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**Opponents Pouring Cold Water On Columbia Valley Authority Plan**

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WASHINGTON.—Fancy shenanigans are going on around here in connection with the Columbia Valley Authority plan.

President Truman first tried to get Senate and House to hold joint hearings on his pet bill to set up a CVA. He called Sen. Dennis Chavez of New Mexico and Congressman William M. Whittington of Mississippi to the White House to talk about it. They are chairmen of Senate and House Public Works Committees.

Whittington blocked joint hearings. He said his committee had so many other things to do it couldn't possibly get around to CVA before mid-June. Truth of the matter is that his committee is believed to be divided 14 to 13 in favor of CVA, though Whittington himself is against it. On the side, Whittington is vice president of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. This is the semi-official kingfish in the powerful water lobby, which is opposed to all valley authority plans.

So it was left for Senator Chavez's committee to hold hearings first and alone. As near as can be figured out this Senate Public Works committee has only two Democrats in favor of CVA—Chavez and Senator Sparkman of Alabama, a strong TVA man. The other six Democrats and all five Republicans—headed by Sen. Harry Cain of Washington—are against CVA. So it has no more chance than any snowball in June on Capitol Hill. Nevertheless, the committee will go through the motions of holding CVA hearings.

**Bulldozer Technique**  
President Truman's bill will be presented first. The hearings will then recess the week of June 6. That will give anti-CVA forces a week in which to prepare to give it the business during the week of June 13.

In the meantime, Chairman Whittington of the House Public Works Committee has made a fast play of his own. On short notice, his committee held one-day hearings on what is known as the Army Corps of Engineers-Bureau of Reclamation-Weaver-Newell plan for Columbia River development.

The record of the day's hearings reveals a good bulldozer technique. Nobody appeared who was opposed to the Weaver-Newell plan. E. W. Rising, registered lobbyist for the National Water Conservation Conference, seemed to be in charge. This NWCC has for its Columbia Valley affiliate an outfit known as Pacific Northwest Development Association. A recent audit of its books showed substantial contributions for the years 1945-46-47 from Idaho Power Co., Washington Water Power Co., Pacific Power and Light, Portland General Electric and Northwest General Electric Co.

**May Be Headed Off**  
What this reveals is a private-utility-backed lobby opposing development of the Columbia Valley Authority plan. They all have a perfect right to do this, if that's the way they feel about it. But it's just as well to understand all the gimmicks, right out in the open. Republican Governor Douglas

**DND DIAL-LOG**

"Hopalong Cassidy," as portrayed by Bill Boyd, will begin a new broadcast series on the Don Lee Network on Thursday, June 23, in the 8 to 8:30 p. m. time period. The Western adventure programs will be sponsored by Dr. Ross Dog Food for a period of 52 weeks. Currently rated as the top TV offering in the Los Angeles area, "Hopalong Cassidy" brings all the thrills and excitement of the Old West to the radio series. The broadcasts were produced by Commodore Productions; Walter White Jr. directing. So make a mental note of this new adventure show coming up: "Hopalong Cassidy," beginning Thursday, June 23, 8 to 8:30 p. m.

Here's repeat on this week's program changes: "Wally's Coffee Time" will be heard 8 to 8:15 a. m. hereafter; "Modern Home" comes to you 8:30 to 8:45 a. m. each day; "Book of Bargains" is now being aired 9 to 9:15 a. m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday; "Melody Matinee" is scheduled 10:15 to 10:30 a. m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; and "Say It With Music" will be heard 10:30 to 10:45 a. m. Monday through Friday.

Tonight's listening should include "Jovin Jamboree" at 8:30, "Slim Bryant and His Wildcats" at 9:15, and "John Steele, Adventurer," at 10. Tomorrow night at 7:15, "The Sammy Kaye Showroom" will feature as its musical selections "I've Got a Gal in Galveston," "Moonlight Bay," "Say It Isn't So," "I'm in Love With a Wonderful Guy" and "Bali Ha' I" . . . wonderful selection of musical favorites. At 7:30 tomorrow night, a man whose insatiable greed for land and power cause him to stop at nothing to increase his holdings . . . and he's the cause of his brother's murder. This situation backgrounds the latest "Cisco Kid" adventure entitled "The Cisco Kid and Ned Dodson's Niece."

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- 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
  - 4:15—Frank Hemingway.
  - 4:20—Passing Parade.
  - 5:00—Straight Arrow.
  - 5:30—Captain Midnight.
  - 5:45—Tom Mix.
  - 6:00—Gabriel Heatter.
  - 6:15—Mutual Newsreel.
  - 6:20—Sports Page.
  - 6:25—Music.
  - 6:30—Local News.
  - 6:45—Three-Quarter Time.
  - 6:55—Bill Henry.
  - 7:00—News.
  - 7:15—Music You Remember.
  - 7:30—Favorite Story.
  - 8:00—Bob Pooie.
  - 8:30—Jovin Jamboree.
  - 9:00—News.
  - 9:15—Slim Bryant.
  - 9:30—Music.
  - 9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
  - 10:00—John Steele, Adventurer.
  - 10:30—Rhythm Rendezvous.
  - 11:00—Dance Orchestra.
  - 11:30—Sign Off.

- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1949**
- 6:00—Sunrise Serenade.
  - 6:15—Music.
  - 6:20—Music.
  - 6:30—Tom Baker.
  - 6:45—Music.
  - 7:00—News.
  - 7:15—Breakfast Gang.
  - 7:30—Music.
  - 7:45—Local News.
  - 7:50—Music.
  - 8:00—Wally's Coffee Time.
  - 8:15—Victor Lindlahr.
  - 8:30—Modern Home.
  - 8:45—Home Demonstration Agent.
  - 9:00—Book of Bargains.
  - 9:15—Music.
  - 9:30—Man About Town.
  - 9:40—Music.
  - 9:50—Shopper's Guide.
  - 10:00—News.
  - 10:15—Gospel Singers.
  - 10:30—Say It With Music.
  - 10:45—Easy Act.
  - 11:00—Ladies First.
  - 11:20—Queen for a Day.
  - 11:30—Music at Noon.
  - 12—Sports Page.
  - 1—Local News.
  - 2—National News.
  - 3—Market Reports.
  - 4—Man on the Street.
  - 5—Party Line.
  - 6—Against the Storm.
  - 7—It's Requested.
  - 8—Johnson Family.
  - 9:15—Music.
  - 9:30—Show Time.
  - 9:45—Local Lions Show.
  - 10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
  - 10:15—Frank Hemingway.
  - 10:30—Passing Parade.
  - 10:45—Music.
  - 11:00—Religious Request Program.
  - 11:15—Music.
  - 11:30—Captain Midnight.
  - 11:45—Tom Mix.
  - 12:00—Music.
  - 12:15—Mutual Newsreel.
  - 12:30—Sports Page.
  - 12:35—Music.
  - 12:40—Local News.
  - 12:45—Three-Quarter Time.
  - 12:55—Bill Henry.
  - 1:00—Home, Sweet Home.
  - 1:15—Sammy Kaye Showroom.
  - 1:30—The Cisco Kid.

McKay of Oregon and Arthur B. Langley of Washington testified in favor of the Army Engineers plan, though Governor Langley said he hadn't time to study it in detail.

It doesn't take a super-intellect to figure out the reason for this intentional bypass of the President's CVA program. The House Public Works Committee now has under consideration legislation authorizing flood control and rivers and harbors projects for 1950-51. This is the regular biennial pork barrel authorization that congressmen love so dearly.

If Congress can be persuaded to put through these authorizations for Army Engineers' recommended programs, this will in a way tend to head off any legislation for a Columbia Valley Authority.

Just to show you how smart all these people are, after the hearings were over the principal witnesses went to the White House and had themselves photographed with the President. That was a little like rubbing Mr. Truman's nose in it, and making him like it.

**Editor Palmer Hoyt Faces Divorce Action**

DENVER, June 7.—(AP)—Mrs. Cecil D. Hoyt filed suit Monday for a divorce from Palmer Hoyt, editor and publisher of the Denver Post.

The complaint, lodged in district court, alleged incompatibility and asks for a decree on division of property and alimony.

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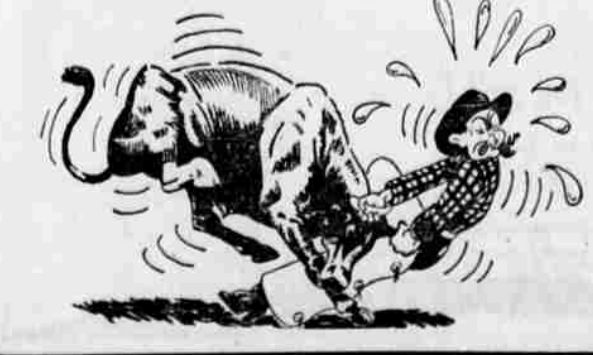
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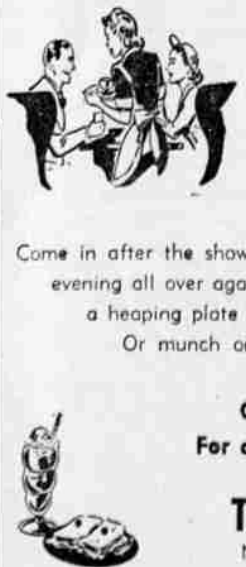
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