

Move to Reject 3 Dams Refused

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Power Commission turned aside Thursday a move to reject plans for three private power dams in the Hells Canyon of the Snake River, where a federal project has been proposed.

It refused to dismiss applications of the Idaho Power co., as requested by public power groups advocating the 400-million-dollar federal Hells Canyon project in the deepest river gorge on the continent, along the Idaho-Oregon border.

May be Considered

The dismissal motion "may be considered later," FPC said, but not until after all briefs in the controversial case have been filed and an examiner's decision has been given.

The National Hells Canyon assn. asked last month that the FPC: Either dismiss Idaho Power's applications to license its proposed 133-million-dollar series of dams, or strike substantial portions of briefs submitted by the company and by the FPC legal staff.

Briefs of the company and PFC Counsel John C. Mason, recommending construction of the three dams, "make a mockery" of the case, the association said.

"Sham..."

Idaho Power replied that the motion was "sham and frivolous... a mere repetition of motions previously made and de-

nied," and declared the association "again seeks to confuse the issue."

Mason said in his reply "the inadequacies and blunders in the motion are so numerous as to make it fall of its own utter lack of substance."

The FPC said the dismissal motion "requests the Commission to render a final decision in these proceedings" and "it is apparent the Commission would have to consider a substantial portion of the record in order to determine whether the motion is sufficient to justify such a decision."

Decision Not Warranted

Under the circumstances, FPC said, "it does not appear a final decision would be warranted at this time."

The FPC deferred action "until such time as the record is certified to the commission for final action." This probably will be in several months.

Examiner William J. Costello hopes to write his decision in the spring, possibly during April. The case then will be taken to the commission itself and possibly to court later.

Dance Chairmen Ask for Petitions

Petitions for committee chairmanships for the annual Senior Ball are due next Friday, according to Don Rotenberg and Len Calvert, co-chairmen of the class dance.

Committee chairmanships to be filled include decorations, promotion, publicity, band, chaparrones and ticket sales. Preference will be given to seniors who petition, Rotenberg said, although the posts are open to all University students.

The annual dance will be held Feb. 19.

Petitions may be obtained on the third floor of the Student Union, Rotenberg said. The forms are to be returned to the ASUO box on the third floor or to either Rotenberg at Sigma Alpha Mu or Calvert at Alpha hall.

Corvallis Council Makes Liquor Ban

An alcoholic ban was passed by the Corvallis City Council this week in an effort to keep bars away from the Oregon State college campus.

It was only recently that Corvallis had permitted sale of liquor by the drink. The ordinance will prevent beer sales within a half mile of the campus.

Rebec 'Mother' Dies From Stroke

Mrs. H. Kimmel West, Rebec housemother, died Dec. 9 at the home of her son, Graham West, at Enterprise, Oregon. The 52-year-old woman died of a stroke while on vacation during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

A substitute for the regular housemother at Susan Campbell, Mrs. West came to the University five years ago when she also served as a non-regular housemother for Delta Zeta.

The following year she became the regular housemother of Rebec and remained as such until her death. Mrs. West was also a member of the Housemother's organization.

Mrs. West is survived by a son, three sisters, and one brother. Funeral services were held Jan. 3 in the Riverview chapel with the Rev. Myron Cole officiating. She was buried at Riverview cemetery in Portland.

Judge Holds Court In Bed While Sick

NEW BLOOMFIELD, Pa. (AP) — Judge Harry B. Crytzer, who suffered a heart attack five weeks ago, is holding court in his bedroom until the doctor says he is well enough to go back to the county building.

Judge Crytzer, head of the Perry and Juanita County courts, said it's slightly complicated, but what he's doing is entirely legal. As he explained it:

He is authorized to do much court work in chambers that ordinarily would be done in open court. The obvious exceptions are jury cases and procedures calling for more than one judge on the bench. Since the courthouse here has no judge's chambers, Judge Crytzer uses part of his home for that purpose. In this way, his home passes for an office, in which court work legally may be done.

No objections to the sessions have been reported.

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Legislature Plans For Long Session

SALEM-(AP)—In every odd-numbered year it is customary at this time for leaders of the Oregon legislature to tell about their hopes for a short session. They say that the lawmakers will buckle down to business and get through in jig time.

With the new session starting next Monday, they aren't doing any talking about a short session. They don't have any hope.

It looks as though the 1955 legislature will last at least as long as the 100-day session of two years ago. It might even be longer than the record 116-day marathon of 1951.

When I came here in 1937, the legislature had just completed a 57-day session. We thought that was long enough.

There are three factors that will make the next session a long one.

First is the financial problem. The lawmakers will have to balance a two-year budget that will be some \$30,000,000 in the red. Tied in with this will be a bitter argument over a sales tax.

The second factor is that there will be more controversies than ever before. Arguments take up lots of time.

Third, we now have a two-party legislature for the first time since 1937. When you have two parties, that gives cause for more arguments. The house will be split 35 Republicans to 25 Democrats, so most of the inter-party quarrels will occur there. The senate will have 24 Republicans and six Democrats.

Ever since I came here, the legislature has prided itself on the fact that it was non-partisan. That's true, but only because there weren't enough Democratic members to make themselves heard.

It won't be non-partisan now.

The Democrats, elated over having elected their first U.S. senator in 40 years, are out to make a legislative record to stand on during the 1956 election campaign. Senator Wayne Morse will be up for re-election then, and he might run as a Democrat.

As to the arguments next session, the top one will be over the proposed sales tax, which the voters have defeated five times.

There will be some other good fights, too.

For instance, the highway commission wants the gasoline tax increased two cents a gallon so it can build more new roads.

A difficult job, and one that will cause bitter debate, is the overhauling of the unemployment compensation laws. Labor wants bigger unemployment benefits. The employers don't want to pay higher payroll taxes to make bigger benefits possible. In the meantime, the trust fund, which is financed by payroll taxes, is dwindling. Benefits now are twice the amount paid in taxes.

We'll have a power fight, too. This will occur in debate over whether to ratify the Columbia basin compact, by which Northwest states would develop the region. Some supporters of federal development have opposed the compact.

There will be a hard-fought battle over whether to make Portland State college a separate institution. Now it's an extension center. Some alumni and friends of the University of Oregon and Oregon State college will battle Portland State to the bitter end.

We can expect a good donnybrook over Governor Patterson's proposal to have a convention to write a new state constitution.

There will be the usual fight between railroads and the truckers, but it will be a little different. This time, the truckers are asking that the public utilities commissioner be given power to put a floor under railroad freight rates.

Those are just a few of the many subjects that will cause long and loud arguments.

So get ready for a long session. We are.

The flying fox, largest of the bats, sometimes has a wingspread of five feet. It feeds mostly on fruit.

Junior Panhellenic To Hold Banquet

The annual Junior Panhellenic banquet for all pledge class members will be held next Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union ballroom.

General chairman of the event is Gloria Begenich, assisted by Verity Kitchen, Audrey Kelly and Jan Myer.

Plans for the evening include dinner, entertainment, and a guest speaker.

Tickets for the banquet must be purchased before the event, and may be obtained from Miss Begenich, her assistants, and members of Junior Panhellenic. Short silks will be dress for the evening.

Library Magazine Uses Article by C. L. Johnson

Carl L. Johnson, associate professor of romance languages, is author of an article in the October issue of College and Research Libraries.

"Henry W. Longfellow, Librarian" is the title of the article which tells of Longfellow's career as librarian at Bowdoin college in Brunswick, Maine.

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