

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Let's deal today with another river diversion story—this one more recent than the others in this space during the past week or so. So recent, in fact, that it still gives us the shivers to think about it.

ABOUT a decade and a half ago, a party of Army engineers showed up in Klamath Falls. They were here, they said, to hold a hearing. A WATER hearing, they added.

A meeting place was arranged and a date set. The room was crowded. The hearing opened with this blunt statement: "We're here to consider plans for diverting the Klamath river down through the lava beds into the Pitt and thence into the Sacramento." And, of course, from there on to the south.

OUT of OUR area! THESE engineers were operating under what was then known as the Western Water Plan—a fantastic project designed to take the "surplus" water from the upper reaches of the Klamath and from the headwaters of the Rogue, the Umpqua and even the Willamette to take care of shortages of water farther south.

On paper, this Western Water Plan was an intriguing engineering idea. In practice, it amounted to taking water away from one area and giving it to another. After the lapse of nearly a century, it was the old miners' idea of the State of Shasta—which involved diverting the Klamath river into the Sacramento for the benefit of the gold mining industry.

BACK in 1852, that wasn't such an unreasonable idea. Gold mining was then the big industry of our region.

In the intervening century, times had changed. In 1852, about the only use for water (other than for drinking purposes when the whiskey supply ran low) was an aid in getting gold out of the ground. By the mid-forties of the 19th century, water had become the No. 1 RESOURCE of all the West.

In the nearly a century since 1852, water had become the priceless ingredient of Western prosperity and progress. Areas with plenty of water flourished. Areas with too little water died on the vine. And here, before our eyes, was a serious proposal to TAKE WATER AWAY FROM US and give it to somebody else!

WE SAT there dumbfounded. Ghastly visions of the Owens valley danced before our eyes. If this diversion project went through, it was apparent to us that the whole upper basin of the Klamath river, in both Oregon and California, would be dried up after the manner of the Owens valley.

Not only that, but if this Western Water Plan became a reality the rich valleys of the Rogue and the Umpqua would be left short of water. It was a rugged project.

FORTUNATELY, the threatened diversion was headed off. It was headed off by means of an interstate river compact governing the distribution and use of the water of the Klamath river. The compact was drafted by able commissions made up of able men from both sides of the state line.

Over the past century, we of Far Southern Oregon and Far Northern California have felt at times that we have been neglected by California and Oregon. In this particular case, it was totally different. We had active and sympathetic and effective support from both states. The compact, when it was finally put together, was adopted by the legislatures of both states, ratified by the U.S. congress and signed by the President. It is now in full force.

We have reason to believe it will prevent for all time disastrous diversions of the waters of the Klamath river and will set a precedent that will be effective in discouraging diversions from other river basins of Oregon and California, thus backing up the principle that water belongs to the people of the areas where it falls in the form of natural precipitation.

ESTABLISHMENT of that principle will be immensely important in the future of our entire region. In Far Southern Oregon and Far Northern California, water is needed for the growing of crops. Water is needed for the production of power. Water is needed for the processing of our raw materials—including FIBER, of which we have in our forests an immense and permanent supply.

As time passes, fiber will be an increasingly important element in our economy. Without ample water, it would be impossible for us to process our fiber timber into pulp and paper products here at home. We'd have to SHIP IT AWAY to be processed elsewhere.

Washington Lists 15 Holiday Deaths
By United Press International
At least 15 persons lost their lives due to accidental death in the State of Washington over the Fourth of July week end.

Range Fire Near Baker Controlled
Baker—UPI—A 1,500-acre range fire about 25 miles south of here was brought under control Monday after burning for almost a full day.

All-States Picnic Draws About 75,000
Ontario, Calif.—UPI—About 75,000 persons sat down at the world's longest table (two miles) and ate lunch during the annual All-States Picnic.

Report of Sub 'Closed Incident'

Seattle—UPI—A spokesman for the 13th Naval District said Monday night a report that a submarine periscope had been sighted off the Oregon coast had been checked out and that as far as the Navy was concerned it was a "closed incident."

The report came from Mel Whipple, Eugene, operator of the charter fishing boat Impala at Winchester Bay, who said he saw the periscope about noon Sunday. Whipple said he was in the front end of his 40-foot boat when he sighted the periscope "going down."

"I almost collided with it. It was only two or three boat lengths away," he said. He added it was about four or five miles off Winchester bay, which is located at the mouth of the Umpqua river. Whipple, who lives at Winchester bay during the salmon season, said he was a flying officer during World War II and had seen periscopes then. He reported the sighting to the Coast Guard.

Navy and Coast Guard authorities had no other comment.

Dr. Rutter To Be Meeting Delegate
Kansas City—Dr. Paul T. Rutter, Medford, will serve in the House of Delegates for the 84th annual American Osteopathic convention here July 18 to 22.

Dr. Rutter will represent the Oregon Osteopathic association.

The 149-member House is the policy-making body of the osteopathic profession.

The convention is expected to draw some 2,000 doctors and guests. Topics to be discussed include heart disease, cancer, Rh blood factors and the mental health aspects of juvenile crime.

Speakers will include osteopathic college faculty members, representatives from the National Institutes of Health and other health agencies.

London—UPI—A Londoner overheard discussing television with a neighbor today said his TV set had four controls: "My wife and three kids."

Chances of Stock Market Rise Seen Good in July and August

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New York—UPI—On the basis of precedent the chances for a stock market rise in July and August are better than two to one.

Such rise—the summer rally—has become traditional. But Wall Street doesn't always follow tradition. However, more of the market experts think it will than think otherwise.

The seasonal pattern for the remaining months involves an edge on declines for September, an even break between losses and gains for October, more gains than losses in November and a year-end rally in December.

First half of 1960 statistics read poorly compared with last year.

Trading volume for the half fell by nearly 51 million shares. But the half, aside from 1959, was the best for the period since 1930.

Industrialists Up
The Dow-Jones industrial average at the end of the half was just about where it was last year (actually off 2.98 points) but it was down 38.74 points from the Dec. 31 close.

Industrialists made a record high in the second session of 1960 at 685.47. They fell to 599.10 on March 8, a drop of 86.37 points or 12.6 per cent from the high.

Then came a rally and another decline that brought the average to within a half point of its low but it didn't go through. A subsequent rally lifted the average to 656.42 on June 9. It closed the half about 16 points under that recovery high.

The rail average lost 10.86 points from Dec. 31 for the half. A year ago it showed a rise of nearly 10 points in the corresponding period.

Two-Fold Market
Utilities performed best of all the major groups. They closed the half at 93.39, a new high since April 8, 1959 and up 5.56 points for the half.

Some of the market men said we entered a bear market when the rail average broke in March. Some others said we have had two markets—a bear market and a bull market—at the same time.

Albany Carnival Winners Listed

Albany—UPI—Hap Johnson of Castle Rock, Wash., took two first places and a second in the 16th annual World's Championship Timber Carnival here Monday.

Johnson won the tree topping and all-around logger contests and also picked off a second in the speed climbing competition.

Corky Lentz, Powers, Ore., also captured two firsts, winning the bull of the woods and the log bucking crowns.

Other winners were Danny Sailor, Nelson, B.C., speed climbing; David Geer, Jewett City, Conn., log chopping; Kelly Stanley, Cosmos, Wash., novice speed climbing; Diane Ellison, Aberdeen, Wash., women's log rolling; Jubiel Wickheim, Sooke, B.C., men's log rolling; and Hugh McKenzie, Victoria, B.C., axe throwing.

Goldfine Starts Penitentiary Term
Boston—UPI—Millionaire Bernard Goldfine and his blonde private secretary were sent to prison today for contempt of court.

Goldfine, gift-giving friend of former Presidential Aide Sherman Adams, was ordered by a federal judge to serve 90 days in the federal penitentiary at Danbury, Conn.

His secretary, Miss Mildred Paperman, was ordered committed to East Cambridge jail to serve a 10-day sentence.

Judge Charles E. Wyzanski Jr. denied their appeals and turned them over to the custody of U.S. marshals for imprisonment.

Red Chinese Tanker Damaged

Tunis, Tunisia—UPI—A Communist Chinese tanker, carrying crude oil to Cuba, may have suffered considerable damage in a collision with a Norwegian tanker off the coast of Tunisia, it was reported today.

The Peking, Red China's largest tanker, collided Monday morning in rough seas with the 15,067-ton Norwegian ship Rondefjell.

The 19,500-ton Peking was built in the Soviet Union last year. There was no official estimate of damage, but unofficial reports said it was thought to be serious.

The Rondefjell was towed to the Tunisian port of Bizerte for repairs, but no word was received concerning the Peking's course or the extent of her damage.

The Norwegian tanker's engines were damaged so badly it could not get under way again.

The only casualty reported was a sailor aboard the Rondefjell. He was flown to Bizerte where he was hospitalized.

Crawford Attends Reserve Convention

Lt. Col. John G. Crawford, U.S. Army Reserve from Medford, was one of 18 delegates from the department of Oregon attending the annual national convention of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States last week in New York.

Crawford is now undergoing training at Ft. Lewis.

The more than 2,000 delegates were greeted by the mayor of New York City, Robert Wagner, a colonel in the reserve and a member of the military organization.

Oregon's delegation arrived by airlift by the Continental Air Command from the Portland Air Force base.

Oregon's delegation contained members of Navy, Air Force and Army reserve. The department of Oregon plans to hold its state convention in Medford next spring.

RACERS GET LOST
Garden Grove, Calif.—UPI—The second annual Garden Grove 10-mile handicap foot race will be rerun July 24, it was announced today. Many of the runners in last week's race got lost when they took a wrong turn.

IKE'S COUSIN DIES
Seattle, Wash.—UPI—David L. Lucas, 59, a first cousin of President Eisenhower, drowned here Monday after he fell from his houseboat home.

Portland Fire Investigated

Portland—UPI—The state arson squad continued today to investigate a Sunday night fire which nearly destroyed the half-complete new home of a Negro couple in suburban northeast Portland.

The blaze caused an estimated \$7,000 damage to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rowan Wiley, who recently won a racial discrimination case in Federal Court.

Sgt. W. H. McCullum of the arson squad said that apparently someone had sprayed the upper area of the home with a flammable liquid. Parts of a broken glass jug and shreds of hay or straw were found.

Wiley said he planned to start rebuilding the home. Last month a federal judge ruled a water district had violated the couple's civil rights in attempting to condemn the property.

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