

Magnuson Calls for Northwest Rivers Development Plan

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Washington (Special)—Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) has issued a call to all Northwest senators to sit down with the chief of the Army Engineers and map out a river development program they can all support.

Three 'Mums Get All-American Rating by Group

Harrisburg, Pa. (Science Service)—Crimson Lady, Girl Friend and Flair will rule the garden roost this autumn as the new All-American award-winning chrysanthemums.

Under trail in locations across the country during the past year, the three mums have come through as the highest scoring and most satisfactory blossoms. They are early enough for the most northern states and free blooming in the south. W. Ray Hastings, executive secretary of the All-American Mum Selections corporation, reported here.

Crimson Lady is a cushion mum, with double flowers almost three inches across that are a rich, deep red. Girl Friend bears four-inch flowers on long, two-foot stems. The unusual color of this mum is described as a "bewitching dawn pink"—varying from flesh to peach and apricot color overlay towards the flower center.

Flair adds a touch of lavender to the new threesome. It is described as 18 inches high with a spread of about 30 inches and three and one-half inch double cactus flowers.

The 1959 award winners will be available for planting from April to June. Only plants from tested, disease-free foundation stocks carry the red, white and blue AAMS certification tags.

Plans for New Commission Told

Organizational procedure toward forming a separate recreation and parks commission for the county will be started soon, County Judge Earl Miller said today.

He said he had obtained information from Marion county authorities on organization of its parks and recreation commission. Tentative plans along the same organizational lines as Marion county's commission will be presented the district attorney's office for a ruling on its legality, Miller said. Then the county court will discuss the proposal, formulate a plan and make appointments.

Marion county has a nine-member commission and this first year of its existence is operating on a \$800 budget. However, the county court there said this will probably be increased during the next fiscal year.

During Wednesday's planning commission meeting, Miller obtained approval of the commission on organizing a parks and recreational commission separate from the planning commission. The planning commission now has a subcommittee on parks and recreation.

A parks and recreation program is of such a broad scope that a separate body is needed to handle such a program, Miller said.

Minute droplets of various liquids can be coated with gelatin. Dyes, so protected, can be applied to paper to take the place of carbon. It is proposed to use the method for perfumes, unstable drugs and photographic papers. Two part adhesives could be applied to paper and mixed by rubbing on the surfaces to be joined.

has to be some ground for agreement. There has to be some give and take." The senator, long an advocate of comprehensive development of the Columbia by the federal government, wants to include both private and public utility plans in his deliberations.

"First let's get the private power companies' ideas on what they are going to build," said Magnuson. Then the FUDs and the municipalities. And then the federal government."

When conflicts arise that can't be resolved, Magnuson advocates putting these projects aside momentarily and going forward with what can be agreed upon.

Wants John Day Funds
This year in Congress, Magnuson said he will try to get a substantial amount of federal appropriations to advance construction of the John Day dam on the lower Columbia, plus funds to start the Lower Monumental dam on the lower Snake river. He also hopes to get planning money to start plans for Little Goose dam on the lower Snake.

"But after these projects are finished, where do we go?" Magnuson.

He is hopeful that a report he understands the Canadian government is preparing will end threats of a Canadian diversion of the upper Columbia river and open the door to agreement between the two governments on building Libby dam near the border in western Montana, and the Arrow Lakes storage project just over the border in British Columbia on the Columbia.

The International Joint Commission, whose U.S. chairman is Douglas McKay, is working on these problems with the Canadians.

Magnuson, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, thinks the climate this year will be favorable in Congress for public works spending. He isn't concerned about whether the president's budget seeks to hold the line against starting any new projects to reduce spending.

308 Review Report
The starting basis, Magnuson indicated, for consultations among the Northwest senators will be the 308 review report which the Corps of Engineers put out last month. That report will be coming up for final consideration by the Corps Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors Mar. 10. Sen. Richard L. Neuberger has already introduced legislation to authorize 13 projects recommended in that report for expanding Willamette Valley flood control and power development.

The Engineers' report suggests construction of a high dam at Mountain Sheep in the Middle Snake river. Most members of Congress have shied away from indorsing this recommendation as yet. Some still hold out for high Hells Canyon, some are intrigued with high Pleasant Valley—but all these divergent views are finding little expression now because there is no sense of agreement between many legislators.

This is what Magnuson wants to achieve—an agreement that will permit some action, if not agreement on an entire detailed plan for the Snake. Then he hopes to put through an omnibus authorization bill covering the projects agreed upon by the Northwesters at their forthcoming conferences.

Commission Chairman Submits Resignation
Jerry Poulos said today that he has submitted his resignation as chairman of Medford's parks and recreation commission.

Poulos, formerly station manager at California Oregon Television company's KBES-TV station here, was recently named national sales representative for California Oregon's three stations.

He was one of Mayor John Snider's original appointees to the commission after its creation last fall. He was elected chairman at its organizational meeting.

He said today his new company duties would require his spending a lot of time away from Medford.

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Five-Pound Gadget Called 'Snap III' May Revolutionize the Power Industry

Washington—(UPI)—The government has come up with a trifling little gadget that may revolutionize the power industry.

It is a five-pound device roughly resembling an old-fashioned flat-iron. Its descendants could make obsolete all the cumbersome and costly plants now supplying the power needs of man.

This gadget, called Snap III, was announced by the atomic energy commission Friday by way of the White House. It is a device for converting heat energy directly into electrical energy.

It doesn't bother with steam, turbines, generators, or any rotating machinery whatsoever.

Snap III is, moreover, just one of many approaches to the dream of direct conversion. Its novelty, if any, lies in the fact that it uses a radioactive material as a heat source. This makes it immediately useful as an auxiliary power source in space where there isn't any oxygen to burn ordinary fuels.

Old Principle Involved
The Russians for years have been converting the heat of burning kerosene to electricity to run refrigerators and radios.

The principle is the old one of the thermocouple. It was discovered back in the 19th century that when two dis-

similar conductors are coupled at two places having different temperatures, an electric charge flowed around the circuit.

The AEC called Snap III "a highly significant achievement." But it was only a "proof of principle device"—which means the AEC expects more refined versions to produce more fantastic results.

Work on Better Versions
Fantastic as the word, Snap III, though its capacity is only around five watts, can turn out as much power in 280 days as 290 times its weight in conventional batteries. It is not hard to imagine ver-

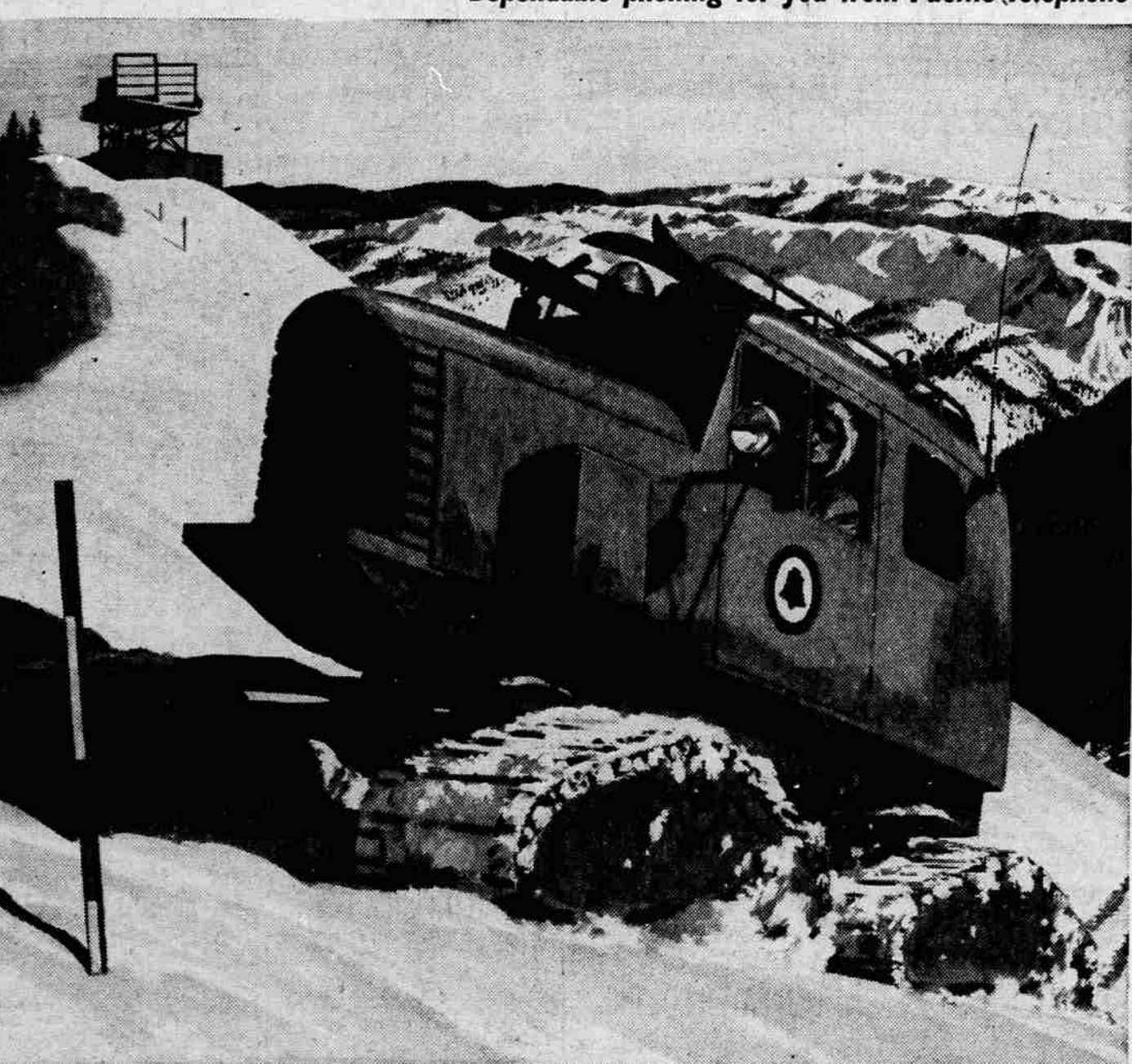
sions that would be even better.

The AEC is working on them. They are called Snap I and Snap II. A dozen U.S. industrial firms also are developing thermoelectric devices. The Navy is supporting some of these projects.

Snap III employs about 1-84th of an ounce of radioactive polonium 210 as a heat source. Polonium 210 is produced in atomic reactors. Another potential heat source is cerium 144, which is a by-product of atomic fission.

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Another Banner Year for Pacific Tourism Expected

San Francisco—(UPI)—It looks like another banner year for Pacific area tourism.

Five new superliners are due to be built for Pacific service.

Jet aircraft will be introduced in July.

Hotels in and around the Pacific Basin plan to increase their total number of beds by 2,000 to 40,000.

All told, the Pacific Area Travel Association forecasts that 600,000 persons will be traveling around the Pacific this year.

All that keeps the 600,000 figure from shooting higher is a lack of hotels to shelter travelers, PATA said.

This problem will be aired at the Eighth Annual Pacific travel conference scheduled for Singapore Jan. 26-30. Twenty-two countries, islands, states, territories and colonies in the Pacific will be represented at the PATA-sponsored conference.

More beds will be needed as school teachers, retired folk, students and businessmen with pockets filled by continued prosperity look for new recreation and trade.

In 1958 airlines posted traffic gains of up to 35 per cent. Steamship passenger traffic was up 13 per cent over 1957.

So many people want to visit the Pacific PATA expects airlines to boost their seating capacity by nearly one-third. Flights have tripled in the last seven years.

Qantas Empire Airways will be the first to put pure jets into service, using Boeing 707s. Canadian Pacific Airlines already is employing prop-jet Bristol Britannias on its Pacific runs.

But steamship companies also will be bidding for the tourists, offering new superliners on which to relax.

New Liners Due
Orient & Pacific lines will complete a new line to operate this year the 45,000-ton liner Canberra and the 40,000 ton Oriana.

And Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line (NKKL) will build two 950-passenger liners of 22,800 gross ton each for service in 1961 and 1962 from Japan to here and Los Angeles.

Another Japanese firm, Osaka Shosen Kaisha line, introduced the 1,056-passenger Argentina Maru last year.

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