

Water Development Plan In Trouble, Say Northern California Senators

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Five state senators said Thursday that California's water development plan was "in trouble," and that the federal government should help pull it out.

The senators, all of Northern California, said that the \$1.75-billion bond issue approved by voters Nov. 8 "is not enough to complete all the works that were promised." They were especially concerned at proposals to delay construction of Oroville Dam.

They urged that the federal government provide funds to build the dam immediately and that the appropriations be increased for research in sea water conversion.

Sens. Stanley Arnold, D-Susanville; Carl L. Christensen, D-Eureka; George Miller Jr., D-Martinez; Virgil O'Sullivan, D-Williams; and Stephen P. Teague, D-West Point, delivered their proposal to Gov. Edmund G. Brown at a closed meeting Thursday afternoon.

Brown said later that he would continue to study any possibility of improvement or new financial assistance that is offered to us.

At a press conference later, the senators pointed to a consultants' study handed to the state last fall, which suggested that the start of Oroville construction be delayed 12 years.

"We have no assurance that Oroville will ever be built," said Miller.

They complained that if the dam were delayed, there would be no flood protection on the Feather River and there would be no power sales to pay for other parts of the project.

Miller also objected to pumping water out of the San Joaquin-Sacramento River Delta for Southern California without being able to replenish it with releases from Oroville.

The group proposed federal construction at Oroville as part of a series of joint federal-state water projects. "There are a host of eligible fresh federal starts," they said.

On sea water conversion, Miller complained that a current federal appropriation of \$3.5 million was "peanuts." The group's statement said, "Scientists tell us that while a breakthrough may be 10 or more years away, intensified work would bring that date closer."

The senators made clear, however, that sea water conversion would be supplemental to the state's water plan and not intended to replace it.

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



Problems Of Aged To Be Muled At D.C.

Health and medical care, family life, housing, and income maintenance are apparently the major concerns of America's older citizens, judging from the work topics selected by the official delegates who will attend the White House Conference on Aging. The party will be held Jan. 9-12 in Washington, D.C.

Of the 1,500 delegates processed so far, about 38 per cent (600 delegates) will be members of these four working sessions of the conference. About 220 of these will be in the section working on health and medical care problems; 150 will be in the section dealing with family life, family relationships, friends, and social services; 120 will be in the housing section; and about 110 in the section dealing with income maintenance. Included in the assignment of this last section is the problem of financing the cost of medical care for the elderly.

Altogether, 2,700 delegates will attend the conference. Each delegate is being assigned to the section and workgroup of his choice. The delegates represent the 53 states and U.S. territories, as well as the 303 national voluntary organizations participating in the conference.

Next in popularity among delegates assigned so far are the sections on free-time activities of older people; education of, for and by older people; and local community organization to meet the needs of older people. Each of these three sections has been selected by about 100 delegates, of the 1,600 tabulated so far.

At the four-day meeting in January the 20 conference sections will draft broad policy statements in the 20 broad subject-areas of aging; and they will also prepare specific recommendations on actions that should be taken to meet the needs of the nation's older citizens. It is expected that these actions will be taken in the coming years by states, communities, the federal government, private organizations and older people themselves.

Roger Budlong Named To Post

SALEM (AP)—Roger W. Budlong of Beaverton was named Friday to the newly-created position of public information officer for the state Industrial Accident Commission.

For the past year, he has held a similar job with the Fish Commission, and formerly had his own public relations business in Portland.

BANKING MADE EASY
BOCA RATON, Fla. (UPI)—A dark-complexioned man drove to the new drive-in teller's window at a bank here Wednesday, handed the teller, Mrs. Barbara Anslow, a note announcing a holdup, and then drove off with the nearly \$10,000 she handed him.



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FEELING FINE

NEW YORK (AP)—Songwriter Cole Porter, whose right leg was amputated nearly three years ago, is in Harkness Pavilion. A spokesman said Wednesday he is undergoing a routine checkup and is feeling fine.

Solon Proposes West's Gold Mines Be Reopened

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Clair Engle, D-Calif., proposed today to shere up America's dwindling gold supplies by reopening western mines.

The senator said he will submit legislation in the new Congress to pay a premium above the present treasury price of \$35 an ounce. The premium would apply only to domestically produced gold.

A Treasury Department spokesman immediately branded the scheme as "dangerous tinkering" and "risky business."

"We are short of gold at Fort Knox, but there is plenty of gold in 'them thar hills' out West," Engle said in a statement. "Our gold mines are shut down at the very same time that United States gold reserves are dwindling and are threatened by the continuing flow of dollars to foreign lands."

"One sure way to help the gold shortage is to get more gold," American gold production averages about \$60 million a year. Most of this production comes from sideline mining operations, however, because it is not profitable to produce gold alone at \$35 an ounce.



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Robber Is Sent To Hospital

PORTLAND (AP)—U. S. District Judge John F. Kilkenny Wednesday sentenced an ex-convict to 20 years in prison for a bungled attempt to rob a bank, and then ordered him to a mental hospital for examination.

"I have information at hand indicating this defendant may respond to institutional care," Kilkenny said in imposing sentence on Robert J. Tesdahl, 31. "Your past is bad, but if there is a chance at your rehabilitation, we're going to investigate it."

Kilkenny said a psychiatrist's study will be given to the court within six months, adding that Tesdahl's sentence could be modified at that time.

The attempted robbery of the Security Bank of Oregon here occurred July 12, a week after Tesdahl was released from the state prison, where he had served a sentence for armed robbery.

Tesdahl's attorney, Alan R. Jack, told the court his client had a problem of "drinking and dependency."



By TIM MASON
Klamath Union students were treated to a special Christmas assembly Friday in Pelican Court, which featured the Three Essentials, a singing trio of last year's graduates, who are home for the holidays. The three are Dan Johnson, Bob Elliott and Don Isensee.

The program also included a humorous skit put on by the drama department, the a cappella choir, a Christmas message from the student body president, George Vinson, and an address by Principal Willard McKinny.

The program concluded with the entire student body joining in the singing of several traditional Christmas carols.

The members of the a cappella choir concluded many weeks of hard work with the assembly Friday, and left for the Christmas holiday with the rest of the student body. They will return on Jan. 3.

Under the direction of Dale Hallock, the choir presented "The Messiah" in Pelican Court last Sunday night, performed during the week for the local chapters of the Lions, Kiwanis, and Rotary clubs, and has also made a long-playing record album of Christmas carols now on sale for \$4.50. Recordings were also taken of "The Messiah" and will be made into a record at a later date.

SETS IMMIGRATION QUOTA
WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower issued a proclamation Wednesday setting at 100 the annual immigration quota for the newly independent African nation of Mauritania.

Ski clubbers showed ski films to an audience of KUHS students Wednesday night at the school to give them some idea of the basic principles of skiing. A stereophonic phonograph was awarded as a prize.

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