

Seaton Declares Tax Write-Off Benefits Brought 'Misgivings'

Washington — Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton said today he had "grave misgivings" over the granting by the Office of Defense Mobilization of fast tax write-off certificates to the Idaho Power Co. for construction of two Pacific Northwest dams.

Seaton said that "the record before the Federal Power Commission established clearly" that the certificates were not necessary to the construction by the power firm of the Brownlee and Oxbow dams on the Snake river.

The FPC recently licensed the company to build the administration supported projects in preference to a single federal high dam for power production in Hells Canyon. Democrats favored the high dam.

Seaton was called to testify at a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee investigation into the controversial tax write-off benefits given to Idaho Power.

Grave Misgivings
At an earlier hearing, Defense Mobilization Gordon Gray acknowledged that he approved the write-offs despite a March 11 letter from Seaton urging that they be denied.

"I had grave misgivings concerning the granting of these certificates because Idaho Power had stressed that its proposed development was to be accomplished without any cost to the United States," Seaton testified.

The secretary also said that he felt "the company did not expect tax certificates in making its plans for development of these units."

Seaton said he recognizes "full well" that Gray had

authority to approve the write-off "without my concurrence."

He said he had "no criticism" of Gray because "he exercised his best judgment as it appeared to him under authority vested in him."

Practice Under Attack
"Nevertheless, I reiterate that I did reemphasize against issuance of the certificates and would do so again," Seaton said. "In my opinion such certificates should not be granted without a showing of financial need."

Tax write-offs were authorized during the war years to encourage rapid expansion by industry. Firms were allowed to deduct in five years rather than the usual 20 depreciation costs growing out of their new construction.

The program has come under attack on grounds that it no longer can be justified as a defense need and that it delays receipt of some tax revenues the government badly needs.

President Eisenhower and Secretary of Treasury George Humphrey have called for an end to the write-off benefits except for essential defense activities.

Upholstery Classes Set for Summer
Two upholstery classes will be held this summer in the McLaughlin Junior High school gym, according to Lindsay M. Vinsel, director of adult and vocational education for the Medford public schools.

The one-week classes will meet daily from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. The first class will be held from Monday, June 10, through Friday, June 14, and the second from June 17 through June 20.

The courses, instructed by Mrs. May Frye of the Eugene Vocational school, will consist of upholstering of small projects and the fabrication of slip covers for chairs and davenport.

Tuition is \$8, payable on registration at the Medford senior high school Monday, June 3 through Friday, June 7.

Woman Sightseer Saved From Fall
Prospect—A sightseer, identified only as "Mrs. Smith" of Four Corners, near Medford, was saved from possible tragedy about 7 p.m. Sunday by an alert prospect man, George Brown.

Mrs. Smith, another woman and three small children had climbed over the guard fence apparently trying to get a better view of the gorge across from the Prospect guard station. Mrs. Smith slipped and fell on her back, landing a few inches from a 200-foot drop-off.

Brown, who happened to be there at the time and witnessed her fall, unsuccessfully looked for a rope or something to throw to her. He then climbed down, was able to reach her hand and pulled her to safety.

Talent High School Awards Presented
Talent—Awards to outstanding students of Talent high school were made Tuesday, May 21, at a school assembly.

Gold cups were awarded to senior Richard Bradford for scholarship and Maudalene Searcy for outstanding senior girl. Gloria Quackenbush was named outstanding underclassman.

Outstanding athletes recognized were Bob Hoffman for basketball; Melvin Wallace, football; and Fred Helm, baseball.

Students in speech, commercial, journalism, athletics, library, student council, cheer leading and other departments were among those honored.

Plywood Laboratory Opened in California
Arcata, Calif.—Opening of a new testing laboratory here to service the expanding plywood industry in southern Oregon and northern California was announced today by the Douglas Fir Plywood Association.

Nelson S. Perkins of Tacoma, association technical director, said the laboratory would provide faster technical advice and more efficient quality testing for mills in the area.

UNFAIR TRADE
Frankfurt, Germany — A 72-year-old woman complained to police Tuesday that a burglar had stolen her set of false teeth and left his own set in an unfair exchange. The woman's false teeth were studded with gold crowns and bridges; the burglar's were a cheap set.

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Morse Claims Tax Write-Off Shows Need for Clean-Up

Washington — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said Tuesday President Eisenhower should "start cleaning house" because of "shocking revelations" about alleged White House influence in the granting special tax benefits to Idaho Power Co.

Morse said the "fraud" involved in the awarding of fast tax write-off privileges to the power firm "is building up to another Dixon-Yates scandal."

Case Leads To Door
He said in a speech prepared for Senate delivery that disclosures Monday before a monopoly and anti-trust subcommittee headed by Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) constituted a "shocking story of political immorality."

"The president should start cleaning house because the case leads right to his door," Morse said.

The Oregon senator accused administration officials of "suppressing" information sought by the Kefauver subcommittee.

Kefauver Monday confronted Defense Mobilization Gordon Gray with a copy of a letter Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton had written in opposition to the write-off for Idaho Power. The letter was addressed to Gray's predecessor, Arthur S. Flemming.

Very Embarrassing
In his follow-up attack Morse said Gray "conceded that the Seaton letter presented the arguments of congressional opponents of the Idaho Power tax gift."

"Clearly this was very embarrassing," he said. "The White House staff and Gray decided to put the lid of secrecy on it."

Morse said testimony before the subcommittee revealed that Gray had consulted with presidential aides Sherman Adams and Howard Pyle before announcing publicly that Idaho Power would get the tax benefits.

Phoenix High Students Receive Awards At Final Assembly

Phoenix—The final awards assembly was held by the Phoenix High school Tuesday afternoon, May 28. Awards were presented by the faculty to many students who are outstanding in the various academic and activity fields.

Award medals were presented to Dorothy Bean as being outstanding in girls activities; Jim James for boys activities; and to Neil Gearin, student body president. Charlotte Stovall, valedictorian, received a one-year subscription to Readers Digest.

Richard Shatto and Rodney Strahm were presented awards from the Danford Foundation.

Other Honors
The pin for highest achievement in mathematics as decided by the score received in a standardized achievement test covering three years of mathematics went to Rodney Strahm. His score was higher than 98 per cent of three year mathematics students in the nation who have taken this test.

Honorable mention went to Jim James with a percentile rank of 97½, Larry Glidden with a 94 percentile, Rose Mary Kusel and Henry Scott with a 93 percentile, and Ron Daugherty with an 89 percentile. The pin given to the student making the highest grade in his school in the test sent out by the American Mathematical association went to Rose Mary Kusel.

Journalism awards were presented to Charlotte Stovall as editor of the Phoenixian and to Alicia Abbott, Charlotte Keene, Larry Blunt, and Carol Clark for work in journalism.

Cheerleader Letters
Cheerleader's letters were awarded to Margaret Ann Bolz, Ida Marie Bolz, Nedra Harris, Frances Hensley, Betty Rupp, and Sandra Skinner; GAA first year numerals to Karen Golding, Bonnie Mullineaux, Linda Wallace, Pat Trout, Frances Stout, Nancy Stewart, Peggy Smith,

Marla Simmonds, Linda Garin, Joyce Hunter, Mary Cole and Donna Lee Clark; GAA second year letters to Ida Marie Bolz, Mary Fowler, Dana Halas, Pat Imhousen, Dorcas Johnson, Mary Daniels and Susan Walker; and GAA third year letter to Nadine Brood.

Homemaking awards went to Sandra Edwards, Mary Cole and Charlotte Stovall. Charlotte Unruh received a certificate of merit for her work as editor of the Pirate Log.

Speech and dramatics certificates of merit were presented to Ronald Daugherty and Marva Sult for oratory; Jim James for debate; Larry Glidden for debate impromptu; and Wanda Oetken, Charles Swingle, Barbara Blankenship and Roxie Shea for outstanding performance in dramatics. A special award was presented to Dorothy Bean.

First year band letters were distributed to Freddie Beeson, Karen Golding, George Hall, Joyce Hunter, Jim Martin, Eldon Mitchell, Peggy Smith, Linda Wallace, John Walsh and Norman Whisenant; emblems for second, third and fourth years to Eddie Beeson, Marilyn Beeson, Glen Bradley, Nadine Brood, Mary Daniels, Bill Dillree, Kay Haight, Nedra Harris, David McClurg, Alton Medcalf, Sandra Skinner, Gloana Smith, Charlotte Unruh and Donald Wallace; and certificates to Dick Maesse and John Whiteside.

Athletic Awards
Coach Jack Woodward distributed varsity basketball letters to Gary Simmonds, Jim James, Doug Witte, Jim Stout, Jim Heath, Don Wallace, Lester Schleigh, Jim Waldron, Ron Daugherty, Bob Taylor and Manager Jack Rinn.

Coach Albert Consrubck distributed letters to track lettermen Bill Clark, Jim James, Dick Shatto, Mike Campbell, Fred Faytinger, Jim Heath, Bob Taylor, Gary Simmonds, Jim Stout, Charles Swingle, Earl Dillree, Jim Waldron, Bill Dillree, Russel Hill, Don Korth, Don MacKintosh, David McClurg, Ted Spurlock and Managers Gordon Castor and Dick Lorton; and junior varsity basketball letters to David McClurg, Fred Faytinger, Don MacKintosh, Marvin Frazier, David Barlow, Dennis James, Bill Dillree and Don Korth.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Baccalaureate Held At Illinois Valley High

Cove Junction — The Rev. Robert Kingsbury of Immanuel Methodist church delivered the baccalaureate services for 52 Illinois Valley High school graduates Sunday night at the school. The high school choir sang "Crusaders Hymn" and "Tis Evening's Holy Hour" following the invocation by the Rev. Don Brown. The benediction was given by Rev. Kingsbury.

Residents Required To Get Burning Permits

Central Point — Officials of the Central Point Rural Fire department today reminded residents that permits will be required for all burning within the district limits starting June 1. Permits may be obtained at the fire station, south of Central Point on Highway 99 and information may be obtained by calling the office, NO 4-2244.

Sweet Home — Hugh Arthur Meecham, 25, of Foster, Ore., was fatally injured Monday when his automobile went out of control and crashed over an embankment.

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Applicants must reside within the delivery area of the Eagle Point office or be bona fide patrons or employees of the post office, Wallis said.

Crop Duster Injured In Crash of Airplane
Madras, Ore. — A light plane crashed on a ranch early today, seriously injuring Robert Hatherill, 27, Prineville.

Hatherill was hospitalized in Redmond after his plane cracked up on the Leo Bicart ranch on Agency Plains while he was on a crop dusting mission.

He was about 50 feet in the air when the motor apparently quit and the plane dove into the ground nose first. Rescuers had to saw Hatherill out of the smashed cockpit.

No Progress Reported In Lumber Negotiations
Portland — Employers and union representatives seeking a new contract for a major segment of the Pacific Northwest lumber industry met here Tuesday with a federal mediator but no progress was reported.

After the meeting, a spokesman for the International Woodworkers of America said a meeting of local union leadership would be held here June 11 to formulate policy and further action.

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Accidents Involve 6 Vehicles Driver Arrested Tuesday

Six vehicles were involved in two separate but related accidents and one other driver was cited for driving while intoxicated last night on Highway 99 about a half-mile south of Phoenix, according to state police.

Officers said no injuries resulted from the accidents.

First Accident
The first accident occurred at 9:20 p.m., when the rear binder of a truck and trailer, both carrying lumber, broke and scattered lumber on the highway over a distance of about a block. Driver of the truck was identified as Paul Leroy McDermott, 36, Whittier, Calif.

A few minutes later, a car operated by Billy Howard McFadyen, 27, Lincoln, Ore., passed the truck and struck the right side of another car, which was

traveling on the inside lane of the highway. Operator of that car was James Wesley Kerns, 18, Ashland.

Police said the rear of McFadyen's car swung to the right after hitting the Kerns vehicle and struck still another car, which was stopped on Cabbage lane at the entrance of Highway 99.

That vehicle was operated by Richard Lee Farrell, 19, of 522 North Riverside ave. The three cars received minor damage and were driven from the scene, police said. The truck remained at the scene.

Second Collision
While officers were investigating the accident, another collision occurred at 10 p.m. Police said cars operated by Billy Bingham Ashley, 26, Redding, Calif., and Ronald Parker White, 22, Burlington, Wash., were traveling north, along with other cars, when another vehicle changed lanes. White's car was forced to nearly stop to allow the other vehicle to pass. Police said Ashley, who was following White, was apparently unable to stop, slid sideways and hit White's car. Damage to the cars was reported minor.

While police were still investigating the first accident, a vehicle operated by Laurence Ross Hemenway, 46, of 401 East 12th st., Medford, reportedly ran over three warning flares officers had placed around the truck and trailer. He was arrested by police and charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Guns Unlimbered for Defense Fund Battle
Washington — Administration forces unlimbered their biggest gun today in a fight to reflate President Eisenhower's defense appropriation.

They conceded privately they were probably licked before they started.

Their not-so-secret weapon was a roll call vote on which they hoped members might back away from the economy sentiment registered late Tuesday on a non-recorded nose-count.

Before that vote the President was looking good in his drive to prod more defense money out of the House than the \$33,541,000 its economy minded Appropriations Committee recommended.

School To Train Meat Inspectors Planned
Salem — The State Department of Agriculture announced today it has started a school to train meat inspectors who will conduct the state meat inspection program voted by the recent legislature.

M. E. Knickerbocker, animal industry director of the department, said the classes are for brand inspectors who will serve as lay meat inspectors under the program. The school is being conducted in Salem area meat plants and all brand inspectors are to have completed the two-week course by mid-July.

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