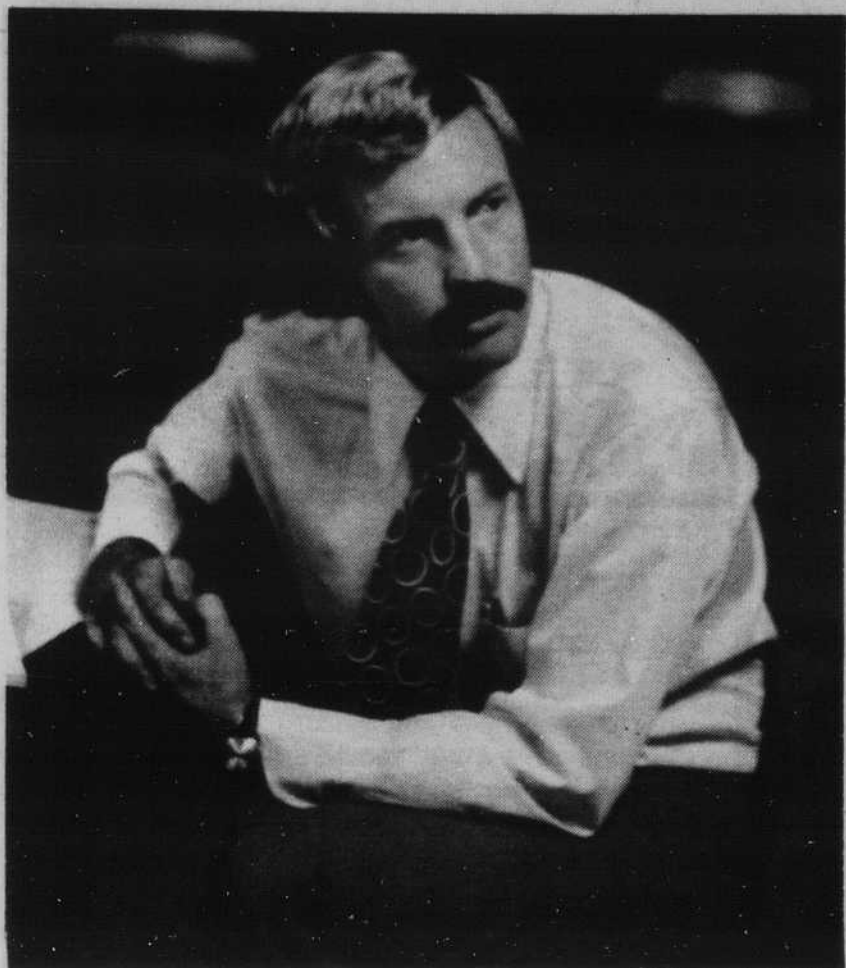




David Piper

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Hydroelectric crisis struggle imminent, says PUC official

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A hydroelectric energy crisis exists in Oregon and must be combatted now, according to David Piper, assistant public utility commissioner for the state of Oregon.

Piper, describing Gov. Tom McCall's energy conservation efforts to the Lane County Joint Energy Conservation Council Tuesday, analogized a driver headed for a cliff, and suggested it would be foolhardy for the driver to wait until his front wheels are over the edge before taking corrective action.

Similarly, Piper declared, if Oregon waits until the reservoirs are dry, it will be too late to act, even if all parties then agree an emergency exists. (McCall's lighting ban has been attacked by opponents as invalid because he exercised emergency powers when no real emergency existed.)

Piper further contends that electric shortages will not disappear completely when the rains return, as there is an ever-

increasing demand for electricity in the Northwest. The solution, later if not sooner, will require a rethinking of the "energy ethic," and an adaptation away from our present neon-dominated lives.

House Bill 2439, which becomes law on January 1, 1974, is Piper's particular field of professional application right now. HB 2439 provides that the Public Utility Commissioner may require all public and private utilities to submit a plan of electrical curtailment for progressive implementation as the crisis worsens. The commission will then hold hearings on each plan and approve it in final form.

Pacific Power and Light's proposed plan is representative. It provides for graded response starting with curtailment of all non-essential generation, then on to voluntary cutbacks by consumers, to mandatory restrictions on major users, ending in residential use interruptions on a rotating basis. Piper said it is unlikely that the last step would be utilized in any but the most extreme situation.

Piper was disappointed with

the aftermath of the Western Governor's Conference. It appears that Idaho and Montana wish to make independent plans to combat what is essentially a regional problem. Piper believes this can only hurt Oregon. He cited the reduction in electrical use by state agencies ordered this summer by Gov. McCall, and the recent ban on outdoor commercial lighting. While these are important steps toward achieving a new "energy ethic," Piper fears that if there is lessened cooperation on a regional basis, what we are sacrificing now may just enable those in other Northwest states to live unaffected by the electrical crisis this winter.

As an adjunct to Piper's presentation, Robert Rasmussen of the Bonneville Power Authority reported statewide electrical demands were slightly below anticipated amounts in September. The BPA is trying to assess to what extent this favorable development is related to statewide energy conservation efforts.

Lenders beware

Groups set to catch violators

A "Credit Watch" to fight violations of Oregon's new antidiscrimination law has been initiated by a coalition of five groups in the state.

The law, House Bill 2116, becomes effective this Friday, and will have the effect of outlawing discrimination in credit transactions, public accommodations, and other facilities or privileges.

Under the "Credit Watch" program, persons who believe they are victims of discrimination based upon race, religion, sex, marital status, color or national origin, may call one of the sponsoring organizations and be advised of the new law. If legal assistance is necessary, they will be referred to an attorney.

The terms of the new law allows a person who has been

illegally denied credit or discriminated against in a similar manner to recover actual and punitive damages.

The sponsors of the "Credit Watch" are the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG), the Equal Rights Alliance, the National Organization of Women (NOW),

and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Presidents of Oregon banks, department stores, and savings and loan organizations have been urged in a letter from the coalition to "re-examine your consumer credit eligibility standards" for practices outlawed by the new statute.

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SUNDAY SERIES

Series memberships may be purchased for the Sunday Series. A ticket good for any five Sunday programs is \$3. The tickets will be available at the theater on the nights of showings and Oct. 1-5 on the EMU terrace. Admission to individual programs will be \$1 at the door.

All programs will be at 8 p.m. in the University Theater.

- Oct. 7 **My Night at Maud's** (Rohmer, 1969)
- Oct. 21 **The Spider's Stratagem** (Bertolucci, 1970)
- Nov. 4 **An Autumn Afternoon** (Ozu, 1962)
- Nov. 11 **Days and Nights in the Forest** (Satjarit Ray, 1970)
- Dec. 2 **The Circus** (Chaplin, 1928)
- Jan. 13 **Robin Hood** (starring Douglas Fairbanks, 1922, silent with live music)
- Jan. 20 **Dodes'ka-den** (Kurosawa, 1972)
- Feb. 3 **To be announced**
- Feb. 17 **Je T'aime, Je T'aime** (Resnais, 1969)
- Mar. 3 **Even Dwarfs Started Small** (Herzog, 1971)

During Spring quarter, UFS will bring five more programs including *The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie* and Jacques Tati's latest film, *Traffic*. The full schedule for Spring will be announced later.



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