



JOHN S. HAMILTON
... to new post

High Government Post For Klamath Falls Man

John S. Hamilton of Klamath Falls has been appointed special assistant to the interior secretary, Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall announced today.

As special assistant, Hamilton will be the principal staff assistant to Under Secretary James K. Carr. Hamilton has served since 1934 as a career employee with the department's Bureau of Reclamation.

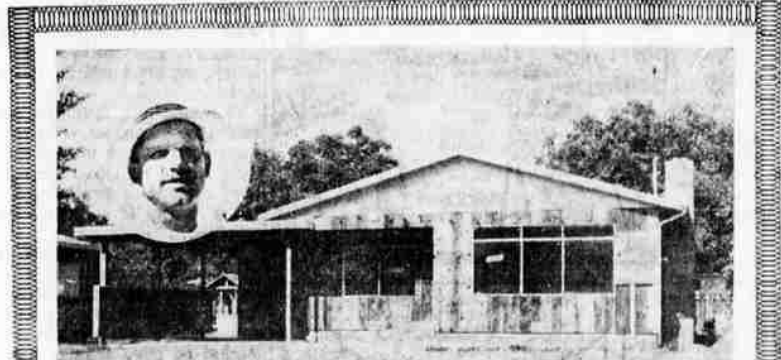
Joining the Bureau of Reclamation in 1934, Hamilton has served in progressively higher positions of responsibility. He has been design and construction engineer on reclamation projects, such as the Shasta Dam and the Folsom Power Plant on the Central Valley Project in California. From 1950 to 1956, as chief of the development division, Santa Barbara area, he was responsible for engineering and economic planning which led to the authorization and construction of the Ventura and Santa Maria projects.

He has also served as area engineer, Santa Barbara area; chief, programs and reports branch, Sacramento; and most recently as project manager at Klamath Falls.

Born in Alameda, Calif., he attended high school there. He received a bachelor of science degree and a master's degree, both in civil engineering, from the University of California in 1930 and 1933 respectively, where he was elected to Tau Beta Pi, engineering honor society.

From 1941 to 1945, he served with the U.S. Army, Coast Artillery, in Chile and New Guinea, attaining the rank of major.

Hamilton is a registered engineer in the state of California and a member of the Sierra Club. He is married and has a grown son and daughter.



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Unions Make Appraisal In Face Of Lost Ground

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A report that organized labor is losing ground in making union members of American workers brought a self-appraisal in the AFL-CIO Tuesday that it could spell union labor's "obituary."

Organizing director John Livingston told AFL-CIO chiefs gathered here for a winter meeting their unions are waging a losing battle in wooing workers to the union cause.

Livingston reportedly told the AFL-CIO Executive Council at a closed session Monday that where all the nation's unions had enlisted 40 per cent of organizable workers in the work force five years ago the proportion is now down to 38 per cent.

Livingston also was said to have told his AFL-CIO colleagues that independent unions, meaning those unconnected with the federation like the Teamsters and Mine Workers Unions, are winning bigger groups of new members proportionately than the AFL-CIO's own unions.

Joseph A. Beirne, president of the AFL-CIO Communications Workers, was reported to have

told his federation colleagues the waning proportion of unionized workers "means the obituary of organized labor" unless it is quickly reversed.

Livingston explained the decline in union organizing prowess is partially due to the rapidly changing composition of the nation's work force—with the number of manual workers declining along with a corollary increase in white collar, or office and technical workers.

Walter Reuther, head of the United Auto Workers Union, is chairman of an AFL-CIO committee charged with improving AFL-CIO techniques for organizing the growing army of white collar workers.

His group is expected to submit recommendations for more effective organizing campaigns to the 10-day session of federation leaders.

The AFL-CIO council voted Monday to sponsor a series of "get America back to work" conferences, winding up one in the nation's capital. The purpose is to pinpoint the plight of the unemployed and to consider ways to spur economic recovery.

Reuther's union proposed the rallies of labor, business, civic and political groups to map means of curing the present economic recession.

Old Bible, Cash Found In Hovel

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—A 235-year-old Bible and \$3,000 dollars in cash were found in the rubbish-filled home of Andrew Rowe, 69, a recluse.

Two bills apparently were printed in the 1700s. One was a three-dollar and the other a four-dollar note, authorities said. Also found in the home were several copies of Harper's Weekly dated May 1883.

City health department workers have removed seven truckloads of debris from the two-story home since Saturday.

Neighbors said Rowe, a retired city sewer worker, lived in the house alone for about two years without heat and water. He is held for observation at a hospital.

BODIES FLOWN TO U.S.
BRUSSELS (AP) — The bodies of 25 victims of last week's crash of a Sabena Belgian Airlines jetliner will be flown to the United States for further attempts at identification. Police said identification methods such as radiography might be used.

Court Approves Damages Where Rights Disregarded

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court has approved civil damage suits against policemen who disregard the constitutional rights of suspects.

By an 8-1 vote the court ruled Monday that a Chicago Negro may sue the 1971 Civil Rights Act to sue 13 police officers who broke into his home, ransacked the rooms and abused his family.

The man, James Monroe, was questioned for 10 hours at the police station about a murder, with no help from a lawyer, and finally released without being charged.

The majority, for whom Justice William O. Douglas spoke, said Monroe could not sue the city itself but he could sue the individuals concerned. Douglas brushed aside the city's argument that the only remedy is in state courts.

The decision was one of numerous actions by the court in its return from a four-week recess. Of interest at a time when the Kennedy administration's aid to education bill is before Congress was the court's dismissal of a school bus case.

Taxpayers in Newtown, Conn., had challenged a law allowing free transportation to pupils of Roman Catholic and all other non-profit parochial schools. The court said the case did not present "a substantial federal question."

The effect was to (1) make final a state court decision upholding the law and (2) leave unchanged the Supreme Court's own

1947 decision sanctioning use of public funds for getting Catholic pupils back and forth from their schools.

The court agreed to look into the job security afforded under the government-approved merger of the Erie Railroad with the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western. It froze the status of the workers so none would be fired at least until the case is settled.

In another case important in the transportation industry the court by a 9-0 vote set aside a civil antitrust judgment in Philadelphia against 24 eastern railroads which were charged with conspiring to destroy the long-haul trucking industry in the Northeast.

The court also: —Ruled 8-1 that the Justice Department may prosecute former Teamster president Dave Beck and five trucking employers on charges they illegally loaned him \$200,000. The decision reinstated an indictment dismissed last year by Federal District Judge Sidney Sugerman of New York.

—Upheld 6-2 a denaturalization judgment against Frank Costello, former king of the underworld, now in a federal prison for income tax evasion.

—Ruled that the Justice Department may go ahead with its suit to revoke the citizenship of Gaetano ("Three Finger Brown") Lucchese, 61, a Sicilian naturalized in Newark, N.J., in 1942.

—Agreed to hear arguments again on whether a native-born American may have his citizenship taken away for going abroad to escape military service.

—Denied a hearing to William Presser, Ohio Teamster boss, con- before the Senate rackets investigation committee.

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