

Carter Selection Under Attack in Senate

WATER SUPPLY IMPROVES FOR IRRIGATION

The water supply outlook for the 1959 irrigation season, April through September, in the Rogue-Umpqua area improved slightly in February, but still indicates "only fair" late-season water supplies for most irrigated acres, W. T. (Jack) Frost, snow survey supervisor for the Soil Conservation Service and Oregon Agricultural Experiment station, said today.

Stored water supplies, he said, will be sufficient for most irrigation districts to serve their lands with a nearly full supply.

Water content of the mountain snow-cover is only 65 per cent of the March 1 normal in spite of an above normal February increase. The increase in snow-cover on the headwaters of the Rogue river was double the usual February amount, he said, making possible a 10 per cent increase in the forecast for the main Rogue.

Carry-Over Amounts

Frost said stored water in local irrigation reservoirs is 168 per cent of normal due principally to substantial carry-over amounts from last season. The new Howard Prairie reservoir in the Talent Irrigation district has 5,500 acre feet of water available for delivery when the canal is completed this summer, Frost noted.

Forecasts of April-September runoff for the Rogue at Gold Ray and Grants Pass are 75 per cent of the 15-year normal, he said. The 15-year normal is compiled from the average for the years 1938 through 1952. The Illinois and Applegate rivers are forecast at 102 per cent normal.

Irrigation season forecasts for the smaller reservoir systems of Fourmile, Fish and Hyatt lakes, are estimated at 57, 50 and 50 per cent, respectively. Flow of small streams heading in low elevations will be fairly short this season, he said.

Farmers and orchardists in the Rogue-Umpqua watersheds can "stretch" this year's meager irrigation water supplies by cleaning and repairing ditches and water control structures, Frost said. Water can also be "stretched" by using fertilizer to get more crop with the same amount of water, by "working" the water, not just letting it run; and by consulting the local Soil Conservation Service and county agents for additional recommendations.

Organizations Cooperate

Organizations which cooperated in the Soil Conservation Service snow survey include the Illinois Valley, Klamath, Poe Valley and Langelle Valley Soil Conservation districts; the California Oregon Power company; Talent, Medford and Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts; Oregon Agricultural Experiment station; Oregon state engineer and state watermasters, national park service and the forest service.

Statewide, Frost said Oregon

Corvallis Man Hurt When Gun Discharges

Charles Daugherty, 24, of Corvallis, was reported in fair condition in Sacred Heart hospital today after shooting himself in his right leg last night.

Daugherty was brought from Shady Cove to Medford by the Medford Ambulance Service. He shot himself while practicing a quick draw with a pistol, it was reported.

Local Woman Cries When City Council Refuses Request for Liquor License

Mrs. Edna Mae Hamm broke down and cried last night when the Medford city council refused her request for a license to serve beer at the "Club 100 Cafe," 42 North Front st.

The council at its last meeting turned down her request for a license to sell liquor, but she did not attend on that occasion. Basis for refusing the first request was that Medford is already over the state-recommended ratio of liquor dispensers to population.

City Manager Robert A. Duff reported that she is currently licensed and in business at the Casino tavern, 17 South Front st. He said she had informed him she intended to

shift her entire business to the 42 North Front st. address, formerly the Vets club, and turn in her license for the Casino.

Mrs. Hamm told the council she intends to establish "a nice restaurant... not a honky-tonk" at the new address. Councilman Robert Van Sickle, Ward III, said, "I don't think we need another beer outlet on Front st."

Don Root, Donald Herried and Frank Van Dyke, who all said they have interests in property near the proposed tavern, voiced objections to its being licensed.

Root, a former member of the city planning commission, said that Front st. has

"changed somewhat." He added that "the time will come when it will be a very nice street."

Councilman Donald Hansen, Ward II, supported Mrs. Hamm. He said this appeared to be a case of "an established business seeking to improve itself."

The council's vote was 4-3 against the license. Hansen, who voted for it, changed his vote to the negative. This aligned him with the majority, and would permit him to bring the matter up for reconsideration later.

Mrs. Hamm burst into tears as the council completed its voting. She was escorted from the room by her husband.

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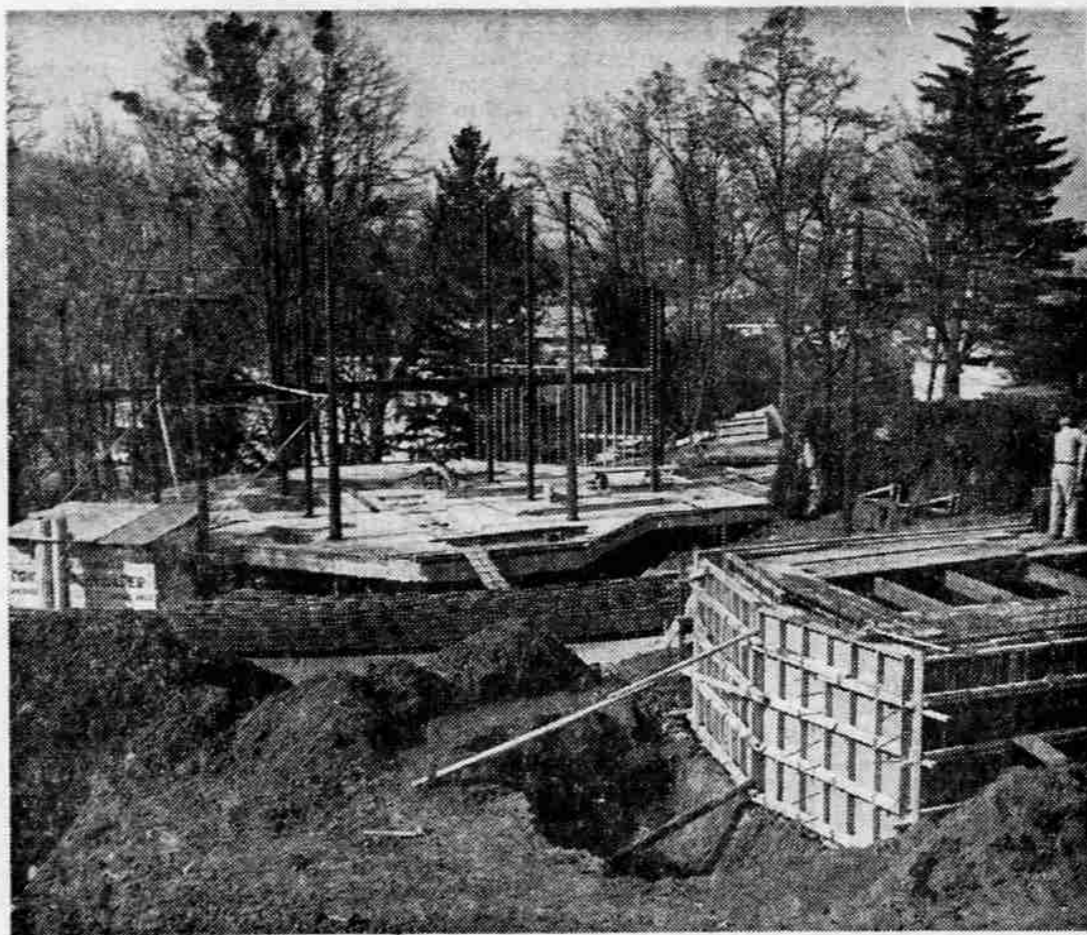
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FESTIVAL THEATER—Construction on the new Shakespearean Festival theater in Ashland is continuing on schedule, festival officials reported today. Although the full \$275,000 building fund has not been reached, officials said that the project would progress with the understanding that it could extend only as far as the acquired funds would allow. The theater foundation and

steel superstructure are finished. In the right foreground are the concrete forms for the combination lighting control booth and Tudor fair dance platform. The rear of the platform will be level with the ground, officials said. Completion of the seating improvements and landscaping will not be possible until the full building fund quota is raised. —(Dwaine Smith photo)

Proposed Ordinance Draws Heavy Fire At Council Meeting

A proposed "emergency" ordinance for licensing and control of private detective agencies and merchant patrols drew heavy fire at the Medford city council meeting last night.

Councilman Don Hansen, Ward II, questioned the need for government regulation in this field to the extent contemplated.

He noted that the ordinance apparently would cover attorneys, credit investigators, insurance adjusters and others as well as detectives and security patrolmen. He said he thought it would put the chief of police "on the spot," since he would be required to vouch for the license applicant's character and loyalty to state and country.

The proposed ordinance exempts from licensing, among others "a private investigator employed exclusively by one employer in connection with

a business of a collection agency," and "any individual who has only one employer and who is employed to watch, guard, or protect only the premises, property or person of that employer." Common carriers engaged in interstate commerce and their patrolmen are also excluded.

The ordinance provides that the chief must find "that the applicant does not believe in or advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States, or of the State of Oregon, by force or violence" or belong to an organization so believing or advocating, before issuing him a license.

Hansen said this might well lead to a "negative" loyalty oath, which he said he did not favor. He noted that such oaths have been sharply criticized elsewhere in recent weeks.

He questioned several other specific points in the ordinance, and said he did not see why any "emergency" existed.

Several interested persons in the audience spoke for or against the ordinance. One, Ray Koch of Forest Green Detective Agency, said he has prepared an ordinance himself along somewhat different lines. He criticized the city's proposal as being discriminatory in favor of the city police and against the private agencies.

Koch suggested that the city attorney, police officials and private detectives meet to discuss the matter further. The council agreed to postpone action on the matter until its first meeting in April. (See Council story on page 13)

New Record Low Snowfall Noted

A new record low cumulative snowfall at Crater Lake National park for the winter season to Feb. 28 has been recorded, Thomas Williams, superintendent, said today.

Harley Bates, 68, Troutdale, died in a hospital shortly after the ambulance in which he was riding was involved in a collision with a car at a Portland intersection. Bates was being rushed to the hospital for treatment of a heart attack.

Only three previous Februarys on record have ended with less snow on the ground, he said. At present there are 84 inches at park headquarters.

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America Loses Radio Contact With Pioneer IV

Washington—(UPI)—America lost contact with its first artificial planet at 7:24 (p.s.t.) today, nearly 3½ days and more than 400,000 miles after Pioneer IV was launched to study its orbit around the sun.

The loss of radio contact was reported by the Goldstone tracking station of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in California.

At the time contact was lost, Pioneer had set a record by flashing radio signals deeper in space than any other man-made object.

The Goldstone scientists calculated that by 8 a.m., 36 minutes after the signal received at 7:24 a.m., the tiny space probe was 416,000 miles from the earth and traveling at 3,940 miles an hour.

Longer Than Expected Goldstone had expected to lose contact much sooner. Scientists said there was a possibility it might pick up additional signals from time to time in the afternoon. But they said that for practical tracking purposes, contact was considered ended at 7:24 a.m.

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They are charged with entering the barn Tuesday and dropping boxes from a loft, scattering small cellophane bags from other boxes and breaking 20 glass bottles of battery fluid, deputies said.

Fire Destroys Home In Griffin Creek

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a small building Wednesday afternoon in the Griffin Creek school area, according to Jackson county sheriff's deputies.

The building was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ennis M. Giddings, who are now with relatives in Crescent City, Calif., deputies said. Giddings is a beekeeper.

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MACMILLAN, IKE MEET MARCH 20

British Leader Will Report on Moscow Talks

Lloyd To Accompany Prime Minister

Washington—(UPI)—British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and President Eisenhower will meet here March 20 in a Big Two summit conference on the Berlin crisis, the White House announced today.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the British leader wanted to report to the President on his recent Moscow talks with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Differing Views The two Free World leaders are faced with reconciling their differing views on long-range strategy for dealing with Khrushchev. The U.S. and Britain are in accord on basic issues.

Hagerty said Macmillan had accepted Eisenhower's invitation to fly here. He said the Prime Minister and his foreign secretary, Selwyn Lloyd, would arrive March 19. The talks, Hagerty said, would last "a few days."

Meanwhile, President Eisenhower gave congressional leaders of both parties a 90-minute fill-in on the Berlin crisis today and received a pledge of united support for his firm stand.

Must Remain Firm "The upshot is that we are united," Speaker Sam Rayburn said after the White House conference. "We don't have parties in this thing."

"We think with the President that we must be firm and remain so," Rayburn said. Rayburn, Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson, Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen and House Republican Leader Charles A. Halleck conferred with the President.

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Hatfield Appointed To Governor Group

Salem—(UPI)—Florida Gov. LeRoy Collins, chairman of the governor's conference, today named Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield to a 10-member special committee on federal-state relations. First meeting of the new committee will be in Washington, D.C., in mid-April, Collins indicated.

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Sharp Drop Noted In Unemployment In Jackson County

Unemployment in Jackson county during February showed a sharp drop from the level of a year ago, according to John J. Patton, manager of the Medford state employment service office.

The unemployment total was practically unchanged from January, he said. The number of unemployed was estimated at 2,095, a 41 per cent decrease from February last year.

"The present unemployment is almost entirely due to temporary seasonal layoffs, many from lumber firms affected by winter weather in mountain areas, and is not expected to be of very long duration," Patton said.

"In general," he noted, "business people in this county are optimistic about the outlook for the coming year."

Patton said there was little new hiring during February, but by the end of the month there were indications of increased activity which should result in increased employment. The unusually high level of employment last month was caused by businesses keeping regular employees and avoiding many layoffs which usually occur at this time of the year.

"Unemployment for this year has passed its peak and will continue to decline through the spring months," he added.

Construction has continued at a good pace throughout the winter months with no general shutdown such as has been experienced during most winters. There were some employment reductions in retail firms, but these were small compared to a year ago, he said.

Generally Good "The outlook for jobs during the next 60 days is generally good, and the number of job opportunities should steadily increase from now on," Patton said.

Agricultural activity now is low and will not produce much demand for help during the next 60 days, he added. Non-agricultural jobs are showing signs of a definite upturn and should increase considerably during March.

Patton said there is a present local demand for professional applicants including dietitians, mechanical engineers and registered nurses. There is a continuing heavy demand in other occupations, which greatly increase the difficulty of filling the local needs.

With the exception of the professional jobs, there probably will be a surplus of help in most occupations through March and April.

Among those who have spoken in former years are Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, former Democratic National Chairman Stephen Mitchell and Congressman James Roosevelt.

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Democrats, GOP Take Sides Over Hatfield Choice

Flood of Oratory On Floor of Senate

Salem—(UPI)—Sen. William Grenfell (D-Portland) made an attack on Gov. Mark Hatfield for his appointment of Sprague Carter, Pendleton, as head of Oregon's Selective Service in the state Senate today and opened a flood of oratory on the floor.

One Democrat, Sen. Ben Musa (D-The Dalles) joined with Republican senators in defending Carter and the governor while a number of Democrats backed up Grenfell in his attack.

Syndicated Article Read Grenfell read a syndicated article appearing in a Washington, D. C. newspaper quoting two letters purported to have been written by Carter resigning from the Umatilla draft board on the grounds of inconvenience to his business.

"The late Gen. Thomas E. Rilea served as head of selective service for years without any pay," Grenfell said, "and yet we have here a man appointed by the governor who served only briefly on his draft board, quitting because it interfered with his business."

Musa came to the defense of Carter saying that 10 years ago when Musa was in the Senate and Carter in the House, he had some tax bills he wanted to introduce and no one in the House would introduce them.

"But Carter did introduce the bills and three of them are laws today," Musa said. "I cannot stand here and not defend my friend who was willing to help me at that time."

Sen. Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario), Republican minority leader, deplored the attack on the governor and contended that the Senate floor should not be used as a forum for political attacks on appointments.

"I believe that much of the opposition to the governor's appointment of Mr. Carter is inspired by politics," Yturri said.

Sen. Monroe Sweetland (Milwaukie) declared it was evident that Gov. Hatfield did not investigate Carter's record, one that he characterized as being "shabby."

Called a "Spectacle" "I do not think that this position, which is so important to the youth of the state, should be filled on the basis of a political record," Sweetland said.

Sweetland was implying that Carter had worked on the Hatfield bid for governor in Umatilla county.

At this point, Sen. Carl Francis (R-Dayton), who now and then votes with the Democrats particularly on labor supported bills, declared that he very much regretted bringing the name of Gen. Rilea in on a political discussion.

"I hope that we will never again see such a spectacle as has taken place on this Senate floor," Francis said.

Sneak Russ Attack Doomed To Failure

Washington—(UPI)—Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy believes any attempt by Russia to launch a sneak attack on the free world would be doomed to failure.

McElroy told a news conference that it would be "almost impossible" to carry out the necessary massive preparations and launch a simultaneous attack on thousands of targets without being detected.

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