

# LIVE PROPOSES WATER POLICY

## In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
Election year news notes:  
Senator Walter George of Georgia says in Washington this morning that American foreign policy should be "so far away as we can in justice and honor from any danger of involvement in war."  
The correspondents comment that he thus took indirect issue with the "brink of war" remarks attributed to GOP secretary of state Dulles in a recent article in a big Eastern magazine.

Senator George is an able and patriotic Democrat. He is chairman of the senate foreign relations committee — one of the most important committees of the congress. In foreign affairs matters, he has never hesitated to go along with the Republican administration when he felt that going along was the wise and statesmanlike thing to do.  
The moderate and temperate character of his statement this morning indicates rather clearly that he doesn't disagree very sharply with what Secretary Dulles said to say in his Life magazine interview.

If that is the case, why does he "take issue" at all with Secretary Dulles?  
Well, it's like this:

Senator George is coming up again this year for reelection. He is nearing his 80th year. He has served in the U.S. senate since 1922. He wants very much to be reelected.  
But —  
This time he is facing hot competition for the Democratic nomination — which in Georgia amounts to election. His opponent is the son of the famous (or infamous, depending on how you look at it) Governor Talmadge of Georgia.

Senator George has the fight of his life on his hands. As a Democrat in the Democratic state of Georgia, he can't seem to go along with a REPUBLICAN secretary of state in the cabinet of a Republican President. Young Talmadge would make too much political capital out of that.  
So Senator George, able and patriotic as he is, has to cut bait in this political campaign year.

Let's turn now to a Republican — Senator Homer Capehart of Indiana. He calls in Washington this morning for the creation of an agency to GET RID of more than eight billion dollars worth of government-held farm surpluses — by gift if necessary.  
In testimony prepared for a senate agriculture committee, Capehart says congress must DO SOMETHING about what he calls "the desperate plight of the American farmer."

He's using the time-tried political trick, you see, of making them fear the "plight of the farmer." He disregards entirely the fairly logical fact that the flexible support policy, which is a Republican policy, is a SOUND cure for what ails American agriculture because its effect will be to DISCOURAGE OVERPRODUCTION — which is disturbing the warehouses with surpluses that hang like a dark thundercloud over the markets of the future.

The flexible support policy, however, REQUIRES TIME.  
Senator Capehart needs, votes RIGHT NOW.  
He, too, comes up for reelection this year.  
So he calls for another shot in the arm.

I suppose it's too much to expect, but I can't help going along with the words of Josiah Gilbert Holland's stirring poem The Day's Demand, written about a century ago:

God, give us men! A time like this demands  
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands,  
Men whom the lust of office does not kill.

Men who can stand before a demagogue  
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;  
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog  
In public duty and in private thinking.

## Flood Debris Covers Alturas

**ALTURAS** — Cleanup operation after the worst flood in the history of Alturas was progressing rapidly Tuesday, according to Charlie Lederer, Modoc County civil defense director.  
Lederer said a meeting will be held by the city council and county board of supervisors with state officials as soon as possible to map rehabilitation plans.  
Emergency crews were working Tuesday morning to clear away debris in the streets in the southern section of the town which were inundated when the north fork of the Pit River overflowed its banks early Sunday morning.  
Lederer said he was unable to estimate the property damage. He added that many homes incurred damage from water and that most of the streets will require major repairs.  
One-way traffic was maintained for several hours Tuesday morning on Highway 395, 25 miles north of Alturas towards Lakeview as a result of a landslide. Chief Deputy Sheriff Robert Hildenbrandt said the highway was opened to two-way traffic shortly before noon Tuesday.

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## Secretary Asks End To Debate

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Secretary of State Dulles said Tuesday the United States must take "a calculated risk for peace" when its vital interests are challenged by a potential aggressor.  
Commenting on his "brink of war" statement in Life magazine, Dulles said the article "tends to emphasize over-simplification and special emphasis."

Dulles also told a news conference the article had given him too much credit. He said he regretted this but is gratified some people approve what he has done.  
The article, which stirred criticism of Dulles both in this country and abroad, came under discussion for 23 minutes in the secretary's news conference. Dulles finally stopped the questioning by saying he thought the subject had been discussed enough.

**HARD-HITTING**  
In some respects, Dulles appeared to be backing away from the hard hitting pro-Dulles, tough-war line taken by the Life article written by James Shepley.

Dulles told reporters that one sentence in a quotation attributed to him was ambiguous.  
The ambiguous sentence, Dulles said, was in a quotation which began by saying that "you have to take chances for peace just as you must take chances in war."

Dulles stood by that statement completely Tuesday but insisted there was nothing new in it. The Life quotation then went on to the effect that "of course we were brought to the verge of war. The ability to get to the verge without getting into war is the necessary art."

Dulles said the ambiguity could be cleared up if the word "brought" was emphasized to indicate that the United States was forced to the verge of conflict by outside action and not by its own choice.  
He also said that he, himself, never would have expressed the idea quite the way it was put — he never would have used the phrase "the necessary art."

**PREPARED STATEMENT**  
Dulles said in a prepared statement he thought the United States should adopt "every honorable course" to avoid war and should be "patient" and "conciliatory."  
He then, however, reaffirmed his view that where "basic moral values and vital interests" are concerned "the surest way to avoid war is to let it be known in advance that these principles if need be by force of arms."  
But Dulles said the "policy of seeking to prevent war by preventing miscalculation by a potential aggressor . . . is a national policy."

**TORN LIGAMENT**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — A torn ligament in the left wrist is the doctor's diagnosis of Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce's injury when she slipped in the bathtub of her New York apartment yesterday morning. The U.S. ambassador to Italy thought for a time that the wrist might be broken.



**LT. COL. WILLIAM F. DAVIS**, assistant comptroller, Western Air Defense Force, Hamilton Air Force Base, California, will be the featured speaker at the annual joint dinner meeting of the Klamath County Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Willard Hotel. The annual Jaycees Distinguished Service Award will be used to defray expenses of the 350-man American team which will go to Melbourne, Australia next fall.



**TWO BLOCKS OF DIMES** events will be staged this year in Klamath Falls as part of the March of Dimes drive by the Exchange Club and the Klamath County Junior Chamber of Commerce. The Exchange Club will hold its fund drive on Saturday, January 21 and the Jaycees on Saturday, January 28. The events will be staged on one of the blocks of downtown Klamath Falls with all the proceeds going to the March of Dimes, announced Jay Krosh, campaign chairman today. Wes Guderian, left, new president of the Exchange Club, and Ole Roemhildt, outgoing club president, got together recently to plan their strategy for the block-long fund raising fete of the anti-polio campaign.

## CofC Honors J. McDonald

John McDonald, Fremont forest supervisor, was named Lake County's sealie Citizen of the Year at last night's annual meeting of the Lake County Chamber of Commerce.

Carter Felch, Lakeview businessman, took the plaque as junior citizen. Both men won the honor for their civic work in the area during the past year, ranging from United Fund and other charitable work to boys' work and allied civic interests.

Art McPherson, sales manager for American Forests Products, was announced as the new president of the chamber for the year 1956, with Trow Long serving as vice president and Phil Quisenberry, as treasurer.

Mitchell Tillison, vice president of the First National Bank of Portland, and a former resident of both Lake and Klamath counties, was the speaker of the evening, giving a brief address on current conditions, the workings of the Federal Reserve Bank system and taking an advance look at things to come in the business and industrial picture for southeastern Oregon.

With the exception of agriculture, said Tillison, business will probably equal or nearly equal the boom times of 1955. Agriculture may score some gains, but close scrutiny and appraisal of present and future plans to aid the farmer and stockman should be the order of the day.  
A capacity crowd of nearly 300 jammed the dinner, held in St. Patrick's Parish Hall.

## Warning Given By Judge

**SAN FRANCISCO (UP)** — Convict author Caryl Chessman's habeas corpus hearing got down to serious business in federal court today with a warning from Judge Louis E. Goodman that he would tolerate no further delays.

Yesterday's opening session was cut short when defense attorney George T. Davis asked for time to study the numerous documents introduced during the morning session.

Davis was ordered to continue, but he explained that the defense's first major witness, Stanley Fraser had not arrived from Los Angeles.

Davis' request was opposed by Jop. Atty. Gen. William Bennett who accused Davis of having a "contrary attitude" and adding: "After eight years, now is the time to put up, or shut up."

"We have no other witness at this time, except Mr. Fraser," Davis replied.

Judge Goodman granted a recess until today, but made it plain he would tolerate no further delays.  
"We will proceed daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.," he said, "and if you do not have your witnesses here I will submit the matter."

## Weather

**FORECAST** — Klamath Falls and vicinity: Cloudy with occasional snow Tuesday night and early Wednesday, with partial clearing Wednesday afternoon. Highs 33-35, Lows Tuesday night 25-30.  
High yesterday 34  
Low last night 22  
Precip. last 24 hours .07  
Precip. since Oct. 1 13.91  
Same period last year 3.47  
Normal for period 5.83

## Lost River Water Drops

The water level at the Lost River Diversion Dam southwest of Olene began to drop at about the middle of the morning today. J. Pitts Elmore, Klamath Reclamation Project manager, said today he had dropped one tenth of a foot from the high level of last night, but that there is still "a lot of water" to be disposed of before conditions reach normal.

Meanwhile, an 8:30 a.m. report today said that the water level at Harpold Dam at the head of Poe Valley had dropped 1.8 feet from the high at 1 a.m. Monday, when the flow reached an estimated 4,000 second feet.

Earlier this morning, Elmore said that the level of the Lost River Diversion Dam had not varied more than an inch overnight. A recession of the water level which had been predicted for last night failed to materialize because of the large amount of water which was standing on the fields in Langell and Poe valleys.

This water, he said, would have to drain before the water level downstream from Olene would drop appreciably.  
He said that there were no major irrigation dams or canals which broke during the recent floods "to my knowledge." He added that none had been reported, and that the behavior of the water flow at the various check points gave no evidence that there had been an unreported break.

Meanwhile, the Klamath Falls office of the State Highway Department reported that the Merrill-Mallin Highway, flooded at a point about one mile south of Henley, had dried up to the point where traffic was going through with no difficulty.

Elmore said that water would continue to be sent down the main channel of the Lost River at the same rate as yesterday, or about 1,000 second feet. The water will be dumped at the main sump and the southwest sump in the vicinity of Tulelake.

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## Ike Schedules 'Salute' Talk

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Eisenhower will address "Salute to Eisenhower" Republican rallies being held here and throughout the nation Friday evening.

Announcing this Tuesday, James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, said Eisenhower may speak in person at the rally here, with his remarks carried to other rallies by closed circuit or general broadcast. Or he may speak from the White House. These details have not yet been decided.

It will be the President's first participation in a public political affair since his September heart attack.

Hagerty said he does not expect Eisenhower to disclose at that time whether he will seek reelection.

The President's remarks certainly will be studied carefully by politicians, however, for any possible clue as to his intentions.

Hagerty also announced the President will hold a news conference Thursday morning. It will be his first in Washington since last Aug. 4, about seven weeks before his heart attack.

## Sarena Probe Calls Employe

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A Bureau of Mines employe was called Tuesday for further questioning by a House-Senate committee investigating the controversial grant of 15 Southern Oregon mining patents to Al Sarena Mines, Inc.

The patents, once denied on a finding that the land had insufficient minerals to justify mining, were granted in 1954 after the company appealed and new assays were made.

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## Federal Report Cites 'Cooperation Lack'

**By RICHARD C. SIZEMORE**  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
**WASHINGTON (UP)** — President Eisenhower submitted to Congress today a long range program to overcome the nation's growing shortages and insure a supply of 350 billion gallons a day by 1975.

In a special message to the House and Senate, Mr. Eisenhower forwarded a report on water resources policy prepared by a Cabinet committee after a 20-month study. It sharply criticized "lack of cooperation and coordination" among federal agencies dealing with flood control, irrigation and other water problems.

It also called for local governments and private industry to bear most of the costs of furnishing an adequate water supply.

The report warned that the nation is experiencing the first symptoms of a water shortage, which will grow steadily more acute unless far-sighted action is taken. It said the country is now using 200 billion gallons of water daily and will need an estimated 350 billion gallons daily by 1975.

"The policies we adopt for the development of our water resources," Mr. Eisenhower said, "will have a profound effect in the years to come upon our domestic, agricultural and industrial economy."

**CONSUMPTION**  
The report said Americans now use an average of 145 gallons of water each day from public water supplies. This "irrepressible need" is expected to rise, by 1975, to 175 gallons a day, reflecting the increased use of water in homes for such purposes as air conditioning.

On top of this household use, there is the "staggering" demand for water in industry and agriculture. For example, the report noted, it requires 65,000 gallons of water to produce one ton of steel. Counting such uses, daily consumption amounts to 1200 gallons per person.

Already, it said, "shortages of water for domestic and agricultural use are frequent. Industry is finding it increasingly difficult to locate adequate water supplies. Many streams are seriously polluted."

While too little water is the problem in many areas, the report noted, others are occasionally devastated by too much, in the form of floods.

**LIMITING FACTOR**  
"Lack of adequate planning threatens to impose a water scarcity which can become a limiting factor on the growth of some of our cities, while at the same time flood damage in many areas continues to be great."

The report endorsed a number of controversial Hoover Commission proposals, including the appointment of a top-level "water coordinator" who would represent the President in overseeing the work of all federal agencies concerned with water.

The committee, which prepared the report was appointed by the President in May, 1954. Members included Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay, Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson and Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson.

Mr. Eisenhower said he will submit legislation later to carry out recommendations in the report. The report said it would be a "practical impossibility" for the federal government to assume the entire responsibility for developing water resources.

**GENERAL POLICY**  
"As a general policy," it said, "the federal government should not build any project or part thereof, that can, under fair and reasonable terms, be built by non-federal interests — except those projects of primary national concern, where non-federal interests are unable adequately to provide the need."

The committee said "the greatest single weakness" in the federal government's water resource activities is "lack of cooperation and coordination of the federal agencies with each other and with the states and local interests."

To correct this situation the report recommended appointing a "water coordinator" and setting up three other new bodies to insure teamwork.

## Sun Brings Relief In California

**SAN FRANCISCO (UP)** — A bright winter sunshine dried out Northern California today in the wake of weekend floods that still menaced Yuba City, created another disaster area and caused four deaths.

The soggy Shanghai Bend levee just south of Yuba City managed to contain the swirling waters of the Feather River. Army Engineers were hopeful it would continue to hold.

**LIKE JELLY**  
Col. William F. Cassidy, chief of the South Pacific division of the Army Engineers, said the levees was "very soft and shakes like a bowl of jelly at every step."

"But it's beginning to dry in the sun and I have a definite feeling it will hold."

However, Mayor Glenn Gauche warned residents of the low-lying area near the levee not to return to their homes until the danger is past.

"Of course we are relieved that the levee did not break," he said, "but the situation is still critical. We are worried about seepage through the levee."

The river reached 67.3 feet at the Shanghai Bend levee yesterday morning and then began dropping. Upstream, opposite Yuba City proper, the river crested at 68.3 at 6 a.m. and by nightfall it had dropped to 67 feet.

**AID EXTENDED**  
President Eisenhower extended his disaster area proclamation for the Christmas week catastrophe to cover additional major damage from last weekend's floods. This would include Marin County, north of San Francisco.

Damage in that county was estimated roughly at \$500,000, of which \$300,000 was caused in the Bolinas-Stinson Beach area. Mudslides and undermining water wrecked or seriously damaged a dozen homes in the two communities.

Slides and high water cut off the roads to both towns. Only emergency vehicles were allowed into the area.

Four deaths were listed throughout Northern California as a result of the latest floods and two men were missing.

Elsewhere, streams that rose ominously Saturday and Sunday were receding under fair skies. Some flooding was reported in various areas, causing widespread but relatively minor damage in contrast to the Christmas week floods when the floods took 75 lives and caused 175 million dollars worth of damage.

The weatherman predicted continued fair skies for the next two days.

## Guard Drives For New Men

"Operation Manpower," a drive for new guardsmen by Klamath Falls batteries D and B of the 72nd AAA Battalion of the Oregon National Guard, netted some 20 new recruits last Sunday, announced Capt. Forrest Alter, commander of Battery D, today.

Capt. Alter said that the drive for new guardsmen is continuing as the two batteries need a total of 62 new men, either new recruits or veterans of any of the armed services.

The new guardsmen are needed to man the 75mm "Skysweeper," an electronically controlled anti-aircraft gun of the latest type. Capt. Alter explained. He urged any interested men may contact the National Guard offices at the Klamath Falls municipal airport.

**Supreme Justices Schedule Meeting**  
**SALEM (AP)** — Chief Justice Harold J. Warner and members of the Supreme Court staff will meet at Roseburg Feb. 3 to explain new Supreme Court rules to county clerks, district judges and lawyers.

It is one of a series of regional meetings. They already have been held at The Dalles, Hillsboro and Corvallis. Meetings will be held later at Baker and Bend.



**J. E. JOHNSON, LEFT, AND Don Strupp**, employees of the Oregon State Highway Department, were caught by the 9 o'clock photographer this morning as they were repairing the blinker signals on the Sixth Street overpass. The two men, residents of Grants Pass, are on roving assignment status with the department.