

Porter Calls for \$44,000 for Completion of Survey Reports

Washington — Congressman Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) Monday called for \$44,000 for completion of Army engineers survey reports on the Rogue river and its tributaries.

He testified before the public works subcommittee of the house committee on appropriations on proposed expenditures during the next fiscal year. Porter said the funds requested by him and other members of the Oregon delegation "would keep on schedule the construction and planning of these projects and mean an immediate brace under the sagging economy of this area."

There is no provision in the president's budget for the Rogue basin survey.

Explains Report

Porter explained the report will cover local protective works such as levees, revetments, and channel improvement, which

may be found justified as supplementing the flood control effect of irrigation reservoirs under study by the bureau of reclamation.

"The possibility of providing additional storage for flood control and multiple purpose use will be investigated and consideration given to the problem of maintaining fishing resources of the stream," he stated.

The congressman said, "I have been informed by Gen. J. L. Person, chief of civil works, that \$3,500 has been made available to continue this survey through the end of the current fiscal year. The money was made available through reallocation of unexpended funds in other areas. However, a new estimate of it after fiscal year 1957 is now \$44,000. . . . The study could be completed during the coming fiscal year if this amount is made available by appropriation to the

Army Engineers. . . I intend to introduce legislation authorizing a project based on the engineers' report as soon as it becomes available and I think it would be a real economic disaster to delay further the completion of this report by failure to appropriate the necessary funds."

Flood Damage

Porter added, "The basin has been putting up with serious flood damage for years and the last major flood a year and a half ago was just this side of a major disaster."

The congressman also urged appropriation of \$6,041,000 included in the president's budget for construction of the Talent division of the Rogue river basin bureau of reclamation project.

"Total cost of this project is estimated at \$19,200,000, which is a considerable reduction from the original estimated cost," he pointed out.

"It was authorized in August of 1954 and involves rehabilitation work on the Talent Irrigation District for flood control, irrigation and electric power generation. It is extremely important in an area of my district which has suffered heavily from floods and its irrigation economic benefits are substantial. . . . The program for the year included a provision for progress payments on the first section of Howard Prairie Delivery canal, award of construction contracts and progress payments on the second and third sections and on the Ashland, East and Talent laterals."

He continued, "Progress payments are also scheduled on the Green Springs Power plant and related equipment and the award of a contract for the Cascade Divide tunnel and inlet structure. Also provided for are right of way acquisition, reservoir area clearing and relocation of county and forest service roads as well as progress payments on the prime contract for the Howard Prairie Dam. A number of other items involved in the overall program can be continued or initiated with the amount requested in the budget. . . . I have reason to believe that the amount requested has already been cut to the bone before the budget was presented to the committee, and I believe the full amount should be appropriated."

HOMEMAKERS

Greenville, Mich. — Thirty-three high school boys enrolled in the local school's first home economics class for males. "The boys have wanted such a class for some time and their interest is genuine," said Catherine Stall, home economics instructor.



MRS. K. E. HEFFERNAN Attends Congress Convention

Local Woman Attends Convention of Rivers Congress in Capital

Washington — The National Rivers and Harbors Congress project committee recently placed a flood control and conservation survey of the Rogue River valley in its class III, which asks engineering authorities to make an expeditious report.

The committee's endorsement was voted by the Congress at a

closed convention session May 18.

The endorsement came after several witnesses testified before the committee in behalf of a \$50,000 appropriation for the bureau of reclamation and Army engineers to make a survey.

Among witnesses was Mrs. K. E. Heffernan of Medford, who operates a 225-acre orchard in the Rogue valley. She was the first woman witness to appear before the committee in a decade.

A member of the Junior League and daughter of one of the first families of Oregon, Mrs. Heffernan was named a delegate to the convention by Congressman Charles O. Porter.

Mrs. Heffernan became interested in conservation after the flood in 1955 damaged about \$4 million worth of property along Rogue river. She also is a supervisor of the Rogue River Soil Conservation district.

She was accompanied to Washington by her mother, Mrs. E. B. Hanley. She remained in Washington after the convention to confer with department of agriculture officials on conservation matters.

The National Rivers and Harbors Congress is composed of individuals and governmental agencies working for a long-range program of flood control and harbor improvement.

Democratic Panelists Seek Definition of Modern Republicans

Washington — Top Democrats including former President Truman and Adlai Stevenson held a political quiz show Tuesday night that sought a definition of "modern Republicanism."

The results were not designed to please the GOP National Committee.

The quiz was the featured attraction of the first annual Democratic Party Night. Democrats at dinner and after-dinner gatherings throughout the nation tuned in the recorded quiz show broadcast over CBS Radio.

Stevenson Quizmaster

Stevenson, Democratic presidential candidate in 1952 and 1956, acted as quizmaster. Truman, Mrs. Alben Barkley, Sen. John Sparkman (D-Ala.) and Gov. Foster Furcolo of Massachusetts were the panelists.

Stevenson said that Rep. Noah Mason (R-Ill.) termed modern Republicanism "a form of bribery, a program to buy votes with the voters' own money."

Sparkman said "modern Republicanism is never putting off until tomorrow what should have been done in 1873."

It is "like an iceberg," Furcolo said. He explained that "it's cold, slow-moving, and very little of it shows above the surface."

"The Republican iceberg is 10 per cent visible, 90 per cent submerged and 100 per cent at sea," he added.

Stevenson said that "people in Washington are still talking about an historic occurrence which took place here not long ago. Secretary of State John

Foster Dulles and President Eisenhower were both in town at the same time."

Airport Meeting Place

Then, he asked, "Where did they meet?"

Furcolo was first with an answer. "It must have been either at the railroad station or the airport," he said. Stevenson replied that the airport was correct.

Truman said he admired Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson for his recent remark that criticism about defense spending by his "rich friends" in the U. S. Chamber of Commerce "gives me a pain."

"My admiration went up a notch on that statement," Truman remarked. Furcolo said "it was a dog-goned good answer."

Hanby School Slates Promotion Exercise

Gold Hill — Principal Gilbert A. Mack has announced that the Hanby Elementary school of Gold Hill will hold its eighth grade promotion exercises May 24 at 8 p.m. in the school's gymnasium.

The Rev. Howard Walton of the Gold Hill Methodist church will give the invocation.

The eighth grade teacher, Roland Griffith, will introduce the class and present the awards.

Dorothy Springman and Marilyn McCoy will read the class history. The class will be to be given by Ronald Ross and Norman Adkins Judy Kimmey and John Doherty will project the class prophecy.

The program will include special music from the seventh grade under the direction of William Brewster.

Clarence Mellbye, vice principal of Crater High and recently elected principal of the Central High school between Monmouth and Independence, will be the guest speaker. The title of his address is "Junk Heaps and Treasure Chests."

Another feature will be music by the Hanby school band under the direction of Charles Cook.

Norman Gail will give recommendations and present diplomas to the class. Exercises will conclude with a benediction by the Rev. Thomas White.

ENVOY EN ROUTE TO U.S.

Tokyo — Koichiro Asakai, newly-appointed Japanese ambassador to the United States, was en route to Washington by plane today to assume his new post. Asakai, 51, a career diplomat, formerly was Japanese ambassador to the Philippines. He succeeds Masayuki Tani in Washington.

More Than 100 Visit Hospital on Thursday

More than 110 persons registered at Sacred Heart hospital Thursday during Hospital day, according to hospital officials.

The Providence guild members and friends served refreshments and tea to the visitors and decorated the hospital for the occasion.

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North Idaho Gets Relief From Floods

By UNITED PRESS
Weary North Idaho residents, plagued by rain-swollen creeks and streams, today were hopeful that the worst flooding was over as the weatherman predicted relief from the steady downpour of the last two weeks. Streams started dropping toward their normal levels Tuesday as the result of a combination of cooler weather and slackening rain. It was believed that the flood danger was over, provided more rain didn't fall on the area.

Col. George B. Bennett, deputy adjutant general for Idaho, relieved National Guardsmen from Lewiston and Grangeville who had been fighting high water at Orofino, the most troublesome flood spot of the week.

Orofino Mayor A. B. Curtis estimated the cost of repairing damage in his city alone would be \$100,000.

NO SOFT PEDAL

Manhasset, N. Y. — More than half of the bicycle riding public of this North Shore Long Island community was grounded today. Some 290 out of 549 youngsters Tuesday flunked their bicycle riding tests and were denied licenses. A community safety program forbids bicycle riding without a license.

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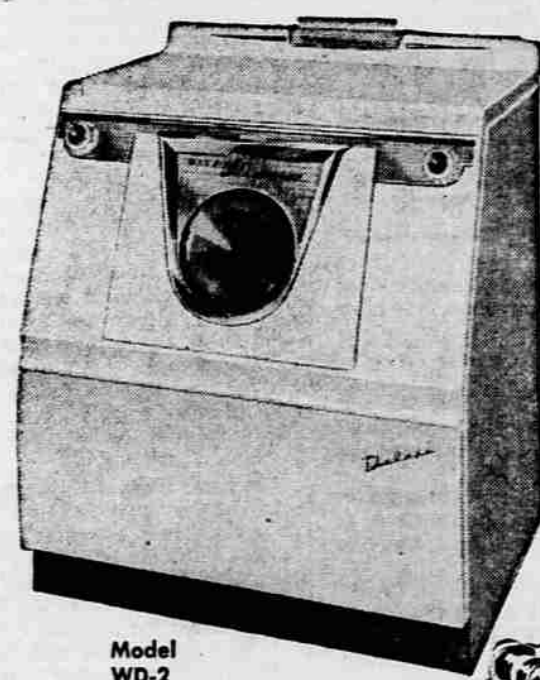
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