



STRICKEN BY GAS IN SWIMMING POOL—Norma MacDonald, 10, gasps for air as ambulance attendants comfort her while an inhalator squad rushed to the rescue of her and more than 100 other bathers who were overcome when a clogged chlorine gas line used for purifying the water in an outdoor pool in Los Angeles suddenly gushed more gas than the water could absorb, filling the air with noxious fumes. Twenty-four were taken to hospitals, 10 in serious condition. (AP Wirephoto)

Marketing Of Public Power Restricted By Huge Joker In Senate Committee Proposal

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WASHINGTON.—A huge joker has been found in Senate Appropriations committee recommendations against the building of government transmission lines from Bureau of Reclamation power dams. It relates to proposed orders that the Department of Interior make contracts with Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and Idaho Power Co., similar to a contract now in force between the government's Southwestern Power administration and the Texas Power and Light Co.

The catch in this attempted committee mandate is that the Texas Power and Light contract was a special agreement made to

fit peculiar circumstances not found in the California and Idaho areas. Forcing a Texas Power

and Light-type contract on other power projects would in effect restrict the government to developing only secondary power to supplement primary power developed by the private companies. The Texas contract was drawn up to handle only the public power developed at Dennison dam. This is a flood control dam built by the Army engineers on the Red river which forms the boundary between southern Oklahoma and Texas. Not enough water flows through the Red river throughout the year to make possible the delivery of a large load of firm power by Dennison dam generators. But the water held at Dennison dam during heavy rainfall runoff is sufficient to deliver a fair quantity of secondary power for limited periods.

Good Deal For Both Sides

About the best Dennison can do is deliver firm power for eight hours a day, plus limited secondary power. This is hard power to sell. Southwestern Power administration has no other generating capacity in this territory to tie into. But it does have a number of potential preference customers among rural co-operatives in the area. They could not be served, however, because Texas Power and Light controls all the transmission lines.

On the other hand, Texas Power and Light was in the position of needing reserve power for its peak load periods in the afternoon and evening. So here were all the elements for a good trade. Under the law Department of Interior is selling agent for power generated at flood control dams built by Army engineers. So in April, 1937, Southwestern Power Administrator Douglas Wright made a contract for the department with Texas Power and Light.

In brief, Southwestern Power swapped its secondary power for delivery at peak-load periods, in exchange for firm power from Texas Power and Light for delivery to the government's co-op customers. It is a good deal for

Veterans Given VA Advice On Fall Enrollment

Veterans planning to attend school this fall under the G. I. Bill are advised by the Veterans administration to make certain their certificates of eligibility are in order.

If a veteran was attending school last spring or this summer under the G. I. Bill, and intends to continue in the same school and course this fall, his present certificate of eligibility on file with the VA is valid. There is no need for him to contact the VA about a certificate.

If he intends to continue in the same school but in a different course, he should see his school's registrar to learn whether the institution requires a supplemental certificate of eligibility.

A veteran already in school, intending to continue his G. I. Bill education in a different school, should apply as soon as possible for a supplemental certificate of eligibility.

If a veteran is not now in school, and holds an unused certificate of eligibility issued by the VA before Sept. 1, 1948, he should exchange it now for a new type certificate, if he plans to take a course this fall.

The veteran who has no certificate of any kind should apply for one at his nearest VA office, if he intends to enroll in school for the fall term. He will be issued the new type certificate when the VA determines that he meets the necessary eligibility requirements.

Use finely cut scallions or chives to pep up a potato salad. Surround the salad with water-cress and coarsely shredded carrot for a pretty effect, and be sure to dust the top layer of potato with paprika before serving.

both sides. It increased the company's capacity. It marketed the government's power and delivered it to its customers.

The unsuitability of this Texas Power and Light-type contract for other government installations having the capacity to deliver large quantities of firm power is obvious.

Senate Battle Looms

The central valley project in California—with \$400,000,000 expenditures now authorized—will have an annual output of 2,300,000,000 kilowatt hours. Most of this capacity from Shasta dam is now sold to Pacific Gas and Electric Co. because the government has only three short transmission



AN EYE FOR HAPPINESS—Frank Marion (above) of San Jose, Calif., an ex-G. I. with combat experience as a paratrooper in Africa, Sicily and Europe, says he has seen a lot of trouble, but none has bothered him as much as his wife's unhappiness. To give her happiness, perhaps belatedly, Frank, 26, wants to sell one of his eyes to buy a house. His wife, Florence (photo), has filed for a divorce but Frank thinks that the house will help mend his shattered marriage.

Priest Assails Poland's Campaign Against Pope

WARSAW, Poland, Aug. 10.—(AP)—A Roman Catholic priest here Sunday attacked "attempts to discredit the pope and the pope."

The priest was not identified because authorities might regard his sermon as hostile to the government, which on Saturday ordered penalties up to death for violation of a citizen's "freedom of conscience."

Churches all over predominant by Catholic Poland were jammed Sunday for the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Archbishop Stefan Wyszyński, primate of Poland. The priest who came to the defense of the pope and Catholic clergy urged his parishioners to "pray for the pope and the nation."

Speaking of the attacks, he said "we fully realize where such accusations come from and why and who is spreading them."

The new government order was praised in editorials in Polish newspapers.

Among the 17 articles was the following: "He who mistreats the freedom of creed by refusing to let another person participate in religious ceremonies because of political, social or scientific activities or opinions is liable to imprisonment for up to five years." (This article obviously was aimed at the Roman Catholic church and specifically at the recent decree excommunicating militant communists.)

BEES MAKE SWEET MESS

GRIDLEY, Ill.—(AP)—For several years, the T. H. Benedicts knew there were bees in their home near here.

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