

### Various Groups Urge The Creation Of State Water Board; Plan Meetings

ARLINGTON, Ore. (AP)—Creation of a permanent state agency to handle water problems was urged Monday at an Oregon Water Resources Committee hearing here. More than 125 representatives from Wasco, Sherman, Wheeler, Morrow, Umatilla and Gilliam counties attended the session—the first of a series to be held throughout the state. The committee was established at the last session of the Legislature to work out a comprehensive water development plan for the state. Lyle P. Watts, Portland, is chairman. Thirteen written reports by chambers of commerce, farm organizations, wildlife clubs and other groups were read at the 4 1/2-hour meeting held in the grade school here. Among organizations submitting reports were the Pendleton Fish County Development Committee; the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, and the Pilot Rock Fish and Wildlife Club. Other recommendations included: A state-sponsored region-wide survey to find out how much water is available; Revision of the state water code but with the emphasis placed on preserving existing rights; More technical aid from the state in development of water resources of the region; Regulation of dredging operations in streams, suggested by the Fossil and Condon area representatives. The Pendleton Fish and Game Club suggested that live beavers be placed in high mountain streams. The beavers would build dams which would help hold back water and prevent flood and erosion damage, a club spokesman said. Pendleton and Sherman County representatives expressed concern over erosion and urged steps be taken to control it. Concern over maintaining minimum stream flow in Umatilla and Sherman counties also was expressed in several of the reports. The committee was to hold another session at La Grande Tuesday.

### ROK's Protest POW Removal

SEOUL (AP)—South Korea warned today that additional Indian troops "will not leave here" until it is assured of future safety for 76 Korean War prisoners now en route to India. The Koreans did not spell out the implied threat to use force if they consider it necessary. The ROK decision was announced in a letter to Lt. Gen. K.S. Thimayya, Indian chairman of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission.

### Carson Speech Starts Race

PORTLAND (AP)—Joseph K. Carson Jr., a Portland attorney, announced in a radio-television broadcast Monday night that he will seek the Democratic nomination for governor of Oregon. Carson, who was mayor of Portland from 1933 to 1941 and who served as a member of the U. S. Maritime Commission from 1947 to 1950, said that if he is elected he will fight for more federal funds for power development in the Pacific Northwest. He criticized the Republican "partnership" power program, saying it was a departure from the bi-partisan, regional development concept of the previous Democratic administrations. Carson said he favored reductions in foreign aid to provide federal funds for power and reclamation projects in the region. Additional benefits for elderly persons and for labor will be sought if he is elected, Carson declared. He was the third person but first Democrat to announce his candidacy. The other two are the incumbent, Gov. Paul Patterson, and Earl Newberry, secretary of state. Patterson and Newberry are Republicans.

### Red German Trade Unionists Purged

BERLIN (AP)—East Germany's Communist trade unions disclosed Tuesday a new purge has swept seven top leaders into disgrace. The action—the second in eight months—indicated continued opposition among the membership to Red rule. The ousters were announced in a communique issued by the Communist-controlled "Free German Trade Unions." It said the seven had been dismissed for permitting "agent activity" against communism. It also disclosed that two already have fled to the West. The purge affected half the organization's 14-member board of governors.

### Condition Of State Highways Reported

SALEM (AP)—There still are minor delays because of construction on two sections of the Oregon Coast Highway, the Highway Commission said Monday in its weekly maintenance report. The delays are three miles north of Gardiner, and two miles south of Port Orford. Routes closed by snow for the winter are the Mt. Hood Loop, McKenzie, West Diamond Lake, and Sun Mountain secondary highways.

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HANOI, Indochina (AP)—French Union forces broke out of their northwest Indochinese fortress of Dien Bien Phu Tuesday to drive encircling Vietminh troops from two hill positions. The French claimed they inflicted "heavy losses" on the Communist-led enemy and admitted "appreciable losses" on their side. By their attack the French seemed to indicate they are going to carry the battle to the 38,000 rebels who have been threatening, but never yet have attempted, an all-out assault on the heavily fortified French post just north of the Laotian border. Gen. Rene Cogny, French commander in northern Indochina, apparently tired of waiting for the Vietminh to attack the fortress, sent out 4,000 to 5,000 men against the rebels strongly entrenched in the hills surrounding the French Union position. The army spokesman said the French had not yet had time to count the Vietminh dead. As the infantrymen—French, Senegalese, Moroccans and Foreign Legionnaires—hacked their hill positions of the Vietminh, way through the jungle into the French mobile artillery moved in to closer range and blasted away for hours. French fighters and strafing and napalm bombing of the Vietminh concentrations. Whether the French action would force the Vietminh into decisive battle remained a matter of guesswork. But hopes ran high among the French that they might yet be able to deliver a crushing blow to Ho Chi Minh's crack divisions.

### Pastor Faces Check Charge

CHICAGO (AP)—A 57-year-old ex-convict minister, whom police said had netted some \$75,000 in passing worthless checks, was summoned before the U. S. court commissioner today for removal to Baltimore. The FBI said Alexander George Patterson had cashed worthless checks in at least eight cities since he became a minister in 1949 and in 20 years had cashed worthless checks totaling about \$75,000. He was seized by police yesterday in the home of an evangelist in suburban Wheaton on a Baltimore warrant charging him with passing a bogus check for \$125. Guy Banister, Chicago FBI chief, said Patterson's criminal record dates to 1915. He said he had served several prison sentences for forgery, impersonation and cashing bogus checks. Banister said Patterson had served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gooding, Idaho, from 1949 to 1952 and from August 1952 to last June he was pastor of the University Congregational Church in Portland, Ore. Banister said Patterson left Portland because of bad checks and bad debts and had been living with his wife in Cincinnati. He said he had cashed worthless checks in Cincinnati, St. Louis, Kansas City, Mo., Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago and Eugene, Ore.

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