

# STATE RIGHTS HOT ISSUE IN LAKE DISPUTE

KALISPELL, Mont., June 4 (AP)—The issue of state's rights has been raised against the government's proposed raising of the level of Flathead lake to produce more power.

Governor Sam C. Ford told a public hearing on the plan yesterday that if the lake level were raised 17 feet as proposed, it would inundate several towns and many farms.

The greater water storage would be used for the Bonneville and Grand Coulee power developments on the Columbia river. At a hearing in Helena Tuesday, Gen. Warren T. Hannum declared the Flathead proposal was "the only solution to the problem of supplying power needed by the end of 1944 for war production in the northwest."

**State Makes Claim**  
Claiming state sovereignty over the waters in the Flathead river drainage area, Governor Ford declared that the government's plan "would result in the loss of millions of dollars to our citizens," and added that "the whole economic structure of western Montana could be disrupted by the program."

Gen. Hannum and D. J. Marlett, executive assistant to the Bonneville dam administration, conducted the hearing yesterday. Federal agencies have proposed to increase the Flathead lake storage to 3,000,000 acre feet of water.

Montana's governor insisted yesterday, however, that state officials have been informed the level eventually will have to be raised again, to provide for a 6,000,000 acre foot storage. The plan calls for raising the height of the Kerr dam from 2393 feet above sea level to 2910 feet, and would require an expenditure of \$20,000,000.

**Loyalty Asserted**  
The governor reaffirmed Montana's loyalty to the war effort, but said "we believe that ample water or electric power may be provided . . . without destroying such a vast and important part of the state's resources."

He said the enlarged lake would inundate more than 55,000 acres of the richest agricultural land in the state, destroy large lumber mills, towns and the homes of hundreds of families.

Idaho threw its support behind Montana in the protest, when James Spofford of Boise, reclamation engineer representing Gov. C. A. Bottleson, assailed the "permanent destruction of existing properties and improvements by flooding."

**Oregon Continues Under Property Law Despite U. S. Rule**

SALEM, June 4 (AP)—The state department said today it will continue to accept applications for persons who want to come under the new community property law, despite a federal ruling that the law will not be recognized by the federal government.

The law, effective next Wednesday, was designed to enable more wealthy federal income taxpayers to save taxes by permitting husbands and wives who elect to come under the law to make out separate tax returns.

**NYA Sidesteps Jap Issue by Release**

WASHINGTON, June 4 (AP)—The national youth administration, caught in the middle of dispute over whether Japanese are being released "willy-nilly" from war relocation centers, stepped out of the range of fire today by releasing about 275 young men and women from its training centers.

NYA's action was announced by the war relocation authority, which said it followed "recent unfounded allegations by an investigator of a congressional committee."

We are doing well, better than we had a right to expect, but we'll do even better. Our casualties will multiply, but our men will win. We are going to drive our enemies back to their lairs and then we are going into those lairs and beat them into submission. — Col. A. Robert Ginsburgh of war department.

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## JUNIOR AMBULANCE CORPS WILL DRILL

First drill night for the Junior Ambulance Corps will be held next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the armory along with the regular drill of the Klamath platoon of the OWAC, according to Lieut. Berdena Reeder, who is in charge of the junior organization.

There was a good attendance of the younger women interested in a junior corps at last Tuesday night's meeting. However, it was pointed out by Lieut. Reeder that there is still time for girls between 16 and 18 years of age to join in order to start on military drill.

Those desiring to join the corps must have their parents' consent, it was announced. The junior group will receive the same training as the regular OWAC, including drill, communications, fire fighting, first aid and motor mechanics.

## Oregon Women's Clubs Elect Head

SALEM, June 4 (AP)—The Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs elected Mrs. George Moorhead, Salem, president yesterday and closed its annual convention with a suggestion for tighter government control over civilian economy.

Delegates approved active support of steps for more stringent rationing, firmer measures to combat inflation, more drastic price control and compulsory savings "if appropriate government agencies determine that such measures would advance the war effort."

# SHORTAGE OF LABOR AFTER WAR FORESEEN

By GARETH MUCHMORE  
NEW YORK, June 4 (AP)—A forecast that labor shortages—implying plenty of jobs for all—would continue for at least a year after this war, was made today by Leo M. Cherne, manpower expert and executive secretary of the Research Institute of America.

Cherne's predictions indicated he expects success for the numerous organizations studying postwar problems with the aim of preventing unemployment. Some of the groups estimate that as many as 30,000,000 men and women might be left jobless by demobilization of war industries and the armed services.

Commenting on a study of manpower just completed by the institute, a private research concern, Cherne said these "growing probabilities" had been found:

"Demobilization is likely to be extremely slow and a standing army of considerable magnitude will remain for years beyond the armistice.

"On the home front, there are encouraging indications that a substantial portion of industrial enterprise will be equipped for conversion to the production of civilian commodities within a short period after the cancellation of war contracts.

"The present plans of many business organizations call for the quick resumption of the manufacture of old models. This indicated the likelihood of a continuing substantial demand for labor."

"The United Nations food conference, Cherne added, also tended to support findings of the institute's staff by its emphasis of the food shortages which may exist in devastated countries, increasing requirements for agricultural labor.

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