

# NO ACTION ON RIVER WATER

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## Council Delays Vote On Big Filtration Project

By Fred E. Day

LOWELL—Action on a \$2,500,000 loan order for construction of a modern plant for filtration of Merrimack river water was delayed for two weeks by a 7-2 vote of the council last night, pending receipt and study of the final report of Metcalf & Eddy's survey for new ground water supply sources.

Voting in favor of the two-week delay were Mayor Raymond J. Lord, Councilors Joseph M. Downes, Arthur G. Gendreau, Harold W. Hartwell, John Janas, Samuel S. Pollard and Ellen A. Sampson.

Opposed to the delay, and favoring advertisement of the loan order for a public hear-

## Doubt Japs Can Protect Ike

MANILA (AP)—The bloody new riots in Tokyo have left American security officials deeply concerned whether Japanese police can protect President Eisenhower, it was reported early Thursday.

Members of Eisenhower's party were disturbed over Tokyo dispatches which pictured the Japanese police as helpless against the onslaught of thousands of leftwing students who stormed the Parliament buildings there Wednesday. Japan's Premier Nobusuke Kishi called a midnight Cabinet session to discuss a situation which one of his aides described as equivalent to insurrection.

The Wednesday riots were Japan's worst so far in the month-long campaign against Kishi and the new U.S.-Japan defense treaty.

President Eisenhower is due in Tokyo Sunday afternoon.

Informed sources, requesting that they not be named, said they understood that U.S. security forces both in Manila with Eisenhower and in Tokyo are assessing the situation.

White House press secretary James C. Hagerty, declined comment. Hagerty himself was besieged on a visit to Tokyo last Friday. A U.S. Marine helicopter rescued him.

TOKYO (UPI)—A mob of more than 12,000 leftwing university students battled 5000 police in bloody anti-government riots on the national parliament grounds tonight. At least one student was killed. Some reports said four were dead. Hundreds were injured and scores were arrested.

The new violence against the government of Premier Nobusuke Kishi and the U.S.-Japan security pact came virtually on the eve of President Eisenhower's visit next Sunday. It set off fears of a situation similar to that in Korea which toppled the regime of President Syngman Rhee in April.

Police confirmed that one woman demonstrator was killed. Newspapers said two were dead. The Socialist party, bitter foe of Kishi and the security treaty, claimed four were killed. It said eight more were so critically injured

they were not expected to live through the night.

At least 199 were injured seriously, with estimates of about 1000 less seriously hurt.

Veteran observers at the scene said they had not seen so many ambulances on the move since the end of World War II. Hospitals near the Diet (parliament) building set up emergency cots to take care of the overflow of injured.

The deaths were the first in the recent series of riots and demonstrations.

MANILA (UPI)—President Eisenhower today bluntly accused international Communist leaders of trying to pervert and seize nationalist movements throughout the world for "their own evil objectives."

He called on free world nations to march ahead, with the help of God, and meet the threat of a Red philosophy that demands "subservience to a single ideology, to a strait jacket of ideas and approaches and methods."

The president issued his challenge in a speech before a joint session of the Philippine congress on the second day of his visit to this pro-Western island republic.

It was the first major speech of his two-week Asian tour and it answered in plain language an outpouring of propaganda from Moscow and Peking that has been branding him and the United States as colonialist and aggressive.

He said the "existence, the prosperity, the prestige of the republic of the Philippines proves the falsity of those charges."

"The United States granted independence to the Philippines 14 years ago. Communist leaders fear constructive nationalism as a mortal foe," said the president.

"This fear is evident in the continuing efforts of the Communist conspiracy to penetrate the nationalist movements, to pervert them, and to pirate them for their own evil objectives."



Official Lowell Flag

The city council last night unanimously adopted this flag, held by Rev. Paul E. Marquis, director of Ste. Jeanne d'Arc Bel Air drum and bugle corps, which submitted the design as one of three entries for consideration. The design consists of the city seal on a white

background, with the flag trimmed with gold fringe. A resolution officially proclaiming it as the city of Lowell flag will be prepared by the city clerk for adoption at the next meeting, June 28.

## Ike Fails To Reassure Filipinos

By Jim Becker

MANILA (AP)—Enthusiasm for President Eisenhower is at a high pitch in the Philippines, but he has yet to tell the Filipinos what they want to hear.

If he fails to do so before he departs, he will leave disappointment spotted among friendly memories of his triumphant homecoming.

Eisenhower delivered the first major speech of his Manila visit today to a combined session of the Philippine Congress.

It was frankly a disappointment to the legislators.

Privately they admitted its complicated phrases and weighty preambles did not strike a spark of response in Filipino hearts.

The Filipinos want straight talk on the subject of defense of the Philippines in the event of Communist attack. They would also like to hear some good news about American aid to this struggling country. Good news means more aid.

THIS nation has planted itself irrevocably in the U. S. camp. The United States is a long way away. Red China is an hour's jet ride away.

Having stuck their national neck out, Filipinos would like to have Eisenhower make it clear that the United States will jump right in to help if someone tries to chop it off.

President Carlos P. Garcia has suggested that the United States station nuclear weapons here, despite the jitters it might create in

other U. S. allies or especially neutralist friends in Asia.

ON the subject of aid, Filipinos feel that the United States takes them too much for granted, while wooing former enemy and neutralist nations with large aid programs.

American officials point out that vast amounts of aid were poured into the Philippines after the war—and some of the money was wasted.

ing June 28, with a study of the report to be conducted during the ensuing interval, were Councilors William Moriarty and John J. Desmond.

The vote was taken on a motion by Janas, as amended by Lord, that the matter (advertising the loan order for a hearing) be postponed for two weeks, with City Manager Frank Barrett to submit information concerning amortization of the loan, increase in personnel and maintenance costs that the filtration plant will require, and any revision of water rates planned.

The council then scheduled a special meeting next Tuesday, usually an off-date in the summer schedule, following the 3 p. m. exercises at the dedication of D'Youville Manor.

Barrett said he expected to receive 15 copies of Metcalf & Eddy's final report either tomorrow or Friday, and would distribute them to the councilors by messenger.

Due to some confusion on the final vote taken, to postpone action for two weeks, doubt was raised as to the purpose of the special meeting. Although not specifically stated, it was apparently arranged to discuss the final survey report, with engineering experts to be present.

Barrett, who presented an oral brief of the survey findings, told the council that the engineering firm had found Lowell's ground water supply inadequate, and that it was imperative that the city develop an additional supply. He said use of the Merrimack river will end all major water problems for the city for the foreseeable future, and it will result in the supplying of better water than that which has been supplied since the 1920s.

MORIARTY, who last January moved that the manager submit the necessary borrowing order for a filtration plant to tie in the city's water supply with the Merrimack river, said the council couldn't afford to delay any longer. He said the city faces a real water problem this summer, and added that if the council doesn't act on the matter it faces a more serious problem next summer, since it would take about 14 months to construct the filtration plant.

Moriarty said he felt the order could be advertised for a hearing in two weeks, and the

council still have time to examine the Billerica filtration plant, as suggested by Janas, and examine the Metcalf & Eddy report. He then moved that the loan order be referred to the night meeting for a first reading, and ordered advertised.

Janas said he wanted to act in good judgment, but he also wanted to read and study the survey findings for which the council appropriated \$15,000 to finance. He then moved for a two-week postponement.

Lord said it was not a question of getting palatable river water. He said the council was originally told the order would be for \$2,000,000 and not \$2,500,000. He said people are now complaining about high water bills, and he wanted to know what revision in these rates is planned. The mayor said he was equally concerned about the general financing theme, as to increased personnel wages and maintenance costs, and loan amortization. The manager said the loan would be amortized over 30 years, at about \$200,000-\$250,000 for principal and interest per year.

DESMOND, WHO voted against postponement, said he didn't want to delay the matter any longer, although it didn't mean that he favored the proposal to use the river.

Gendreau, who made the original motion for the \$15,000 survey, said he wanted to study the report, and that he didn't feel a two-week postponement constituted a delay.

Councilor Sampson questioned the manager concerning the chemical analysis which would be used to process the river water, and said she would have to be advised along these lines prior to any public hearing.

Barrett told the council that he may have to take emergency measures this summer, either by restricting the use of water or by temporary use of the river as an auxiliary supply by present filtration methods, subject to approval by the state department of public health.

It was pointed out that the river was similarly used in an emergency measure in the 1940's, filtered through the Army's system at the present location of the General Electric plant, prior to G. E. locating there.

## Edward B. Stevens To Be United Fund Head

LOWELL—A Tewksbury man, the father of four children, has been named campaign chairman for the 1961 Greater-Lowell United Fund campaign.

Edward B. Stevens, of 175 Kendall road, Tewksbury, husband of Ann (Johnson) Stevens, was appointed to the high office following three years of untiring efforts for the cause.

Vice president of the Ames Textile Corp., Mr. Stevens has volunteered many hours, in the past to civic groups, organized to accomplish a community goal.

Three years ago, Mr. Stevens was appointed to the volunteer position of keyman for the United Fund. That was in 1957. The following year, he served the organization as a cabinet member, and in 1959 as individual gifts chairman.

Since graduating from Harvard in 1944, the industrial leader has taken an active part in community affairs, serving as a director of the Lowell Boys club.

As chairman of the United Fund, he will lead the group in securing adequate funds for the support of its 1961 program. Mr. Stevens will preside at all meetings involving



Edward B. Stevens

the campaign, as well as being responsible for the appointment of all division chairmen.

## No Sales Tax Of "Any Kind"

By Thomas C. Gallagher

Sun State House Reporter

BOSTON—The party platform which will be presented to the Democratic pre-primary convention when it convenes Friday afternoon will contain an anti-sales tax plank with no escape clause.

It will place the Democratic party in opposition to any type of sales tax, whether it be "general, modified, limited or otherwise."

This was made clear during a meeting of the convention platform committee held yesterday at a Boston hotel to hear suggestions.

More than 50 public officials, union spokesmen and plain citizens were on hand when the meeting was called to order by the chairman, Atty. Richard K. Donahue of Lowell.

A platform committee meeting held at the recently-concluded Republican convention attracted one person besides members of the committee.

There was strong urging that the Democratic platform on which candidates for office will run in November contain

a plank which spells out party opposition to any type of sales tax.

The 1956 Democratic convention adopted a platform plank opposing the sales tax. Gov. Foster Furcolo won election as governor that year, and the next year promptly introduced his "limited" sales tax, which exempts food, clothing, fuel, public utilities and certain other necessities of life.

THE GOVERNOR said the party platform referred to a general sales tax on everything sold, not the "limited" tax he recommended.

In 1958, the controversy broke out anew. Reportedly in deference to the governor, the platform committee voted to adopt the same plank that was adopted in 1956. However, when the matter reached the convention floor, Atty. Donahue, platform committee chairman at that convention also, explained to the delegates that the intent of the plank was to preclude any kind of a sales tax.

Sen. John E. Powers of

South Boston said that the plank placed the Democratic party in opposition to "any kind of a sales tax, whether it be general, modified, limited or otherwise."

A few minutes later the delegates, in a voice vote, rejected a motion to amend the plank by spelling out opposition to a limited sales tax.

In filing his limited sales tax in 1959 and again this year, Gov. Furcolo insisted he was not in conflict with the party platform because the delegates refused to spell out opposition to the limited tax.

Anyway, the governor said at one point, the people don't understand party platforms and no one pays any attention to them.

Yesterday, a series of speakers urged the platform committee to adopt an anti-sales tax plank with no "escape clause."

Rep. Cornelius T. Kiernan, Jr. (D) of Lowell declared that the committee should approve, "for the general welfare of all the people of Massachusetts a firm and fixed statement of opposition to a general sales tax, a limited sales tax so-called, or a goods tax which is nothing more than a sales tax."

"THE CITY of Lowell which I represent, is enjoying an industrial rebirth because of electronics, we have a vital and progressive city administration, and I don't want anything to interfere with that," Finnegan told the committee. He submitted two other suggested planks to the committee.

One calls for the construction of a state-operated medical and dental school with the

provision that the graduates, in return for their state-subsidized educations, spend a period of service in state institutions, where there is a shortage of doctors and dentists.

The other calls for an ending of the practice of "requiring state employees to serve three, five and 10 years in a temporary capacity when they should be made permanent or the jobs eliminated."

Sen. Powers, in submitting his platform proposals, took the opportunity to reaffirm his support of the graduated state income tax and to blast the sales tax, which, he said, "would drain \$130,000,000 a year out of the pockets of the taxpayers."

He lashed out at John A. Volpe of Winchester, the Republican gubernatorial nominee, who yesterday was quoted by a Boston newspaper as being "open" on the sales tax.

Powers said that Volpe was for the sales tax in 1959, but said, before last week's GOP convention, that he opposes the sales tax.

"And now he's open on the sales tax," Powers continued. "We must not have this kind of indecision in the Democratic party."

The senate leader referred to his campaign to place the sales tax issue on the ballot at the next election in the form of a public policy referendum which will pose the question: "Do you instruct your representative of this district to vote for a sales tax?"

He charged that the only opposition to his plan is coming from the sales tax supporters, and promised he would vote for a sales tax if the

people in his district, by referendum vote, instruct him to do so.

Powers warned the committee that "it has always been the policy of the Democratic party to oppose a sales tax, and we cannot depart from that policy."

Imposition of such a tax, he said, would have a serious impact on such border cities as Lowell and Lawrence because it would drive them into non-sales-tax states to shop.

THE SALES TAX, he asserted, "would destroy the economy of our state."

Similar sentiments were expressed by other speakers, including Prof. Edward Smith of Boston College, economic adviser to Lieut. Gov. Robert F. Murphy, who read to the

## Potomac Fever

WASHINGTON—Nixon embraces the Eisenhower program. Ike has been the nation's "father image" for eight years. Now Nixon will campaign on a father and son image.

The way it looks now, Rockefeller will wind up endorsing Kennedy. These millionaires stick together.

Democratic leaders drive Congress toward adjournment. It's time for the boys to hurry home and mend their fences before they're too rickety to straddle.

Symington's manager says Kennedy's peak is 100 votes shy of nomination. Then, he figures, Kennedy and the convention will crash in flames—and Symington will arise from the smoke-filled ruins.

Nixon says the Republican party is stronger since Rocky's attack. It's so strong it reminds you of a locker room—with all that liniment, iodine and rubbing alcohol.

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