

Knowland Plans To Offer Bill for Harbors, Rivers

Washington — (U) — Senate Republican leader William F. Knowland said he plans to introduce a new "clean" river and harbors authorization bill today which "should be acceptable to everyone."

On April 15 President Eisenhower vetoed a bill authorizing \$1,500,000,000 for river, harbor, and flood control projects.

To Exclude Projects

The President said the bill contained 28 projects costing about \$350 million which he could not approve "without destroying some of the most important governmental policies in the field of water resources development." The new bill will not contain those projects.

Knowland announced plans to introduce the measure after having breakfast with the President at the White House. He would not disclose whether the President favors the new bill but said "the matter was discussed."

Kuchel Co-sponsor

Knowland said Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.) is co-sponsoring the new measure. Kuchel had said earlier he was prepared to support any efforts in Congress to override the President's veto of the original bill.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

SID SKOLSKY is puzzled by the gowns blonde movie stars are flashing in Hollywood hot spots these night. He can't seem to tell whether they're inside the gown trying to get out, or outside trying to get in.

Bright lad with a fantastic IQ read in his history tome that Abe Lincoln, in his boyhood, walked twelve miles just to get a new book to read. "So how come," the lad asked his mother, "they close the libraries on Lincoln's birthday?"

Resident manager of a sedate Philadelphia hotel was horrified to discover that a suite had been given for a long weekend to a couple who had registered as "W. E. R. Notman and Wife, Norfrom, Conn."

Walter Dryer tells about an alumni club lush who asured its bartender, "This Scotch on the rocks is out of this world. My compliments to the iceman!"

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Freak Wind Gusts Blamed for Deaths Of 5 Paratroopers in Kentucky Jump

Ft. Campbell, Ky. — (U) — Freak gusts of wind were blamed today for the deaths of five paratroopers, fatally dragged by their billowing parachutes in a mass jump of 1,300 men.

More than 100 others were hospitalized after the jump Wednesday. The injured and dead all landed at the extreme northern edge of the big drop zone where gusts dragged helpless paratroopers over rocky terrain, dotted with trees.

The accident happened during the 101st Airborne Division's war game exercise "Eagle Wing."

Some of the dragged paratroopers were traveling at such speed that spectators were unable to overtake their chutes and cut them loose.

Maj. L. A. Breault, information officer for the division, said five of the men were dead on arrival at the base hospital.

Victims Listed

The Defense Department at Washington identified the victims as Pfc. Michael E. Robles, son of Michael Robles of New York City; Pfc. Alfonso L. Martinez, son of Mrs. Julia P. Martinez of Santa Fe, N.M.; Pvt. Elliott F. Morley, son of Mrs. Olga Roberts Morley of Miami, Fla.; SSc Carl G. Payne, husband of Mrs. Phyl-

lis Ann Payne of Clarksville, Tenn.; and Pfc. Danny J. Ruffin, son of Danny J. Ruffin Sr. of Hamilton, Ohio.

Breault said 137 men were hospitalized but that none of these appeared to be in critical condition. "There were a few broken bones," he said, "but most of them just had cuts and bruises and should be released within a few days."

Maj. Gen. W. C. Westmoreland, division commander, made the jump with his men, his 70th. And like them he wrestled with a ballooning parachute.

'Successful Jump'

Before word of the accident had reached headquarters, the general reported a "very successful jump."

Westmoreland announced that a full investigation would be conducted. But he said it was apparent that the jump safety officer, who gave the paratroopers a go-ahead to jump, could not be held responsible for the accident.

Officers said another jump scheduled here Saturday will be carried out unless weather conditions force a postponement.

Witnesses said the speed of the wind on the ground was recorded at about 12 miles an hour during the jump, well within the maximum safe

speed of 15 miles an hour. The much stronger gusts apparently built up in a single section of the sprawling jump area, which was without communications.

"It was just one of those quirks," one officer said.

Washington — (U) — A member of the House Armed Services Committee said today the committee should investigate a Ft. Campbell, Ky., paratrooper tragedy which claimed five lives and injured 137 other jumpers.

Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) said it should be determined if "negligence" was involved in Wednesday's death-marked mass drop.

"I'm not trying to place

blame," Norblad told the United Press, "but a tragedy of this magnitude is worth checking into. There is an error of some kind obviously involved."

The congressman said he thought an investigation might be delayed by the current hearings on Defense Department reorganization.

Banfield's Sister Dies in Portland

Portland — (U) — Funeral services will be held here Friday for Alice M. Banfield, only sister of the late T. H. Banfield for whom the Banfield Expressway was named. Miss Banfield died at her home here Monday.

Holmes Requests Umatilla Flood Aid

Salem — (U) — Gov. Robert D. Holmes Wednesday night requested the Walla Walla district office of the U. S. Corps of Engineers to assume prosecution of the flood fight against overflowing streams of Umatilla county.

Although the level of flooded streams was falling, new threat was posed in the form of a heavy snowpack and high water content in the Blue Mountains. Observers said a Chinook wind could melt the snow rapidly and bring a new flood threat.

The governor, acting on the advice of Oregon State Civil Defense Director Arthur M. Sheets and requests of Umatilla county officials, sent the request to Col. Myron E. Page, District Engineer at Walla Walla.

HUNGRY GOAT

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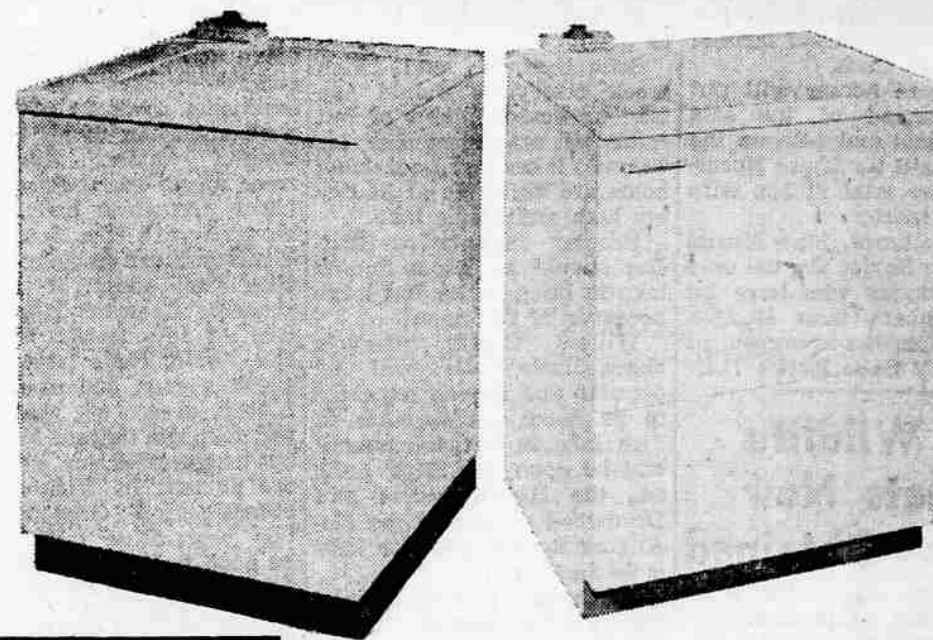


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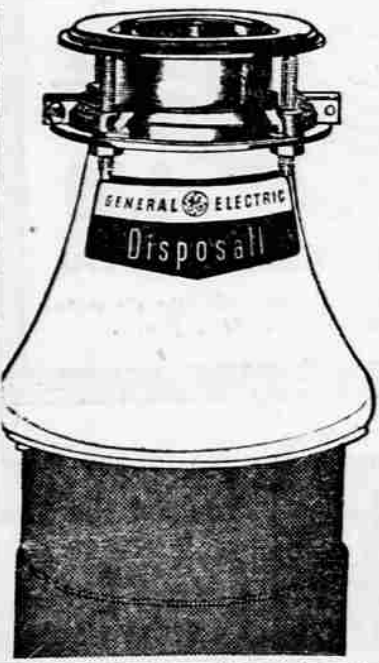


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