

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



The Green Grass Grew

President's Subordinates Unable To Keep Track of Various Orders

By DICK WEST
Washington—U.S. presidents have noted ruefully from time to time that it is rather easy to issue an order but a good deal more difficult to get it carried out. This, however, does not necessarily mean that some of the President's subordinates are insubordinate. They may just be confused.

Under present conditions, it is virtually impossible for any one person, or group of persons, to keep track of all of the orders that flow from the pens of presidents.

Many of them—estimates range from 15,000 to as high as 50,000—have disappeared somewhere in the great governmental labyrinth and, like Judge Crater, were never seen again.

The confusion that surrounds presidential orders was brought to my attention by a Justice Department attorney, Norman J.

Futor, in an article published by the journal of the American Bar association. Only Futor doesn't call it "chaos"; he calls it "confusion".

The bar association journal is not a publication I ordinarily recommend to anyone seeking literary thrills, but if you are looking for someone to take you on a bureaucratic bobsled ride, Futor is your man.

There are 14 types of presidential notices and regulations, namely: proclamations, executive orders, memoranda orders, military orders, administrative orders, regulations, certificates, licenses, appointments, designations, directives, interpretations and letters.

So what's the difference? Well... A designation may be modified by an order, an order may be modified by a letter, a letter may be superseded by an executive order or by a proclamation, a proclamation may be modified by an executive order, and an executive order may be terminated by a proclamation—that's what.

Moreover, a military order

may be revoked by an executive order, which may be amended by a proclamation, which may in turn be amended by another executive order and the green grass grew all around.

A presidential notice commemorating the death of a distinguished citizen may be labeled either a proclamation or an executive order, or, as concerning the death of President Garfield.

The government once took to the Supreme Court a case based on one executive order, only to discover that it had been repealed by another executive order.

Futor seems to feel that some sort of coherent system should be adopted, but I doubt his proposals will get very far. Situations like the one he described are why so many lawyers get rich.

SOFT SLEEPING
New York—Shipments of latex foam mattress cores during the third quarter of 1962 were 43 per cent higher than in the first three months of that year, according to the Latex Foam Rubber council.

Valleywide Approach Seen As Solution to Water Problems

Representatives of various Jackson county towns and governmental agencies agreed Friday night a coordinated valleywide approach is needed to solve water and sewage problems.

Various speakers at the courthouse meeting urged establishment of overall, unified sewage disposal and water distribution systems to serve all the towns from Ashland to Eagle Point, to Rogue River and perhaps Gold Hill.

"The question is not should we do it, but what will happen if we don't! C. C. Hoover, Gregory rd., White City area subdivider, emphasized.

Several Sources
Norman Moore, of the Boise, Idaho, bureau of reclamation regional office, said there are several possible water sources for Medford's west side area now faced in part with a shortage of pure domestic water. He listed the Applegate river, the Rogue river, Medford division and Talent division of the Rogue basin. Water could be taken from the Talent division and be replaced with Rogue river water

when the basin project is completed, Moore said.

Henry Stewart, Portland office, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, recommends an engineering study and was supported by other speakers. There would be restrictions on Applegate water use for other than irrigation and downstream flow to protect the fishery, Stewart said, according to present Rogue basin project studies.

Could Provide More
Authorized construction of Lost and Elk creeks' dams would provide 20,000 acre feet for future municipal water. These future dams could not provide more than that, he said, but other dams could be constructed later.

One dam might be at Little Butte in the Lake creek area which would be ideal for irrigation, flood control and recreation and flood control. However, then the law did not allow for storage of water for fishery benefits as it does now. In 1959 not enough water would have been available for fishery benefits without storage.

Fred Gustafson, of the state engineer's office, indicated the Medford water commission would be the logical central agency for valleywide water distribution coordinated with the water distribution agencies of the various valley towns.

Money Needed
District Sanitary Engineer Ted Gerow said money was the major handicap in developing valleywide water and sewage systems. There is no law authorizing a metropolitan corporation for water distribution, he said. The state supreme court found such an agency proposed for the Coos Bay area was unconstitutional.

It is possible for someone of tremendous stature and far-sightedness to spearhead establishment of a valleywide water system, but so far the leadership has not developed locally to sell such a program, Gerow said.

Current legislation proposes more independent powers for counties and a means for consolidating various service districts into one multi-district, Gerow said.

Water Standard High
"The standards for domestic water are much higher than those for any other products which we buy," Gerow pointed out.

The county has the facilities to establish a valleywide sewer and water system, but not the authorization. A federal program allows it to borrow the needed funds on a five-year basis without interest. The county court needs the support of its citizens to operate outside the statutes to establish such valleywide systems, Gerow said.

MID Manager Jack Hoffbaur said the irrigation district's winter maintenance program would hamper a winter domestic water distribution program. Winter distribution would add seriously to the costs, he said.

Day Tells Use
Ben Day, Eagle Point irrigation district attorney, pointed out his district does use part of its facilities for a partial water flow in winter.

Gerow said other areas than the Westwood subdivision have well pollution problems. More serious is the shortage of well water during dry years when irrigation supplies draw off most of the ground

water. Ten years ago Talent had this problem. Phoenix may experience this problem as more ground water is utilized, Gerow said.

County Watermaster D. C. Hendrix said his office is making a study, started three years ago, of key valley wells. This will provide a better idea of ground water supplies, he added.

Problem General
A roll call of various communities indicated most are facing sewage and water problems now or in the future with population growth.

Robert Lee, Medford water superintendent, said he could not commit the city of Medford. However, the Medford water commission acting as a single established agency could supply water for the valley floor less expensively. Medford has a large, year-around source of pure water at Big Butte springs. The Medford system supplies a number of outlying communities and water districts now, he said.

81 Million Need
He anticipated that 81 million gallons a day would be needed to serve the expected 110,000 population in the area. Big Butte has a capacity of 26 million gallons a day. A permit on the Rogue river would provide another 65 million gallons a day. So, 91 million gallons a day could be provided to meet the needs of the year 2000. The Rogue river water would be diverted at the mouth of Little Butte creek with a treatment plant there.

Robert Phelps, of the Westwood subdivision, said a water district plan is being formed in his area. It would include about 400 homes, he said.

County Judge Earl Miller said he has long hoped to create a valleywide sewer and water system.

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