

More Water, Power Land Use Projects Due for Congress

By Congressional Quarterly Washington (CQ) — More and better resource development or a bigger pork barrel?

That is the question that Congress must decide as a result of the new standards for planning water resource projects approved by the President and announced by the White House on May 15.

Experts estimate that there will be about a 10 per cent increase in proposals to build water, power and land-use projects submitted to Congress annually in the wake of the new planning standards. They also anticipate that better balanced projects with multiple-purpose benefits will be proposed to Congress under the new standards.

Congress presently receives annually from the agencies about 185 project reports recommending construction of new resource projects. These are mainly watershed projects of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, flood control and navigation projects of the Corps of Army Engineers, and reclamation projects of the Interior Department.

New Standards Asked
At the direction of President Kennedy, the new standards were worked out by a group representing the Secretaries of Interior, Agriculture, the Army, and Health, Education and Welfare. The new standards supersede the highly controversial Budget Bureau Circular A-47 issued on Dec. 31, 1952.

Both the new 1962 standards and A-47 are attempts to get the various federal agencies operating in the resources field to use uniform standards in appraising benefits and costs of water resource projects under their jurisdiction.

Congress repeatedly clashed with the Budget Bureau over A-47. The Congressional gripe was that A-47 was so restrictive that it foreclosed approval of many resources project proposals, notably public power and reclamation projects. Congress ignored A-47 in recent years.

The fate of the 1962 standards is as yet undecided. There has been little Congressional reaction to date. While water and public power lobbies generally favor the new standards in comparison with A-47, they are taking a wait-and-see attitude toward the new standards.

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This is due to the fact that while the new standards lay down ground-rules to determine benefits and costs of resource projects, they do not cover such vital problems as cost allocation, reimbursement to the government and cost-sharing with state and local interests.

The President has asked the four Departmental Secretaries to tackle these problems directly. Achieving uniformity in project repayment and cost allocation almost certainly will require Congressional action — and will surely stir up Congressional tempers.

Public Power Upgraded
Both the 1962 standards and A-47 provide that projects may be built by the federal government for the following purposes: domestic, municipal or industrial water supply; irrigation; water quality or pollution control; navigation; hydroelectric power and energy; flood control and prevention; land and beach stabilization; drainage; outdoor recreation; and fish and wildlife development.

Under both standards, a project is justified if the estimated benefits exceed the estimated costs. But they are evaluated quite differently. For example, recreation, fish and wildlife development and public power are sharply upgraded as project purposes in the 1962 standards.

Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall on May 28 called the new set of standards "one of the most important steps" taken by the Administration to date in the resources field. The National Wildlife Federation on May 25 hailed "the new importance given to recreation and fish and wildlife development" in the new standards.

Senate Document
Sen. Clinton P. Anderson (D-N.M.) on May 17 asked the Senate to publish the new standards as a Senate document. It did, Anderson called the new standards a "sound" means by which "to devise, authorize and execute the large programs that are urgently needed to match water supply to the water requirements of our rapidly growing population and expanding economy."

But there are critics of the new standards who regard them as being so broad as to be nearly meaningless. Rep. John H. Kyl (R-Iowa) on May 22 questioned whether "there will ever be an unfavorable cost-benefit ratio for a project" under the new standards.

That's why Sen. Frank J. Lausche (D-Ohio), and Norris Cotton (R-N.H.) fought the shelving of A-47. Lausche predicted the agencies would present "fantastic and extravagant" proposals, and Goldwater warned that the agencies would send "cats and dogs" to Congress in place of feasible projects. Cotton said the demise of A-47 would "open the gates for more economic public power projects and for an ever-larger and more spacious pork-barrel."

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Two Injured in Auto Accident

Two persons were injured in one of two accidents occurring south of Medford Friday. Maxine Marie Hergenreth, 38, of 123 Northeast Evelyn st., Grants Pass, and John Otto Bender of New Westminster, B. C., were hospitalized at Sacred Heart hospital following an afternoon accident. She was discharged Sunday and Bender Saturday, according to hospital officials.

State police reported that the Hergenreth car was headed north on the South Pacific highway and was stopped to make a left turn into a private driveway when it was struck from behind by the Bender car.

Another collision occurred earlier Friday about a mile south of Medford. A car driven by Dennis Alfred Daley, 26, of 2354 Stearnes Way, had stopped to make a left turn, police said when it was hit by a car operated by Georgia Catherine Russell, 56, of 2525 Sandy terrace. Mrs. Russell told police she did not see the car ahead in time to avoid the collision.



RELIEF DISCUSSED—President Kennedy and Mrs. Claire L. Chennault, widow of the leader of the famed Flying Tigers, are shown during a White House meeting at which they talked about creation of a new organization to provide relief to refugees fleeing from Red China. (UPI)

Three Valley Men To Receive DMD

Three Medford men will be among 75 seniors from the University of Oregon Dental school, Portland, recently receiving doctor or dental medicine degrees at commencement exercises on Thursday, June 14, in Benson Polytechnic school auditorium.

The three include: Michael R. DeVore, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ronald DeVore, 806 East Jackson st.; James D. Ward, son of Mrs. Miriam E. Ward, 909 East Jackson st.; and Richard P. Whitlock, son of Mrs. Leola M. Whitlock, 1425 Crater Lake ave.

Speaker will be Dr. James H. Jensen, president of Oregon State university, who will address the graduates and their families on "Education in a World Outgrown." Dr. Harold J. Noyes, Dental School dean, will present the 74 men and 1 woman who are candidates for the degree in dentistry, and the degrees will be conferred by Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, president of the University of Oregon.

All three men are graduates of Medford High school. Ward was a member of the 1950 graduating class; Whitlock of the class of 1953; and DeVore in 1955. Ward and Whitlock

both received their pre-dental background at Southern Oregon college, while DeVore attended the University of Oregon, graduating from that school in 1955.

McCurdy Elected to MIT Corporation

Cambridge, Mass. (UPI)—Horace W. McCurdy of Mercer Island, Wash., has been elected a life member of the Corporation of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, it was announced Saturday.

McCurdy, chairman and director of the Puget Sound Bridge and Dry Dock Co. of Seattle, Wash., and a director of Lockheed Aircraft Corp. of Burbank, Calif., was a member of the M.I.T. class of 1922.

His election was announced by corporation chairman James R. Killian Jr.

LAUNDRY PARTIES
Bristol, England—(UPI)—Town officials have a new teenage problem — how to stop the wee-hour parties the youngsters have taken to throwing in all-night self-service laundries.

Dynasty vs. Dinosaurs

Massachusetts Voters Must Make Choice Between Ted and Ed

By DICK WEST Washington (UPI) — For some reason, the Democratic senatorial contest in Massachusetts this year has been a source of considerable amusement here in the nation's capital. I have endeavored to ascertain the cause of the merriment, but it has eluded me.

Apparently, it has something to do with the fact that one of the candidates, Ted Kennedy, is the brother of the President while the other, Ed McCormack, is the nephew of Speaker John McCormack. Frankly, I don't see anything very humorous about that. Most people have relatives, for politicians the more the better. It could happen to anyone.

But if all of the "Ted & Ed" jokes spawned during the campaign were laid end to end, they would reach from Pat to Mike.

No less a personage than Sen. Edmund S. Muskie took note of the levity in the situation when he addressed the Massachusetts Democratic convention at Springfield Thursday night.

In his home state of Maine, Muskie said, "we Democrats used to wonder whether we could find enough candidates to match the job opportunities available."

"I understand that you have a somewhat different problem," he added. "It will be up to the convention to choose between Ted and Ed," and Muskie envied the delegates that task.

U. S. Nuclear Device Detonated in Pacific

Washington (UPI)—The United States detonated a nuclear device that set off a force equal to several million tons of TNT over the Christmas island test zone Sunday.

The Atomic Energy Commission said the shot, the 17th announced in the series, was dropped from an airplane. The AEC said it was in the "low megaton" range, making it one of the largest tested in this series.

In view of the intensity of the contest, he said he was "glad to be representing the United States Senate rather than the White House or the House of Representatives."

At the moment, he explained, the Senate could be considered "neutral ground," which took him off the spot. "I am relieved that Lyndon Johnson has no relatives running in Massachusetts," he commented.

Muskie went on to recall that some 65 years ago "the chief justice of the Supreme Court, the speaker of the House and the president pro tem of the Senate were all downeast Yankees" from Maine.

"It is obvious that Massachusetts is doing its best to match that record," he said. He also noted that either Ted or Ed would be running against a Republican candidate in the general election.

"Indeed, it is apparent that no matter whom you choose for your senatorial nominee, the campaign this fall will be a contest between the dynasty and the dinosaurs," he said. "I thought, however, that Muskie best summed up the

situation with the observation seemed to be "joking more that Massachusetts Democrats now but enjoying it less."

Rotary Delegation Attends Fly-In

An airborne delegation from Medford was among the more than 400 flying Rotarians from throughout the West who attended the fifth annual Rotary Fly-In held June 7 at the famous Nut Tree restaurant on U. S. 40, near Vacaville, Calif.

Present from Medford were four planes and 17 Rotarians including pilots Dr. Dwayne Nelson, Fred Lewis, Frank Lambrecht and Bob Kline. Some 111 planeloads of Rotarians participated in the luncheon meeting, which featured William T. Piper Sr., president of Piper Aircraft corporation.

The guests completed their journey by rail, riding a Sierra mine gauge railroad from the airstrip to the restaurant. The "fly-in," sponsored by the Vacaville Rotary club, has attracted nationwide attention and was featured last year in the Saturday Evening Post.

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