

DOUBT SURROUNDS REPORT OF SPACE MAN

Rogue Basin Bill Chances Called Slim

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Washington — The Rogue River public works bill, introduced at the end of the last session of Congress in August, will probably be the most important single piece of legislation affecting the Medford area in the upcoming session which opened today.

Chances of the bill becoming law during this session are slight. But hearings on the issues involved are expected to be held in order to bring the proposed development closer to the point of legislative action.

Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.), sponsor of the bill, said he will press the government departments for reports of their views on developing the Rogue river for maximum flood control, irrigation and hydroelectricity.

His bill would have the Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Engineers share in the project, each building those facilities appropriate to their particular concern — the bureau with its concern for irrigation, the engineers with their concern for flood control.

Sen. Wayne Morse has told Congressman Porter that he will sponsor a similar bill in the Senate. But Sen. Richard L. Neuberger has indicated he will keep a hands off attitude until he has a better chance to study the issues involved.

The Rogue river project has been made controversial by the criticism of sports fishing interests who contend that dams, especially a high dam at Lewis creek, will be detrimental to the migratory fish runs and damage the recreation potential of the Rogue river basin. Neuberger is generally solicitous of the views of those seeking to protect migratory fish and wildlife.

Another bill which will have wide local interest is the proposal of Sen. Neuberger to prevent mining patents from getting title to timber located on land they have staked ostensibly for mineral production. This issue was raised in the Al Sarena case, where the Alabama company that was granted patents in Rogue River national forest has since been selling the valuable timber on the land but not producing any minerals.

Neuberger's big problem would probably be getting any action on such a bill, for the chairman of the Senate Interior Committee — Murray of Montana — is usually out to promote the interests of the mining industry. The industry has in the past opposed the idea inherent in Neuberger's proposal, and similar bills have always died in committee.

Another controversy will continue to boil over what to do about the Klamath Indian reservation and its \$100,000,000 pine forests. Neuberger wants the government to

Police to Receive New Patrol Wagons

Medford police will start receiving six new patrol station wagons about Jan. 10, according to officials.

They said the department would receive about one car per day as the change-over of radios, lights, and other equipment is completed. An unmarked car will be delivered about the first week in February, officials said.

Two Cushman scooter-type vehicles will be delivered to the department for meter use about the first of the month.

Hillary, Fuchs Feuding Over Future Course of British Expedition Across Antarctic Continent

London — Officials in England and New Zealand took sides in an apparent feud between Britain's Dr. Vivian Fuchs and New Zealand's Sir Edmund Hillary over the future course of the British Antarctic expedition. Suggests Quitting

The London tabloid Daily Sketch summed up the situation in a headline: "One Helluva Row Over Fuchs, Hillary."

The row broke out when Hillary radioed to Fuchs a suggestion that Fuchs call off

buy it to assure sustained yield management, but the Interior Department reportedly will recommend that private companies be allowed to purchase it. Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. and International Paper Co. are both interested in the prospect of buying that timber.

Against Porter's Idea
Congressman Porter is planning to push his idea for easing the tight money condition for housing mortgages, as a stimulus to the lumber industry. His idea is to have \$1 billion from the railroad retirement fund "invested" by the retirement board in government-insured FHA mortgages. However, the Treasury Department has come out against the idea as "inflationary."

Possibly second only to the debates over defense matters, this Congress is expected to have many a fight over funds for public works when the annual appropriations bills come up. President Eisenhower is expected to reduce funds for many reclamation and power projects, and rule against civilian spending. Democrats are expected to take a "if Russia can do it, we can too" line in defense of continuing federal river development. Outcome of this may determine the level of funds for such ongoing projects as the Talent division.

Control of Space Vital, Johnson Tells Democrats

Washington — Senate Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson asserted today that the nation which controls space will gain "total control over the earth."

The United States must win that control, "for the service of freedom," he said, or Russia will exploit it "for the purposes of tyranny."

Johnson made the statements at a meeting of Senate Democrats shortly before the 85th Congress, its attention focused on the arms race, opened its second session.

He also issued an implied call for a new peace or disarmament talks with Russia: "The conference table is more important now than it ever has been, and we should welcome to its chairs all men of all nations."

The Texas Democrat blamed President Eisenhower's emphasis on a balanced budget for the U.S. lag in the space weapons race with Russia.

Must Control Space
Budget considerations have "again and again reappeared as the prime limitation upon our scientific advancement," Johnson said in briefing fellow Democrats on his Senate Preparedness Subcommittee's missile-satellite investigation. Johnson termed control of space an "ultimate position" much more important than any single weapon. "Our national goal and the goal of all free men must be to win and hold" supremacy in outer space, he said.

Bulletin

Munich, Germany — The Communist Albanian radio said tonight Albanian planes had forced a U. S. Air Force jet plane down on Albanian territory today.

President Briefs Republicans on Coming Messages

Washington — The second session of the 85th Congress plunged headfirst today into the greatest issue before its survival of America in the age of space.

Before the new session convened at noon, President Eisenhower briefed House and Senate Republican leaders on the program he will present to Congress Thursday for combating "Communist imperialism."

At about the same time, Senate Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson sounded a warning that the nation which controls space will exercise "total control over the earth."

The President began his official day by attending special prayer service for the new session of Congress. Then for two hours he went over with his legislative leaders his forthcoming State of the Union and Budget messages.

The President was quoted as forecasting that 1958 will be a better year economically for America than 1957 was.

Says Challenges Met
Senate Republican leader William F. Knowland said after the White House conference that the State of the Union Message will be a statement of "the position of the United States today and how to meet the threat of Communist imperialism."

Knowland gave this impression of the program to be presented to Congress: "I believe that the recommendations being made by the President of the United States will meet the challenges that confront us in the world today."

Await President's Message
The new session scheduled last major business for its first day. A number of committee investigations already were rolling or projected. Several bills were introduced. Three new House members took their seats.

But Congress was marking time until Thursday to hear what the President proposes in his State of the Union Message.

Again the nation was confronted with government control over the executive side by Republicans and on the congressional side by Democrats.

Knowland said that in this context "we should put the interests of the country above narrow partisan interests."

He hoped the basic issues would not be subject to carping criticism.

Speaking for Senate Democrats, Johnson said the new session of Congress faces many grave issues besides the battle for space supremacy.

"However urgent these military problems may be we are faced with the unchanging problem of building a strong country, not a strong military force alone," Johnson said.

Montgomery Ward Strike May Spread

Chicago — Members of the Retail Clerks Union, on strike against three Montgomery Ward and Co. stores across the nation hinted today the strike may spread.

Spokesmen for the clerks said the walkout was called Monday because negotiations with management of the retail and mail order firm had reached an impasse.

U. S. Rear Adm. George J. Dufek, leader of the American Deep Freeze operation, announced he had cancelled plans to meet Fuchs at the U. S. South Pole station.

"I've got no work to do there and anyway things are getting too hot around that area," he was quoted.

Suggestion Supported
New Zealand's Prime Minister Walter Nash supported Hillary's suggestion that Fuchs abandon his "foolhardy" attempt to lead the first overland trek across the

Macmillan Goes On Tour Despite Cabinet Crisis

London — Prime Minister Harold Macmillan left today on a six-week commonwealth tour despite a staggering Cabinet blowup over the Treasury's demand for cuts in welfare state socialism. He turned the other cheek to the opposition Labor party, expected triple onslaught from the opposition Labor party, his own Conservatives and world financial circles and left a caretaker in charge of the shaken Cabinet.

The cabinet crisis and the resignation of Chancellor of the Exchequer Peter Thorneycroft and two aides had an immediate effect on the stock market when it opened this morning.

The exchange was dumfounded and trading was paralyzed while dealers waited to see how the pound sterling stands up to the disclosure the government had split over financial policy.

In the first hour of trading the foreign exchange market was unsettled. Sterling lost ground all around, with the pound on the New York rate 5/32 lower at 2.81 3/32. It had closed Monday at the highest rate since 1954.

Thorneycroft resigned with two Treasury ministers because Macmillan would not sanction a \$140 million cut in the new fiscal year's budget. The cut would have been at the expense of Britain's cradle-to-grave welfare system.

The resignation hit the unsuspecting British public without warning and British newspapers termed it a "sensational blow" to the Conservative government.

Hugh Gaitskell, leader of the Labor party opposition, launched an immediate attack on the Conservatives.

"The Tory government is visibly crumbling," he said. "The Prime Minister . . . leaves behind him a confused Cabinet and a divided party. Surely the time has come for a change . . . there is only one answer—Mr. Macmillan's government must go."

Macmillan nevertheless presented an optimistic front when he boarded his plane for a 38-day tour of Asia and the Far East.

He told newsmen the Cabinet crisis, apparently the worst since Suez, "is now resolved and the government is going forward quite firmly upon its path."

Copco Again Plans Seeding for Snow
Klamath Falls — Cloud seeding in an effort to provide an increased snowpack over some 1200 square miles in Klamath and Jackson counties has been arranged again this year by California Oregon Power Company.

The area extends north and south some 60 miles from Lake of the Woods to Copco's Toketee Falls power plant and is about 20 miles in area east and west. The work is being started this month and the weather modification program will end about April 30.

Two Men Arrested After Man Robbed
Two Medford men, arrested on charges of robbery, have admitted, in a signed statement, to assaulting and robbing Earl Elton Jones, 58, of Trail, about 12:45 a. m. today behind the 90 and 9 Tavern, 1234 South Riverside ave., according to Medford police.

Police said David Lee Wade, 25, of 1014 East 11th st., and Stanley Carlton Schoen, 21, of 936 Grant st., were lodged in the county jail. They were arrested about 1 a. m. in the Timber room, 3 South Riverside ave., police said.

City police said Jones was leaving the 90 and 9 when he was knocked down and robbed of the contents of his pockets. Jones was treated and released at the Rogue Valley hospital for lip cuts, police added.

Two Youths Fined In District Court
Two youths and one 19-year-old girl, all of Jackson county, pleaded guilty in district court yesterday to charges involving liquor and were each fined \$25 plus costs.

Appearing were Patricia M. Day, 19, of 417 King st., Medford, illegal possession of intoxicating beverage; Gary Wilber Hadsell, 20, illegal possession of intoxicating beverage, and a 16-year-old Medford boy, drunk in a public place.

A 16-year-old Medford boy was arrested Saturday outside the county courthouse by sheriff's officers on charges of being drunk in a public place. However, after appearing in district court Monday, he was given time to get an attorney.

Myrna Mae Lillie, 19, of Central Point, and Glenda Gene Morris, 18, of 220 South Grape st., were both arrested Saturday night by sheriff's officers at a Jacksonville dance hall with the others, and are scheduled to appear in district court tomorrow, sheriff's officers said.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 447.79, up 5.23; 20 railroads 103.28, up 0.89; 15 utilities 69.82, up 0.50; and 65 stocks 150.48, up 1.54. Sales today were about 2,220,000 shares compared with 2,500,000 shares Monday.

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Postal Receipts at Medford Office in 1957 Show Increase

Postal receipts at the Medford post office in 1957 showed a gain of \$10,750 more than the receipts of 1956, Postmaster Moore Hamilton announced today. Receipts for the calendar year 1957 were \$576,027, compared to \$565,277 for the previous year. The

Three Crashes Are Reported in City

Medford police reported three accidents in which one person was injured and three citations issued Tuesday morning. The accidents were caused by cars sliding on icy roads, they said.

Eileen Mudge Doherty, 803 West 11th st., Medford was treated for a sprained wrist at Sacred Heart hospital after a car she was driving was involved in a collision with a car operated by William Howard Naylor, 3499 New Ray rd., Central Point, at Fifth and Bartlett sts., about 7:50 a. m., according to police. Police said Naylor was cited for failure to maintain proper lookout.

George William Theis, 1905 Orchard Home dr., was cited for failure to maintain proper lookout after a truck he was driving was involved in a collision with a truck operated by Joseph Heinzer, 347 North Second st., Central Point, at South Riverside and Stewart aves., about 7:10 a. m. today, police said. Heinzer was cited by police for no Oregon driver's license.

Cars operated by Elmer Allen Hicks, 1308 Mount Pitt ave., and Don Eugene Vassay, 1424 South Whitman st., were involved in a collision at West Main and Orange sts., at 7:45 a. m. today, police said. They said no citations were issued.

Fire Destroys Barn On Kirtland Road

Central Point — Fire destroyed an onion storage barn owned by Wilton White, Kirtland rd., about 4:52 p. m. Monday, causing an undetermined amount of damage, according to the Central Point Rural Fire department.

The department said the fire started when an oil stove overheated. The department, out on another call, arrived at the fire as flames burned through the roof, officials said. The fire was kept under control but the building and contents were destroyed, firemen added.

White said about 200 sacks of stored onions, 1,200 gallon tanks, a hoist and pump were lost in the fire.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Fog in valleys, otherwise variable high clouds through Wednesday morning. Fog clearing Wednesday afternoon. Chance of occasional light rain in mountains Wednesday. Low tonight 26. High Wednesday 40. Temp. Highest Yesterday 33. Lowest This Morning 23.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunrise 7:41 a. m.
Sunset 4:55 p. m.
Moonrise 7:40 p. m.
Moonset 4:12 a. m.
Last Quarter Jan. 12
MORNING STARS
Mars, rises 5:35 a. m.
Saturn, rises 6:12 a. m.
Jupiter, due south 6:52 a. m.
In a few weeks Mars will be seen quite near Saturn.

IKE WILL ASK SOIL BANK END

Washington — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson said today the administration will ask Congress to abolish the controversial soil bank plan of paying farmers for taking certain crop land out of production.

Benson told a news conference the President will recommend that Congress terminate the acreage reserve program at the end of the 1958 crop year. But he said the administration will seek approval of a stepped-up conservation reserve program.

Under Acreage
The acreage reserve payments already have come under strong criticism from Congress. The House voted last year to kill the plan, but the Senate voted to continue it. The two houses compromised by agreeing not to appropriate more funds for it after this crop year.

Critics of the plan asserted that the acreage reserve has failed in its purpose of reducing crop production substantially. Farmers have grown more on fewer acres by using improved production techniques.

The conservation reserve, which has been more favorably received by Congress, differs from the acreage reserve in these important respects:

Four Vehicles Are Involved in Crash
Icy road conditions resulted in at least one four-car accident just outside Medford this morning, state police reported.

Cars operated by Melvin Don Sweet, 40, of route 1, box 478, Talent; Eugene Henry Boalman, 38, of 693 East Valley View, Ashland; and William Arthur Richey, 18, of route 1, box 24, Talent; and a truck driven by Gordon Billy Nichols, 29, of 303 North Fir st., Medford, were involved in an accident at the Stewart ave.-Highway 99 junction about 6:55 a. m. today.

Police said all three cars were stopped at the traffic signal. The truck approached, applied its brakes, and slid into Richey's vehicle, pushing it into the Sweet car. The truck swerved into the Boalman car, which was in the left turn lane. The other vehicles were in the inside northbound lane, police said.

Richey told police he was going to a hospital for a check-up. Police said no citations were issued.

Brooks Farmer Files For Congressional Post
Salem — Don Metheny, Brooks farmer, has filed for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the 1st congressional district.

Metheny, 45, ran for the same nomination two years ago, but was defeated by Jason Lee, Salem Democrat.

Establishing Carrier Service in CP Delayed
Establishment of foot carrier and city motor vehicle route carrier service at the Central Point post office has been delayed until Feb. 8, Medford Postmaster Moore Hamilton announced today.

The delay in numbering residences along roads in the area resulted from illness and the Christmas rush, he said. Home numbering is again progressing, he said, and should be completed well before Feb. 8.

Several roads in the Central Point area have been given permanent names, and the addresses to be given patrons will be a road name and number where the city motor

County Receipts 1 Per Cent Less In First 6 Months

County government miscellaneous receipts for the first half of the present fiscal year totaled \$2,152,305.29, County Treasurer Karl Janouch has announced.

The total is 12.26 per cent less than was collected in the first six months last year, when \$2,453,100.76 was collected, he said.

Receipts from the state were 4.63 per cent less; from the federal government they were 15.58 per cent less; while county offices, including district and justice of peace courts, contributed 20.8 per cent more than what was collected in the same period last fiscal year.

Principal Loss
Janouch said the principal loss in state receipts was in the motor vehicle fees and licenses, which were \$4,029.12 less than last year. The loss in receipts from O and C receipts amounted to \$329,865.02.

A total of \$1,671,279.19 was paid out for county government expenses during the first six months, Janouch noted. This is \$216,413.43, or 14.88 per cent more than was paid out last year.

The treasurer's office collected \$6,401,942.06, including taxes, in the past six months. This, added to the balance on hand July 1, 1957, made a cash account of \$8,988,807.22, Janouch said.

The cash account was credited to schools, 45 per cent; county, 41.5 per cent; cities, 6.6 per cent; irrigation districts, 4.4 per cent; fire, water and sanitary districts, 1.3 per cent; and individual organizations, 1.2 per cent.

The cash account for the first half of this fiscal year was 8 of one per cent less than last fiscal year, he said.

Ike Asks Money For Space Missiles
Washington — President Eisenhower today asked Congress for an additional \$1,260,000,000 to develop space missiles and strengthen defense of the Strategic Air command.

The money would be in additional appropriations for the current fiscal year ending June 30.

The President sent his request to Speaker Sam Rayburn. The White House said the extra money would send the total defense budget for this fiscal year to \$38,900,000,000.

The President asked for the additional money to accelerate and expand missile development, build "dispersal and alert facilities" for the Strategic Air command, and bring a number of new scientists into the government.

Possibility of Failure Hinted Through Rumors

Russian Officials Join in Skepticism

By UNITED PRESS
An official of the Soviet Committee for Cultural Relations said in Moscow today that "as far as we know, it

Washington — The White House said today it does not know whether reports of a Russian manned rocket flight are "true or not."

"We have no knowledge of the truth of these stories," Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told reporters.

Hagerty persisted in his refusal to comment on the reports "because I don't know whether the story is true or not."

is not true" that Russia has launched a rocket containing a man.

"If it is true, it will be published," he said. The committee is a Soviet clearing house for press information. Skepticism about the rumors, which began circulating in Moscow Monday, also was expressed by a spokesman for the secretariat of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Science.

Attempt May Have Failed
The possibility seemed to remain, however, that some such attempt might have been made and failed.

In Washington, officials said the U. S. Embassy in Moscow had not even relayed the rumors to the State Department. The Central Intelligence Agency in Washington labeled the story as completely unconfirmed.

United Press correspondent Henry Shapiro reported from Moscow that Western diplomats were inclined to dismiss the whole thing as "unconfirmed rumors by foreigners."

Reports Monday night, unconfirmed by any official source, said the Soviet Union had sent a man 186 miles into space and brought him back alive.

Today the Russians, usually not reluctant to boast of scientific achievements, continued their silence. Moscow Radio, usual outlet for important official news, and the newspapers failed to mention the report.

World scientists viewed the rumors with reserve and said "remarkable if true."

U.S. Received Reports
Informed sources in Washington said the Joint Chiefs of Staff received word of the Moscow rumors several hours before they were made public. The reports came from Central Intelligence agency, the informants said.