

Columbia Basin Development Said Primary Western Issue

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—The governors of Oregon and Washington, after a six-day conference here, with Governor Eisenhower agreed Thursday that Columbia Basin development is the primary issue of this campaign year in the Northwest.

Earlier, the Republican Presidential nominee had said "the important, the vision and plans" for development of the West must come from Western people, with a minimum of federal participation.

Eisenhower conferred Wednesday with nine Western governors. Governor Warren expressed the opinion California's electoral votes for President should be considered "doubtful." Most of the other Republican governors predicted the party would win in their states.

Governor Lantieri avoided a flat prediction for Washington. He said the state normally has a 130,000 Democratic majority but that "we have a lot of independent voters, who along with some Democrats,

are going to be favorable to the Republican cause."

Governor McKay of Oregon predicted an Eisenhower victory in his state, but added: "One shouldn't count his votes until he gets them." Oregon was the only Western state to go Republican in 1948.

On the Columbia Basin issue, Lantieri said the proposed Hells Canyon Dam on the Snake River is a "poorly conceived dam and does not answer the purpose as claimed."

Of the basin development program, McKay added: "We do not want it done by a G.V.A." Lantieri and the other governors felt likewise.

Speaking for the governors after the Eisenhower conference, Lantieri said Wednesday the "general feeling" among them was that the public lands plank of the Republican platform did not fully express their feelings. He said they were preparing a memorandum on it for Eisenhower.

Lantieri said the subjects discussed included:

1. The desirability of shifting authority back from the federal government to the states.
2. Water resources—These resources must be developed continuously—even more rapidly than now. This can be done better by having emissaries from Washington come to the states, rather than devising programs we are forced to accept.
3. The need for honesty and integrity in government.
4. The desirability of federal assistance in voluntary soil conservation programs.

Saucer Fliers Chase Stars

MCCORD AIR FORCE BASE (AP)—In its investigation of flying saucer reports, the Air Force has sent airplanes in pursuit of stars.

Major Neil A. Vosburgh of the 25th Air Division, the man in charge of running down such reports in the Pacific Northwest, revealed this in commenting on recent "saucer" flights.

"If the Air Force had any information to release on this subject, it would be released," Major Vosburgh said, pointing out the service spends vast sums of money trying to find what the sighted objects are.

As soon as a report is received, the officer said, his men immediately check with meteorological service and usually find that the weather men have had a balloon aloft in the area.

Most of the "saucers," he added, are seen at about dusk, which is when the weather balloons are released. The balloons have a metal foil on them which glints in the sun—and, Vosburgh explained, when it's dusk on the earth's surface, the sun is still shining in the balloon-saucer altitudes straight above.

Strikes Hit IH Company

CHICAGO (AP)—The Independent Farm Equipment-United Electrical Workers Union called a strike last night at 10 International Harvester Co. plants in three states after contract negotiations broke off on a bitter note.

The union called 25,000 workers off the job, declaring: "The company has asked for a fight and is going to get a hell of a licking."

The company in turn accused the union of "irresponsible leadership."

The union had served notice of a walkout if a new contract was not signed when the old one—already extended 60 days—expired at midnight.

Plants involved in the dispute are at Canton, East Moline, Rock Island, Rock Falls, Ill., four in the Chicago area, and at Richmond, Ind., and Louisville, Ky. The company manufactures farm equipment.

Picket lines were placed around the Chicago plants, but there was no violence.

The union's demands included a flat 15-cent hourly pay hike, compulsory union membership for employees sharing union-negotiated gains and other benefits.

HANDIWORK
Summer recreation activity handicraft work is being displayed in the window of the Gun Store in downtown Klamath Falls, the city recreation department has announced.

Top German Socialist Dies

BONN, Germany (AP)—The strongest foe of West German rearmament and alignment with the West, Socialist chief Dr. Kurt Schumacher, died here last night. He was 55.

The fervent leader—second to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer as a political force in post-war Germany—succumbed to a blood circulation ailment. A cripple with only one arm and one leg, he had been failing ever since his health was ruined in Nazi concentration camps.

Quiet, soft-spoken Socialist Party Vice Chairman Erich Ollenhauer is expected, however, to keep pushing the Socialists on the same nationalistic course opposed to communism on the one hand and European federalism and common defense on the other.

The son of a Prussian official, Schumacher studied law and the labor movement and entered politics as editor of a provincial Socialist Democratic paper. His life was a stubborn battle against chronic ill health and political enemies.

He lost an arm fighting in World War I. The Nazis threw him into a concentration camp in 1933. Ten years of brutalities and poor food permanently weakened his stomach.

Amputation of a leg after he was struck with thrombosis in 1947 failed to dampen his fervor or will to fight. He kept battling, opposing almost every phase of Allied policy toward the federal republic and trying to halt the Adenauer government's steps toward European federation and defense.



SEVERAL HUNDRED POUNDS of prime beef was brought here by Swift and Company from Kansas City for Cal-Ore. Above left, the supper club's major-domo, "Tiny" MacDonell and Chef Earl Gibson (right) inspect the meat at Swift's plant here.

Mill Blaze Damage High

FOREST GROVE (AP)—Loss was estimated at \$120,000 in a fire that damaged the Carnation Lumber Co. mill here Thursday.

A slitt in the wind helped firemen save the main plant, Ralph Raines, vice president, said. Destroyed was a sawdust bin where the fire started, stored lumber, the boiler room and the green chain, where logs are taken into the mill.

Firemen from Forest Grove, controlled the flames after an hour and 15 minutes.

A three-acre grass fire was set by sparks in a nearby barley field. The plant, which employs 65, has a daily capacity of about 60,000 board feet of lumber.

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Developments In Benton-McCarthy Lawsuit

By G. MILTON KELLY

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pre-trial testimony in the two million dollar libel-lantern suit brought by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) against Sen. Benton (D-Conn.) shifts tomorrow to Wheeling, W. Va.

There, lawyers for the battling senators have scheduled an examination of four prospective witnesses.

McCarthy accuses Benton of defaming him with false charges of fraud, perjury and deceit in a move to have the Wisconsin lawmaker expelled from the Senate.

Benton has declared he will base his defense largely on efforts to prove that his accusations, voiced against McCarthy before a Senate rules subcommittee, are well-founded.

Tomorrow's hearing will deal with Benton's charge that McCarthy committed perjury when he denied under oath that he told a Wheeling audience in a speech on Feb. 9, 1950, that he possessed a list of 295 persons "known to the secretary of state (Dean Acheson) as being members of the Communist party and who nevertheless are still working and shaping policy in the State Department."

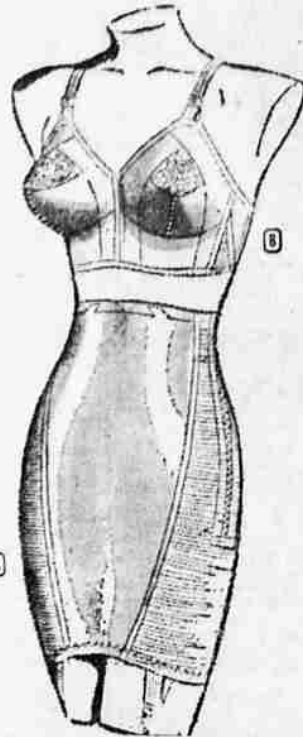
Benton's lawyers called four news and radio men to the Wheeling hearing in an announced effort to show that McCarthy did make that statement in the 1950 speech.

The scheduled witnesses at the hearing are James F. Whisker, Paul A. Myers and Paul Miller, officials of radio station WWVA at Wheeling which broadcast the

as evidence that McCarthy made the statement.

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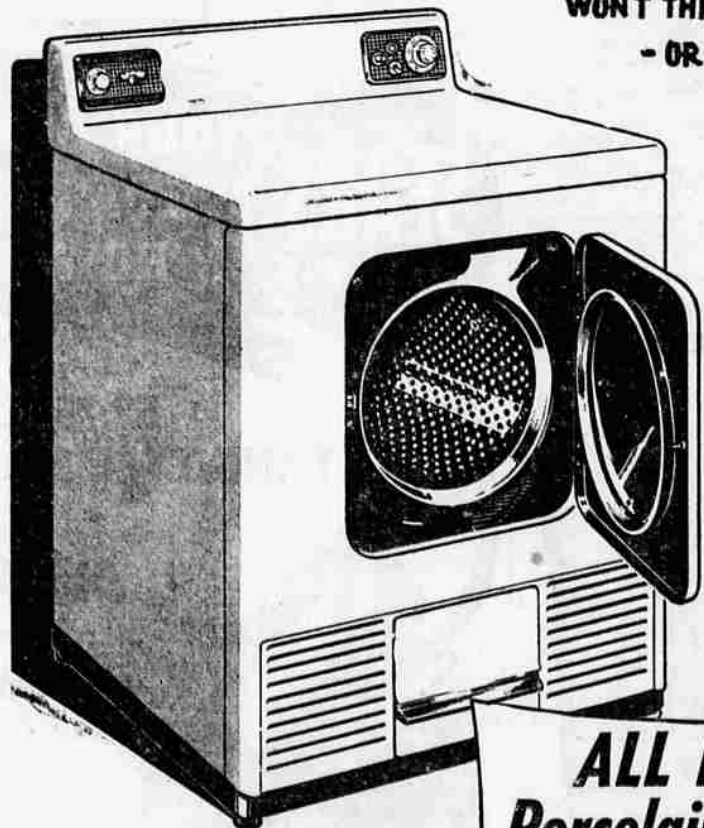
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