



CHARLEY RILEY was honored at a surprise party on his 79th birthday Dec. 4 at the home of A. M. Worden, 404 Washington. Those at the bachelor get-together were (back, left to right) Wilson S. Wiley, Ed McLaughlin and A. B. Collins. Seated are A. M. Worden, left, and Riley. All are long time Klamath residents.

Welker Urges Federal Aid Plus Private Control

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senator Welker (R-Idaho), said Wednesday a new policy for the Pacific Northwest aims at local control of government-aided expansion of power development and land reclamation.

Taxpayers Answer Call

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional tax experts who asked people what they thought of federal tax laws said Wednesday the reply was a deluge: 1,500 letters containing 13,000 suggestions for amendments.

The letters came from every area in the land, from individuals and big corporations, rich and poor alike, and some of the comments were far from flattering. Some of the writers contended that tax collecting officials enforcing the laws often make life unnecessarily difficult for taxpayers and sometimes display "a fear to take responsibility in settling disputed claims."

The survey was conducted by the staff of the Senate-House committee on internal revenue taxation. The information was sought for the House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee, which write the tax laws. Colin P. Stam, the joint group's staff director, said a report summarizing the replies will be ready when Congress convenes—but will not be made public unless the joint committee orders its release.

Welker predicted the Republican-controlled 83rd Congress, after it convenes Jan. 3, will start laying the legislative groundwork for a vast expansion of the region's water resources and arid lands "along the Eisenhower theory that controls should be at the state level."

President-elect Eisenhower, he said, disclosed this theory when he stumped the northwest during the election campaign. Welker predicted Congress will go along with the new President's plan and scrap what he termed "the Mike Straus-New Deal theory of a federal empire of public power and land resources controlled by a Washington bureaucracy."

Welker has been a vigorous critic of Reclamation Commissioner Michael W. Straus and his policies for developing the area's resources through a government authority. Eisenhower in campaign speeches advocated creation of an interstate compact agency, independent of the federal government.

The states themselves would generate and distribute electric power through privately owned corporations, and run irrigation and other projects. Welker said Eisenhower made clear he believes the federal government can still put up the huge sums needed to build the projects, with the understanding these will be "self-liquidating and the government ultimately will be reimbursed."

But he said the interval will provide opportunity for Congressional action on laws authorizing the interstate compact approach. And he said the states can "take up their administrative machinery."

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U.N. Celebrates Human Rights

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—This is the fourth Human Rights Day for the United Nations and the delegates are celebrating it with words instead of music.

Usually the U. N. puts on a symphony concert. But this year the organization decided to save money. The Assembly was called into session to hear speeches praising the Declaration of Human Rights.

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