

The Week in California

Brown Loses Water Battle To State's Largest Union

By United Press International
Gov. Edmund G. Brown, who won his water battle in the legislature, has lost it in California's largest labor union.

The 2,000 delegates to the state's Labor Federation annual convention in Sacramento fell solidly behind their own leaders and flatly opposed the governor's \$1.75 billion water bond issue.

Brown made a personal plea to the delegates to support the bond issue, planned to pay for taking northern California water to the southern part of the state.

But his plea fell on deaf ears. One delegate, John L. Donovan of Los Angeles, threw Brown's own words back at him during debate over the convention action. He said that the governor himself had admitted "many bad features in the proposition."

Ralph Bronson of Los Angeles tried to get the union members to override their executive committee and go along with Brown. He said there is still time for the legislature to correct some of the inequities of the water proposal.

Labor's key objection to the bond issue was its failure to contain written guarantees against what the AFL-CIO union calls "unjust enrichment" of large farmers who will be served with water from the project.

The delegates also disappointed Brown by refusing to take any stand on an initiative proposition in November designed to re-apportion the state senate and give southern California a louder voice in the upper chamber.

A delegate from southern California, Mae Stoneman of Los Angeles, told the convention that union leaders in her area had gone too far in supporting the re-apportionment plan to back off now.

Another highlight of the week's news was the arrest in Merced of Army Warrant Officer Clarence Ashley on a charge of kidnap-murder in the death of 6-year-old Angie May Stewart.

The young girl vanished from a state park a week ago after Ashley had befriended her and her family.

Other developments around the state:

PLANE: A Cessna aircraft carrying four Californians disappeared on a flight from Medford, Ore., to Modesto.

The occupants were identified as Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Klefecker, all of Hawthorne.

SAUCERS: Some mysterious objects showed up over northern California skies. Two highway patrolmen said they followed the disk-shaped objects for two hours and officials of the Tehama sheriff's office said they also saw a number of strange objects flitting about in the sky.

ROBBERY: Two bandits staged a daring daylight hold-up of the Chester Bank of America, escaping with \$16,850. They cleaned out the main vault of the bank after forcing two customers and seven employees to the rear of the building.

HUNGER STRIKE: George Albert Scott, condemned to die in San Quentin's gas chamber, ended a week-long hunger strike after he was visited by his mother in the prison hospital. He had refused to eat because his wife had not written or visited him for two weeks.

FIRE: Flames swept over the town of Palermo in Butte county, destroying seven to ten homes and setting fire to an olive processing plant. Near panic resulted in the community.

REFUND: State Controller Alan Cranston authorized a \$10,000 tax refund to heavy-

weight champion Floyd Patterson. The money had been held by the state to make certain Patterson would pay state tax on the proceeds of a 1958 fight with Roy Harris of Texas.

COLLISION: Three persons were killed and two critically injured in the collision of a double-deck Continental bus carrying 35 passengers and a car near Bakersfield. All the dead and those critically hurt were in the car. Five persons on the bus also were hurt.

WATER: California's Central Valley Project plans to spend more than \$50 million on new construction before next July 1 and more than 85 per cent of it will be spent in the Trinity River Division.

BUILDING: The state announced plans for a \$115 million building program before the current fiscal year ends next June 30. Nearly half the total will go for building projects at state colleges.

Rep. Porter Signs Petition for Bill

Washington - (UPI) - Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.), Saturday signed the discharge petition to bring the World War I pension bill to the floor of the House of Representatives for consideration.

Porter said he signed the petition introduced by Rep. Earl Hogan (D-Ind.), because he believes the legislation should be acted on. He said he felt that with appropriate income limitations a World War I veterans pension would be fair.

More than 100 members of the House have signed the discharge petition, Porter said. A total of 219 signatures is needed to bring the bill to the floor.



SUCCEEDS LODGE—Named to succeed Henry Cabot Lodge as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations is James J. Wadsworth, who has been Deputy U.S. Representative to the U.N. since 1953 and recently headed the U.S. delegation to the nuclear test ban talks with Russia at Geneva. Lodge resigned, effective Sept. 3, to launch his active campaign as the Republican nominee for vice president. (UPI Telephoto)

Medford Man Hurt In Portland Crash

Portland - (UPI) - Sidney Earl Smith, 36, Medford, suffered multiple cuts and abrasions today when he lost control of his auto due to a seizure and crashed into a section of the SW Harbor drive seawall here.

Police said the car careened into a concrete pier of the Morrison bridge. Officers said the car traveled out of control for 231 feet after striking the seawall before it veered into the bridge pier. Traffic was stalled in the north bound lanes for about 10 minutes.

Smith told doctors at Emanuel hospital he had been under care for some form of seizures. He did not remember the accident.

METAL FOR BRACES
Braces of titanium, a metal strong as steel but only one-half as heavy, are used for polio victims' limbs.

State Government Officials To Be in Medford Wednesday

Another in a series of sessions at which the general public may meet individually with state government officials from Salem has been scheduled for Grants Pass and Medford on Wednesday, Aug. 24.

The Grants Pass public meeting will be held at noon and the Medford session with the public is scheduled for 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the county courthouse.

Earlier this summer, Gov. Mark Hatfield announced a new approach to state government whereby key department officials would visit eight regions of the state "to enable the individual citizen to present his problems or his suggestions to our top state department personnel. It is important in order to better serve that we know what the



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individual citizen is thinking and how we may better administer state government," the governor said. "Moreover, I think it is helpful for the department head and others making decisions to get out among the people and thereby avoid what might be termed 'capitollitis.'"

The governor said he felt that too often agency personnel in Salem "lost touch with the local level."

Individual Basis
During the course of the visits, the administration team meets with local officials, but the main purpose is to set aside time during which the public may confer with agency representatives of an individual basis.

As his personal representative, the governor is sending Freeman Holmer, director of

the department of finance and administration.

Others on the Grants Pass-Medford trip include:

Dean Ellis, former chairman of the state tax commission and now counsel for various tax committees; Victor Wolfe, administrative assistant to the Oregon state highway engineer and provides professional services to counties and cities and provides liaison with them; Andrew F. Juras, assistant administrator, state welfare commission; Eldon Cone, assistant to the commissioner of employment, and Holmer, who will serve as chairman of the delegation. Holmer has served on the staff of several legislative interim committees and was head of the elections division prior to his appointment as director of finance in January, 1959.



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'Flying Fish' to Leave on Monday
Astoria - (UPI) - The "Flying Fish," a 65-foot hydrofoil cruiser, will depart from here Monday for Bellingham, Wash.

The cruiser, destined for high-speed passenger service across Puget Sound between Bellingham and Victoria, B.C., was towed here Friday by a tug from Portland, Ore., after burning out a bearing on its final test run.

The vessel was scheduled to undergo repairs Saturday. It will be taken up the Washington coast by Capt. Charles Cushing, Engineer Ken Patton and David Mason, a deckhand. The hydrofoil's owner, Dr. Frank A. Calderone, Great Neck, N.Y., and Mayor John E. Westford, Bellingham, Wash., left here for Bellingham Friday.

The \$200,000 craft is only the second of its kind in North America. Dr. Calderone owns another hydrofoil which is currently operating in the West Indies and Puerto Rico.

The "Flying Fish" was brought to Portland six weeks ago to undergo assembly and testing.

TRUCKS TOTALS
One-half of the world's trucks are operated in the U.S.

Bartender Badly Hurt in Knifing
Portland - (UPI) - A Portland bartender was in critical condition Saturday after being jabbed in the lung with a pocket knife Friday afternoon.

Joseph Arthur Mires was knifed at the Palace tavern in northwest Portland where he is employed. He was taken to Good Samaritan hospital, where doctors said the knife had punctured his lung.

The tavern's cook, Charles Frederick Clark, Portland, was held as a suspect in the stabbing.

Hearing on Dam Proposal Slated
Salem - (UPI) - A hearing on Portland General Electric Co.'s proposal to build Round Butte dam will be held in Portland Sept. 9.

Hearing the application for a license to construct the project will be the State Water Resources board. At a hearing last fall the board approved a preliminary permit for the dam.

A protest against the granting of the license has been filed by Erskine B. Wood and Borden F. Beck Jr.

Clinic Slated by Industrial Council

Boise - (UPI) - The Idaho-Eastern Oregon Industrial Development council will hold its third annual industrial development clinic here Sept. 21.

Howard D. Bessire, executive vice president of the council, said the meeting would include a board of governors session, a luncheon and panel session.

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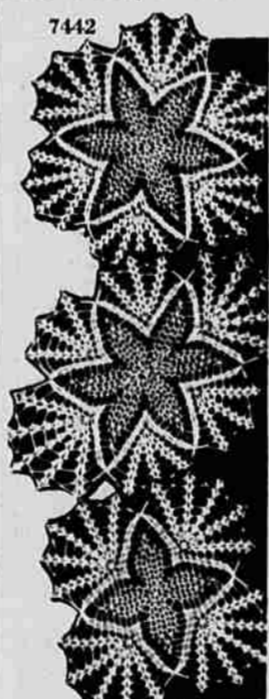
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