

'Drys' Claim Lead In Yakima Rain War

YAKIMA (AP)—A meteorologist engaged in the bitter Yakima Valley rain war between cherry and wheat growers claimed Monday he was using chemicals potent enough to "dry up a continent for a considerable length of time."

Jack Hubbard, of Olympia, said he would make a report of his findings to the American Meteorological Society at Corvallis, Ore., Tuesday.

Hubbard's statement, released Monday night, said, in brief: "Through several years of intensive research, we have developed a method of cloud dispersal which has been tested under severe weather conditions. We believe that, by enlarged and

intensive operations it would be possible to dry up a nation or a continent for a considerable period of time. We believe that we are working with an ultimate weapon which has greater implications than anything the rain-inducers have yet developed."

Hubbard, who holds masters degrees in meteorology and physics, was hired by Yakima Valley cherry growers to break up rain cloud formations developed by rainmakers in the employ of Prosser and Horse Heaven wheat farmers.

The cherry growers hired Hubbard after the wheat farmers employed rainmaker Dr. Irving Krick to bring rain to parched wheat fields. Cherry growers claim rain at this time of year, in the midst of the cherry harvest, would split and ruin their crops.

So far, there has been no damaging rain fall in the cherry orchard areas.

Hubbard said his operations were not designed to "hurt anyone, either grain or fruit growers, or to upset normal precipitation."

He said his operation was one of precision in which huge spraying clouds with chemicals are quickly moved under rain cloud formations induced by cloud seeders.

"Our specially-prepared chemicals act like sponges in drying up clouds and dispersing them," Hubbard said.

"When it looks like the rainmakers have a cloud formation built up to a point where rain is likely, we get under it and dry it up."

He said only small amounts of the chemical was used in dispersing rain clouds because "large amounts can cover tremendous areas."

SHC Lists Road Delays

SALEM (AP)—The following construction delays were listed Tuesday by the Oregon Highway Commission:

Ochoco Highway for 10 miles west of Mitchell; Columbia River Highway from Cascade Locks to Hood River; The Dalles-California Highway from Madras Point to Barelay Springs; and south of Lapine; Pacific Highway from Lane County line to Anlauf, and from Chenoweth Park to Oakland of Reedport, and south of Coos Bay; Wilson River Highway at Tunnel Point; Unity-Baker Highway from Sumpter Junction to Baker; Umpqua Highway from Reedport to Scottsburg; Coos Bay-Roseburg Highway from Suldike Creek to junction with Pacific Highway; Wasco-Hempner Highway at John Day River-Bridge; Shaniko-Fossil Highway; Warner Valley Highway from Drake's Creek to Adel.

4-H Members Off to Camp

LAKEVIEW—A group of 35 Lake County 4-H Club members will leave here Tuesday, for the annual summer school at Oregon State Corvallis, and will return on June 27. It was announced by Lee Hansen, county agent, two chaperones still are needed.

The county quota this year is 35, higher than in the past. Scholarships for this 10-day school are furnished by businessmen, organizations, the Community Chest.

They will travel in the non-high school district bus, driven by Joel Peters. Ray Kerz will accompany with his pickup to haul the baggage.

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Schuman Plan Wins Italian Approval

ROME (AP)—The Schuman plan to unite Western Europe's coal and steel production under international control cleared its final parliamentary hurdle here Monday night.

In a 265-98 vote, the Italian Chamber of Deputies ratified the 50-year treaty pooling the key industrial output of six West European nations. Only the signature of President Luigi Einaudi—expected within a few days—was needed to complete endorsement.

The other nations—France, and the economic-allied Saarland, West Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg—already have ratified the treaty, which

their foreign ministers signed in Paris on April 18, 1951, 16 months ago.

The pact now is ready for decisive action again by the foreign ministers, who must appoint the men who will put the pool into operation. The ministers will meet in Paris "sometime next week" to do this, a French foreign office spokesman there said Tuesday.

Completion of the ratification process was a signal victory for French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman—who first proposed the plan now bearing his name. West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, Italian Premier Alcide de Gasperi and other vigorous supporters of European unity.

The six nations linked by the treaty produce about 38 million metric tons (of 2,200 pounds each) of steel a year, just under the estimated 41 million tons turned out

by Russia and her satellites. The Schuman nations mine 235 million tons of coal annually but hope to make up present shortages—now filled from the United States.

Under the plan, the six nations will work together for more output, reduction of trade barriers, lower prices, and more efficient operations.

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