

Agate Dam Project Declared To Be Feasible Engineering Undertaking



COMMUTERS STRANDED—A smashed caboose blocks the tracks after a freight train accident in The Bronx early today knocked out main line service of the New York Central Railroad. More than 11,000 commuters were forced to seek alternate means of reaching Manhattan. One man was killed and another injured when a 54-car freight train rammed a standing six-car freight train. (UPI Telephoto)

4 Die in Portland Fire

Mother, Daughter Rescued From Second Floor

Baby Sitter Dies With 3 Children

Portland—UPD—A fire flashed through a two-story home in northeast Portland early today and four persons, including three children, died.

The children's mother, Mrs. Constance Garrett, 33, and a daughter, Wendy, 5, were rescued. The mother was under heavy sedation at Providence hospital.

The dead included: Gay Garrett, 5 months; Vickie Garrett, 15 months; Angela Garrett, 3; Patricia Mae Gravatt, 21, a baby sitter.

The mother and Wendy Garrett were rescued from a second floor window by neighbors. The other children and Miss Gravatt were trapped in another bedroom.

The father, Joseph L. Garrett, was not at home when the blaze broke out.

Neighbors Help
Firemen credited efforts of four neighbors with saving Mrs. Garrett and her oldest daughter.

They said Hugh Radar and Jack Hanson hoisted a ladder to the roof of the stucco house before firemen arrived. Hal Abelson and Walter P. Dachs scrambled up the ladder and rescued the pair.

The men said they could hear the other children and the baby sitter screaming in another bedroom and tried unsuccessfully to coax them out. They could not enter the house because of the intense heat.

Abelson said Mrs. Garrett screamed "get my children out!"

He said he carried one girl down the ladder and that "flames were licking at the ladder then."

"I went back to the window and again tried to enter but the smoke drove me out. It looked like the porch was going and I knew Mrs. Garrett and I had to get out of there."

He said he tried to climb down but "she wouldn't leave. I picked her up and carried her... and the other fellows helped and forced her down."

"I never felt so helpless in my life," he said. Firemen finally removed the victims but emergency efforts to revive them failed.

The fire was believed to have started in the living room.

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Chinese Red Regime Described As Peace Menace

Revolt Against Peiping Predicted

United Nations, N.Y.—UPI—Premier Nikita Khrushchev said today Russia would uphold its rights outside the United Nations "by means of force" if Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold is not replaced by a three-man presidium.

United Nations, N.Y.—UPI—Nationalist Chinese Ambassador Tingfu F. Tsiang said today the Chinese Communist regime is the greatest menace to peace in the world and predicted that mainland China will revolt against the Peiping authorities.

He called the Soviet Union the greatest colonial power of the 20th century and said the Soviet type of imperialism is the worst of all.

As Tsiang began to talk, the Soviet and other Communist delegations walked out of the assembly hall. Tsiang, who customarily delivers his speech in English, took the usual step today of addressing the assembly in Chinese.

Tsiang spoke as the American and Soviet delegates maneuvered behind the scenes for support in Russian efforts to seat Red China and American efforts to block it for another year.

The United States was expected to win this struggle but by the closest vote yet.

"The Chinese Communist regime is dedicated to the 'historical mission' of bringing all Asia under Communist domination," Tsiang said. "Recently it has extended its nefarious activities beyond Asia to Africa and Latin America. It is the greatest menace to international peace and security."

Predicts Revolt Coming
"There is a boiling, seething and ultimately irrepressible mass of resentment among the suffering people. Eleven years of unlimited propaganda and unlimited indoctrination have failed to reconcile the peoples of the regime. The day will surely come when they will rise in revolt against their oppressors... We Chinese will yet see the day of national liberation."

Tsiang denounced Premier Nikita Khrushchev's "slandering and abusive" attack on Dag Hammarskjold and said he sought through his plan to replace the secretary-general with a three-man presidium to make the United Nations a tool of the Soviet Union.

Nixon, Kennedy To Debate Tonight

Washington—UPI—Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Sen. John F. Kennedy meet tonight in the second of four nationwide television radio debates on a complexity of issues.

Judging from their recent speeches, the rival presidential nominees are likely to be more combative in this meeting than they were in the first of the "great debates," Sept. 26.

Kennedy turned the attack around Thursday, declaring in a statement that "Mr. Nixon likes to repeat that 'everybody is aware of the strong convictions' he has on this civil rights issue. But I have been unable to find a statement of those convictions in any of his southern speeches."

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"Oh, Yes—He WAS Here, But He Just Left"



Court Reaches No Decision on Lake Area Developments

County Judge Earl Miller said today the county court has reached no decision on the \$60,000 in capital expenditures requested for further development of recreation facilities at Howard Prairie and Emigrant lakes.

In a letter dated Sept. 20, the Jackson county parks and recreation commission had requested expenditure of more money for development of the areas.

The current fiscal year budget allocated \$150,000 for park improvements. However, a large part of this money may be needed for construction of a building at the fairgrounds to house county extension offices.

The county court had committed itself previously to this building, Miller explained. During a previous meeting with the parks and recreation commission the county court

Greeters Plan Trip to Forks

Twelve members of the Medford Chamber of Commerce greeters committee have signified they plan to visit Forks of Salmon, in northern California, this week end.

Object of the visit is to install and dedicate a bell presented to the people of Forks of Salmon by the Chamber's greeters committee. It will be installed in the belfry of the new school.

A potluck dinner will be held at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, after which a dance is scheduled for the Medford visitors. The dances, greeters committee members report, are a highlight of a trip to the small community along the Klamath river.

The Medford group will camp in the forest camp grounds at Forks of Salmon, and return to Medford Sunday.

The bell was found in Medford by members of the greeters committee, and is more than 100 years old. It formerly called slaves to work on a Mississippi plantation, according to local sources.

The chamber, and Forks of Salmon residents, have had a cordial relationship since the visit several years ago of a group of school children from there to Medford, where they were "royally" welcomed, and shown many modern devices they had never seen before in their small, isolated community.

Bend—UPI—Brooks-Scanlon Inc. of Bend has purchased about 50,000 acres of natural reseeded cutover timberland in the Oboeco country near Prineville from the Alexander-Stewart Lumber Co., it has been announced.

National Forest Lookouts Taken Down Temporarily

Rain Eases Fire Danger in Area

Rogue River National forest brought its lookouts down in all districts today, on a temporary basis, as rains eased the forest fire danger at least for the time being.

Some slash burning was being permitted in the Klamath district in places where snows may prevent such operation later on. From .50 to .75 of an inch of rain was reported in that district. Precipitation figures were not available from other districts because of the lookouts being down.

Whether lookouts stay down depends upon the weather, the forest service said. If rain keeps up, they'll remain down but, if the forest dries off in two or three days, they'll man their posts again. More sunshine and dry southeast winds could restore the great fire danger, it was pointed out.

Fire hazard was extreme before the rains this week. Southwest district office of the state department of forestry termed the situation "a little better than it was" and possibly "safe for two or three days." Lookouts were down from Chimney Rock and Roundtop, but for personal reasons and not because of any fire danger ease.

Permits to hunters to enter the closed area between Butte Falls and Prospect still were being issued on a day to day basis.

The district office on Table Rock rd. reported .07 of an inch of rain up to 8 a.m. this morning. Prospect guard station reported .25.

DA Gives Opinion On Solicitations

Jackson County District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder said today that deceit or fraud used to induce a person to register or refrain from registering to vote would be considered a corrupt practice under state law.

In an opinion to County Clerk E. M. Madden, Reeder said: "It is my opinion that if any person engages in any deceit or fraud to induce a person to register or refrain from registering as a voter of this state, he would be guilty of a corrupt practice under ORS 260.390. Any person making a telephone call should either identify himself by his correct name or as a member of a genuine organization seeking to persuade people to register or to vote."

The vice is not in the parsimony of the solicitation. The vice under the law is directed to any subterfuge or deceit used to induce people to register or to vote. It is perfectly proper for Democrats to seek to obtain members of the Democratic party to register to vote, and it is equally proper for the Republican party to do the same, as long as the persons doing the solicitation do not engage in any deceit or subterfuge."

Medford Man Killed In Highway Mishap

Grants Pass—UPI—Carl Alfred Anderson, 46, Medford, was killed Thursday when the car he was driving collided with the rear end of a truck on Highway 99 about four miles north of here.

State police here said Anderson was northbound when his car collided with a truck belonging to Mitchell Brothers Truck Line of Portland and operated by Edwin Thomas Sandwick, 48, Grants Pass.

Sandwick was not injured. Anderson was dead on arrival at Josephine County hospital here.

Anderson had been a forest warden for the southwest district of the state department of forestry for three years. He had been made warden of the Butte Falls guard station effective Oct. 1. Previously, he was with the federal forest service.

Bureau Report Clears Way for Legislation

Bureau of Budget Has No Objection

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune
Washington—Special—The proposed Agate dam, a key project in the overall Rogue River Basin irrigation development plan, was declared today to be a feasible engineering undertaking by the bureau of reclamation.

In forwarding to congress a feasibility report on Agate, the bureau in effect cleared the way for legislation which Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) has said he will introduce in the coming session of congress to authorize construction and financing of the project.

Report Reviewed
Appropriate state and federal agencies have reviewed the bureau's report. The bureau of the budget earlier this week expressed no objection to its submission to congress. The state of Oregon urged construction "as early as possible."

Agate dam would be located on Dry creek northwest of Medford. It would store 1810 acres of arid land in the Rogue River valley irrigation district. In addition, a small amount of water would also become available to supplement present supplies for 4820 acres.

The project involves Agate dam on Dry creek, a diversion dam on Antelope creek, plus diversion and feeder canals. Water from Agate reservoir would be diverted into existing Hopkins canal for delivery to farmers through the district's irrigation system.

Investment of \$1,802,000. The report estimated the federal investment in these facilities would be \$1,802,000, using January, 1959, prices. Of this, \$27,100 would cover cost of a fish ladder and screen to protect migratory species of fish in Dry creek.

Recreation facilities in the vicinity would also be developed with \$20,080. The balance, \$1,754,900, covers irrigation facilities and is to be repaid to the United States treasury by local water users over a 50-year period, assuming congress sets the customary requirements in this respect.

Will Diversify Agriculture
The declaration of feasibility takes into account the anticipated benefits compared with costs. The benefit-cost ratio over 50 years would be 2.76 to 1, the report stated, an unusually high ratio for such projects.

The report to congress said this new water supply would permit farmers in the area to diversify agriculture in the Medford area by devoting more land to irrigated pasture grass and hay for dairy and beef herds.

Today's development brings the project one step closer to reality. The remaining steps are for congress to take first to pass an authorization bill, and then to follow with appropriations that will permit construction to begin. It is unlikely that these steps can both be taken in less than two years.

TITAN LAUNCHED

Cape Canaveral, Fla.—UPI—The Air Force launched a Titan missile on an unusually high intercontinental range flight over the Atlantic today on a strenuous test of a nose cone.

WEIGHTS ACCURATE

Salem—UPI—Most indicated weights on packaged meats in Oregon retail stores are accurate, the State Department of Agriculture said today.

Five Nabbed in Robbery Of Klamath Post Office

Oakland, Calif.—UPI—Five men were arrested Thursday in connection with the \$35,000 burglary of the Klamath Falls, Ore., post office Sept. 28. The fifth man was picked up in a "triple play" involving Oakland police, Pacific Telephone and San Jose police.

Acting on Tip
The roundup began when Oakland police, acting on a tip apparently from Klamath Falls, arrested four men in a hotel for investigation of burglary.

San Jose police, previously alerted, sped to the bar and arrested James E. Rutledge, 29, Portland, Ore. About \$35,000 in cash, money orders and stamps were taken when burglars pried a skylight of the Klamath Falls post office.

Role of Mining Stressed by Fourth District Candidates

The important role of the mining industry in the development of the fourth district was stressed by both candidates for congress at a meeting of the Northwestern Mining Council in the Jacksonville Community hall Thursday evening.

Speaking to more than 100 persons, Charles O. Porter, Eugene Democrat seeking reelection, and Dr. Edwin R. Durno, Republican of Medford, discussed aspects of the mining industry at the session.

In talks at the start of the meeting, which was ended with a question and answer period, Porter cited statistics of the district's mineral production and gave a geological history of the area.

Dr. Durno endorsed the program and recommendations of the conference of governors of the 11 western states in regard to the problems of the mining industry.

Two Major Points

The two major points under fire during the question and answer period were the \$35 per ounce price of gold and the elimination of surface rights on mining claims by federal agencies.

It was the consensus of the audience who asked questions that the present price ceiling should be removed from gold so it could be traded on the open market. It was also suggested that representatives of the mining industry and federal agencies confer in regard to logging controls on mining claims.

Porter stated that more than a third of the value of minerals produced in Oregon comes from the fourth district.

Registration Deadline Saturday

The Jackson county Democrats have increased their voter registration lead to 849 from Wednesday's figure of 822, according to County Clerk E. M. Madden.

Total registration is 36,843. Madden said he believes this is the first time that Jackson county has exceeded 36,000 registered voters, and is the highest number of registered voters as far as he knows.

The Republicans now have 17,550 registered voters, Democrats 18,399 and independents 894.

Tomorrow is the last day for voter registration. The elections department in the courthouse annex will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. tomorrow, Madden said.

Airport's Crowded Conditions Will Be Studied by City

at their meeting when problems of the mining industry were discussed.

Dr. Durno concluded that on aspects of the subject of which he was not fully informed he would follow the advice of people who did know what they were talking about.

The meeting was attended by candidates from both parties and two candidates from Josephine county.

Durno Contributes To Porter Campaign; Porter Returns \$1

Congressman Charles O. Porter received a \$1 campaign donation from his opponent last night—but he gave it back again.

Somehow or other, the name of Dr. Edwin Durno, Medford physician, state senator, and now Republican candidate for congress opposing Porter, got on Porter's campaign mailing list.

Dr. Durno received a campaign solicitation. And last night, when the two met in Jacksonville, Dr. Durno presented a flabbergasted Porter with a check for \$1.

Dr. Durno said, "I would wish him (Porter) well, but alert him to the fact that I, too, cannot meet my financial obligations in this campaign."

He added that "Dollars-for-Durno went over very well, and in addition my friends are having a rummage sale at which time I shall put up for sale all my clothes except those I find absolutely necessary to refrain from becoming indecently exposed."

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WEATHER

FOR OREGON: Considerable cloudiness tonight and partly cloudy Saturday with rain Saturday night and Sunday. Low tonight 56. High Saturday 65.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 5:43 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:14 a.m.
Moonrise tonight 7:43 p.m.
Last Quarter Oct. 12

PROMINENT STARS
Capella, high overhead 4:26 a.m.
VIBRANT PLANETS
Venus, sets 6:26 p.m.
Jupiter, low in south-west 4:16 p.m.

Saturn, low in south-west 9:11 p.m.
Mars, high in south-east 4:25 a.m.