

Dam at Copper Canyon Opposed by Committee

Salem—(UP)—The Governor's Advisory Committee on Natural Resources Tuesday went unanimously on record against development of hydroelectric power on the lower Rogue river.

It endorsed an earlier report by the Oregon Water Resources Board which said a high dam there would not be in the public interest.

Citizens from Josephine and Curry counties appeared before the committee testifying for and against a proposed Copper Canyon dam on the lower Rogue.

Don Lane, executive secre-

tary of the board and also a member of the governor's committee, said the Rogue is a heavy supporter of fish and it is "fairly obvious" there is no known method of carrying fish over such a dam, which could be as high as 450 feet. The Rogue has an upstream run of 120,000 fish—80 times that of the Deschutes system, he said.

Lane said the dam's "net result would be to cut the very heart out of the Rogue's fish resources."

Gov. Mark Hatfield supported him, saying the state should "not sacrifice one re-

source in order to develop another."

William I. Davidson, Grants Pass businessman and chairman of the Josephine County Public Power Association which favors the dam, said he was concerned about "another resource-people."

He said Josephine county is faced with a "desperate need for industry" and yet industry cannot be induced because the area "can't offer an adequate water supply." Unemployment is 20 per cent, he said.

He also cited "high power

rates" and said a Cooper Canyon dam would "solve our problems in one fell swoop."

The dam, proposed 23 miles up the Rogue below Agness, would back water into Josephine county and would stimulate Grants Pass as a ship-

ping point for timber.

Davidson said his group realizes the fish problem but he said the problem of welfare of the people is more important.

Hatfield agreed but noted that if Josephine county forms

a people's utility district, it could buy power from the Bonneville Power Administration, Davidson confirmed this.

Hatfield also said the Rogue River Basin in its natural setting is "one of the most attractive in the state" and cited

its attraction to tourists.

Davidson argued that the lake behind the dam would be a recreational factor and would establish a recreational area "second to none."

James Dean, Grants Pass logger, seconded Davidson's remarks and said "we can't padlock this because of the fish alone." The dam means millions of dollars to the local economy, he said.

B. B. Rutledge of Agness spoke against the dam and said mills at Gold Beach, Coos Bay and other area cities need

timber too.

E. J. Schneider, also of Agness, presented a resolution approved by the Agness Community council opposing Copper Canyon because it would "for all time eliminate steelhead and salmon runs" in the Rogue river. The council said if a high dam must be built, the site should be at Hells Gate in the higher reaches of the Rogue.

Davidson said a government hydrologist estimates Copper Canyon's power potential at 750,000 kilowatts. The Federal Power Commission, how-

ever, estimates it at 300,000.

State law now prohibits hydroelectric development of the Rogue.

Hatfield said the "real question" is whether the FPC might grant a license for the dam, overriding the state's objections. This happened in the case of Pelton Dam on the Deschutes river and the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against the state.

Lane said projects are being investigated on the upper Rogue but "no conclusions have been reached."

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Russian Plane Machine-Guns American Craft Over Laos

Kennedy Selects Ex-AEC Man for Air Force Post

Palm Beach, Fla. — (UP) — President-elect John F. Kennedy moved rapidly today toward completion of the Defense Department's upper structure by naming Eugene Zuckert, former atomic energy commissioner, as secretary of the Air Force.

John B. Connally Jr., Fort Worth, Tex., lawyer and close political associate of Vice President-elect Lyndon B. Johnson, was named Navy secretary in the new administration Tuesday night. Appointment of an Army secretary was expected shortly.

Zuckert, assistant Air Force secretary when Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) was civilian head of the Air Force in the Truman administration, was named to succeed James H. Douglas. Connally will take over the post currently occupied by Navy Secretary William B. Franke.

Kennedy's headquarters here announced that Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, was flying to Palm Beach tonight for a meeting Thursday with the President-elect.

The incoming Chief Executive also arranged a conference at his seaside villa Friday with Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., a former congressman from New York and currently a foreign automobile distributor. Roosevelt worked in the Kennedy campaign and had been mentioned for the Navy post that went to Connally.

Mullen To Join Legal Firm Here

Medford Attorney Brian B. Mullen will join the law practice of Collins and Redden, 107 East Main st., Medford, effective Jan. 1, it was announced today.

Present partners in the firm are Hugh B. Collins and James A. Redden Jr., both Medford.

Mullen is originally from Kentucky, and received his legal education at the University of Missouri. He is a member of both the Missouri and Oregon bars, and has served two years in the armed forces.

He has practiced law in Medford since October, 1957, and became deputy district attorney in 1958. Mr. and Mrs. Mullen live on Campbell rd., Medford.

A Cloud No Bigger Than A Couple Of Hands



BURGLARS LIFT \$400,000 FROM ARMORED VAULT

Tampa, Fla. — (UP) — Burglars took \$400,000 from an armored car service vault but left \$600,000 behind, officials disclosed today.

The FBI said the burglary, executed with split-second precision, apparently was an "inside job."

E. A. Rasdale, president of the firm, said the burglary was "definitely" the work of an employee of the Rasdale Armored Car Service Inc. or "a former employee."

Rasdale said that from two to four men were involved in the burglary which occurred about 12:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Rasdale, who cited his company's 25-year record without thefts, blamed the burglary on negligence of the part of a private protection service which he said was late in sounding the alarm.

He said the men entered the building by key and went through the security routine required by the protection company.

A man using the name and code number of a fired employee, Rasdale said, telephoned the protection service on entering the building.

Rasdale said the protection service had been notified the man had been fired and should have called the police immediately, but he said the call was not made until nine minutes later, giving the burglars time to make off with 19 sacks.

Another Truck Due

Rasdale said they would have undoubtedly taken more, but that they knew that another armored truck was due to arrive at the building within minutes. It did, at 12:15.

Whoever took the money, Rasdale said, knew the combination of the vault. And when the person closed the vault, he set the time lock at its maximum period, 72 hours.

Rasdale said the time lock had not been set when the burglars entered because the final truck had not delivered its load to the vault.

The vault contained two days receipts from Tampa's dog racing track and Christmas rush receipts from a number of department stores.

Milk Production in Oregon Shows Decline

Corvallis — (UP) — November milk production in Oregon dropped below that of the preceding month for the first time in a year and a half, Stephen C. Marks, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State College, said today.

Oregon dairy farmers produced nine million pounds less than in October and one million pounds less than a year earlier.

Bids To Be Opened On Lateral Work

Bids on the west lateral enlargement and extension, part of the Talent division of the Rogue river basin project, will be opened Feb. 18, according to the bureau of reclamation office here. A call for bids will be issued at the end of the month.

The project calls for earthwork and structures for rehabilitating about 12.5 miles of unlined lateral, with bottom width varying from five feet to four feet, and earthwork and structures for about nine miles of lateral with bottom width varying from four feet to two feet.

Work will include approximately 210,000 cubic yards of excavation for the lateral, 2,000 cubic yards excavation for on borrow, considerable hauling, compacting 1,500 cubic yards of embankment, 28,000 cubic yards of excavation for structures, 1,100 cubic yards of concrete in structures, 5,600 linear feet of 15-inch to 42-inch diameter precast concrete pipe, and 5,500 linear feet of 8-inch to 18-inch diameter asbestos-cement pipe.

Completion time is 400 days.

BLIND WORKER BURIED

Bethesda, Md. — (UP) — Funeral services were held today for J. Hiram Chappell, 62, well known in Oregon and nationally for his work in rehabilitation of the blind.



WASHINGTON BOUND—Congressman-elect and Mrs. Edwin R. Durno, above, left Medford Tuesday, traveling by bus to Klamath Falls to board a plane for the east. The couple will visit for a few days in Detroit before going on to Washington, D.C., which will be their home for the next two years. Dr. Durno will begin his term as representative of the fourth congressional district Jan. 3. They will stay at the Congressional hotel in Washington for a month or so, while they look for a permanent residence there.

Goldfine Taken Into Custody After Help Given by Son

Boston — (UP) — Industrialist Bernard Goldfine, 67, refused to admit U.S. marshals into his hotel room for nearly 20 minutes today before they enlisted his son's aid and took him into custody on orders of a judge.

Goldfine, gift-giving friend of former Presidential aide Sherman Adams, balked at opening the door of his 11th floor hotel room when the marshals knocked to carry out the orders of Federal Judge George C. Sweeney.

The judge two hours earlier had ordered Goldfine taken into immediate custody and held pending a hearing Jan. 10 on his competence to stand trial on income tax evasion charges.

After pleading with Goldfine to admit them, the marshals contacted his son, Solomon, in whose care Goldfine had been placed since his discharge from a Washington, D.C., mental hospital Saturday.

When Solomon Goldfine arrived with the keys, he said, "I'll show you how to do it." He opened the door.

Talent Home Burns, Family Escapes

Talent — A mother and her three children escape from a flaming wood frame house last night near Talent and saw their home burn to the ground with all their belongings.

Mrs. Theodore Thomas Nooncheater and her three children, ages 1, 2 and 4 years, awoke to find their home on Yankee Gulch rd. in flames. Through quick thinking, the mother was able to get the family out of the 40-year-old house without harm.

A neighbor, John Morse, saw the flames, and called the Talent fire department. The fire department was unable to save the home.

The father was notified at Rogue River where he was working. The Nooncheater family has moved into Mrs. Nooncheater's mother's home in Phoenix, Jackson county sheriff's officers said.

WASHINGTON — (UP) — The Army today canceled a contract, under which \$34 million has already been spent, for development of an unmanned target-spotting plane. Republic Aviation Corp., Farmingdale, N.Y., had been working on the project for the past 2½ years. The proposed aircraft was to be a ground-controlled drone, equipped with radar and infrared detection device cameras for reconnaissance flights near a battle front. Such flights are now assigned to manned aircraft.

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It added that "progress in other aerial surveillance programs was another factor."

The drone was to have been known as the SD4 Swallow,

Embassy Plane In Safe Landing On One Engine

Apparently No Injuries Suffered

Vientiane, Laos — (UP) — A Soviet-made Ilyushin-14 plane dropping military supplies to leftist Laotian rebel forces attacked and machine-gunned an unarmed American plane watching the operation, the U.S. embassy reported today.

There apparently were no casualties on the American plane, though this was not confirmed immediately.

Lands Safely

The American plane was crippled by the shooting but was able to make it back safely to Vientiane on one engine. The incident occurred Tuesday afternoon over the Vang Vieng area north of Vientiane. It was not known if the Ilyushin was manned by Russians or Communist bloc fliers.

Officials of the U.S. embassy here said the American plane was assigned to the U.S. air attaché in Saigon, South Viet Nam. It was on loan to the embassy here to replace the aircraft regularly assigned to the air attaché in Vientiane which was damaged in the recent fighting for this capital city.

Three Men on Board

The Air Force said the American plane was a C47 Skytrain and carried a crew of three men.

The crew members were identified as:

Maj. Armand E. Reider, 37, Arlington, Va., whose wife and four children are living in Saigon.

Capt. William G. Von Platen, 40, San Diego, whose wife and three children are in Saigon.

S. Sgt. Rex B. Percival, 36, Knobnoster, Mo., a bachelor who was aboard the plane as radio operator.

The officials said the U.S. plane was observing the Soviet air supply operation at the request of the Laotian government when it was attacked. In recent days, planes from Vientiane frequently have made flights to observe Russian Air drops of supplies to Communist and other leftist rebels in the Laotian jungles.

Machine Gun Bullets

Embassy officials said the American plane was hit by bullets from a machine gun apparently fired from a window of the Ilyushin.

They said the Soviet-made plane dived at the American plane after firing at it, and then flew away in the direction of Communist North Viet Nam.

"It was an unprovoked attack on an unarmed American plane," one embassy official said. "Bullets knocked out one engine and tore several holes in the fuselage."

CUBA BLAMES U.S.

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CHARRED MAIL—An envelope containing minor changes in specifications for the new wing of the Rogue Valley hospital happened to be aboard the United Airlines jet plane that collided with a TWA Constellation over Brooklyn Dec. 16. Above, Hospital Administrator Charles Gustafson looks over the charred envelope and papers after they were returned from New York by Consulting Architects Rogers and Butler. The papers were burned so badly around the edges that the contents would be impossible to interpret. A new set of changes will be sent to the architectural firm, Gustafson said.

Library Receives \$5,000 To Better Service in Area

The Public Library of Medford and Jackson County has received an additional \$5,000 in state and federal matching funds to use for improvement of its rural library services, according to Librarian Omar Bacon.

This brings to \$30,000 the total amount of money received by the library for rural service improvement during the past two years.

Bacon said more than half of the new money will be used to purchase books and materials, including phonograph records, pamphlets and \$750 worth of books for the Prospect branch. The remainder of the money, he said, will be used for supplies and personnel.

Bacon said the Medford library applied to the Oregon State Library board for the funds. A notice that the application had been approved came this week, he said.

Needed Money

He said he feels the money was granted the library for two reasons: one, the previous grant of \$22,000 is getting results, and two, the library system needed the additional money.

As an example of the increasing effectiveness of rural library service during the past year, Bacon pointed out that book use among the seven rural library branches has increased by 119 per cent over a five-month period.

Although the allocation of money is made by the state, approximately half of it is from federal funds. Bacon said it is called Library Services Act money, and is part of a national program to improve rural library service throughout the nation.

He said the new money will be spent between now and June 30.

GETS MANAGER POST

Pendleton — (UP) — M. O. Gardner of Forest Grove Tuesday was selected as Pendleton's new city manager.

Russia To Sign Trade Pact With West Germany

Berlin — (UP) — Russia agreed today to sign a new trade agreement with West Germany in a move that was expected to ease the threat of a new blockade of Communist-encircled West Berlin.

The government press office in Bonn said that the matter which had prevented an earlier signing — presumably Russian opposition to inclusion of West Berlin in the treaty — had been resolved. The announcement was

Flemming Opposed For Presidency of Oregon University

Harrisburg — (UP) — The president of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation said Tuesday he is against Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Arthur S. Flemming becoming president of the University of Oregon because of the 1959 cranberry cancer scare.

Gerald Detering of Harrisburg said "Flemming's ill-advised action against cranberries brought about a tremendous loss to Oregon growers, followed by similar attacks on

Howard Prairie Fund Established

The Jackson county court this morning established a Howard Prairie development fund in which to deposit all moneys received from the operation of the Howard Prairie recreation area.

The county court then deposited \$189.10 received from concessionaire Robert Johnston into the fund. The money represents 10 per cent of the concessionaire's receipts during his operation last summer.

County Judge Earl Miller said the fund must be established according to the lease agreement on the Howard Prairie recreation area with the bureau of reclamation. He said boat license fees would not have to be placed in this fund.

Although the state marine board has recommended that the fees be used either for enforcement of boating regulations or for development of boating facilities, the county court has kept the money in the general county fund.

The county court also discussed sinking test pilings at Howard Prairie, looking toward establishment of finger piers for boats. County Engineer Robert J. Carstensen suggested this be done as soon as possible.

Pilot Certification Examinations Slated

Portland — (UP) — The Federal Aviation Agency said today operations inspectors will be at various Oregon airports during the first three months of 1961 to conduct written exams leading to pilot certification. The first exams will be given Jan. 18 at Baker.

made after Soviet Ambassador Andrei Smirnov made an unexpected 30-minute call on Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. Neither the Germans nor the Russians were prepared to discuss the details of this morning's conference. Although the government press office would not flatly say so, it said that Smirnov's action indicated that the Russians would be willing to include West Berlin in the terms of the pact.