

Preliminary work on the California Oregon Power company's Iron Gate dam and powerhouse on Klamath river near Hornbrook, Calif., started recently. A story about the dam and other facilities at the site appears on page 14 of today's Mail Tribune.

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U.S. Said Superior To Reds Militarily

Washington—(UPI)—The Defense Department contended Saturday in a "white paper" that America's bombers give the United States overwhelming superiority in total military strength despite Russia's advantage in missiles. The document, being circulated among 600 business leaders, was unusually frank in conceding the Soviets have been allowed to take the missile lead but in defense of this strategy, it added: "This country could have turned out almost any number of missiles it wished. Sound strategic reasoning led us to choose not to produce as many of the first-generation, fixed site, liquid-fuel missiles as we estimated the Soviets could produce." The white paper apparently was designed to ward off potential criticism of the defense program. It was written in letter form by Oliver M. Gale, special assistant to Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr. Assertions in the 17-page document included these: —America's land and sea-based bombers represent "many thousands of megatons of nuclear potential." If the "many" in the statement were as many as 20, that would be the explosive equivalent of one million Hiroshima bombs. Bombers Cited —The early Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile bases will be "soft (surface) targets" which could be knocked out by a nuclear near-miss. "Even the later Atlas bases will be in fixed positions well known to the Soviets, who can take whatever time they need to make sure their missiles are zeroed on these sites." —A B-52 bomber "can deliver many times the explosive potential of the Atlas, with greater accuracy and selectivity... for us — at present and in the immediate future — the bomber is a far better delivery method." Cuban Paper Says Ike Insulted Fidel Havana—(UPI)—The semi-official voice of Premier Castro's government condemned Saturday President Eisenhower's special assistant to Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr. The semi-official newspaper "Revolucion" referred to Eisenhower's letter of Friday, in which the U. S. President said Castro and other leaders of the revolutionary government had betrayed the principles of the revolution that won them power. The Communist newspaper Hoy joined in the attack, calling the President's letter an insult to "Cuba and Fidel." There was no immediate official reaction from Castro or his government but Revolucion indicated what that reaction would be. The semi-official newspaper is an excellent guide in such matters.

News Briefs

By United Press International Wichita, Kan.—Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell said here Saturday he is not a candidate for vice president on the Republican ticket. "My only political objective is to see Richard Nixon elected the next president of the United States," Mitchell said. Madison, W. Va.—Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) Saturday continued his blast at the Eisenhower administration during another 15-hour "hunk-stop" tour of southern West Virginia's distressed coal fields. Washington—The government Saturday announced an increase in import levels for residual fuel oils. Its action drew an immediate protest from coal producers. Chicago—Civilian Elvis Presley was back on the hit tune list Saturday with "Stuck On You." United Press International's weekly survey of the nation's top 20 popular tunes showed. Paris—Former Premier Georges Bidault Saturday predicted that President Charles de Gaulle's fifth republic "has few chances of being either long-lived or peaceful." Washington—Teamsters' President James R. Hoffa said Saturday he plans to report Congressmen's secret conversations in Capitol cloakrooms to members of his union. Moscow—The Soviet Union issued 97 May Day slogans Saturday containing calls to surpass American per capita production, to fight for general and total disarmament, and to overfulfill the nation's seven-year plan. Jerusalem—Pilgrims in somber garb streamed into old Jerusalem Saturday to spend Holy Week walking in the footsteps of Christ. Washington—Today is the anniversary for the American patent system and one of its most useful offsprings—the safety pin. The patent law will be 170 years old, the safety pin 111. Washington—Spectators and tourists crowded around the sun-sparkled tidal basin Saturday as the Queen of Washington's famed annual Cherry Blossom Festival was crowned. Indianapolis—Former Senate Rackets committee counsel Robert Kennedy said Saturday that both management and unions were guilty of dishonesty and corruption, and only the AFL-CIO among them has done anything to clean up the situation.

School Budget OK'd Election Set May 2

The Medford school board Friday approved a budget totaling \$4,409,756.46 for the general fund, bond interest and redemption fund and the school lunch fund. The board also called an election May 2 to exceed the 6 per cent limitation by \$1,978,404.99. The election will be held between 2 and 8 p.m., at the same time as the annual school meeting at which a board member also will be elected. Total estimated receipts are \$1,562,715.60, leaving \$2,847,040.86 necessary to balance the budget. To the latter figure is added \$140,949.29, the total estimated which will not be collected in taxes, making the total estimated tax next fiscal year \$2,987,990.15. Of the total, \$541,125 is within the 6 per cent limitation, and \$468,460.16 is not affected by the limitation. William A. (Bill) Barker, chairman of the board, said Friday the amount outside the 6 per cent limitation will be reduced by \$190,000 as tax offset from the basic school fund. Millage-wise, he noted, the tax offset fund will reduce the anticipated increase over this year's millage rate. The estimated millage increase is 6.20 mills from the 60.20 mills this year to 66.40 mills on the proposed budget for the 1960-61 fiscal year. To the 6.20 mill increase is added 1.37 mills, which represents the old rural school equalization millage, making a gross total rise of 7.57 mills. The \$190,000 state basic school tax offset will reduce the 7.57 mill increase to a net estimated millage increase of 3.35 mills over the present 60.20 mill levy, Barker said. The total net estimated increase of 3.35 mills includes payment on all bonds, he noted. Barker complimented the budget committee and advisory committee members for their efforts to economize and keep the increase to the lowest possible figure consistent with maintaining a quality program. A series of public meetings have been scheduled throughout the district at which the budget will be reviewed and discussed. The meetings are being sponsored by parent teacher associations and mothers' clubs to provide opportunities for interested citizens to obtain information about the proposed budget, Barker pointed out. Meetings were held Thursday and Friday at Wilson, Griffin Creek, Hoover, Jefferson and Roosevelt schools. Other meetings, and the time, are: Hedrick, 8 p.m. Monday, April 11; Jackson, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 12; Lone Pine, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12; West Side, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 13; Lincoln, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 14; Jacksonville, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 14; Howard, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 14; Ruch, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 19; Washington, 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21; Oak Grove, 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21; McLoughlin, 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 25. A member of the budget committee or the school board and a school administrator will attend each of the public meetings to answer any questions, Barker stressed.

Herter Irked at Recess in Talks

Washington—(UPI)—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter reluctantly accepted Saturday a five-week recess in the stalled Geneva disarmament talks with a sharp note of reproach for the U. S. delegate who agreed to the lengthy interruption. "I personally believe the recess is too long," Herter said in a statement that barely concealed his irritation with New York lawyer Frederick M. Eaton who is representing the United States in the East-West negotiations. The recess is from April 29 to June 7. Department officials denied that Herter was officially rebuking Eaton. But the situation had all the earmarks of a clear cut misunderstanding between the two. Herter said Friday that he did not yet know whether there would be any recess. Saturday he put out this statement: Killam Visits Medford Thomas G. Killam, Republican candidate for U.S. Senator, visited Medford Friday in connection with his campaign for office. Killam, who has lived in Portland for the past 35 years, says he hopes to "help build Oregon industry" by creating "more jobs (and) less taxes."

Kennedy's Tentative Schedule Arranged

A tentative political schedule for Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), who will be in Medford April 23, has been worked out by the Jackson County Kennedy for President committee, which met at the home of District Chairman Robert A. Boyer Friday. Several engagements in Ashland, including a coffee hour and an appearance at the Ashland Plaza, are being arranged by Dr. Arthur Kreisman, who is in charge of the Ashland Kennedy for President committee. A public reception for Senator Kennedy will be held in Medford starting at 3:30 p.m. April 23, Boyer said. The place will be determined later. Senator Kennedy is scheduled to leave the Medford airport at 5 p.m. April 23, Boyer said, and will be unable to accept evening appointments.

State Investigator Expected Here

An investigator is expected from the state crime bureau next week to assist in the investigation of the murder of Mrs. Lester Hamilton, 40-year-old Ashland rancher's wife, Sheriff Joe Walsh said Saturday. A search for missing clothing and personal articles belonging to the murdered woman has turned up a white leather woman's jacket. Apparently it had been taken to the cleaners, Walsh said. Walsh said his office is still searching for a missing man's brown dress hat, size 6 7/8, a Danecraft sterling silver charm bracelet with seven or eight Jensen charms and a matching set of clamp-on earrings of sterling silver beetle design.

Demo Headquarters Now on N. Front St.

New local Democratic party headquarters will be located at 425 North Front st., Medford, according to Frank Christian, Talent, chairman of the Jackson County Democratic Central committee. This also will be used for the Democratic registration drive, Christian said. New office telephone number will be SP-3-4777. Office hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. The George Washington, tied up on the other side of the dock, was to leave with the Henry for operations at sea following the ceremony.

Premier of South Africa Shot in Head by Farmer

Verwoerd Shot Twice In Assassination Try

Johannesburg, South Africa—(UPI)—Premier Hendrik F. Verwoerd was shot twice in the head at point-blank range in an assassination attempt Saturday as he stood on a speaker's platform to defend South Africa's white supremacy policy. Emergency treatment failed to remove the bullets. His assailant, a white farmer, shouted "God help me!" as he pulled the trigger of his Belgian .32 caliber pistol. Verwoerd's wife, Elizabeth, on the platform with him, collapsed when she saw him slump backward in a chair, blood streaming from his right ear and cheek. But she recovered and cradled his head in her arms while waiting for his removal to Johannesburg general hospital. Reported Satisfactory The 58-year-old premier was reported conscious and in "satisfactory" condition. His palate was pierced and his jaw broken by the slug that struck his cheek. His assailant, David Pratt of Pietersburg, was overpowered by spectators at the annual trade fair in Milner Park and was hustled out to a police car with a blanket wrapped over his head. Finance Minister T. E. Donge, next ranking man in the government, considered calling an emergency session of Parliament. There were no disorders. A driving rain cleared the streets of Johannesburg within 15 minutes of the shooting.

Negroes Prepare For Boycotting

Negro demonstrators walked picket lines in a number of cities Saturday protesting segregation and thousands of sympathizers geared for Easter week "no buying" boycotts in the south. In Mississippi, where latest boycott plans were announced, pro-segregationist white citizens councils vowed reprisals against Negro boycotters. A week-long boycott of stores has been called by Negroes in Jackson, Miss., beginning Monday. "This economic business is a two-way street," a spokesman for the white citizens councils said. The pro-segregation editor of a Negro newspaper warned that Negroes may find themselves unemployed and unable to get jobs. The white citizens council said large numbers of white merchants had promised to discharge Negro employees. Picketing in support of boycotts and in sympathy with lunch counter sitdown demonstrators appeared growing. Negro pickets appeared at a variety store at Lynchburg, Va., for the first time Saturday. Further sympathy picketing on a nationwide basis was called for by the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) which is supporting lunch counter demonstrations.

Nixon Builds 'Brain Trust' In Push for White House

Hubert Says He Favors Uplift

Princeton, N. J.—(UPI)—In a campaign speech in the cafeteria of a brasserie plant here Saturday, Sen. Hubert Humphrey observed: "I never thought I would be speaking in a brasserie factory, but I'm for anything that will uplift our economy."

Forecasts Higher Than Last Month For Water Supply

Water supply forecasts as of April 1 were increased over those issued last month, the weather bureau's river forecast center in Portland has announced. The increased forecast resulted from above normal March precipitation in the southwestern Oregon area. Forecasts, however, still indicate that the April-September water supply will be about 75 per cent of the 15-year average. Anthony J. Polos, hydrologist in charge of the river forecast center, Portland, said total winter precipitation through February was near 75 per cent of normal. Total March precipitation in southwestern Oregon was about 200 per cent of normal. Water equivalent of the snow pack averages about 70 per cent of the 1943-57 average. The water year flow at South Fork of Rogue river is now forecast at 1,070,000 acre feet, or 73 per cent of normal, the weather bureau said. The residual flow for the period from April 1 through September is forecast at 570,000 acre feet, or 76 per cent of average. On the Klamath river at Upper Klamath lake net inflow, the water year flow is forecast 1,190,000 acre feet, which is 81 per cent of normal, and for the residual flow, it is 462,000 acre feet, or 73 per cent of average. The North Umpqua river below Lemolo reservoir is forecast at 273,000 acre feet, 81 per cent of average; the Williamson river below Sprague river is forecast at 711,000 acre feet, 82 per cent of normal; Sprague river near Chiloquin, 380,000 acre feet, 77 per cent of normal; and Cheucawan near Paisley, 84,000 acre feet, 67 per cent of normal. The water supply prospects for south-central Oregon were improved by well above normal precipitation during March, the weather bureau said. Amounts were 160 per cent of the March normal. Water year runoff forecasts were revised upward by 7 per cent and indicate that flow will be 87 per cent of the 15-year average, the bureau said.

Five Departmental Budgets Approved

The Jackson county budget committee passed five departmental budgets late Friday afternoon. These were the watermaster's department at \$23,337, county assessor at \$132,968, county farm home at \$119,928, mosquito control at \$13,300, and fruit inspection at \$1,675. The watermaster's department total was increased \$4,025 over the current year's total of \$19,312. Some of the main expenses are: watermaster's salary, \$6,168, no increase; deputy watermaster, \$5,148, no increase; Little Butte assistant's salary, \$700; fuel stations and equipment, \$200; clerk secretary, \$3,636; second deputy watermaster (new man) \$4,500, and travel \$2,500. The county assessor's departmental budget of \$132,968 is a raise of \$13,344 over the current year's total of \$119,622. Some main budget items include \$7,072 for county assessor's salary, \$1,000 raise; assessor and deputies travel \$7,000, up \$1,000; administrative assistant, \$4,680, no increase. Principal clerk, \$4,032; clerk stenographer, \$3,456, \$372 credit; graphotype and address operator, \$3,276, no increase; clerk typist 2, \$3,096, \$360 credit; clerk typist 2, 2,928, \$348 credit; clerk typist 1, \$2,772, up \$156; clerk typist 1, \$2,772, no increase; clerk typist 1, \$2,772, up \$442; draftsman II, \$3,636, \$600 credit; draftsman III, \$5,388; four property appraisers III, \$4,908, no increase; two property appraisers II, \$5,148, up \$240; three property appraisers I, \$4,908 each, no increase. Machines, equipment and maintenance, \$2,500, up \$900, and industrial property appraisals and spot checks, \$6,540, up \$1,740. The Jackson county farm home budget total of \$119,928, is \$5,987 less than the current budget allowance of \$125,925. Main items are \$3,400 for superintendent, up \$100; assistant superintendent, \$3,400, up \$1,740.



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Stubblefield Twin Dies

Tiny Jeanett Stubblefield, 10-month-old former Siamese twin, died at the University of Oregon Medical school hospital in Portland Saturday morning. Jeanett, who was separated from her sister Denett in a 5-hour operation last Oct. 6, had contracted pneumonia earlier last week. She is shown in this file photograph with her mother. It was snapped some weeks ago by her father, James Stubblefield, a Parma, Idaho farmer.—(UPI Telephoto)

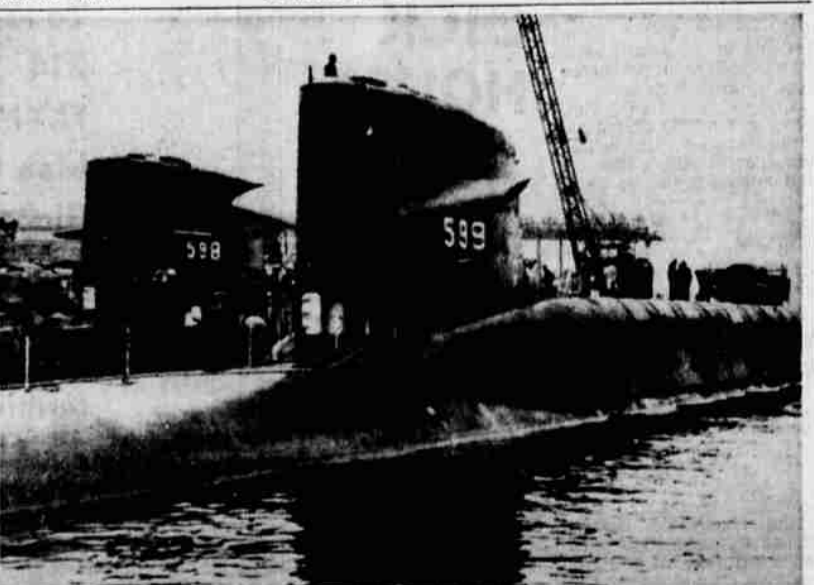
Frost Predicts Only Fair Water Supplies This Year

Farmers and orchardists in the Rogue-Umpqua region can expect mostly only "fair" water supplies for the irrigation season of 1960, according to W. T. (Jack) Frost, snow survey supervisor. He conducted the annual water forecast meeting in Grants Pass Friday for the soil conservation service, Oregon agricultural experiment station and the Oregon state engineer. Water supply conditions were improved "very slightly" by heavy March storms, but most lands will have below average water, and many will have late season shortages, Frost said. Water content of the mountain snowpack is only 71 per cent of the 15-year average (1943-1957), and is some better than last year at this date. Warm March storms "rained off" much low-elevation snow and increased the snowpack at only the moderate and high elevations, he noted. Watershed soils, he said, are still only partially "primed," and will absorb some of the remaining snow-melt water, reducing the total water supply available for irrigation. Groundwater contribution will be reduced this season, Frost added. Stored water supplies are below average, and only about two-thirds that of last year due to reduced mid-winter flow, and to lack of "carry-over" supplies from last year. Frost said forecasts of streamflow for the irrigation season, April through September, are much below average and emphasize the seriousness of the water supply situation. Flow on the main Rogue river at Raygold is forecast at 84 per cent of the 15-year average. Flow of the Rogue is not likely to drop to the minimum 900 second-foot discharge which forces canal alteration for the Grants Pass Irrigation district, Frost said. The Applegate and Illinois rivers are forecast at 76 and 85 per cent of average, respectively, and will taper off in flow much earlier than usual, Frost noted. Inflow to Four Mile and Fish lakes is forecast at 65 and 82 per cent of average, respectively. This flow, Frost said, coupled with the small supply of stored water now available, will probably be a "short" supply this year for the Medford and Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts.

Professors, Time Magazine Staffer Aid GOP Hopeful

Vice President Won't Panic, Claims Source

Washington—(UPI)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon, heartened by a poll of his California strength and unshaken by his third-place Wisconsin showing, is building a "brain trust" team for his big presidential push. A source close to Nixon disclosed Saturday his campaign research force is being bolstered by professors of government from the universities of Notre Dame and Michigan, by a University of California administrator, and a research director borrowed from Time magazine. But the Nixon camp made it clear that the unopposed GOP presidential candidate is not being panicked into any change in his basic plan for a gradual buildup in campaign activity. Nixon leaves for a two-day San Francisco visit Monday, in all, his associates say, he may make as many as 15 speeches in the next three months — about as many as one of his Democratic opposites makes in one or two days. They claim the Democrats are not going to set Nixon's campaign pace. Although Nixon ran third in popular vote behind Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) in last Tuesday's Wisconsin primary, he was described as "confident he'll carry Wisconsin in November." Nixon, it was stated, would "rather be ahead in September than in June." The Nixon lieutenant's concede there was a big crossover of Republican voters to the Democratic column in Wisconsin. Other GOP sources estimate this as about 40 per cent. But in the vice president's home state of California they found evidence of good news. A statewide poll of 3,027 Californians conducted for the Dick Nixon clubs of southern California showed Nixon with a steady gain of presidential strength over Democratic Gov. Edmund G. Pat Brown since last August. Nixon's California position indicates to his advisers that Kennedy "probably made a mistake" in not challenging Brown for California delegates. They think Kennedy would have been able to "win easily" and thereby might have been able to avoid taking on Humphrey in West Virginia — the next test between the two Democrats.



MISSILE SUBMARINE—The nuclear powered, Polaris missile submarine Patrick Henry sits at dock prior to commissioning ceremony Saturday at the General Dynamics shipyard in Groton, Conn. Its sister ship, the George Washington, tied up on the other side of the dock, was to leave with the Henry for operations at sea following the ceremony.

WEATHER

Forecast: Considerable cloudiness with scattered showers mostly over the mountains today. Partly cloudy tonight and Monday. High today 53. Low tonight 35-38. High Monday 65. TEMPERATURE — 54 Lowest Yesterday — 45 To 8 p.m. Yesterday — Precip. — Trace Our Skies Tonight Sunset today — 6:47 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow — 5:17 a.m. Moonrise today — 5:49 p.m. VISIBLE PLANETS Jupiter, rises 1:03 a.m. and will be due south 3:07 a.m. Saturn, rises 2:01 a.m. Mars, rises 6:12 a.m. Mercury, now moving nearer the Sun, will next be seen as an evening planet in June.