a bill introduced in the Oregon House today by Rep. Ole Grubb, Bend Democrat. Grubb's bill provides that a community college could be set up by any school district or several districts whose cash value exceeded \$20 million and where at least 500 pupils were enrolled in grades 9 to 12. Included in the bill was a provision that the State Board of Education undertake this biennial general survey covering the entire state to determine the number of community colleges needed and the approximate boundaries of districts that might operate a community college. The board's report would be submitted to the next Legislature. Action to start a community college could be initiated by written petition to the school board from not less than 10 per cent of the registered voters of a school district.

high Hells canyon dam and cancel out the low dams project of Idaho power. Robert F. Ball of Boise, assistant to the President of Idaho Power Company, said that all three low dams would cost \$133 million compared to a \$399 million for the high dam. Proponents of the high dam argued that in the long run, the high dam would produce more power at a cheaper rate and would provide flood control and irrigation advantages that the low dams would not provide.

Groups in Favor Farm and labor groups appeared in favor of the memorial. They included James T. Marr, of the Oregon State Council of the AFL-CIO, who is also president of the National Hells Canyon Association; Elmer McClure, master of the Oregon State Grange; and Harley Libby, of Jefferson, president of the Oregon State Farmers Union. Sen. Matus indicated that it might be some while before the committee acted on the memorial.

Institute Studies Planet's Interior

Cambridge, Mass. — (U.P.) — Massachusetts Institute of Technology has set up a laboratory of earth sciences to study our planet's solid interior, the atmosphere, the oceans and the land masses between. Prof. Henry G. Houghton, head of MIT's meteorology department, will take charge of the new lab. The lab will be operated jointly by the departments of meteorology, geology and geophysics. The lab will attempt a new and integrated approach "to experimental and theoretical investigations of man's environment," Harrison said. The professor said that "a dash of imagination" will be added to "spice" scientific observations. "Controlled imagination often is the chief tool of the earth scientist when he assails such questions as formation of continents, causes of climate or the nature of the earth four billion years ago," Harrison said. The laboratory is expected to become a research center for geologists, geochemists, geophysicists, meteorologists and oceanographers.

Man's Possibilities Are Symbolized in Lincoln, Jones Says

"Abraham Lincoln is a symbol of the possibility in the common man," Dr. William C. Jones, dean of administration at the University of Oregon told a gathering of about 90 Republicans last night at the annual Lincoln Day dinner at the Jackson hotel. Dr. Jones described Lincoln as a "complex man" whose genius people want to know more about, despite charges that he was a demigod only because favorable circumstances made him so. "We all are sons and daughters of the common people," Dr. Jones said, "and Lincoln demonstrated that our possibilities can be realized because, if for no other reason, we are Americans."

As it turned out, Dr. Jones said, Lincoln saved the Union. "He demonstrated free men can build institutions and develop loyalties strong enough to curb their differences," according to the dean. "Lincoln also pointed out that if these institutions and loyalties are to be lasting, America must develop men of 'good will' who have tolerance with those with whom they disagree," Dr. Jones said. He concluded that Lincoln shall remain the "eternal symbol of the Republican party." E. H. Singmaster, master of ceremonies, was elected president of the Jackson County Lincoln club, Jack Eberhart, Ashland High school student, read Lincoln's Gettysburg address during the program.

Pre-Eminent American Americans are eager to experience more of Lincoln's personality, according to the university dean. As a result "the looms in the heart of most of us as the pre-eminent American," he added. Dr. Jones said Lincoln symbolized the fact American people have built a nation with "allegiances that transcend its differences." He pointed out the New England yankee, the Texan, foreign languages spoken on New York's Magnolia st., the westerner and the American Indian are examples of the "great diversity of the country's population" that were preserved because of the Civil War. "It would be terrifying to speculate," the speaker said, "what the country would have been like now had Lincoln chosen the path of least resistance and let the Union dissolve." Another decision may have divided the United States into a group of Balkan states, he said.

Medford Corporation To Start Repair Work

The Medford corporation will close for its annual three-week repair and overhaul period after work tomorrow, it was reported today. B. L. (Bud) Nutting, manager of the lumber firm, said the company plans to resume operations on March 18. The closure will include the mill north of Medford, the company's railroad, and the woods operations in the Butte Falls area. During the period, which is "routine" every year, machinery and equipment will be gone over and repaired as necessary. The firm employs some 500 men, but a considerable number of them will remain at work during the three weeks to assist in the repair work.

Actor John Carradine Awarded Three Children

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actor John Carradine has been awarded custody of his three children without protest from his estranged wife, actress Sonia Sorel. Miss Sorel Wednesday told a Superior Court judge that she had no objections to the children, Christopher, 10; Keith, 7; and Robert, 2, being placed in their father's custody. The actress currently is facing charges of contributing to the delinquency of 19-year-old Michael Bowen.

Auto Chains Necessary Over Three Highways

Salem — (U.P.) — From one to three inches of new snow made chains a necessity for travel at Timberline, Warm Springs junction and Willamette Pass, the State Highway Department reported today. Highway officials advised motorists to carry chains at Government Camp, Santiam pass, Chemult and Austin.



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