

NORTHERN TORNADO RIPS CITIES



YACHT CLUB MEMBERS are busy this week preparing for their annual commissioning day next Sunday. Here Dencie Kenyon shows that she knows her way around a boat by helping put one of the big cruisers in top shape for the gala event.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

I'd like to continue today with a further discussion of this United Western Plan, which has for its purpose an ultimate redistribution of the waters of the West.

If you like big things, it will appeal to you—for it is BIG. I think the time may come when we shall have to undertake something of the sort. At least, the Plan dramatizes for us the SUPREME IMPORTANCE of water in the economy of the West. That is a fundamental fact we have been too slow in recognizing.

But, for the present—for at least a generation or so more, I'd say—we'd better proceed with the development of our water resources on a more localized basis. Time and experience (MUCH of both) will be needed to determine whether ANY river valley in the West has a surplus of water above its own needs.

If we begin now to divert water from one river system to another, we can do irreparable harm to the areas from which the water is taken.

The United Western Plan, for example, suggests diversion of water from the Willamette, which discharges its waters into the Columbia at Portland. Who knows but what, in some climatic cycle not now foreseen, diversion of that much water from the Columbia river system might destroy or at least seriously impair the year-round efficiency of Portland's ship channel to the sea—which is essential to Oregon's economy?

The Plan contemplates the gathering up of water from the headwaters of the Umpqua and carrying it away to be used in Southern California—possibly to replace water from the Colorado that is now being used by Southern California, so that more of the Colorado's water may be given to Arizona and maybe to New Mexico.

Who knows when the time will come when the Umpqua basin will NEED that water? There are times when we are pretty sure we need it now.

Who knows when the time will come when the Willamette valley—which in the summer months is as dry as Eastern Oregon—will need ALL the water of the Willamette for irrigation, not to mention future industrial needs?

And if suggests the gathering up of water from the upper basins of the Rogue to be shipped away to the far south, The Rogue River valley has none too much water now. What of the FUTURE needs of this rich and lovely valley—which, among other things, is going to need INDUSTRIAL water in large quantities?

Can we afford to have ANY of the Rogue's water removed forever from our use and benefit.

The United Western Plan deals cautiously and easily with the valley of the Klamath. It speaks of diverting the Klamath's water far down toward the sea, after it has been used above.

Let's not forget that the CHEAPEST and SIMPLEST diversion of the Klamath water will always be down through Tule lake and the water into the Pit. That project has been temporarily shoved into the background, but it can be revived at any time when it might appear to have backing enough to push it through.

Personally, I have come firmly to the belief that water use in the West should be based upon river valley systems, with each river valley having the primary right to all of its water for its own use. That keeps us close to the sound principle of local autonomy.

We all realize, of course, that the dry-and-getting-drier Southwest NEEDS water. WITH abundant water, it can have a rich and abundant future.

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Douglas (D-Ill.) Friday described one of several proposed amendments to the Taft-Hartley Law as "a continuation of the give-away program" and Sen. Ives (R-Ky.) said another would "destroy the effectiveness of the law."

The proposals were announced Thursday by Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.), chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, as a "working draft" for his committee. He said the proposals were framed by the committee's staff of experts and did not represent a Republican "program."

Smith said, however, the proposals were not written until after a series of meetings between Republican members of the committee. Democrats took no part in these meetings. And it was known that GOP committee members voted on several contested amendments incorporated in the draft.

Douglas took issue with a proposed amendment which would permit the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to give jurisdiction to the states in certain labor disputes. These would involve questions of unfair labor practices or representation—such as, which union should represent employees in a plant.

"This is a continuation of the give-away program," Douglas said. "This time it would give away the right to collective bargaining and protection against unfair labor practices, which the present law guarantees to workers."

Douglas was a bitter opponent of the measure passed by Congress to establish state title to the submerged, offshore lands within state boundaries. Douglas and others argued this gave away billions of dollars of oil reserves, but the bill's backers said it was just and equitable.

The proposed amendment to which Ives objected would allow states to regulate "the rights to engage in strikes, lockouts or picketing." The federal government has almost complete jurisdiction over such matters under the Taft-Hartley Law.

The amendment was originally sponsored by Sen. Goldwater (R-Ariz.), a committee member, and is believed to have support in the House Labor Committee.

The Supreme Court has held that state laws governing strikes or peaceful picketing are not valid if they conflict with the Taft-Hartley Law in any dispute involving interstate commerce. Few labor disputes have no bearing on interstate commerce.

Smith said the full Senate Labor committee will meet behind closed doors Monday to go over the proposed amendments and start work on a comprehensive committee bill to amend the 1947 law. Democrats on the committee are expected to oppose many of the suggested changes announced by Smith. And Senate Republican Leader Taft of Ohio likely will disagree with some of the proposals.

There were no casualties here but elsewhere in Louisiana eight persons had drowned since rain-swollen rivers and bayous began flooding the state late last week.

A big flood threat was building up at Orange, Tex., a city of about 50,000 population 35 miles southwest of here. The Sabine River, which divides Texas and Louisiana, was expected to crest at Orange about 6 a. m. (CST) tomorrow two feet over the severe 1945 flood.

Hundreds of Navy reservists in Southern Texas and Lake Charles and Texas National Guardsmen were called out to help fight the rampaging Sabine.

The small sawmill town of Deweyville, Tex., north of Orange, already was swamped by the turbulent floodwaters.

Police used civilian volunteers to guard vacated houses in Lake Charles subdivisions to the east and north where the Calcasieu River spread over scores of acres. More than 600 homes were standing in floor-level water.

The huge Lake Charles Air Force Base, two miles to the east, except for the flying field and its parked B-29 bombers, was a solid lake of water ranging from ankle depth to waist deep.

U. S. Weatherman Paul Cook said the river crest was passing with a city dock reading of 9.22 feet, 5.22 feet above flood stage.

He said the high peak would hold steady for probably several hours as water swept through the Calcasieu and out into miles of flat marshlands immediately to the south. The marshlands drain into the Gulf of Mexico.

Sheriff H. A. Reid Jr., estimated property damage at more than two million dollars. He said evacuation continued last night when families who didn't believe water would get so high made last minute appeals for help to get out. Officials used 200 outboard motor boats for the new evacuations.

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Commodore's cruiser will anchor, cruisers pass in review and anchor in line to west.
Sailboats pass in review and sail westerly.
Outboards pass line of anchored cruisers and turn to port, cruising south of harbor.
Inboards pass line of anchored cruisers and turn north, cruising north of harbor.
Commodore's cruiser up anchor signaling end of parade.
Each class will be under supervision of the following chairmen: cruisers, Gordon Stuart; inboards, Mike Lavenik; outboards, Jerry Thomas; sailboats, Dick Currin.

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