

# 'Startling Improvements' Leave Half Atomic Plants In US On Obsolete Basis

WASHINGTON, June 13 (AP)—The atomic energy commission says half the plants and equipment are obsolete because of "startling improvements" in processes but that commercial use of atomic power still is probably 10 to 15 years away.

The information was made public by the house appropriations committee today in a report recommending that the commission be given only \$175,000,000 of the \$250,000,000 it asked for the fiscal year starting July 1.

The committee said it had no desire to retard development in connection with this important project but that it had been unable to find out how the agency plans to spend its money or how many people will be on its payroll.

The committee suggested the commission can come back to congress for more funds after it gets its facts and figures straightened out.

The commission contended during committee hearings that the accounts and records it received from the army when it took over the Manhattan project were insufficient for more than what Representative Wigglesworth (R-Mass.) called "an over-all curbstone guess" on its budget.

General Manager Carroll L. Willson testified more and more of the commission's \$2,000,000,000 worth of plants and equipment will become obsolete as new improvements are developed to push atomic science toward more powerful weapons and peaceful uses.

The appropriations committee allowed the commission the full \$250,000,000 it asked in authority to make contracts to be financed by future appropriations.

Of this \$175,000,000 cash it allowed, the committee earmarked \$25,000,000 for research in cancer control.

It proposed, too, that the commission make a "substantial" cut in its publicity staff.

# Tavern Suit Dismissed

BOLESON CITY, June 13 (AP)—A suit charging Marion county authorities with false arrest of Leonard Gouge, tavern operator, was dismissed yesterday by Circuit Judge Earl C. Latourette.

Gouge, who said he was arrested on the ground his tavern did not have a state liquor control commission license, had asked \$112,000 damages and named as defendants District Attorney Miller H. Hayden, Sheriff Denver I. Young, Victor David, pinball machine owner, and the Continental Casualty company.

The judge ruled that a receipt Gouge received from the liquor commission on his application for license renewal did not constitute a temporary permit for the tavern, as Gouge contended.

The old license had expired December 31, 1944. Gouge applied for renewal but had not received it by January 22, 1945, when he was arrested.

Hayden testified charges against Gouge were dropped when the liquor commission wrote him that Gouge was operating under a temporary permit. Gouge later filed his suit for damages.

# Recruiter Named Here

MAJ. Clarence E. Brisenden, USMCR, of Klamath Falls has been appointed volunteer reserve recruiter for the Klamath and Lake counties, with authority to effect reenlistments of former marines into the marine corps reserve.

The appointment is in line with a new procedure which establishes recruiting officers on a localized basis. The new plan will eliminate the expense of travel to a recruiting station in another city if there is not one in the recruit's home town. Applicants may now be sworn in with no travel or inconvenience involved. Anyone interested in the marine corps reserve may contact Maj. Brisenden.

# Hart Takes Over Hotel

BAKER, June 12 (AP)—M. V. Hart, Baker, resumed active management of the Geiser-Grand hotel here today. The hostelry, a Baker landmark since the late '90s, was reported sold about six months ago to Frank Carl and Frank Moore, former Southern Oregon hotel operators. Prior to that Hart had owned and operated the business for two and a half years.

Hart declined to comment on the reason for returning to the management of the hotel.

# Reserve Fleet Employment OK'd

ASTORIA, Ore., June 12 (AP)—The maritime commission reserve fleet in Prairie channel has been authorized to employ 232 persons, Capt. A. D. Fulmer said today.

The fleet captain of the commission staff said a permanent reserve fleet probably would be established in Young's bay, several miles from the temporary Columbia river site.

# Pacific Vets Get \$4 Million Monthly

SEATTLE, June 13 (AP)—Pacific Northwest veterans and their dependents are receiving an average of \$4,000,000 monthly in pensions and compensations, Director Abraham Nelson of the veterans administration claims service said yesterday. He said there were 72,000 veterans and 14,000 dependents on the lists.

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# Conservation Group Tours Jefferson County Projects

Planned Preparation for Planned Crops was the main topic of the Jefferson county conservation and irrigation field day, held Wednesday, when a caravan of 40 cars toured the county to observe conservation practices.

Planned farming with the least soil exhaustion and greatest return and long-time prosperity for the community were discussed and illustrated during the field day with three cars from Klamath basin joining the tour.

Burrell Short of Henley, Ray Leasley of Fort Klamath, Henry Gerald and Jack Wolf and Roy Geinger and son of Chiloquin, Otis Osborne and Mr. Half of Tulelake joined the group which assembled at Willowdale store on highway 97 at 10 a. m. June 11.

The first stop was a weed control project on Lower Trout Creek improvement district, where the first step toward leveling and full return on limited irrigation water supply was observed. AAA payment helped on this extension service plan where 2-AD is being used to eradicate whitetop infestations totaling about 300 acres and affecting about 1850 acres in the district.

A range livestock well on the Ben Evick ranch was the next stop. This well is the first in the state constructed with an agricultural conservation program purchase order. AAA payment is available upon completion of the project. Season of use from this well has previously been limited by lack of water.

Luncheon at the Shangri La cafe, Madras, was attended by approximately 114 farmers and presided over by E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the state PMA committee. There were about 160 in the group that attended the afternoon meeting and continued the tour.

Jefferson County Agent Alan Hunt spoke on "Planned Irrigation," eliminating errors, lowering costs and assuring full returns from the first, with AAA payments making planning and accomplishment possible.

Land leveling on the Earl Bone farm was viewed in the tour of irrigated territory as was the Corwin brothers irrigated farm showing a well-planned irrigation system in operation.

Community drains for waste water utilization concluded the field day.

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# School Heads Make Plans

Anticipating the biggest enrollment in the Klamath Falls public school system, principals of the eight buildings are slated to attend a principal's meeting in the office of Superintendent Arnold L. Orallapp at 1:30 p. m. Friday to take up the organization of next year's program.

Orallapp said that present estimates put the population in the elementary schools at 2150, and in Klamath Union high school at 1400. Principals will re-check all enrollment figures trying to estimate class size and discuss the 1947-48 school year schedule. This is the last meeting of principals, many of whom are going away to summer school, until the first week of the new school year in September.

# RATION OFF AMSTERDAM

AMSTERDAM, June 13 (AP)—The government today terminated rationing restrictions on the sale of cigars. Buyers previously were limited to 20 cigars every two weeks. Cigarettes still are rationed at the rate of 50 a week.

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# Rotary Winds Up Annual Convention

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13 (AP)—Rotary International winds up its four-day 38th annual convention with a general get-together today after voting by secret ballot to keep its international headquarters at Chicago, where it was first organized in 1905.

Members voted 1892 to 1230 to reject Denver's long-standing bid. The Denver Rotary club has been maintaining an option on a \$135,000 site in the hope headquarters would be moved there.

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