

CVA Not Necessary Says General Pick

WASHINGTON—(P)—The chief of army engineers said today he does not see how creation of a Columbia Valley Authority would speed construction of projects proposed for the area by his organization.

Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Pick was asked at a senate public works committee hearing by Senator McClellan (D-Ark) how enactment of the administration's bill for a Columbia Valley administration would implement construction of projects in the army engineers' comprehensive plan for development of the basin.

"I don't see any advantage in an authority out there," the general replied.

But the officer testified that he believed that the work will go ahead without delay if an authority is created.

"I don't see why the work could not be carried on just the same," he said.

And, later, under questioning, General Pick said, "As chief of engineers I feel obligated to support the president's program."

The committee heard Pick and Senator Magnuson (D-Wash) at its first hearing on the CVA proposal introduced by Magnuson and Senator Cain (R-Wash).

Chairman Chavez (D-NM) asserted the committee intends to go into all phases of the Columbia basin development and will hold sessions in the basin to give local people an opportunity to testify.

Magnuson urged approval of the bill, backed by President Truman, saying it would coordinate the work now being done by the engineers and the reclamation bureau in the basin, prevent conflict between the two agencies and make for better management and economy.

As General Pick described the engineers' plans for developing the basin, sharp questions were asked by the committee members.

Senator McClellan challenged the report of the Hoover commission that there is conflict between the engineers and Bureau of Reclamation over construction various projects.

He asked Pick about it and the general replied he knew of no such situation.

General Pick also denied one of the charges in the task force report that the engineers and bureau

When Bridges Took Oath



HARRY BRIDGES, west coast CIO longshore head, indicted in San Francisco by a federal grand jury on charges of perjury and conspiracy to obstruct and defeat naturalization laws, is shown as he took his preliminary citizenship oath in August, 1945. Two other union officials, J. R. Robertson, and Henry Schmidt, Richard Gladstein, Bridges' counsel and defense attorney at the New York Communists' trial; Bridges, Robertson, H. J. Gudley, and W. R. Castagnetto, then head of the U. S. naturalization service in San Francisco. (AP Wirephoto)

Human Conveyor Belt



Working furiously to stop a new leak in levee on Trinity river near Fort Worth, Tex., a line of men hand sand bags to one another. New break is from week-old flood. Heavy rains brought the river back up. (AP Wirephoto)

Robert Ripley Dies Friday of Heart Attack

NEW YORK, May 27 (P)—Robert L. Ripley, 55, who gave the title "believe it or not" to a one-shot sports cartoon and saw it grow into one of the world's most popular newspaper features, died today.

He had entered the Harkness pavilion of the Columbia-Presbyterian medical center yesterday after a brief illness. The hospital said he died of an acute heart attack. had "wasted" \$250,000 in investigating the same dam site on the Snake river at Hells Canyon in Idaho.

He said the work had not been duplicated but added that when you are getting ready to construct a \$400,000,000 dam you have to be certain you have substantial foundations.

Senator Kerr (D-Okla.) tried to get an opinion from Pick as to whether it is feasible to transfer water from the Columbia basin to the Colorado river, where he said there is a shortage of water. Pick said he couldn't answer the question until an investigation has been made.

The committee recessed until Tuesday, when Reclamation Commissioner Michael Straus is to testify.

Only last Tuesday night he appeared on his weekly television show, latest phase in the fabulous career of his "believe it or not" idea.

Since he started the cartoon in 1918 it had grown into a weekly, then a daily feature, jumped from a single newspaper feature to a chain of 30 papers and later to some 300.

It had won him fame as a radio entertainer, author, and star of movie shorts. To collect his material he had traveled throughout

the world and at one time hired more than 70 persons—including nine just to handle his mail.

He had exhibits at the Chicago and New York world's fairs and the San Francisco exposition, and received several honorary college degrees for the educational value of his work.

His home at Mamaroneck on Long Island sound, called "Bion" from the initial letters of his famed cartoon, was a museum of curios. He once valued them at \$2,000,000.



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Radio Move Halted by Lack Of Equipment

Delay in the shipment of certain necessary equipment has postponed the Spring debut of the Villard radio studios. The machinery, expected shortly, will enable the department to open the new studios this Fall, Glenn Starlin, assistant professor of speech and radio said today.

With only four broadcasting dates remaining, the department has decided to finish the season in the extension building studios across the street from the school of journalism. Their final show will be on June 9.

The new studios, located on the third floor of Villard hall, features three rooms of varying sizes, which will enable the department to broadcast anything from across the table conversation to small band concerts. The studios are sound-proof, and have a centrally located control board.

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Victor G. Reuther, CIO United Auto Workers officer, was struck in the face by a shotgun blast as he sat in the living room of his Detroit home. Picture above was taken at the time his brother, UAW President Walter P. Reuther was shot, 13 months ago. (AP Wirephoto)