

House Okays Construction of Hanford Nuclear Power Plant

Portland —UPI— Power facilities at the Hanford, Wash., atomic works should start operating by late 1965, the managing director of the Washington Public Power Supply System said Saturday.

Washington —UPI— The House Friday approved construction of the world's largest nuclear

power plant at the Atomic Energy Commission's Hanford Atomic Works.

The House reversed its earlier rejection of the plan under which a public power agency would build the power plant to use waste steam from a plutonium-producing reactor.

The House, in accepting a House-Senate conference report recommending the proposal, paved the way for quick final congressional approval of the plan.

All that remained was for the Senate to go through the formality of reaffirming its stand in favor of construction of the 800,000 kilowatt power plant by the Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS).

Best Attempt
Before approving the power plant by a voice vote, the House beat back an attempt by Rep. James Van Zandt (R-Pa.) to send the proposal back to conference.

The roll call vote against recommitment was 186 to 150. Rep. Chet Holifield (D-Calif.), chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, told the House that purchase of the waste steam by WPPSS would return up to \$125 million to the federal treasury.

Tickets Available For Band Concert

The U. S. Marine Band will give a concert Oct. 18 at the Hedrick junior high school auditorium.

All money raised will be used for the uniform fund and traveling expenses of the Medford high school band, according to Band Director I. R. Mirick.

Tickets may be obtained from Medford band members, from Purucker's Music House, John Lusk and Emerald Music company, Mann's and Swen's.

The band personnel include carefully and screened and selected people from the nation's leading conservatories, symphony orchestras, high school and college bands.

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Holifield also defended the plan, rejected by the House four times previously, on national defense grounds. He said use of the reactor for power production would allow it to be placed back into plutonium production quickly in the event of the breakdown of any future nuclear disarmament plan.

Standby Status
He said if the reactor were used only for plutonium production, it might take up to two years to place it back into production from a cold standby status.

"Every reactor we know of in the Soviet Union is the dual-purpose type," he said.

Van Zandt, seeking unsuccessfully to block passage, charged that the plan would lead eventually to federal ownership of nuclear power plants and creation of a nationwide atomic power grid.

In contending that approval of the power plant would hurt the coal mining industry, Van Zandt said its construction was opposed even by the

Washington state coal industry.

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Glenn Responds To Charge by Fellow Astronaut

Houston —UPI— Astronaut John Glenn, answering a charge by fellow astronaut Walter Schirra that Glenn is not up to date on the space program, said Friday, "I don't want to add any more statements to a situation that has all the aspects of a tempest in a teapot."

Schirra, scheduled to make a six-orbit flight at the end of this month, said Glenn was "about wiped out of the space program" because of the personal appearances he has been making.

"Juggling of my time for maximum benefit from a technical and national space program has been continually reviewed by both Dr. Gilruth and Robert and the management at NASA headquarters," Glenn said.

Support Flight
"Wally and I are good friends and I will certainly continue to support his flight as well as I possibly can," Glenn said in a statement.

Glenn has been assigned as liaison man in California for Schirra's flight. Glenn was the first American to orbit the earth.

Schirra, appearing on a television program Thursday night, also denounced the 40-minute "black-out" when Scott Carpenter made his landing from orbit. Schirra said officials knew where Carpenter was and had radar "fixes within six miles" of where he landed.

Al Chop, deputy public affairs officer for the manned spacecraft center in Houston, said Glenn's popularity resulted in so many public appearances. Gilruth, director of the spacecraft center, said Glenn remained very much a part of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration program.

Group Approves JFK's Reserve Call-Up Authority

Washington —UPI— The House Armed Services Committee Friday approved unanimously President Kennedy's requested reserve call-up authority, but Republicans managed to stall a House vote on it for at least a week.

The committee, at a closed session, approved the Senate-passed bill that would let the President mobilize up to 150,000 reservists if he sees fit while Congress is adjourned.

But GOP members complained about plans to call the bill up for House action Monday under a special procedure barring amendment limiting debate, and requiring a two-thirds vote for passage.

They said there was no reason the legislation could not be considered in the customary way.

The lives of 150,000 Americans are affected," said Rep. Charles S. Gubser (R-Calif.). "I resent and I protest this procedure."

Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) then announced that the scheduled Monday action was cancelled. He said he would go before the rules committee next week for clearance for the bill in the ordinary way.

Inter Community Council To Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Jackson County Inter Community council will be held Tuesday, Sept. 18, at noon at the Red Cross building, 60 Hawthorne st.

This meeting will be devoted to "Juvenile Delinquency in the Community." The panel of speakers will include Medford Chief of Police Charles P. Champlin; Henry DeVoss, supervisor of special education of the Medford Public schools; L. L. Sawyer, district court judge, and Dr. Fred Frost, associate professor of social science, Southern Oregon college.

The meeting is held from noon to 1 p.m., and each person attending should take sack lunch, coffee and cookies are served. All interested persons are invited to attend.



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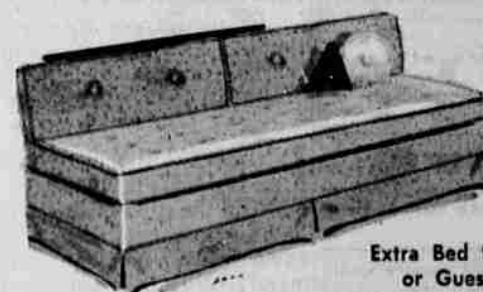


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