

Big Ship Building Program Will Hit Coast Shipyards

Los Angeles — Shipbuilders in Los Angeles, San Diego, and the Puget Sound area of Washington may divide a 72 million dollar maritime construction program during the next two years.

The possibility was announced Friday by Clarence G. Morse, chairman of the Federal Maritime Board and maritime administrator of the Department of Commerce.

Morse said it was likely that 18 cargo ships to be constructed for American President lines, American Export lines, Moore-MacCormack and Lykes Bros., would be built in west coast shipyards.

He said the Todd shipyards at Los Angeles would probably build two of the vessels which cost 11 million dollars each.

Two similar vessels are slated for construction by the National Steel Shipbuilding Co., of San Diego, and another two ships, costing 28 million dollars, are to be built in the Puget Sound area, he said.

Morse said allocation of the contracts was contingent on presidential action under a recently enacted statute which authorizes the chief executive to allocate the contracts to deficiency areas.

Morse spoke at a meeting of the Propeller club, Port of Los Angeles-Long Beach.

At a press conference earlier, the maritime official said the United States was ahead of Russia in the maritime atomic field.

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Neuberger Called 'Mulish' Thinker By Sen. Dworshak

Washington — Sen. Henry Dworshak (R-Idaho), who has tilted frequently with Sen. Richard L. Neuberger over water resources development in the Northwest, Saturday took another swipe at his neighboring colleague.

He issued a statement characterizing the Oregon Senator proposal to "deepfreeze" dam sites above Grand Coulee dam in the upper Columbia river basin as an "example of mulish thinking."

Dworshak described the Neuberger proposal as one which would halt all dam building until the problem of moving fish over high dams is solved.

"This is typical of the Oregon Senator's approach," Dworshak declared. "All dams in the lower basin are fine, but don't build anything in Idaho."

Dworshak said Oregon's junior senator "is opposed to a 500-foot dam on the Clearwater because it would block fish runs; yet worked like a dervish to push through the senate a bill for a 700-foot dam on the Snake."

"The inconsistency of the Oregon Senator's allegiances all point to the fact that he is opposed to Federal dams if they are in Idaho and private dams if they are in the Northwest," Dworshak's statement continued.

"Halting all dam building for 10 years would put a stopper on Pacific Northwest industrial developments."

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GOING TO court in Los Angeles, stripteaseer Tempest Storm has her legal name changed from Annie Becker to Storm. (International)

Toy Razor Buzzing Alarms Post Office

Phoenix — The post office put in a frantic call to Phoenix police Saturday, saying a Christmas package apparently had a bomb in it.

Two detectives and demolition expert hurried the package out to an open field, and opened it gingerly.

It was a toy electric razor for a child, which had started buzzing.

Several Projects Done By Industrial Class

Talent—Industrial arts class students at Talent High school have been working on several projects this year, Gordon Hart, instructor, has announced.

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Soviet Security To Ease Tension

Moscow — Soviet Security Chief Ivan Serov Saturday promised an easing of Russia's internal "state of tension."

Serov, writing in the Communist party organ Pravda, said the conditions of political unity now make the internal "state of tension" unnecessary as in the first years of the Soviet Union but that external strength and vigilance still is needed.

Employment Drops In Many Lines Throughout State

Salem — Employment in Oregon dropped 15,400 last month to 471,600 with practically all lines sharing in the downturn, the State Unemployment Compensation commission reported Saturday.

Seasonal industries employed 10,999 fewer persons and represented the major share of the decrease from 485,900 jobs a year ago.

Statistics showed 50,200 logging and sawmill employees last month, comparing with 54,600 last year. Plywood employment, however, gained 600 to 14,700.

Food processing with 16,400 jobs also fell short of the 1956 mark and construction at 22,500 was nearly 2,000 under last year's report.

Holiday trade gave retail employment a lift but the November report showed only 78,000 working against 83,100 a year ago. Transportation, utilities and finance also eased off somewhat.

Payments to unemployed workers were close to \$3,300,000 for the first three weeks of December, bringing the year's total to an all-time high of 30 million dollars. This will drop the unemployment trust fund to around \$41,600,000 by Dec. 31, lowest for this period since 1942.



ATTENDING FIRST MEETING of NATO "summit" party, President Eisenhower (left) listens to speech of Luxembourg Premier Joseph Bech (right). In center at Paris conference is Paul-Henri Spaak, NATO secretary-general. Eisenhower urged pooling of brains and resources to match Russia's space-age threat to peace. (International)

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