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HIGH DAMS FOUGHT

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Renewed pressure by the Portland General Electric company for permission to construct a \$22,000,000 power dam on the Deschutes river is resulting in much editorial comment in Oregon newspapers. Editorial opinion is divided, with lower Columbia river communities opposing the dam, while Central Oregon papers support the project.

Commercial and sports fishing interests are in vigorous opposition, because of the threatened damage to migratory fish runs.

Fish interests have an agreement with federal sponsors that lower Columbia tributary streams are to be left free from dams to provide fish sanctuary. Efforts are being made to build up fish populations in tributaries to offset losses from barrages in the main stem of the river above McNary dam. Current proposals for hydroelectric power would destroy fish propagation values of both the Deschutes and Cowlitz rivers, two of the best fish producing streams of the lower Columbia. These projects are sponsored by private industry rather than the federal government.

The Oregon Fish commission has denied the application for the Pelton dam on the Deschutes river and thus is caught in the middle of the controversy.

Authority Old As State

Some people may wonder where the fish commission gets so much authority that it can block a \$22,000,000 project. The authority, however, is as old as Oregon itself.

When the Oregon Territory was organized by act of Congress in 1848, a provision was included that "the rivers and streams of water in said territory of Oregon in which salmon are found, or to which they resort, shall not be obstructed by dams or otherwise, unless such dams or obstructions are so constructed as to allow salmon to pass freely up and down such rivers and streams."

This provision became a part of the laws of the state when it was admitted to the Union in 1859 and was reenacted by the legislature 11 times between that date and 1921.

In 1921 the legislature amended the act by the following provision:

In the event that any person desires to construct a dam in any of the streams of this state to a height that will make a fish ladder or fishway thereover impracticable, in the opinion of the (Fish) commission, then such person may make an application to the commission for a permit to construct such dam, and the commission is hereby authorized to grant such permit in its discretion, upon the condition that the person so applying for such permit shall convey to the state of Oregon a site of the size and dimensions satisfactory to the commission, at such place as may be selected by the commission, and erect thereon a hatchery and hatchery residence, according to plans and specifications to be furnished by the commission, and enter into an agreement with the commission, secured by a good and sufficient bond, to furnish all water and light without expense, to operate said proposed hatchery; and no permit for the construction of any such dam shall be given by the commission until the person applying for such permit shall have actually conveyed said land to the state and erected said hatchery and hatchery residence in accordance with said plans and specifications.

Propagation Expensive

The PGE company has offered a hatchery site on the Deschutes, together with a proposal to contribute \$100,000 annually toward the expense of hatchery operation. The Fish commission declares that the cost of maintaining the proposed hatchery would amount to \$295,000 per year. Thus Oregon taxpayers would be called upon to contribute \$195,000 annually to permit the PGE to operate its hydroelectric plant.

The proposed dam would shut off to migratory fish such exceptional spawning waters as the Metolius river, Crooked river, Upper Deschutes, Squaw creek, and others. No amount of money could build a substitute for this hatchery, built and maintained without cost by Mother Nature.

We find among editors the mistaken idea that the whole matter of fish propagation can be handled by hatcheries. Actually, there is a serious question in the minds of scientists whether hatcheries are of as much value as the public has been led to believe. The best authorities agree that hatcheries can do nothing more than supplement natural propagation. More and more our commissions are working on stream improvement and natural propagation of fish life.

We can't have high dams choking off spawning waters and still preserve migratory fish runs. If we are willing to trade our salmon and steelhead for spiny ray and land locked species, we can tolerate dams. Otherwise we must keep some streams clear.

Scrap from the MENDING BASKET
 By Vivianett Martin

It is a continual wonder to me as I read a book about the wilderness, such as Driftwood Valley (Atlantic Press) or, just now True North by Elliott Merrick (Scribner's, 1943) however people can live outdoors, much less enjoy the living, in a temperature of anywhere from 45 degrees to 70 degrees below zero! Yet they do! People who like canoes will especially enjoy True North. "A toboggan sled is a bit of pure art, very much like a canoe, useful, strong, graceful, Indians invented both, and white men have never discovered anything to equal either for traveling overland in this country. (Labrador). Strength grows with the use of either. . . Elliott Merrick hauled his sled 300 miles! He should know. His record is "True North."

"With a canoe one can transport a 900-pound load. It will stand rough water that would fill a heavy flat-bottomed rowboat. It will stand battering on rocks that would smash a rigid craft. If a hatch is cut, it can be quickly patched with bark or gun light, it can go in three inches of water, and it moves against a current much easier than a boat. It makes a shelter for a hunter without a tent. Unlike a rowboat, a hunter can propel it without a sound. In a fair wind he can sail. Its simple beauty is unsurpassed by anything that man ever made. You can carry it across miles of land and launch it, and it will carry you. . . Elliott Merrick was accompanied by his wife, Kay, on the 300-mile trip.

Their guide into the wilderness was a trapper, hauling his own sled, for dogs on the winter hunt were out of the question. Kay had vowed to ask no help. "To go till she dropped, and now she was dropping and still going on. An inland water can support sagging legs a long time an dstr others' hearts

"Sit Tight---I'll See What I Can Do"



In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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war. Since February, the number of troops has been growing daily, and they train daily within the city.

"They don't seem to have much heavy equipment, but they all have rifles, all are well-clothed, and morale seems high."

He goes on: "At least several hundred Russians are in Canton. Most of them are air force officers. They don't wear uniforms, but they are no longer quiet about what they are doing."

"The Russians mix freely with the Chinese, and live with them. I never saw any signs of friction."

Then he adds: "Despite the constant fear of a LOW 25 FAVOR THE COMMUNIST REGIME. Older Chinese live in dread of arrest and execution, but even some of them are torn between personal fear and pride in their country. The people all think the Chinese are winning in Korea, because officials release either good news or none at all."

He concludes: "Who is right? I don't know. And I'm so far gone in cynical lack of faith in everybody in authority that I no longer believe anybody. Wouldn't it be wonderful if there was somebody we could BELIEVE?"

All-Out Action, Not Air Force Alone, Required To Protect United States

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

Despite the many sobering statements uttered by our best qualified and most responsible military men, the notion persists among our Capitol Hill generals that air power is a magic force which alone is enough to protect us.

Our world today is confused and tangled. You can't blame men for searching for neatly packaged solutions. The panacea, the convenient formula—these exert a powerful appeal.

But the problem of defending the United States in a world beset by hostile communism just can't be dealt with by waving a wand in the direction of the air force. There is no simple, painless, comfortable and inexpensive way to give this nation an adequate defense.

Every general who knows his business has told us that war is a team action, calling for ground, sea and air forces in combination. The biggest air force in the world could not guarantee America's safety if we had no navy and no army.

For, unless such a force was to be purely defensive, it could not operate without advance overseas bases from which to strike at the enemy. No top military man anywhere will argue that even a defensive air force could afford to be without an outer fringe of screening bases beyond mainland United States.

But if overseas bases are to be supplied and held, a navy is needed to protect the supply lines and an army to secure the ground installations. The air force itself cannot perform these tasks except on a limited and very costly scale. Any lawmaker who thinks otherwise should inquire into the huge cost of the Pacific airlift, a purely supplementary supply service in the Korean war.

Since none of our top-rank military men thinks in strictly defensive terms, we need countless bases in many parts of the world to give our striking arm, the strategic air command, the advance jumping-off areas essential to offensive action.

Only a fair share of those bases are on islands or other territory under the control of this country. The remainder would have to be located on foreign soil. That's why both our military and our political leaders stress the necessity of tight alliances with the friendly nations of Europe and the Middle East, particularly, for Russia is the only conceivable major enemy the U. S. might fight, and we could not hope to deal effectively air blows against the Soviet

Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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SAN ANTONIO, Texas. — Senator Tom Connally, of Texas, announced in Washington recently that he is going to run for renomination in 1952. He had better put on his track shoes.

Down here, in the heartland of this great state, there is probably a political acuity that exists nowhere else in the U. S. A. There could be a lot of reasons why this is so, such as the fact that so many Texan sons are fighting in Korea, or that oil is a prime mover of U.S. industry.

The major reason Texans are aroused politically, however, I've learned since arriving here, is that they can't understand their senior senator anymore. And when a Texan can't understand something or somebody he drops what he is doing and concentrates on finding out why.

Politics in Texas is lusty stuff. Connally knows this and has pitched his previous campaigns on a tough, sarcastic level. Texas politicians grew up admiring Connally's independence and courage.

In Washington, Connally used to invite Texas visitors who had strayed from the range, in for one of his famous Texas breakfasts. Then, the same qualities of independence and political courage were evident in Washington that he displayed in Texas. Along with huge quantities of Texas pancakes, Connally served up witty comments of Washington political crises and indicated that as a favor he played ball with them only after he had the affairs of Texas ahead of the game.

Almost everybody you talk to in Texas today asks: "What has happened to Connally?" Nobody seems able exactly to put a finger on when they started wondering what was wrong politically with their senior senator. They're just sure at him and are trying to figure out why.

Texans, of course, can't stand stupidity. Politics, business and fun in Texas are conducted at a fast, smart clip and unless you've got the brains to stand the gaff you won't be on the team very long.

In San Antonio you hear a lot of things about the Truman administration, but the word that is used to describe it most often is "stupid." They think getting into the mess in Korea is stupid; that the White House gang displays consistent stupidity; that stupid policies have split the country, confused Americans and harmed our security. And Texans are sure that this country can't be run on a basic philosophy of fear.

Hardly anybody in San Antonio—nobody that I ran into—is afraid of the Russians. Every time somebody in Washington reminds the nation that we had better be afraid of the Kremlin, Texans give forth with a resounding raspberry. In fact, they are so pleased that Lieut. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer stepped up and advised us to call the Kremlin bluff they are thinking of adopting him as a native son.

Connally, of course, is being blamed for the condition of our foreign policy, since he has long sounded off on what we should or should not do. Most of the time he supported President Truman and Secretary of State Dean Acheson, and that could well have been his fatal mistake. When you talk to his friends they ask what else could he have done? The answer from his growing legion of critics, is that any number of Democratic senators have had the courage to balk at some of the administration's crack-pot schemes.

Connally will not take a licking lying down. Texans admit this and those opposed to him are looking around for a candidate who is just as tough and smart as the Connally of 15 years ago. They think they've found one in Gov. Alan Shivers, who stands up on his hind legs daily and belts the dizzy doings in Washington.

Shivers hasn't said yes, so far as anybody knows, but if he does agree to get into the fight against Connally Texans are assured of a sizzling sideshow to the presidential campaign of 1952.

You'll hear a lot of talk about Shivers being the candidate of wealth, and there is a lot of that in Texas. However, you hear a lot of questions being asked about Connally in filling stations, hotel elevators and in the chili shops. Oilmen are not the only ones in Texas by a long shot who are wondering whether Connally should be sent back to Washington for another six-year term.

Maxwell Resigns Post In Price Stabilization

SEATTLE — (AP) — Carl Maxwell said Saturday he has resigned as head of the meat-price division of the Pacific Northwest office of price stabilization. But he refused to comment on reports he had quit in protest of the present program to control beef prices.

Dr. Joseph K. Hall, regional price executive, said he understood Maxwell was "completely sympathetic" to the meat-control program. Hall attributed the resignation to the fact that Maxwell wanted to stop commuting between his home in Tacoma and the O.P.S. office here.

Those who attend this convention represent the upper third in production of new business during the qualifying period. About 225 salesmen, wives and home office officials are attending the four-day meeting.

Lincoln, a member of the Quarter Million Dollar Round Table, sold over \$400,000 worth of life insurance in 1950. He has been associated with the Business Men's Assurance company since January 1948.

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