

# House Passes Costly Water Projects Bill

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (AP)—A billion dollar flood control and water navigation bill, carrying \$106,031,100 for projects in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, was passed by the house last night.

Senate action this session is doubtful.

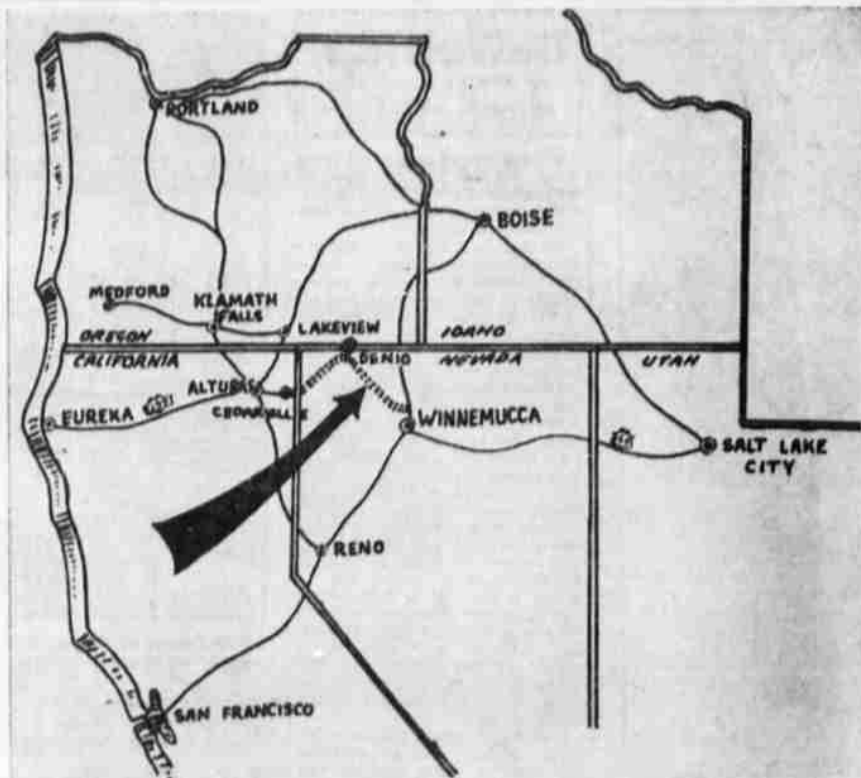
There was only one dissenting vote in the standing count, despite the necessity of bringing the measure to the house floor over the objections of the rules committee. The committee had refused twice to clear it for consideration.

The bill authorizes expenditures of \$1,114,000,000 increases authorization for many multi-million dollar projects already under way, makes future appropriations in order for 62 new projects, and authorizes the army engineers to survey the merit of additional projects.

Among the Northwest projects listed in the bill were \$14,752,000 for flood control on the lower Columbia river; \$31,070,000 for the Albion Falls, Idaho, dam and reservoir, and \$4,900,000 for lower Columbia river bank improvement.

Rep. White (D-Ida.) sought to have the house eliminate the Albion Falls authorization, but it refused 52-11. White termed the project "flood control in reverse." He said it would flood out and ruin large areas in northern Idaho.

He said it would be "the biggest gold mine ever found in Idaho" for the Washington Water Power company, which he said would profit one cent per kilowatt hour, or \$2,360,000 a year, from the resale of power to be generated at the dam.



**SHORT CUT TO SALT LAKE**—Klamath travelers have been making increasing use of the Cedarville-Winnemucca road in order to cut short time and distance in reaching Salt Lake City and points east. The road, which lies on the proposed "Winnemucca to the Sea" highway, is easily accessible from Klamath Falls via Alturas and Cedarville, and passes through the little border town of Denio, which straddles the Oregon-Nevada state line. Denio is unique with its gambling rooms on one side of the border, the post office on the other. From Klamath Falls to Salt Lake via this route is 697 miles, knocking more than a hundred miles off the regular highway distance. The road is well-kept, though unsurfaced, and fast travel is one of its assets.

# US Stratobombers Now In England

SCULTHORPE, Eng., Aug. 23 (AP)—The U. S. air force's bomber command in Britain celebrated the first birthday today with the announcement that 28 B-50 stratobombers have arrived in England from their Tucson, Ariz. base.

In a year, the third air division has grown from a skeleton staff of specialists to embrace a supply depot, a major overhaul depot, three B-29 bases and a complete headquarters in London.

It was grouped to administer U. S. bomber groups sent to Britain on temporary training missions and to provide maintenance for Berlin air-lift planes.

Don't miss a good bet—shop the Want Ads every day! It pays!

# Machines To The Rescue--- Sit Tight Weary Citizens Until 'Univac' Gets Here!

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 22 (AP)—The long dreamed of day of the thinking machine may be nearer than you imagine.

Scientists have invented an electrical monster that can perform any mathematical exercise and can memorize more than 500 numbers.

This giant brain, using wires and coils instead of nerves and blood cells, is known as the Binac. It is the second electronic brain created by J. Presper Eckert Jr., 30, and John W. Mauchly, 42, former Uni-

versity of Pennsylvania physicists.

Eckert and Mauchly put the machine through a test run in which it did 500,000 additions and 200,000 multiplications in two hours.

A man working with an adding machine would have taken years to do the same computing.

Eckert said it isn't true that the machine can think right now. But in the future?

"We don't know that it's impossible for these machines to think," said Eckert.

Binac's predecessor was known as the Eniac. It performed very much like Binac, but it is 30 times bigger and can't operate as fast. Eniac weighs 30 tons. Binac less than one.

Eckert and Mauchly now are at work on their third automatic computer. That one will be called the Univac and it will be far superior to either of the others.

Univac will be able to do almost anything. The first two univacs produced will play each other a game of chess. Eckert said they may even be able to write music.

After Univac, what?

Eckert was asked whether the day would come when each of us has a mechanical man at his beck and call to do his thinking for him?

"That's a distinct possibility," the serious-minded young scientist

# Alas, This Dream House A Nightmare

NEW YORK, Aug. 23 (AP)—Add housing problems!

A two-story "dream house" exhibited in the West 52nd street night club belt overshadowed by the towers of Rockefeller center, was won in a drawing three weeks ago by a student veteran's wife.

She and her husband haven't been able to figure out a way to use the six-room prefabricated house. And they fear notice from the U. S. internal revenue department that they'll have to pay taxes on the value, \$15,000.

So they announced last night they would be glad to give back the house to the American Women's Voluntary Service in return for the 50 cents paid for the winning ticket.

The chief problem is finding a place to move the house from a parking lot.

Mrs. Edna Birnbaum, an assistant supervisor of nurses at a hospital, won the house. She and her husband, Alfred, 36, had visions of a better life.

But their joy soon was ruined by the prospects of the costs of collapsing, moving, re-erecting and connecting the house, plus parking lot fees of \$50 a day during the delay, and the income tax liability.

The Birnbaums offered unsuccessfully to give the house back to the American Women's Voluntary Service for \$3000.

Then the "lucky" couple tried to sell the house, but prospective purchasers shied away when they learned the costs ahead.

Birnbaum's brother, Rudolph, a lawyer, was called on for advice. He ran into a bunch of headaches, and finally made the 50-cent offer last night.

The parking lot owner, Jerome Voletsky, said he had arranged to have the building dismantled today and moved at his own expense into storage.

The yellow "dream house" was very much a white elephant today.

Lightning kills about 500 persons annually in the United States, but approximately 100 of these deaths occur in the month of August.

asserted. "At the moment, any problem that can be translated into mathematical terms can be solved by the machines."

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