

Political Skirmishes Loom With McKay's Appointment

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Eisenhower's appointment of Douglas McKay to the international Joint Commission promises a return of the political and oratorical skirmishes that were so common between McKay and the Northwest Democrats in Congress during Eisenhower's first term when McKay was in the cabinet.

During the year McKay has been absent from Washington, his successor, Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton, managed to pour enough oil on the troubled waters of power and resource development policy to make for much smoother sailing for the Eisenhower administration.

The old cry of "giveaway" so often used by the Democrats to attack McKay and his policies had all but died out in connection with Seaton's administration of essentially the same controversial policies.

McKay, as chairman of the U. S. section of the IJC, will offer the Democrats a well-known target for a resumption of attacks on the "partnership" power policy of administration. The IJC deals with Canada on all water problems involving both countries, and the main disputes of recent years have pertained to power projects such as Libby dam.

But it is unlikely that McKay will be directly involved in the most critical negotiations with Canada looking toward a settlement of differences which have arisen over power development of the Columbia river. For Eisenhower and the Canadian government agreed to take this out of the hands of the IJC and turn it over to the diplomats of the two countries.

Principals Locked
This came about because Len Jordan, who is stepping out as the U.S. chairman of the IJC, and Gen. A.G.L. McNaughton, Canada's top man on the IJC, became locked with no prospect of compromise on how the two countries can best share the benefits of the Columbia.

If the United States doesn't give Canada some concessions in terms of power for the upstream water storage that can be accomplished at such sites as Mica Creek in British Columbia, McNaughton wants Canada to divert part of the river away from the North.

McNaughton is now finishing a detailed engineering survey of the feasibility of his Columbia diversion scheme. An engineer and a war hero (he was sort of the Canadian MacArthur), McNaughton is a tough adversary.

May Run In Idaho
There is no sign now that McKay is to take over Jordan's seat, that the replacement is anything more than what it appears—that Jordan did resign because something else became more attractive to him. There are reports Jordan plans to re-enter Idaho politics and run for governor next year.

McKay and Jordan are similar in their views on power policy, both having been strong adherents of the "partnership" policy invoked during McKay's tenure as Interior secretary. Indeed, McKay made a personal trip to the annual conference of governors, according to a report, to persuade Jordan to take the IJC job when his gubernatorial job at Boise expired in 1954. Ironically, it is now McKay who succeeds him in the \$20,000-a-year job.

Nor is there any indication that Eisenhower plans to give to McKay the authority to negotiate which was taken away from Jordan. His new job, therefore, will involve two semi-annual meetings, one in Ottawa in the autumn, one in Washington in the spring, and periodic field inspection trips in between to view current joint undertakings like the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Neuberger Asks For Confirmation Of Appointments
WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) Monday introduced a bill to require Senate confirmation of presidential appointees to the International Joint Commission, the agency dealing with U.S.-Canadian waterway problems.

Neuberger said his proposal is a direct aftermath of the naming of former Interior Secretary Douglas McKay to chairmanship of the commission by President Eisenhower last week.

'Hard To Imagine'
"Considering that the most important and difficult issue before the International Joint Commission is the development of the Columbia River Basin," Neuberger told the Senate, "it is hard to imagine a more inappropriate federal assignment to give Mr. McKay."

"I think it is safe to say that everyone familiar with the current problems of the commission has been amazed by Mr. McKay's appointment."

Neuberger said the selection is "incredible" because of McKay's administration of the Interior Department "in which terrible damage was done to the power development in the Columbia River."

'Suspicion' Becomes 'Certainty'
Development of the Columbia's water storage capacity and power potential, the senator said, "has been stalled during the entire term of the present administration. ... I think we may be justified in the suspicion that the administration just is not trying. And the McKay appointment to the International Joint Commission goes far toward turning such suspicion into certainty."

The Oregon Democrat urged early resumption of Senate committee hearings on the status of negotiations between the United States and Canada for use of Columbia River waters.

LAW HELPS
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Community News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hamilton of this city left Monday for Eugene and Salem to attend to business, after which they plan to spend a few days at the coast prior to returning here.

Members of St. Joseph's Altar Society are invited to attend the annual picnic to be held at the Batton home in Riversdale Wednesday at a 6:30 potluck affair. Those attending are asked to bring their table service. The swimming pool at the Batton home will be available to those desiring to swim during the evening.

Jim Smith, who is here visiting from Whittier, Calif., is spending several days in Corvallis this week visiting his son, Bob Smith and family.

Duane Brady of Powers spent the weekend here visiting at the A. J. Ellison home. He and Miss Donna Ellison will be married here Aug. 24. Mr. and Mrs. Ellison and Donna and their son, Robert, just returned here this weekend from a week in San Francisco, where Mr. Ellison, who is district deputy of Elks, attended the National Elks convention.

Lloyd Stutsman, advertising manager of the News-Review, has returned here, following several days in Portland attending to business.

Mrs. Paulus McKee and daughter, Carol, and son, Dickie, have returned to their home here, following a stay in Portland to be near Mr. McKee, who is a patient at Providence Hospital. Mr. McKee is reported to be improving in health. His mother, Mrs. Florence McKee, of Eugene was also in Portland and returned to her home Sunday.

Mark Preston and Ralph Preston and son, Ronnie, of this city spent the weekend at the coast.

Lloyd Iverson of Tacoma, Wash., spent Wednesday in Roseburg visiting his daughter, Sheila, who is visiting here from Tillamook with her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Ernest Butler have returned to their home in the Kohlhagen apartments, following a trip to the Catholic Retreat at Mount Angel Abbey at St. Benedict, Ore., which was held July 18-19-20.

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Eugene McElroy has resigned his position with the Hansen Motor Company in Roseburg and has accepted employment with a large building supply firm in Arcata, Calif. He left Sunday for Arcata to begin his new work Monday morning. His wife and their two sons and daughter, Collette, David and Linda, will join him there before school opens this fall.

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