

Northwest Pioneering Boom Spurs Decision On River Power Rights

NEW YORK (UPI) — A big pioneering boom in the Pacific Northwest is spurring American interest in pressing for an early settlement of the long dispute with Canada over division of Columbia River power rights.

An agreement in principle was reached earlier this year but the details still have to be ironed out. The agreement represented a victory for Canada because the United States conceded that Canada was entitled to a substantial share of power to be generated on the American reaches of the Columbia in return for the storage of water on the Canadian side.

Money Given

Recognizing this, Congress just recently appropriated 52 million dollars for various improvements on the Columbia.

According to Col. Paul Symbol, an Army district engineer in Washington state, the U. S. government may have to spend two billion dollars for water control on the streams of the Pacific Northwest in the next 20 years to keep up with the needs of industry and the many farmers in the region.

Colonel Symbol said the preservation of the Columbia salmon fisheries alone will be an increasing headache in the coming years. Engineers have proven that fish ladders will enable the salmon to come upstream to spawn, he said, but each new dam, nevertheless, causes a great destruction of salmon.

The fish scientists and engineers have not yet solved the problem of keeping salmon fingerlings from being killed when they get caught in the terrific falls of water from the dams.

The Army engineers have mapped a 10-year program of experiment and study which they hope will solve the salmon problem.

Demand Created

The leaping growth of the Northwest not only is creating a virtually insatiable demand for electric power but an interest in making long stretches of the Columbia navigable for barges drawing 12 feet of water.

At present, barges can come upstream on the Columbia as far as Pasco, which is about 40 miles upstream from Walla Walla. That means the Columbia is navigable for 400 miles inland from the port

of Astoria, Ore. Not long ago a shipment of German automobiles was unloaded from a barge at the wheat belt town of Pasco after coming all the way from Hamburg by water.

However, the Army engineers' 20-year program for the Columbia does not envision turning it into a Pacific version of the St. Lawrence seaway. Before that could happen, there would have to be a lot more growth in the U. S. Northwest and British Columbia and much agitation for a seaway on both sides of the border. And Seattle, Portland and Vancouver probably would oppose the idea as vigorously as the Atlantic ports opposed the St. Lawrence seaway for years.

BLACK SOX LOSE

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. (UPI) — The Drain Black Sox of Oregon lost 9-5 to the Kansas City Monarchs in the title game of the Lethbridge International Rotary baseball tourney Saturday. Drain defeated Lander, Wyo., 10-3 in the semi-final game in which Jim Piffner hit a two-run homer.

Pair Capture Nine Hole Competition

Keith Patten and Wendy Mobery topped La Grande Country Club golfers in men's and women's nine hole competition Sunday. Patten and Mobery shot a net 29 while three teams tied for second with net 31's in the morning action.

Rollie and Mirrian King, Dwight and Mollie Mahoney shot net 31's to tie with Lee Stoner and Lydia McCance for second spot in the competition.

In Saturday's men's sweepstakes play Harry Karns and Bill Coulter walked off with top honors in their divisions.

Karns posted a net 69 to capture the first division honors and Coulter's net 68 topped second division golfers.

John Roedel finished second to Karns with a net 70 followed by Dave Baum with a 71, Bob Howard's 73 and Don McCall and Lee Stoner, tied with net 75's.

George Udy was runnerup to Coulter with a net 73. Carl Erickson and Bob Fallow tied with net 74's for third and Bob Carey shot a net 77 to match Bus Courtney for fifth spot in the second division.

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He added that during his own tour of the Soviet Union, he likewise will be able to see "first hand" the Russian country, its people and their way of life.

Eisenhower said the exchange trips will have "no direct connection" with a possible summit meeting. But he expressed hope that "the mere announcement would inspire the foreign ministers to greater activity." The Big Four foreign ministers have become deadlocked at their Geneva talks, which are to end Wednesday.

The Eisenhower - Khrushchev visits apparently will rule out the possibility of a formal Big Four summit conference until at least very late this year or the beginning of next.

Berlin Crisis Unlikely

However, the new development also would seem to mean that the United States feels assured that the Russians will not create any new crisis over Berlin this year.

The President said he did not know the specific dates Khrushchev would be in the United States except that it would be in September. He said that he would repay the visit "later this fall." Soviet sources said Eisenhower's journey to Russia was expected in October.

Wagon Train 11 Days From Destination

PENDLETON (UPI) — Oregon's covered wagon train headed west again today with only 11 more days until it reaches its destination at Independence, Ore. The modern pioneers spent a busy weekend here and at the Chief Joseph days rodeo in Joseph.

On Sunday morning church services conducted by the Rev. Art Motanik were held at the Round-Up grounds here. After the services about half of the wagon train personnel boarded small private planes for the flight to Joseph.

The Dalles This Week

They were treated to a luncheon put on by the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce and then were honored at the Chief Joseph Rodeo.

The wagon train, which left Independence, Mo., on April 19, has The Dalles as its destination this week. It is expected to reach The Dalles on Saturday. Then on Monday, like the pioneers of 1843, the 59'ers will board a barge for a trip down the Columbia river to Portland.

The seven wagons are due in Independence sometime on Friday, Aug. 14. Then comes a big

Airman Charged In Man's Death At Pendleton

PENDLETON (UPI) — An Airman 1st Class from Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane was charged with negligent homicide Saturday night in the traffic death of Trefle Adolph Simard, 71, Hermiston.

Charged was Robert Daniel Syler, 27, Umatilla County District Attorney Richard Courson said the airman admitted he struck Simard's car just north of the Stanfield Junction early Saturday.

At the time of the accident, police said it appeared that the auto, found overturned in a ditch, had been struck by another vehicle.

Pieces of Syler car left at the scene led to his arrest later by a policeman in downtown Pendleton. Under laboratory analysis they indicated the make of the car and the approximate damage.

Syler said he did not think he hit the car hard enough to push it off the road and said he did not look back, Courson said.

celebration the next day, to climax the trip which has attracted the fancy of the western United States to promote Oregon's Centennial year.

Rocky Rules Himself Out For Veep Spot

SAN JUAN, P.R. (UPI) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York Sunday emphatically ruled himself out as a Republican candidate for vice president in 1960.

Rockefeller's removal of himself as a vice presidential possibility all but killed Republican dreams of a Nixon - Rockefeller ticket.

While eliminating himself as a potential vice presidential nominee, Rockefeller continued to leave the door open to the possibility he might be available for the Republican presidential nomination. He reiterated he had no plans to become a presidential candidate, but said he would not preclude the possibility of completely changed circumstances which might change his mind.

"I don't want to preclude the possibility of a complete change in circumstances in which I would want to reappraise the situation," he told a news conference on the opening day of the 51st annual governors conference.

However, he declined to say what these circumstances might be.

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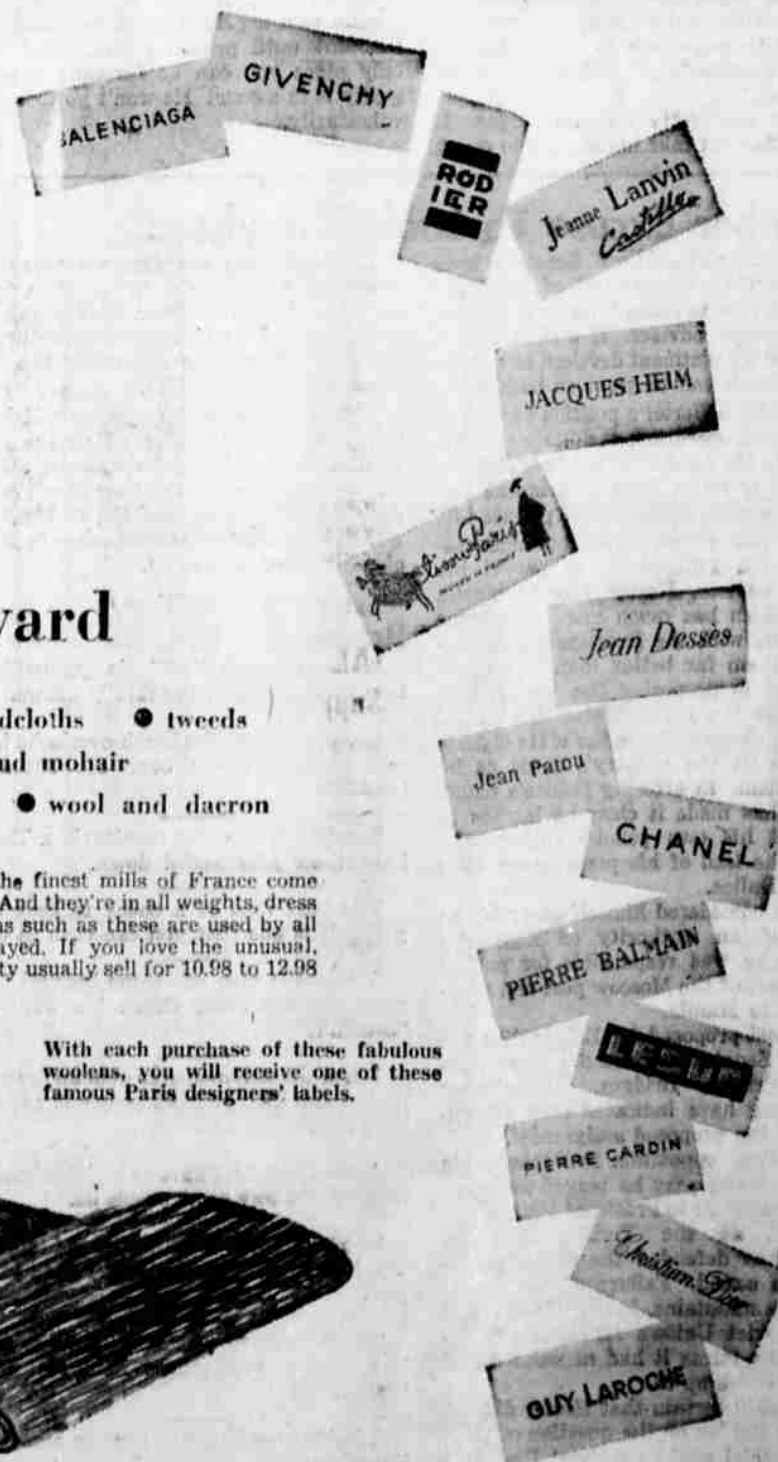
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