

### HN Publisher Gives Talk

An accelerated interest in Klamath Basin agriculture was indicated at a luncheon meeting January 21 at the Willard Hotel when the agriculture committee of the Klamath Falls Kiwanis Club heard Frank Jenkins, committee member, and publisher of the Klamath Falls Herald and News, speak.

The meeting, to organize plans for a long range plan beamed toward improved marketing processing and distribution of Basin products as a means of increasing farm income, was chairmanned by Chet Bunnell.

The club will continue to sponsor the annual selection Basin Potato King contest, inaugurated many years ago in addition to the emphasis on the new policy.

### Decision Up To Mark

PORTLAND (AP)—State Senate President Walter J. Pearson (D-Ore) said Thursday night that it is up to Gov. Mark Hatfield to decide whether two million dollars should be appropriated to the Oregon Centennial Commission.

Pearson told a meeting of the Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee that Hatfield had said "no money should be appropriated that is not 'necessary' even if it is 'desirable.' Well, we are waiting for him to tell us the centennial money is necessary."

Pearson said that unless such a statement was forthcoming, the Democratic majority was willing to let the request drop.

Pearson also criticized Hatfield for what he said was Hatfield's delay in getting his program before the Legislature.

The Senate president said that news reports on legislative activities are "shaded to give the Republicans a break if they can."

Pearson said he was "displeased" with the Supreme Court's decision to seat Howard Appling as secretary of state. He said he thought the court "had an eye on the 60,000-vote margin Hatfield got and didn't want to make anybody mad—they have to run for office too."

### Crash Kills Dope Figure

PORTLAND (AP)—Fred Moe, 45, accused last week by federal authorities of complicity in a multi-million dope smuggling operation, was killed outright in a highway crash Thursday night.

Police said a witness told them that Moe made no attempt to swerve or apply the brakes as the car—traveling at a speed of at least 70 miles an hour—crashed head on into an overpass pillar on the Banfield Expressway, just east of Portland.

Moe and two other Chinese Americans—George W. Yee, 45, San Francisco, and Lee Dean, 38, Portland—were indicted earlier this month by a federal grand jury in San Francisco. They were charged with conspiracy to violate federal narcotics statutes by illegally importing heroin into the United States.

They were accused of being the masterminds of a ring of merchant seamen who have brought millions of dollars worth of illegal narcotics to the West Coast from Red China.

Yee was arrested in San Francisco. Dean is still at large and is being sought by federal authorities.

### Pair Isolated As Dam Breaks

SANDY, Ore. (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowe were isolated yesterday when an irrigation dam broke, sending a wall of water cascading down on their ranch one mile east of here.

The dam, about 400 feet from several ranch buildings, formed one wall of an irrigation pond. It apparently had been weakened by recent rains, and was unable to hold the overflow water from the Sandy city reservoir.

Other homes in the area were saved from flood damage by a high roadway which deflected the water into Cedar Creek.

Mrs. Lowe said Thursday night her house was surrounded by mud and debris.

### Meeting Dates Discussion Held

MEDFORD (AP)—Dates for a series of meetings to discuss establishment of a marketing association to bargain for increased milk prices have been set by the Oregon Milk Producers.

The dairymen's organization contends that some producer-distributors are engaging in sales practices which result in lower prices to the dairymen.



THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE of the Klamath Falls Kiwanis Club is interested in the future of agriculture in the Klamath Basin and this year plans an expanded program beamed at better marketing and distribution practices. Members of the committee include, seated, left to right, David P. Olney, Elbert Veatch, Chet Bunnell, agriculture committee chairman, Virgil D. Mills, Ed Chilcote and Marion Foster. Standing, same order, Bryant Williams, Dr. Harry Fredricks, member of the board of directors; Bob Kent, Kiwanis Club president, Charles Malin and John Holzgang, Frank Jenkins, member of the committee, was not present for the picture.

### Ice-Choked Flood Waters Surging Down Ohio River

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (AP)—Ice-choked flood waters which caused damage in the millions of dollars and forced thousands of persons to flee their homes surged down the Ohio River today into West Virginia and Ohio.

Western Pennsylvania communities still reeled from the effects of the rampaging Allegheny and Shenango Rivers. Cleanup operations in many communities were delayed as the rivers returned grudgingly, to their banks.

Bitter cold moved into the area. While this served to check further rise of the rivers, it also added to the woes of refugees and volunteer workers who have been on the job nearly 48 hours.

Gov. David L. Lawrence declared a state of emergency for many sections of Western Pennsylvania and urged President Eisenhower to take similar action, making stricken communities eligible for disaster aid.

Allegheny River towns bore the brunt of the havoc, but Sharon on the Shenango and Meadville on the French Creek, a tributary of the Allegheny, reported record flood conditions.

At Pittsburgh, where the Allegheny and the Monongahela join to form the Ohio, the rivers leveled off at 20.2 feet — 4.2 feet above flood stage. Pittsburgh, however, had only minor damage. Roads and schools in many communities were closed. Thousands of workers were idled as steel mills, coal mines and other industries along the river were forced to suspend operations.

Uncounted barges — heavy, steel-hulled affairs used to haul coal and ore — broke their moorings and were swept along in the swift current. Bridges were imperiled by the runaways, and at least one span at Freeport, Pa., was knocked out.

Most residents in affected communities took the floods stoically. They'd been through it before.

Dispute Idles WTC Workers

NORTH BEND, Ore. (AP)—About 790 workers have been idled by a labor dispute at two Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. operations here. Picket lines have been set up at a mill here and at logging operations in nearby Allegheny.

The International Woodworkers of America local business agent, H. Kenneth Johnson, said a strike was called Thursday because the company had refused to re-hire a truck driver fired Dec. 11.

Johnson said the driver had been employed by the company for five years and had been fired without cause.

No company officials were available for comment.

### Porter Says Trials Fair

PORTLAND (AP)—Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore) thinks Fidel Castro should not hold spectacular trials of accused war criminals, but he thinks that generally the Cuban trials are "being conducted decently and fairly."

The Oregonian said it learned this Thursday in a telephone interview with Porter in Havana. Porter declined to attend the trials—in the 17,000-seat Sport Palace—for the backers of the former Batista administration.

The newspaper quoted Porter as saying that he was convinced that revolutionary leader Castro and his men are "dignified, restrained and disciplined."

"They also are religious and most wear Catholic medals. They are not the kind of people who would engage in a blood bath," the paper quoted Porter as saying.

Porter said he had urged that the remaining trials be placed in the hands of civil authorities and that advisory committees from the United Nations, the Organization of American States or the Inter-American Bar Assn. be invited to review and make a report on the trials.

Porter—who is in Cuba at the invitation of Castro—said that Wednesday's rally in support of the revolutionary leader was "in no way a Nazi-type rally. It was sloppy, but sincere, with no pomp. It was a respectful demonstration of people who are in full support of the new government."

### Expert On Labor Relations Forecasts A Stormy Year

WASHINGTON (AP)—A stormy year in labor relations is forecast for 1959 by the country's top labor trouble shooter, Joseph F. Finnegan.

Finnegan, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, gave out that appraisal even before the AFL-CIO announced a renewed drive to boost worker wages this year.

The big labor union federation, claiming 14 million members, said it emphatically "disagrees with President Eisenhower's wage hold-down plea and other economic views."

It contended that overly high prices are responsible for inflation and that the influence of wages on prices has been minimal. New wage boosts, the AFL-CIO said, will help buoy the economy through increased purchasing power rather than do harm.

A statement issued Thursday by the AFL-CIO's Economic Policy Committee, headed by auto union leader Walter Reuther, said Eisenhower's recent budget and economic messages to Congress practically ignore the country's four million unemployed and below-capacity industrial production.

"At the very time when the American economy should be devoting its great material assets to facing the economic challenge of the Soviet Union," Reuther's group said, "the President has failed to set economic goals for the United States as required by the Employment Act of 1946."

It said 20 per cent of U.S. productive capacity is idle. Living standards for millions of Americans remain intolerably low, and Soviet production advances are challenging the productive power of the free world.

Yet, it added in America "stagnation apparently does not unduly disturb the administration."

Finnegan sized up 1959 as a stormy one in labor relations in a statement saying he is holding a series of meetings around the country to prepare his 200-man staff of mediators for possible trouble ahead.

"We will emphasize the need for constant alertness to situations where mediation may be helpful in preventing costly strikes," Finnegan said.

RECREATION AREAS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Al Ullman (D-Ore) has asked the federal government to construct recreational areas in the Owyhee Reservoir in eastern Oregon.

Ullman introduced a bill Thursday to develop the Owyhee recreational potentialities, with the state to maintain and operate them.

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