

Ike Plans New Water Committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Tuesday announced formation of a Cabinet committee "to devise a broad water policy to cover this continent from ocean to ocean and from the Canadian border to Mexico."

The President made the announcement in an informal talk at the annual meeting of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

Formation of the Cabinet level committee was a step toward carrying out a promise Eisenhower made in his State of the Union message to Congress last January.

He said at that time that the nation should have a national water policy.

In his talk before the Rivers and Harbors Congress at the Mayflower Hotel, the President said that as an old soldier he always has abhorred any piecemeal action.

For that reason, he added, the government and other interested agencies ought to start at the continental divide and make a thorough study of just what happens to every drop of water originating there.

Any other course, the President declared, would be "completely piecemeal and should be rejected."

Then he announced that he has ordered creation of a Cabinet level committee on water resources.

He said it will be made up of the heads of the Defense, Interior and Agriculture Departments, with representatives of other government agencies sitting in if necessary.

Under the Cabinet unit, Eisenhower said, will be set up an operating committee to put into effect policies set forth by the Cabinet members.

With such a program, the President added, he hopes to coordinate federal activities in the water resources field with the activities of such organizations as the Rivers and Harbors Congress, which is a non-government organization interested in flood control and river navigation.

Radio Strike Threatened

PORTLAND (AP) — Immediate authorization to strike against radio station KPOJ, owned by the Oregon Journal Publishing Co., was asked of the Portland Central Labor Council by the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists Monday night.

In a letter to the council Bob Blackburn, president of the union's Portland local, said the station had ignored the union as collective bargaining agent and was trying to arrange a new type of "combination" operation directly with employees.

He said the station wants announcers to operate turntables and perform "additional duties on the board or console" now handled by engineers. Blackburn told the council the station had offered announcers \$106 a week, a \$5 to \$7 increase, to do the additional work.

Last week the union filed a complaint with the National Labor Relations Board charging that the station had violated the law by trying to deal directly with announcers instead of the union. The union's contract with the station expired in October, 1953.

The council referred the matter to its executive board. D. S. Haines, attorney for KPOJ, said management is withholding further action in the matter pending an NLRB decision on the union's complaint.



LOGGING BACK IN 1928 was really the "model T" kind, as this picture proves. That was when a pair of brothers, Frank Pool (right) and his brother, Scy, were getting the logs out in the Bonanza area, where this picture was taken. The youngsters on top of the load were not identified.

Brisk Trade in Uranium Held

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A uranium boom swamped Salt Lake City brokerage firms yesterday, with an estimated five million shares of uranium stocks changing hands in over-the-counter trade—which accounts for most of the uranium stock business.

Issues listed on the Salt Lake Stock Exchange also were active and made substantial price gains.

E. N. Begly, manager of J. A. Hogle and Co. office, attributed the brisk trade to demand that has been "building up for several days." He said "a lot of outside money" coming mostly from Texas, New York and California, boosted the volume and also the prices.

GOOD FISHING IS DANGEROUS

WESTPORT, Wash.—In the last five years, Westport has become a fabulous salmon center. The sports fishermen discovered it after commercial boats had harvested happily for years. Through the late spring and summer months the huge king salmon, running at times in the 40-pound class, feed inside and outside the harbor. Some days they fight each other for the lures. But it's no place for small boats and inexperienced boatmen. Located on the south Washington coast, the wind-whipped bay here is always choppy. Sometimes the wind will kick up suddenly and throw "the whole Pacific Ocean" at you.

Lawyer Backs Red Probes

PORTLAND (AP) — William J. Jameson, Billings, Mont., told the regional conference of the American Bar Assn. Tuesday that congressional investigations of Communism should continue.

But the constitutional rights of all, including Communists, must be protected, he said. He called for enactment of an immunity statute with proper safeguards, so the government could "compel the giving of testimony vital to the national welfare."

Mervin L. Bohan, U. S. representative on the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, addressed the session in the absence of Henry F. Holland, assistant secretary of state for Latin American affairs. Holland, a scheduled speaker, remained in Washington, D. C., presumably because of the Guatemala crisis.

Another speaker, Maj. Gen. Reginald C. Harmon of Washington, D. C., urged less "hysteria" in thinking about atomic progress.

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FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — The U. S. Department of Defense Tuesday issued a surprise order converting its military scrip at bases all over the world. Army officers here said it was to smash a counterfeit ring operating in Japan.

An Army spokesman said: "Operation of a counterfeit ring in Japan was confirmed several months ago. The order Tuesday was aimed at it." He had no further details.

The "crash" order caught U. S. military personnel here by surprise and became effective when most of them were asleep.

The order includes all U. S. military personnel in the Far Eastern command, Germany, Austria, Trieste, France, Britain, Greece, Morocco, Tripoli, Yugoslavia, Iceland and Belgium.

The move affected a half million Americans in Europe, who were suddenly notified to turn in their old military scrip by noon Tuesday. Broadcasts were carried intermittently over the armed forces network.

The Army said the issuance of

new scrip, of a different color, was expected to be completed by noon Wednesday.

Scrip is the paper equivalent of greenbacks, 50-cent pieces, quarters, dimes and nickels. It is used by U. S. military personnel in all post exchanges and recreation centers abroad.

The latest previous conversion was June 21, 1951. That was also intended to smash counterfeiting. Thousands of black market operators have been wiped out. They

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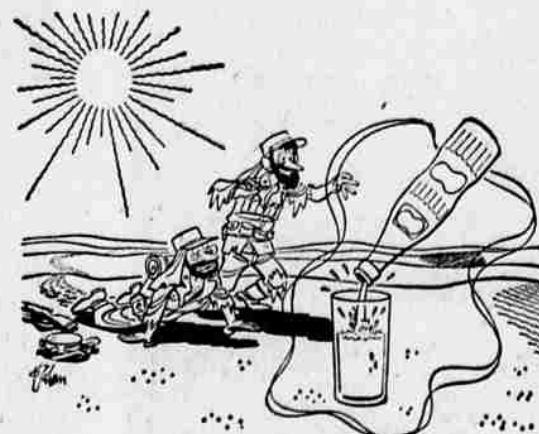
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