

Interior Appropriations Will Bring Showdown On Congressional Spending

WASHINGTON, June 21 (AP) — Sharp differences between Senate and House appropriations committees today promised a major showdown on how far Congress will go in whittling down governmental expenditures for the next 12 months.

A \$341,960,000 interior department appropriations bill became the financial guinea pig for the test at the hands of a joint congressional conference committee.

As it passed the Senate late yesterday, the measure carried nearly twice the \$179,428,800 allocations previously approved by the House. It would give the interior department about \$138,000,000 more than last year.

"More Money Grab"

Senate passage, by roll call tally of 44 to 19, came only after Senator Bridges (R-N.H.) termed the bill "the worst money grab" the Senate has enacted in a "long long time"—a "slap in the face of economy, a slap at private industry."

With this money measure out of the way, the Senate turned its attention to a \$4,100,000,000 supply bill for the Navy. Here, too, the appropriations committee recommended more than approved by the House, boosting the total \$49,000,000.

Before final action on the interior bill, the Senate approved \$7,500,000 for the southwestern power administration and granted \$4,572,000 for construction of power transmission lines at California's Central valley project.

Funds for the two federal projects were voted by narrow margins despite a bitter two day protest that they constituted a trend toward socialization, a threat to private enterprise, and

a menace to state sources of revenue.

Senators McCarran (D-Nev.) and Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.) led an unsuccessful fight to halt construction on all future government power projects until Congress could establish an over-all policy on nationalization of electrical energy.

Major reclamation construction projects approved by the Senate in the interior bill were (figures approved by the House, prior to Senate passage, are shown in parenthesis):

Gila, Ariz., \$3,500,000 (\$867,210); Davis Dam, Ariz.-Nev., \$13,000,000 (\$2,504,070); Central Valley, Calif., \$25,000,000 (\$10,840,120); Colorado - Big Thompson, Colo., \$13,000,000 (\$6,504,075); Hungry Horse, Mont., \$2,000,000 (\$867,210); Columbia basin project, Wash., \$27,400,000 (\$13,008,145); Missouri river basin, \$25,582,202 (\$10,312,885); Provo river, Utah, \$4,602,000 (\$1,245,040); Riverton, Wyo., \$3,320,550 (\$650,410); Kendrick, Wyo., \$1,895,000 (\$216,800); and Shoshone, Wyo., Heart Mountain division, \$1,917,672 (\$346,885).

Total reclamation funds approved by the Senate for the next year were \$173,514,075.

SPREADING OUT PHILADELPHIA, June 21 (AP) — The American Legion instituted its first all-woman post last night but the ladies took the oath in civvies.

"We thought about wearing our uniforms," said Margaret M. Schafer, post chairman, "but for the sake of those who aren't the same size as they used to be, we decided on dresses."

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2 More Called In Redin Case

SEATTLE, June 21 (AP) — Two more persons have been listed for subpoena in the Nicolai Redin espionage trial scheduled to open Tuesday.

Government attorneys yesterday named Byron Johnsrud, former Associated Press staff writer in Seattle and Fred G. (Ted) Clarke Jr., attorney, as persons to be called as witnesses in the hearing.

Neither man gave any indication as to why they were being called, except that they were acquainted with Lieut. Redin. Clarke said he met the former Russian purchasing commission representative, now accused of obtaining plans for a navy destroyer tender, as a navy officer during the war.

Johnsrud, former Spokane newspaperman, recently resigned from the AP here to become a free lance writer.

Nail Shortage Relief Hoped

WASHINGTON, June 21 (AP) — Hope for relief from the critical shortage of nails for fruit and vegetable crates in the Pacific northwest was held out today by the agriculture department.

It notified Rep. Horan (R-Wash.) that the civilian production administration had located 30,000 kegs of common and box nails in various sections of the country which would be routed to shortage areas.

Horan said dealers in the distressed areas should notify the department promptly, requesting part of the supply.

There has been a shortage of crate and box nails in both Washington and Oregon and with the crops being harvested state officials have appealed to members of Congress for help.

Minnesota Shipping Poultry Feed West

WASHINGTON, June 21 (AP) — The agriculture department notified Senator Cordon (R-Ore) yesterday that poultry feed is being sent from Minnesota to shortage areas in the Pacific northwest.

Cordon said 80 cars of oats, 38 cars of barley and 41 cars of gluten feed had been ordered shipped to production marketing administration at Spokane, Wash., for distribution where it is most urgently needed.

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