

STATE TAX FOR FLOOD CONTROL ALSO FAVORED

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Skagit county's need for a solution to its flood problem gained a new convert yesterday when the Puget Sound Flood Control Council, in annual session here, unanimously adopted a resolution asking the responsible authorities to take immediate action.

The resolution was one of 18 adopted at the closing session of the council in city hall late yesterday afternoon. It pointed out that the Skagit river problem is one of the most serious in the entire state.

The resolution stressed that the federal government had allocated money for a spillway between Avon and Padilla bay, but that the county could not take advantage of the allocation since Skagit residents have no means of raising a million dollars, which is mandatory before the project is undertaken.

It then went on to urge the state's delegation to devise ways and means and obtain the necessary appropriation so that the Skagit problem can be solved in the near future.

Earlier in the day, Glen H. Smith, engineer for City Light, Seattle, had told the 70 in attendance at the conference that the Skagit valley is in danger of a flood "such as the white man has never seen."

The Puget Sound Council also unanimously adopted a resolution calling for a state-wide tax to raise funds that would be used in eliminating flood danger in the state of Washington. This resolution declared communities are unable financially to carry on floor control projects, and that state and federal cooperation is necessary to preserve the general safety, health, security and welfare of the people.

Another resolution asked an im-

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mediate appropriation by the federal government to make a complete survey of proposed flood control projects, so that definite data will be available.

Other resolutions asked completion of the Mud dam project and the Stillaguamish river project, for which the local communities have raised their share of funds toward the cost. Another commended U. S. army engineers, congressmen and senators, state and federal officers for their work in behalf of flood control. It urged them to continue their campaign.

J. B. Fink, state director of conservation and development, said the only solution of the financial problem of flood control was through local improvement districts. All other speakers urged state-wide taxation, after which Fink said he was not opposed to this policy, although he saw no way of eliminating the local districts from any flood control setup.

Col. Howard A. Hanson of Seattle was reelected president of the council and Terry McGovern, Seattle, was reelected secretary-treasurer.

Tacoma was selected for next year's convention.

Vice-presidents from each county represented were elected as follows:

J. A. Fallgreen, King; A. Frank Walsh, Pierce; R. V. Welts, Skagit; Frank McGuire, Snohomish; Frank Cramer, Whatcom.

Executive board members will be: W. S. Gainer, King; A. E. Bartel, Pierce; A. G. Mosier, Skagit; Charles Denny, Snohomish; John J. Hubbell, Whatcom.

House Committee O.K.'s 31 Millions For Rivers, Harbors

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(U.P.)—The house rivers and harbors committee today reported favorably, by a unanimous vote, a \$31,720,000 omnibus bill authorizing construction of 119 rivers and harbors projects.

The approved revised list of projects in the omnibus rivers and harbors bill, which may be brought to the floor of the house next Wednesday includes:

Washington: Columbia river between the mouth of the Willamette and Vancouver, \$22,000; Columbia and lower Willamette rivers, below Vancouver, and Portland, Ore., \$8,700; Elokomin slough, \$16,000; Columbia river between Vancouver and Bonneville, Ore., \$2,380,000; Bellingham harbor (annual maintenance only), \$2,000; Olympia harbor, \$98,000; Tacoma harbor, \$112,000.

Douglas harbor and Juneau harbor, Alaska, \$232,000; Wake Island, \$1,000,000; Welles harbor, Midway Island, \$1,041,000; Guayanes, harbor, Puerto Rico, \$68,600; St. Thomas harbor, Virgin Islands, \$743,000.