

FLOODS ROLL ON LOUISIANA

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Did you ever hear of the United Western Plan?
It is a project to draw off water from the basin of the Columbia River (which includes the Willamette valley) and/or from the basins of the rivers of Southern Oregon and divert it to the dry-and-burning-lands of Southern California.

In general, these waters would be collected by a system of canals and tunnels and dumped eventually into the basin of the Klamath river, down which they would flow to the foot of the Klamath canyon, where they would be impounded behind a huge dam. From this artificial reservoir they would be pumped into another reservoir to be created by a big dam in the upper Trinity river. From there, they would be pushed over into the basin of the Sacramento, above Shasta dam.

From Shasta dam the water would be carried by the machinery of the Central Valley project to Bakersfield and from there would be pumped over the Tehachapi into Southern California.

Where necessary to overcome gravity, these waters collected from the basins of Oregon rivers would be pumped uphill. Where they run down the hill on the other side, siphons could be utilized to lessen the pumping cost.

The rough outlines of this imagination-staggering project were partially revealed in what is known as the McCasland report, a part of which was made public in February of this year. The report gets its name from the fact that a man named S. P. McCasland headed the so-called "United Western" investigation, which began in 1934 with aerial reconnaissance and aerial reconnoitering of the idea some two years ago.

The full details of this investigation have not yet been disclosed by the department of the interior, but doubtless will be in time.

What was back of this project when it was initiated?
I don't know, but I'll offer a guess. The Southwest, particularly New Mexico and Arizona, is suffering increasingly from lack of water. Its people are beginning to fear that great climatic changes are in progress which will result in drying up that area as the Sahara was dried up eons ago. Frowning around them and talking to them, you hear that story repeatedly. I don't know that it has any scientific foundation whatever, but when people speak of it their faces are grave. The FEAR that something of that sort may be under way is widespread in the Southwest.

Arizona and New Mexico have vast areas of rich, flat land that needs only water to become immensely productive. The southern part of these states, where the bulk of this good land lies, has a year-around growing season. New Mexico gets a little water from the Rio Grande, but only a relative trickle. The Colorado in Arizona is only hope for the water it wants and needs—and Southern California gets a large share of the water of the Colorado. If New Mexico and Arizona were to get Southern California will get less. Arizona is already pushing the battle for more.

Here is the guess:
The department of the interior—which under the New Deal administration LOVED big, world-shaking projects—may have initiated the United Western investigation with the idea of being able to say to Southern California:
"See here, if you will be reasonable and will give up your share of the water of the Colorado, which is indispensable to Arizona and maybe to New Mexico, we'll go up north to Oregon and GET YOU THE WATER YOU NEED to replace the Colorado's water you are now using."
Hence—possibly—the McCasland investigation.

Mind you, that's only a guess. But it fits in so perfectly with the situation that is shaping up in the Southwest that one can't help feeling it is a CLOSE guess.

But, you will say, we have McKay. We have IKE. They won't stand for anything like that. They aren't that kind of people.
Pause a moment, and reflect. President Eisenhower is tackling one of the biggest jobs in history. He is undertaking to lead his country away from the primrose path of unlimited spending and back to the safe road of financial sanity. He might fail. Few leaders in history have ever accomplished that job.

Big Three Meet Proposed

Red Minister's Name Drops Out Of Sight; First Peiping Head-Rolling Speculated

HONG KONG (AP) — The name of Red China's labor minister, Li Li San, has vanished from the Communist press and radio, stirring speculation that the first top level head has rolled in Peiping. The tense, fanatic, pro-Russian Red wasn't even mentioned in reports from the all-China congress of trade unions, a huge Red China meeting May 2-11 that ordinarily would have been under his thumb.

Disappearance by omission is nothing new in Communist countries. Often deaths—natural or otherwise—are not announced. The name of an official simply vanishes from that country's news. Although there has been much party purging at lower levels in Red China, no member of the top hierarchy has been thrown out. But it has been almost a year since Peiping channels carried any mention of Li. The last item recorded here was a warning that promised labor benefits might be a little delayed.

(A Nationalist China news agency carried a report March 24, 1953, that Li had gone to Moscow with Liu Shao-Chi, another Red China minister. There was no report that they returned, although Liu spoke at the labor congress in May.) Li, a member of the government administrative council, is an old-line Red. He and Red China Premier Mao Tse Tung split on policy in the 1920's, and Li went to Russia.

He studied with the Russian Communist Party 15 years and married a Russian. In 1946 he returned to China when the Communist revolution was booming. Li and Mao made their peace and Li went to the top. But he isn't mentioned any more.

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JEAN CHIESLAK

Sacred Heart Student In Race For Roundup Queen

By WALLACE MYERS
A 17-year-old Sacred Heart Academy student, Alice Jean Chieslak, yesterday afternoon became the fourth candidate for queen of this year's Klamath Basin Roundup. Alice, a puckish blonde with sparkling blue eyes, lives at the Academy during school days and spends weekends at the home of her uncle, L. A. Van Cleave, 506 Congress. Her mother, Mrs. Jean Rominger, resides in Seattle and her father, John Chieslak, in Kodiak, Alaska.

The new queen candidate began her Sacred Heart schooling when she entered the 4th grade here. She went to school in Seattle during her 6th and 7th grade school years and has spent the rest of the school time at the Academy. Alice has been riding since she was a small youngster. She has her own horse, Trigger Bill.

Other than riding, she likes to collect miniature dolls and has a large collection. Alice and the other queen candidates are to get together Saturday for the first time. They are to be at Municipal Airport to greet a Shasta County Rodeo contingent headed by Shasta Rodeo Queen Bonnie Wyman, a Redding beauty.

The Shasta group, expected to number about 30 persons traveling in 15 or 16 small planes, will be whooping things up for the Shasta Rodeo, June 6 and 7. The party is expected to arrive here about 11:30 Saturday morning and plans to spend about two hours at the airport, Klamath Basin Rodeo officials and the Chamber of Commerce are planning some special hijinks for the visitors.

Klamath's queen candidates are to be escorted by last year's rodeo queen, Marianna Hollekson, and members of the Klamath Saddle Club. Besides Alice Jean, these three girls have also entered this year's queen trials: Pat Riley, Klamath Falls; Jane Bowie, Klamath Falls; and Nancy McPherson, Midland.

Still awaiting the first bid to sign up at Herman's Men's Store is a special gift. None of last year's Roundup princesses have yet entered but several are expected to do so. Deadline for entering is noon, June 10.

Collapse Of Mayer Party Cools Hopes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower's Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Mayer disclosed plans Thursday to meet soon on Allied problems—among them whether to have a high level conference with the Russians. But within hours Mayer's government was overthrown in France.

Collapse of the French Premier's government cast some uncertainty over the prospect for the "Big Three" meeting but there was optimism that it would go through nevertheless.

Dispatches from Paris said Mayer's successor presumably would attend. One official here, asking not to be quoted by name, said that obviously further talk with Mayer's successor would be necessary before anyone could say definitely that there would be a Big-Three meeting.

No definite date and place had been announced here for the Eisenhower-Churchill-Mayer session but Mayer had said it would be held in Bermuda June 17. Mayer was overthrown by the French National Assembly on domestic issues involving tax proposals and subsidies for wine and sugar beet growers.

The proposed session with Eisenhower and Churchill was not an issue, but on the contrary was used by Mayer in a dramatic effort to save his government. He disclosed plans for the session to the National Assembly last hour before it voted on whether he should continue to head the French government.

In a statement, President Eisenhower described the "primary purpose of the U. S.-British-French meeting as 'further to develop common viewpoints with these friends on the many problems that must be solved cooperatively so that the cause of world peace may be advanced.'

In London, Churchill told Parliament: "My main hope is that we may take a definite step forward to a meeting of far greater import"—with Russian Prime Minister Georgi M. Malenkov.



JACK GOSSETT, maintenance man for LaPointe's, made the grade for the nine o'clock special this morning. He lives at 2694 Hope.

Oatis-Czech 'Deal' Denied

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department said Thursday that the declaration of U. S. willingness to negotiate the end of reprisals against Czechoslovakia if and when AP correspondent William Oatis was released did not in any way constitute a "deal" for Oatis' release.

State Department Press Officer Lincoln White also told newsmen that Secretary of State Dulles had been very active in behind-the-scenes moves to bring about the release of the newsmen from prison.

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Hundreds Flee Waters Of Calcasieu

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — The wildly spreading Calcasieu River swirled toward this Southwest Louisiana port city today with the biggest flood threat in 40 years and drove 1,250 families from their homes.

High water elsewhere in Louisiana caused two drownings, one at Kinder, 30 miles upstream from Lake Charles, and another at Crowley, 50 miles east of here. Volunteers with bulldozers and trucks sweltered in warm coastal temperatures during the night to push up small dirt dikes to halt slowly rising waters in residential areas in the eastern part of this city.

Firetrucks pumped at the river invasion which threatened to sever U. S. Highway 90, linking the nearby Lake Charles Air Force Base with this city of 50,000. Weatherman Paul Cook said the Calcasieu River, normally a tame little stream, would reach five feet over flood stage today; beyond that he would not predict. Flood stage is four feet.

At Old Town Bay, a river gauge 800 four miles north of Lake Charles, high waters surged to 14.85 feet, more than 10 feet above flood stage. The sheriff's office said 1,000 families were driven from their homes in the Eastdale subdivision here. The Air Force said another 400 families were evacuated from trailer camps and that 50 soldier-family trailers were moved to the air base.

A young hitchhiker identified as Louis Paul Urwalek of New York City was drowned while trying to wade across a flooded highway near Kinder yesterday. Joe Humbert, 14, disappeared in a flooded gully at Crowley. New flood threats were reported on the Red River in Northwestern Louisiana and on the Black River in East-Central Louisiana.

Miles of rain-swollen waters, draining southward from Central Louisiana, drenched in a foot of rain early this week, built up along the sharply turning Calcasieu as far north as Kinder. Farm houses along the way in many cases showed only their rooftops. An air survey showed the river had bulged out more than two miles wide over rich farmlands.

Ground Party Seeks Plane

GRANTS PASS (AP) — Ground search parties left here at dawn Thursday to check over rugged mountain country where a missing plane was believed to be heading when it disappeared Monday. Five residents of the Illaha area northwest of here reported hearing a low-flying plane heading north at 7:25 a. m.

That was 25 minutes after Howard T. Shafer, Grants Pass, the pilot; Harold Shafer, McMinville, his brother; Mrs. Terry Hanna and Miss Bonnie Wilson, Grants Pass, left Gold Beach to fly to Grants Pass.

Aerial search, hampered by clouds, has produced no clues in the days since. Two search parties left in trucks for the area with Sgt. Charles Childers in charge of National Guard group and Orville Bell in charge of the other. They will search north from Illaha, across the ranch of Bobby Doerr, the former Boston Red Sox star, and up the slopes of Bald Knob Mountain.

QUAKE
HONG KONG (AP) — The Communist Yunnan radio at Kunning said Wednesday night a severe earthquake May 15 destroyed 100 homes and left many casualties in Meinau, 123 miles southeast of Kunning.

ROK Troops Throw Back Red Attack

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Oregon Trees For Winnie

SALEM (AP) — Douglas fir and ponderosa pine trees from Oregon soon will be planted on the estate of Prime Minister Winston Churchill at Chartwell, England.

State Treasurer Sig Ulander, who knew Churchill when Ulander was colonel attached to Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters, is shipping the seedlings to England. Robert Leits Jones, former assistant publisher of the Salem Capital Journal who now is touring in Europe, will present the seedlings. Churchill has written Ulander that he will plant the trees on his estate.

State Forester George Spaur is sending an accompanying letter giving planting instructions. Spaur also is writing that the fir tree was named after Douglas, a Scottish botanist, who brought the seeds from England to Oregon in 1827. The seedlings come from the state forest nursery. Seedlings also have been sent to Hawaii, Guam, Japan and Morocco.

Ike Fills Naval Post

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Thursday formally nominated Adm. Robert E. Carney to be chief of naval operations, succeeding Adm. William Fichtelberg.

Eisenhower had announced previously that he planned to appoint Carney to the post as part of the 1953-54 military budget alignment in the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The nomination the President sent to the Senate Thursday is for a two-year term, but did not specify when Carney would take over from Fichtelberg. Some of the JCS duties are not to take effect until August.

Eisenhower also nominated Adm. Arthur W. Radford to hold the rank of admiral while serving as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Radford's nomination for the chairman's post went to the Senate last week. His present rank of admiral—which would be continued by Thursday's nomination—has been held as commander of the Pacific fleet.

UN Library Clerk Fired After Quiz
UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — New U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold has fired his first American employe for refusing to answer questions posed by U. S. Senate loyalty investigators, been U. N. officials disclosed Wednesday night that Mrs. Eda Glaser, a 44,000-a-year library clerk, was dismissed on May 13 after Hammarskjold reviewed a transcript of her testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee last Feb. 19. Formerly an employe of the Soviet Government Purchasing Agency in New York, she had declined to answer a question about current Communist affiliations.

RIDGWAY TO SPEAK
NEW YORK (AP) — Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway Thursday night will make his first public address since he became commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The address will be broadcast over the National Broadcasting Company network from 8:30 to 9 p. m. (est).

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Occasional snow showers through Thursday; partly sunny and warmer Friday with few showers. High Friday 54; low Thursday night 33.
High yesterday 49
Low last night 27
Precip last 24 hours .02
Since Oct. 1 13.18
Normal for period 10.91
Same period last year 15.17

GROUNDING
TOKYO (AP) — Fourteen crewmen remained aboard the grounded British merchant ship Lady Wolmer Thursday in an effort to salvage the 1,885-ton vessel. The ship ran aground Wednesday near Cheju Island off the southern tip of Korea, while carrying cargo from Kobe, Japan, to Korea.

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Indians Discuss Water Legislation

An historic pow-wow was held on the Klamath Indian Reservation yesterday afternoon. Klamath County's three state legislators met with the Klamaths and a few white owners of land on the reservation to discuss the new Oregon Klamath Water Commission setup. Old timers said it was almost certainly the first time state legislators had conferred with the Indians on state legislation.

The commission, approved by the Oregon Legislature this year, is charged with surveying future water needs in Klamath and Jackson Counties. Only a relatively small amount of the available water is now used and most of the surplus runs off down the Klamath Canyon. The commission is to lay claim to future needs in Klamath and Jackson for much of this surplus water. This claim, it is believed, will forestall possible loss of

the future use of the surplus water here through some other area taking the surplus for its use. The Oregon Klamath Commission is to be comprised of five members appointed by the governor. One member is to be from Jackson County and four from Klamath. One of the Klamath members is to represent the interests of the Reservation.

State Sen. Phil Hitchcock and Rep. Henry Semon and Ed Geary told the Indians yesterday that persons on the Reservation should decide whom they want as their commission representative. The governor has asked the legislators to see that he is supplied with a list of candidates from which he can make the five commission appointments. The Oregon Klamath Commission is to work with a like commission already activated and working in five Northern California counties. Each commission is

to file future usage surveys constituting claims to necessary surplus water. The claims must then be approved by the California and Congress.

At yesterday's Reservation conference it was apparent from some remarks and questions during an open forum period that many did not understand the importance of staking claims now for future water needs. The three legislators explained that water-hungry Southern California is known to have explored several plans for obtaining the Klamath Canyon surplus. The point the legislators were trying to get across is basically this: once Southern California, through an elaborate and costly maze of dams, tunnels and canals, channels the surplus Klamath waters south and begins using them, it is probable the government would not allow those waters to be shut off for use

in this general area. Hence, the newly formed Water Commissions which are to lay first claim to use of the surplus, thus beating other areas to the punch. The legislators asked the Reservation people yesterday to name one or more commission candidates as soon as possible. They said Gov. Patterson was anxious to make the commission appointments early next month. E. J. Diehl, Reservation superintendent who presided at the meeting, said he thought naming of the Reservation commission candidate or candidates was a tribal matter and should be so handled. Sen. Hitchcock suggested more than one candidate be named in order to give the government some leeway in making the appointment. He explained that the only qualifications are that the commission be a Klamath County resident and does not have to be an Indian.