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Nixon plan for PNW

The Trojan atomic power plant is merely one more step in President Nixon's plan to industrialize the Columbia Basin.

In a November 1969 speech entitled "Bringing More Industrialization to the Pacific Northwest," Nixon announced his plans to make the PNW the "Light Metal Capital of the World."

Trojan One will be followed by 19 other one million kilowatt power plants on the Columbia and its tributaries by 1985. Industrial customers for these millions of kilowatts of power are already streaming in.

American Metal Climax Co. is planning an aluminum plant near Warrenton on Young's Bay south of Astoria. Don Chemical Co. is planning two plants - one near the Grand Coulee Dam and the other on the Washington side of the Columbia across from The Dalles. Harvey Aluminum is also planning a plant on the Washington side of the river.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt began industrialization of the PNW with the Bonneville Dam in 1938. Since then all but half a dozen of the 230 dam sites planned by the Army Corps of Engineers have been filled with concrete.

Although \$250 million has been spent on fish ladders and salmon conservation programs, the dams have nearly wiped out the fish.

Nixon intends to replace the dam experiments with huge atomic reactors using the Columbia and its tributaries for cooling water and for industrial garbage dumps.

This "Hydro-Thermal Plan" will add new thermally produced electric power to that presently

produced at the dams. Thermal

power will cost five to seven Our residential and commercial electric rates will go sky high.

However, the "electro-process industry" will find the rates inviting. The main reason aluminum companies can afford to ship their ore from Jamaica to Oregon and then back East by rail is our incredibly cheap industrial electric power rates.

In 1970 the Kaiser Aluminum plant in Spokane bought more power from the Bonneville Power Administration than PGE bought to service their entire district.

In the past several years Harvey Aluminum in the Dalles has lost \$1.3 million in lawsuits awarding "willful damages" to Hood River orchardists. They conceded that the plant flouride gas emissions killed or damaged their crops.

In the lead and silver mining areas in Idaho near Kellogg and Smelterville, there are no birds and no leaves on the trees. The finish on the new car lasts about six months and then starts to blister.

When FDR began his industrialization program Oregon was a primary production agricultural area. Forest products and canneries supplied the backbone of the Willamette Valley economy. Many of these resources have been irreplaceably lost due to industrialization.

If Oregonians allow it the Nixon Administration will make this a primary production industrial area. The one shot, either-or economy we see in Oregon too.

Today we have a choice, tomorrow we will not.

Lower the age for majority

Senate Bill 583 would permit persons 18 or more years of age to act as jurors, provided they meet the other existing qualifications of citizenship, mental condition and criminal record. SB 584 would allow 18 year old males to marry without the consent of a parent or guardian.

Females presently can marry at 18 without consent. Members of the Judiciary Committee, in addition to Sen. Yturri, are Don Elizabeth Browne and Gordon McKay.

Four bills which would lower the age of majority to 18 are now

in the Senate Judiciary Committee which is chaired by Anthony Yturri.

Senate Bill (SB) 581 would permit anyone 18 or more years old to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages. SB 582 would make legally valid and

binding any contract signed by any person 18 or more years of age. If the parent or guardian did not consent to guarantee the contract, he or she would not be liable.

School seeks applicants

Why no Blacks

Why was there not a single Black applicant for admission to the University of Oregon Medical School last year?

A committee to study the question is presently at work seeking answers and will soon report their findings and recommendations.

"Finding applicants to fill the limited vacancies each year is usually no problem," Richard Speight, Director of Student Admissions, said. However, of the 96 applicants who qualified for admission last year not one applicant was a Black Oregonian. Speight believes that there is a lack of counseling of students as far back as the 7th and 8th grades. He expressed a willingness to speak to interested students from 12 to 20 particularly, as well as those who are considering medical school. "You must often meet and talk with young people in their early education to help develop their interests. Speight said.

The University has recognized

that minorities have been conspicuous by their scarcity on the medical school campus; and about eight weeks ago Dr. Charles Holman, U of O Medical School Dean, appointed the committee to study the problem. It is headed by Dr. Delbert Kole, psychiatrist. He explained that the committee has been meeting with groups in Albina as well as elsewhere, which has already resulted with two inquiries made by Blacks whom he termed as excellent candidates." He explained that it would be at least a year before direct results are evident.

Spokesmen at the school stated that the findings of the committee should be completed in about a month. They expressed optimism about the possibility of enrolling more Blacks and other minorities at the school "on the hill."

Mr. Speight pointed out that Junior High School teachers and those teaching at higher level could arrange to have him speak to classes when the subject being taught included pertinent data to health, nursing or medicine.

"No amount of legislation, no degree of commitment on the part of the national government, can itself bring opportunity and achievement to Negro Americans. It must be joined by a massive effort on the part of the U.S.

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