

AVON-PADILLA CHANNEL GETS COMMITTEE O. K.

**FLOOD DIVERSION CHANNEL IS
RECOMMENDED FOR IMMEDIATE
CONSTRUCTION; DRAIN
DISTRICT, SAUK PROJECT
ALSO LISTED**

WASHINGTON, April 12.—(AP)—A long-term \$520,868,000 Pacific northwest development program, calling for investigation or construction of 190 general and local projects, was before President Roosevelt today after being approved by his national resources committee.

Chairman Abel Wolman of the water resources committee, explaining listing of purely local projects does not mean federal funds should be used for their construction, said the listing means the project fits in with an integrated basin program.

Of the 190 projects in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, 113 projects, costing \$189,984,000 to construct or complete, were listed for immediate construction.

Among these projects in Washington state were the Grand Coulee dam, proposing \$40,000,000 for the next two years and \$84,250,000 more to complete the project; the Roza project in the Yakima valley, \$11,500,000 to complete; expenditure of an additional \$5,650,000 to complete the \$45,065,000 Bonneville dam on the Columbia river; a \$5,521,000 levee improvement on the Columbia; the proposed \$4,798,000 cutoff in the Skagit river; a \$3,205,000 reservoir on White River near Mud mountain; a \$3,155,000 jetty construction program on Grays Harbor; a \$1,555,000 Puyallup river channel improvement program; Spokane's proposed \$909,000 sewer and sewage disposal project.

Fifty projects, costing \$219,374,000 and recommended for deferred construction, included dredging the Columbia river from Vancouver to the Bonneville dam at a cost of \$2,380,000; \$1,000,000 to start the irrigation works of Grand Coulee.

Among 22 projects, costing \$111,510,000 and listed after the deferred group, were the \$25,532,000 Ruby dam project on the Skagit river; the \$14,612,000 Sauk river project; \$2,620,000 for a soil demonstration project in the three states; a \$1,794,000 flood control project on Mill creek, near Walla Walla.

The committee urged immediate construction of the Grand Coulee high dam, and told President Roosevelt the upper Columbia basin's irrigation and power resources should be developed concurrently.

Among local projects recommended for deferred construction were Vancouver turning basin, \$22,000; Ellensburg sewage treatment plant, \$80,000; Toppenish sewage treatment plant, \$30,000; Prosser sewage plant, \$20,000; Pasco water purification plant, \$40,000; Kennewick water purification plant, \$30,000; Willapa valley, Stringer Creek diversion dam, \$59,000; Centralia water system pumping equipment, \$176,000; Skagit county drainage district 17, flood control, \$107,000; Sauk river channel, revetments, \$53,000; Black river channel improvement, \$23,000.

On the list for immediate investigation or construction were the following projects; Wapato irrigation project, \$350,000; classification of irrigable lands in the Columbia basin, \$500,000; Inchelium, Twin Lake diversion dam, \$35,000; Owhi, lake irrigation diversion project, \$24,000; Wapato, sewage treatment plant, \$22,000; Whitestone, water system repairs, \$37,000; Twisp, water system, \$36,000; Toppenish, drainage improvements, \$87,000; Port Gamble, bay entrance dredging, \$20,000; Tacoma sewer project, \$631,000; Seattle sewer project, \$500,000; Bremerton sewer system extension, \$174,000; Olympia harbor channel widening, \$98,000.