

Interior Budget Slash Will Hit Klamath Area

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—The house appropriations committee today recommended an unprecedented slash of nearly 50 per cent in the interior department's budget for the fiscal year starting July 1.

Without mentioning the name of Harold L. Ickes, who resigned recently as head of the department, the committee assailed what it called "inefficiency and gross extravagance in certain agencies" and demanded that the department "place its house in order."

"The time has come," the committee said in a report sending the \$174,652,579 measure to the house floor for debate tomorrow, "when expenditures must be curtailed to the greatest possible extent to the end that there will not be consistently mounting appropriations for the various bureaus and agencies."

The \$174,652,579 the committee recommended for the department is a reduction of \$172,113,251 from budget bureau estimates and \$24,210,248 below current year funds.

Every agency and bureau of the far-flung department which operates from Maine to Alaska to Hawaii felt the effects of the committee's slashing, sharpest dealt to any department.

The reclamation service was on the receiving end of the largest moneyed reduction. The committee trimmed its \$166,894,055 estimate to \$72,271,475, with the explanation that materials for many construction projects are not available and the money cannot be spent at this time.

Typical of the knuckle-wrapping the committee gave many of the department's agencies was the advice to the Indian service to be "less extravagant and far more thrifty in the expenditure of funds" belonging to the Indians.

Estimates of the Bonneville power administration were trimmed from \$21,173,069 to \$12,506,400, of which \$9,000,000 is a direct appropriation and \$3,506,400 represents unobligated balances from funds appropriated last year. Funds for work on the Columbia basin irrigation project in Washington were cut from \$30,000,000 to \$12,008,145 and the estimate for operation and maintenance of the basin power projects for the year beginning July 1 was reduced by \$169,900 from a total of \$1,259,900.

The committee sliced budget estimates for the Klamath project in Oregon from \$500,000 to \$216,000; the Deschutes project in Oregon from \$1,300,000 to \$563,685; Roza division, Yakima project, Washington, from \$1,440,000 to \$624,650.

It trimmed funds for support of the Klamath Indians in Oregon from a requested \$212,000 to \$106,000.

Hoover Wants Russian Food

TOKYO, May 7 (AP)—"The whole (world food) situation would be greatly helped," Herbert Hoover said today, "if Russia would release to China and Korea a part of the food stocks they have secured in Manchuria."

The former United States president and chairman of President Truman's emergency famine committee made the assertion in a formal press conference statement which began:

"Japan must have some food imports. Without them, all Japan will be on a ration little better than that which the Germans gave to Buchenwald and Helsen concentration camps."

Hoover told the press conference he based his statement on information from General MacArthur's occupation headquarters and praised MacArthur's food staff as one of the best he had seen.

"The amounts (of food imports) required for Japan," the statement said, "will not prejudice supplies to China, India, the Philippines or Korea—provided there is full cooperation in supply and distribution over the entire world during the crisis between now and next harvest."

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Ickes Protests



Harold L. Ickes, former secretary of interior, protests what he says is company's failure to return Ralph K. Davies to a vice presidency, and raps what he called "absentee control" of Standard Oil of California during a brief appearance at the stockholders' meeting in San Francisco. Seated directly in front of Ickes is his attorney, Thurman Arnold. —AP wirephoto.

More Arctic Trips Planned

EDMONTON, Alta., May 7 (AP)—More trans-Arctic expeditions will likely follow the successful completion yesterday of Canada's 3109-mile 82-day cross-country Muskox operation, it was speculated last night.

In a press interview, Lt. Col. P. D. Baird, Muskox commander, said the snowmobile trek had been successfully carried out in all of its broad aims, and had proved what it set out to do—show that the frozen north could be traversed by a mechanized force. He said other such expeditions probably will follow.

Asked if Canada's northwest was "defendable," Col. Baird replied, "I'd rather not answer that."

Seal Patrol Back On Pre-War Beat

SEATTLE, May 7 (AP)—For the first time since the war began, the guard "seal patrol" was back on the job this season, the service announced yesterday.

The patrol protects the annual northward migration of fur seals, which during the war made their early ocean cruise from Mexico to the Pribiloff islands off Alaska without escort.

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Lucky Guess On Ice Crack Wins Big Pot

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Mike Johnson of Sitka, Alaska, was the only individual ticket holder. He will receive \$27,000.

Ed Stevens, a radio reporter from Fairbanks radio station KFAR broadcast an eyewitness description of the break-up. He said the great ice jam cracked under the weight of tons of water behind it, then started moving downstream, breaking the electric timerecording mechanism for the official time.

Oregon Civil Air Activities Triple

PORTLAND, May 7 (AP)—The total of certified pilots and airplanes has more than tripled in Oregon since 1944, the civil aeronautics administration reported today.

P. S. Skidmore, CAA inspector, said the number of planes increased from 122 in July, 1944, to 375 now, with present figures incomplete and growing rapidly.

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Extension Unit News

National Home Demonstration Week, being observed May 6 to 12, marks the eighth year of home economics extension work in Klamath county.

Mrs. Winnifred K. Gillen, county home demonstration agent, has worked with the women of the 15 units since she came here in 1938 with a master's degree in home management from Iowa State college where she worked as instructor in that department for one year.

Among subjects studied by the units during the year are nutrition, food preparation and preservation, clothing, home management, health and sanitation, furnishings, recreation and family relations. Approximately 300 women in Klamath county participate in activities of the extension program.

The annual Homemakers Festival, which has become a regular feature of the program, is the highlight of the year's work and is held on May 1. The next event scheduled is program planning day, May 22, at Altamont junior high school. Frances Clinton of Oregon State college administrative staff will meet with Mrs. Gillen and unit

leaders to outline the fall and winter program.

Food freezing demonstrations will be given in the Winema ballroom at 2 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. May 15, with Lucy Case, OSC nutrition specialist in charge, assisted by Mrs. Gillen. On May 16 and 17, Mrs. Vivian Freeman will give food canning demonstrations at 2 p. m. at the Winema.

Arrived—Alfred H. Pape, T/4, arrived from overseas Sunday night in San Francisco. He called his wife Mary Pape, 1812 Ivory, from Oakland about 9:30 to say he was en route to Fort Lewis for discharge.

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