



JAMMED—Chicago's International Amphitheater is jammed to capacity (above) as the first session of the 1952 Republican National Convention got under way.

Truman Signs Bill For Interior Dept.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman signed the Interior Department money bill Wednesday authorizing a start on building 10 new reclamation projects.

Total funds carried in the bill to operate the department for the current fiscal year which ends next June 30 are \$541,729,845.

This is \$90,421,955 below budget requests for the period.

Authorization for starting the new projects broke an administration policy that has been in effect for several years.

Money for beginning the projects was not included in the President's budget requests, but was written into the bill upon the insistence of the Senate Appropriations Com-

mittee.

The new projects and the amount provided for beginning construction of each include:

Central Valley, Sty Park unit, Calif., 1 1/2 million dollars; Solano, Calif., Monticello dam, three million dollars; Minidoka, north side pumping, Idaho, \$150,000; Savage Rapid Dam, Ore., \$700,000; Weber Basin, Utah, \$1,350,000; Yakima, Kennewick Division, Wash., 1 1/2 million dollars.

In passing the Interior measure, Congress stipulated that actual work on the Solano project shall not start until it has been determined whether it is to be a part of the big Central Valley project in

California.

A House-Senate conference committee said it was understood that such determination would not be made until local interests have had a chance to express their opinions before House and Senate committees.

The total of new appropriations for reclamation construction for the coming year is \$177,797,991.

The includes \$19,950,000 earmarked for the new starts.

Among other big items included in the bill are 17 1/2 million dollars for Indian Bureau construction work—of which about 10 million will go to the long range Navajo-Hopi rehabilitation program—and \$13,208,000 for public works in Alaska.

Construction funds, including both new money and carryover funds for reclamation projects other than the 10 new starts provided in the bill include:

Alaska — Eklutna, 13 million dollars.

Idaho-Wyoming — Palisades, 10 million dollars.

Montana — Buffalo Rapids, first division, \$222,000; Buffalo Rapids, second division \$111,000; Hungry

Horse, \$13,245,000; Sun River, \$40,000.

Oregon-California — Klamath, \$368,000.

Utah — Provo, \$2,310,000.

Washington — Columbia Basin, 20 million dollars; Yakima, Rosa Division \$106,000.



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TO LEAD RAF — Air Chief Marshal Sir William F. Dickson, above, has been appointed British Royal Air Force Chief of Air Staff succeeding Sir John Slessor next Jan. 1.



NEW AMA HEAD — Dr. Edward J. McCormick, of Toledo, O., elected at the Chicago convention, will take office next June as president of the American Medical Association.

SAVITT BEHIND

CHICAGO (AP) — Top-seeded Dick Savitt of Orange, N. J., must dispose of two foes Wednesday to catch up with the field in the National Clay Courts tennis tourney.

Stalled by his late arrival from the Wimbledon meet and Tuesday's rain which wiped out the entire second day's program, Savitt makes a first-round appearance against Princeton's Earl Kholze of Riverside, Ill.

Olympic Athletes Arrive

HELSINKI (AP) — The strongest track and field team the United States ever assembled arrived Wednesday hopeful of maintaining American Olympic supremacy.

Eighty husky athletes stepped off the plane in dazzling sunshine after flying through a night of almost daytime brightness into this land of the midnight sun.

Coaches pronounced them as fit as they looked. Every ailing member of the squad is improving so rapidly they are expected to be in top shape by the time the games open July 19 — with the single exception of Jim Fuchs.

Fuchs, world champion shot-putter, is still limping with a torn ligament in his right ankle.

Mal Whitfield, 800 meter champion of the 1948 Olympics, reported the muscle he strained in the national tryouts was "getting better fast and should be all right by games time."

Fifteen hundred meter runner Bob McMillen said his groin injury was healing rapidly.

Estey Wins

COOS BAY (AP) — Jim Sheldon of Salem was defeated two up by Dick Estey, Portland, in the finals of the Southwestern Oregon Golf championship here.

Sheldon was medalist with a 65 in the qualifying round.

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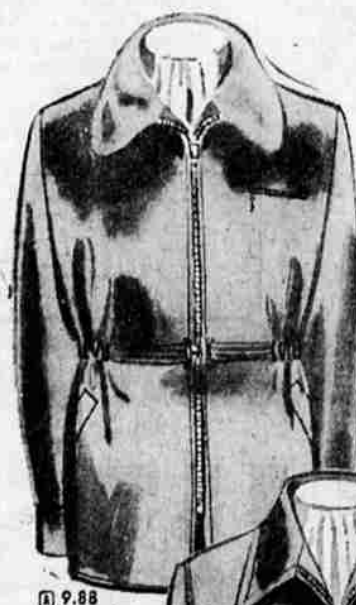
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