

HOPE IT DOESN'T RAIN—A life-sized home, built entirely of cardboard, was the main feature of the Packing, Conditioning and Presentation Exhibition in Paris, France. Now the builders are wondering how to make the house stand up during a heavy rain.

Competency Of Washington State's Power Adviser In Power Hearing Questioned

By JOHN KAMPS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Whether Washington State's testimony will be thrown out of the Hells Canyon case will be decided when the Power Commission hearing resumes Jan. 5.

A public power attorney asked Examiner William J. Costello to strike the state's testimony and exhibits shortly before the hearing was recessed Thursday for the holidays.

The motion was made by Mrs. Evelyn Cooper, attorney for groups favoring construction of the proposed federal Hells Canyon Dam near one of the sites sought by Idaho Power Co. for three power projects in the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon. The hearing is on those applications.

Washington State's case, in opposition to the federal project, was presented by Holland Houston, power adviser to Gov. Arthur B. Langlie.

Mrs. Cooper asserted Houston did not qualify as an expert witness and said his testimony was incompetent and failed to support Washington's petition to intervene in the case.

She declared Houston "has had little or no working experience with comprehensive river development" and claimed he did not make studies necessary for authoritative evaluation of multi-purpose project benefits.

She told Costello that Houston's "opinions and views are limited almost exclusively to power development" and that his "experience and views rest on his discussions with innumerable persons at innumerable conferences."

Houston's testimony, she said, was a "conglomeration largely supported only by opinion and hearsay evidence" which would only "burden and encumber the record."

Mrs. Cooper said Houston failed to support the intervention petition's statements relating to growing power requirements and the need for flood control in the Columbia River Basin.

Costello said other lawyers in the case could reply to the motion by mail before Jan. 5 when he said he would rule on it.

Two attorneys indicated they would oppose the motion. They were Bernard Lunclot, Washington's chief deputy attorney general who is handling the state's case, and R. P. Parry of Idaho Power Co.



AUTO DERAILS STREAMLINER—Bystanders examine wreckage of auto which collided with the crack Texas Special streamliner at a grade crossing near Royse City, Tex., killing all six occupants of the car. Eight of the train's 14 cars were derailed, but no one on it was seriously injured.

Warm Springs Indians Get Heap Big Wampum
PENDLETON (AP) — Everybody, young and old, on the Warm Springs Indian reservation had a fair amount of the white man's wampum Thursday. The occasion was annual distribution of revenue derived from sale of Ponderosa pine on the reservation. Timber sales during the calendar year netted \$399,000, slightly more than the preceding year. Every enrollee on the reservation—an estimated 1,000—was to receive approximately \$350.

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Huge New Bridge Across Columbia Is Dedicated

THE DALLES (AP) — A new 4 million dollar bridge across the Columbia River, linking Oregon and Washington, was dedicated here Friday, and a few hours later the first concrete was poured for the 350 million dollar The Dalles Dam.

Gov. Paul Patterson of Oregon, speaking at the dedication, commended the people of Wasco County, which built the bridge, and said it marks a "further opportunity for pleasant and friendly relations between the people of Oregon and Washington."

He noted the two-lane bridge, which replaces The Dalles ferry, links the Evergreen Highway of Washington with Central Oregon and Northern California by way of The Dalles-California Highway.

Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington spoke at the concrete pouring ceremony on the Washington side of the river. The initial pour was part of the dam's spillway section.

Ralph A. Tudor, interior undersecretary, also was on hand. His Tudor Engineering Co., San Francisco, designed the bridge, which is 2 miles long and is the fifth across the Columbia, linking the two states.

A span started earlier was abandoned when it was found to interfere with construction of the dam and the present site was chosen.

Jonathan Wainwright's Sister Dies Thursday

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Mrs. Jane Pound Wainwright Mears, sister of the late Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright and widow of a noted Army and railroad engineer, Col. Frederick Mears, died Thursday night.

Mrs. Mears, 73, was stricken with a heart attack and died at St. John's Hospital. She had been in failing health since the death last Sept. 2 of Gen. Wainwright, with whom she had an exceptionally close brother-sister relationship.

Mrs. Mears, born in Walla Walla, Wash., formerly lived in Seattle and Washington, D. C., during Col. Mears' Army and railroad career. He was an Army railroad builder in the Philippines and Panama and built the Seward-Fairbanks railroad in Alaska. He retired in 1923, then served with the Great Northern Railroad and was its chief engineer when he died in 1939.

Farmers May Exchange Inadequate Land Plots

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Interior McKay said Thursday that farmers on federal irrigation projects whose farms are too small to support a family may now be able to enlarge or exchange the units if they desire.

Reclamation Commissioner W. A. Drexler said in a statement that settlers on federal projects who consider their farms too small should contact reclamation officials in charge of the project on which their farm units are located.

He said the new or enlarged unit may not exceed 320 acres, of which not more than 160 acres may be irrigated.

Spellman, Loaded With Gifts, Flies To Korea

NEW YORK (AP) — Francis Cardinal Spellman, loaded with gifts, left by plane Friday to spend Christmas with American forces in Korea for the fourth time.

"It's a place I would rather be than any other place in the world at Christmas," the Catholic prelate commented as he boarded a Northwest Airliner for Seattle and Anchorage, Alaska.

He will spend two days in Alaska, visiting Army and Air Force men.

Testimony Favors Upping Salaries Of Congressmen

WASHINGTON (AP) — A special commission charged with weighing the adequacy of congressional and U.S. judicial pay scales has heard a preponderance of testimony favoring at least a \$10,000 raise.

In three days of public hearings which ended Thursday, the commission heard more than 50 witnesses. Only three of them, all House members, went on record against raising congressional salaries.

The overwhelming sentiment voiced at the hearings was for immediate action by Congress. Typical was the statement of one of the final witnesses, Chief Judge Bolitha J. Laws of the U.S. District Court here, that:

"The situation of judges, and of course the Congress, is most serious."

Judge Laws said when he went on the bench in 1938, he gave up two club memberships, discharged the maid and took on teaching duties. Even so, he said, he has spent over \$40,000 in previous savings.

The commission, composed of representatives of government, industry, labor, agriculture and the professions, now has the task of sifting through the voluminous testimony studying an interim report by its staff, and returning here in several weeks to write final recommendations.

GETS DIVORCE, TOOLS

SEATTLE (AP) — Mrs. Leida E. Arnone asked for two things in Superior Court here — a divorce from Ernest N. Arnone and the family carpenter tools.

"What do you want with the tools?" Judge Frank D. James asked.

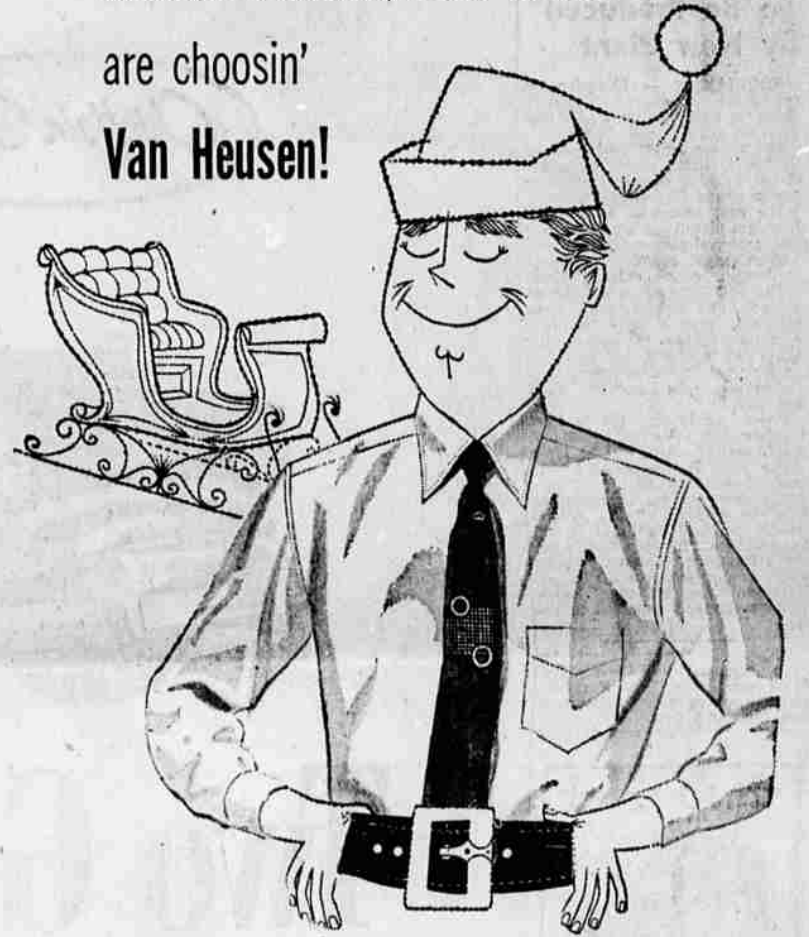
"To finish our house which I am building," Mrs. Arnone replied. She got both tools and divorce.

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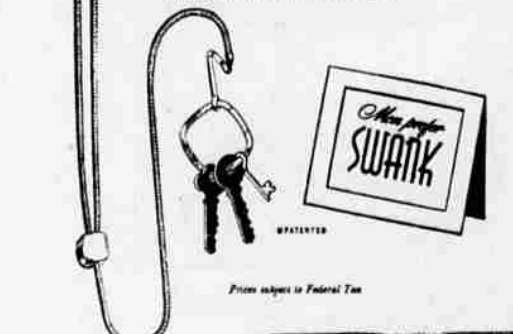
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