

Pend Oreille Blasts Loom

SPOKANE (AP) — The Navy apparently intends to conduct underwater explosion tests on Lake Pend Oreille in Northern Idaho despite objections from Spokane city officials and sportsmen.

Willard Taft, Spokane utilities commissioner, said after a two-hour session with a Navy spokesman Thursday, that he understands the Navy is ready to go ahead.

But he added, "I want to go on record as not having given assent."

City Water Engineer Elmo James agreed.

Capt. A. G. Mumma, Navy demolition expert told the group the planned TNT tests would have no harmful effect on the Spokane water supply nor the fishing at the lake.

"But there is still an element of risk, an element of doubt," Taft said, referring to fear that the blasts might damage underground passages from Pend Oreille.

The Navy has not released details on the experiments but has termed them "vital."

Mumma left for Washington, D. C. Thursday night.

'Scandal' Book Review Slated

The highly controversial book "The Public School Scandal," by Earl Conrad will be reviewed by Victor O'Neill at a 2:15 p.m. meeting of the Roosevelt Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday.

Mrs. O'Neill said she would try to point out that most of the criticisms voiced in the book do not apply to our local schools.

Tea will be served in the cafeteria by Third Grade mothers following the business session and program. Mrs. C. L. Matusch is chairman of the committee in charge.

This day meeting at Roosevelt was originally scheduled for the evening. Mrs. Floyd A. Boyd, president, pointed out, in calling attention to the change of time, a board meeting at 1:30 p.m. in the teachers' room of the school, will precede the regular meeting.

Founders' Day will be observed with a resume of the history of P.T.A. Given by Mrs. Robert A. Thompson, program chairman. Past presidents at Roosevelt will be introduced to the present membership.

Weather Traps Hundreds

VIENNA (AP) — New snowfalls and avalanches cut road and rail communications in Austria Friday leaving hundreds of villages temporarily isolated.

Evacuation of farmers from areas endangered by avalanches appeared, however, to have prevented new casualties to add to Austria's death toll of 29 since Sunday.

More than two feet of new snow fell in many areas during the night. Scores of trains were at a standstill and international passengers waited for hours in stations as transportation between Austria and Italy broke down.

Flu Troubling Some Areas

PORTLAND (AP) — The influenza outbreak still is causing trouble in some sections of Oregon, health officers reported Thursday.

They noted the outbreak had slackened from the level of late January, but said school absences ran 25 to 33 per cent in Clackamas County last week. Earlier absences as high as Harney County's 29 to 50 per cent were recorded.

Portland school officials said absences were about normal for this time of year, although in some schools they were up to 12 per cent.

FEWER TRAGEDIES
SALEM (AP) — Automobiles took a toll of 20 lives in Oregon last month, eight fewer than in the previous January.



1965's ROCKETTES? — Nine members of the Isa Dorah Moldovan dance school put on a cute display of grace and form as they demonstrate what they'll show at the annual Klamath Junior Follies revue Feb. 29 at the Pelican theater. They are (l to r): Susan Fredricks, Crissie Graham, Linda Goehring, Kathie Chilcote, Sandra Lawson, Linda Drew, Barbara Ann Cody, Janice Humphries and Marsha Kelly.

Horse Betting Setup Rapped

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Mass betting at horse tracks, via messenger service, is just as illegal as bookmaking, says Attorney General Edmund G. Brown.

His ruling was prompted by a Glendale, Calif., service which advertises that it delivers "sealed messages" (bets) to Santa Anita Race Track near Los Angeles for a 10 per cent fee.

The Glendale service is operated by George Seman, 28, who said he merely sends messages containing money and betting instructions to Santa Anita. "People sometimes want me to send out money and instructions so I do, and I charge them 10 per cent for the service."

"If they win, I send the money to their house. If they lose, I send them the mutual tickets."

Defense Started in Meat Case

PORTLAND (AP) — A Portland store chain began its defense Friday against government accusations of upgrading meat and selling it at above-ceiling prices.

The defense began after the government put on its last witness, Clarence Benson, 63, former meat cutter for the Fred Meyer Store chain. Benson said the meat market manager, at a Meyer store instructed him to remove federal grade marks on beef.

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Tax Liens Seek Big Amount

PORTLAND (AP) — The Internal Revenue office wants \$455,788 from Harold J. Fleck and Norma J. Fleck, former used car lot operators here.

Tax liens for that amount were filed Thursday by Collector Hugh W. Earle, who said it was owed in back taxes for the years 1945 through 1950. The filing reported the Flecks sold the used car business last year to enter the orchid business.

Court Alarmed By Ringing

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A steady muffled ringing interrupted the Quarter Sessions Court of Judge Francis Shunk Brown Thursday.

A court aide investigated and traced the sound to a clerk's desk drawer behind the bar of the court.

There he found a crudely wrapped package. "It looks like a time bomb," he said.

A court officer blushed. "That's my alarm clock. I took it in to be fixed and just got it back at noon," he explained.

Reapportionment Hearing Today

SWEETLAND FILES
PORTLAND (AP)—Monroe Sweetland will seek re-election as Democratic national committeeman for Oregon. He announced his decision Thursday. Already filed for the position is Mike DeCicco, who was defeated by Sweetland in 1948.

The first meeting of the American Bowling Congress was held in Beethoven Hall in New York City, Sept. 9, 1895.

Deputy Prison Warden OK'd

SALEM (AP) — The State Board of Control approved Thursday hiring of a temporary deputy warden at the State Penitentiary next summer to speed up the prison's classification and training program.

The new deputy, who would work for seven weeks, probably would be either a faculty member or graduate student in the University of Oregon's Sociology Department.

The request for the temporary deputy came from Warden Virgil O'Malley and Prison Superintendent George Alexander.

The board also asked the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to survey the school program at the State School for Boys at Woodburn. The last such study was made three years ago.

James Lamb, superintendent of the school, said he thinks a new survey is needed.

Accident Mars Honeymoon

ASHLAND (AP)—A highway mishap interrupted a honeymoon trip Thursday, sending a Chicago bride to the hospital with multiple fractures.

Mrs. Joseph B. Calabrese, had stopped their car nine miles south of here in the Siskiyou Mountains to put on chains. She was standing beside the car when

Indian Rights Bill Offered

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill to put Oregon Indians on an equal footing with non-Indian citizens was proposed Thursday by the Department of Interior.

Master G. White, acting assistant secretary of the Federal Indian Bureau, proposed the bill in a letter to the Senate.

It is the first of several bills which the Indian Affairs Commissioner has in preparation to free Western Indians from government control.

White said Indians of the Grand Ronde-Siletz and Klamath reservations have approved the bill, but opposition came from the Warm Springs and Umatilla reservations.

The bill would extend Oregon criminal law to all but the Warm Springs reservation, where Indians maintain a tribal court. The entire state, except Warm Springs, would be freed from the Federal Indian Liquor Law. State Courts would be permitted to settle civil controversies of any nature affecting Indians, except for those involving the Warm Springs tribesmen or Indian trust property.

The federal government also would keep jurisdiction over certain crimes and would safeguard Indian hunting, trapping and fishing rights, privileges and immunities granted under federal law or treaty.

White said the department has agreed to exempt the Warm Springs Indians because they have a tribal court and employ policemen to maintain order.

Meat Packers Hit Controls

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Western States Meat Packers Association continued hammering Friday against the government's price and slaughter control program.

"High production is the real answer to inflation," E. Floyd Forbes, San Francisco, the association's president, told the final day's session of its annual convention. "But if we are to achieve full production, the unrealistic, arbitrary, confusing and unsound price control system must be abolished."

Forbes said the association will inaugurate a campaign to tell the public that western meat is as good as any produced elsewhere.

"This is necessary because Midwestern packers have surpassed us in advertising and promotional campaigns featuring 'Eastern beef' and 'Eastern corned pork,'" he said.

He added that 300 commercial packing plants in the nine Western states represented by the association slaughtered 15 per cent of all the cattle killed by commercial establishments in the country in 1951.

Billy Claims Senate Credit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Evangelist Billy Graham noted Thursday night two actions in Congress prompted by his "crusade" here.

The Senate Thursday unanimously adopted a resolution urging all the people of the United States to offer prayers that "God may guide and protect our nation and preserve the peace of the world."

Sen. Robertson, D-Va., author of the resolution, pointed out that Graham will conduct prayer service Sunday at the Washington Monument grounds.

The evangelist said Robertson would read the resolution at the Sunday gathering. Graham's concluding meeting here.

Graham told his audience of 8,400 Thursday night that a resolution he proposed for a national day of prayer on some week day would be reported out by the House Judiciary Committee next Friday.

In his sermon, the evangelist

Taft Defends Labor Law

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) — Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) stormed this Idaho labor center Thursday night and spelled out a defense of the oft-criticized Taft-Hartley labor law.

The Ohio Republican presidential aspirant also spoke of the government's part in aiding both the workman and the farmer.

The government, he told Idaho Republican leaders at a Lincoln Day banquet, should aid both classes. But, he added, only to the extent of assuring them equality in a free enterprise system.

BASE

"The base of the Taft-Hartley law is the assurance of collective bargaining..." he said.

Government "intervention" in the farm field is justified for the same reason as in labor, the senator said, adding that the Republican party had encouraged co-operatives so farmers could better deal with large markets and buyers, rather than with "an arbitrary market, or with buyers of large and extensive power."

In his speech, and in press conferences both here and earlier in the day at Boise, Taft affirmed these beliefs:

The U.S. should arm the Chinese Nationalists. But we should not push an invasion of China unless the Chinese Communists try to invade Indochina.

The Truman administration is leading down "the road of socialism."

NO PLANS

Foreign policy: "In Korea we have no plans."

The joint chiefs of staff were wrong two years ago and are wrong now in their estimate of the money necessary to keep Russia at bay.

Taxes are too high.

The recent price ceiling imposed on white potatoes is evidence of "federal bungling in industry."

The federal government should have the final say in developing rivers which flow through several states.

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It ended with what Graham called a Sunday knockout punch with Jesus refusing to be tempted by Satan.

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