

Benson Ends Speech Tour

OMAHA (AP) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson was headed back to Washington Thursday after a brief sales tour for the administration's farm program which brought what he called "very heartening" response.

Benson told a news conference in Omaha Wednesday night that while many still are opposed to the new program providing a flexible rather than rigid price support system, he feels sentiment is "growing

Hells Canyon Said Feasible

WASHINGTON (AP) — A reclamation Bureau engineer said Thursday his studies indicate either single or multiple power dams in the Hells Canyon "would appear to be economically feasible."

John R. Riter of Denver said this during cross-examination at a Power Commission hearing on Idaho Power Co.'s applications to build three dams in the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon, where the federal Hells Canyon project has been proposed.

Mrs. Evelyn Cooper, attorney for groups favoring a single high federal dam questioned Riter on his investigation of power generation costs for the high dam, for three dams with the same capacity as Idaho Power's and for two projects.

Riter, assistant chief development engineer of the Reclamation Bureau's project investigation division, testified the generation cost for power which would be added to the Columbia River Basin system would be lowest for the two-dam plan and highest for the three-dam proposal.

No one has proposed construction of two dams in the area, but such a scheme was considered by the bureau for comparison purposes.

Mrs. Cooper asked whether Riter's investigation indicates all of the three plans would be economically feasible and he replied "It would appear so."

Mrs. Cooper sought unsuccessfully to get Riter to testify about what she called the "wide disparity" between construction cost estimates of Idaho Power and those of the bureau for the three-dam proposals.

Hearing Examiner William J. Costello sustained objections by R. P. Parry, Idaho Power attorney, and John C. Mason, Power Commission lawyer, who protested that Riter made no comparison of the construction cost estimates.

Riter has estimated three concrete dams would cost 285 million dollars and the high dam could be built for 357 million dollars. Idaho Power estimates the cost of its proposed rock fill dams at 133 million dollars.

Klamath Granges Plan Meeting

Ten subordinate Klamath County granges are expected to be represented at the quarterly meeting of the Pomona grange to be held Saturday, February 13, at the fairgrounds. The session opens at 10 a.m. with Mike Williams, Pomona master, presiding.

The meeting will mark the 25th anniversary of the founding of Pomona in the county. Present will be members from Poe Valley, Langell Valley, Bly, Merrill, Malin, Henley, Midland, Shasta View, Lost River and Fort Klamath granges.

Shasta View will be host assisted by Fort Klamath. Expected officers, in addition to George Murphy, state assistant steward and secretary of the Grange Mutual Insurance Co., M. L. Ferguson, past Pomona master and Fred Fisher, Lake County deputy.

Resolutions before the session will be the proposed increase in postal rates and the national farm parity program. Charles A. Henderson, Klamath County agricultural agent will speak during the morning.

Dinner at noon will be served by the Shasta and Fort Klamath granges. During the afternoon Lecturer Carl Yancy, Shasta View, will honor past presidents of Pomona, including Hans Nylander, the first president in 1929, Rex High, Poe Valley; Earl Mack, Henley; the late Henry Anderson, Merrill; Lewis Botens, Midland; Marshall Ferguson, Fort Klamath; Lyle Hickman, Midland; William Noyvold, Langell Valley and H. T. Williams, present master of the Fort Klamath grange.

The "What-For?" barbershop quartet, led by John H. Houston, will sing. George Murphy will deliver the main address.

Eureka Garage Hit By Bad Fire
EUREKA, Calif. (AP) — Flames swept through the Arcata Truck and Equipment Co., 12 miles north of here early Thursday. The fire was accompanied by six thundering explosions.

Bernard Kirsch, company owner said he couldn't estimate damage. Some small trucks were lost. Fire departments from Arcata, Blue Lake and Korbel fought the flames.

Explosions occurred apparently when flames reached acetylene tanks and truck gasoline tanks. Main damage was to the garage, workshop, showroom, offices and parts department, Kirsch said.

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ALLEN H. HATCH

New Youth Aid Head Appointed

New supervisor of the Southern Oregon branch office of the Boys and Girls Aid Society of Oregon will be Allen H. Hatch, who will take over the office in the Leverette Bldg. in Medford on February 15, according to Stuart B. Stimmel, state director of the society. Hatch is replacing Ruth Newton who is returning to the main office in Portland.

With the Boys and Girls Aid Society since 1951, Hatch has had broad experience in social work. He had previously served as a psychiatric social worker for the Veterans Administration Hospital the children's department of the Multnomah County Public Welfare Commission and in probation and parole work for the state of Wisconsin. He has a bachelors degree in arts in accounting and business administration from the University of Minnesota, and his masters degree in social work from Washington State College.

During the war he served as a major in the field artillery and saw action with the 104th Infantry Division in Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Hatch and their three children, Jane, 3 1/2 years, Robert 17 months, and Warren, 9 weeks old, will make their permanent home in Medford.

The first years operation of the branch office has demonstrated the value of increased local services," stated Mr. Stimmel. "The society

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Herman's Mens Store Sold

The goodwill, stock and fixtures of Herman's Mens Store, 236 Main, have been purchased by Nathan Glesin, operator of the Emporium. There will be no consolidation and no change in name. Herman's will be managed by his son, Harry Glesin, who formerly had his own store in Yakima and for the last two years has been a wholesale distributor of ladies ready to wear in Seattle. He and Mrs. Glesin will move to Klamath Falls about February 25.

Nate Glesin, who has been in the men's wear business for some 40 years, purchased the Emporium seven years ago from H. Horenstein, who also owned Herman's and Hardy's. The latter store closed about 14 months ago. Herman's was purchased from the Horenstein estate.

Herman's has been in business in Klamath Falls for 25 years. Glesin states that no change in company policy is planned and no personnel changes with the exception of his son coming in as store manager.

Roy Murphy, manager for the last four years, resigned on February 1 after 25 years in the men's wear field, to run for the office of county treasurer.

DEATH
LONDON (AP) — Alexander Anderson, 65, Scottish Laborite member of Parliament, collapsed and died Thursday during a House of Commons committee meeting. He had been suffering from heart trouble.

has been able to provide more effective service in Southern Oregon to couples wishing to adopt, to children in need of help, and to unmarried mothers needing assistance with living plans, medical care and guidance." Though originally planned for the use of residents of Lake, Klamath, Jackson, Josephine, Curry and Douglas Counties, the branch office will now also serve Coos County, the state director pointed out. However, he emphasized that the state headquarters offices at 2301 N.W. Gilman in Portland will continue to be available on a state-wide basis serving anyone in Oregon in need of the society's services.

The Boys and Girls Aid Society, a licensed child-caring agency, has served the children of Oregon for sixty-eight years. It is a participating agency in the Oregon Child and the United Fund of Multnomah County.

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Beck Accused By Unionist

YAKIMA (AP) — A former officer of the Yakima Teamsters Union local charged Wednesday the AFL union's international president, Dave Beck, violated the union constitution by investing union funds in the Fruehauf Trailer Co. of Detroit.

Martin Crouse, recording secretary of the embattled local until Beck placed it in trusteeship Jan. 5, demanded that Beck be removed from office.

Crouse said formal charges against the teamsters president and a request for a hearing were air mailed to the union's executive board at Miami, Fla.

Cattlemen To Meet In Ontario

The Executive Committee of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association will hold their quarterly meeting at Ontario, Oregon on February 13 according to an announcement from the association offices in Prineville.

J. C. Cecil, president, said the group would discuss plans for the annual convention scheduled for May in Baker, Oregon. Other items on the agenda for the cattlemen's policy-making body will include consideration of statewide meat cutting and cooking demonstrations to housewives; the appointment of an attorney to replace Blaine Hallock, who recently died; the practicability of compulsory meat inspection laws; and other routine association business. Problems concerning the control of anaplasmosis and leptospirosis will also be discussed.

The committee meeting will be held in connection with the Oregon Cattlemen's Association fifth Annual Spring Range Bull Sale in Ontario, February 12 and 13.

RED MANIFESTO
LONDON (AP) — A new Soviet Communist Party manifesto pledges the Red organization to "exert every effort to prevent another war" but warns that the Soviets have the power "to bring to his senses anyone who would dare encroach upon our freedom and independence." Moscow radio broadcast the declaration, Wednesday.

poration." Beck called the transaction a loan, not a stock purchase, when it was reported last month.

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