

Public Power Groups in Northwest Seek Part in A-Commission Program

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WASHINGTON — Pacific Northwest public power groups are pressing the Atomic Energy Commission for an opportunity to keep pace with the region's private utilities in the race now underway for development of electric power from atomic energy.

To date, only private power companies and corporations have been admitted to experiment with secret engineering data and fissionable materials produced by the AEC at its various installations around the nation.

Last spring the AEC granted a study contract to five Northwest power companies who organized the syndicate known as Pacific Northwest Power Co. Under this pact, the utilities are making a study of the "feasibility of designing and constructing a nuclear reactor for the production of electric power."

At this stage, most officials here say it is anyone's guess whether atomic power which is found to be economically feasible in steam power areas will soon be made cheaply enough to rival the Northwest's low cost hydroelectricity.

But the region's utilities think there is sufficient chance of this prospect becoming a reality that they are financing their current study under AEC auspices.

Members of the board of directors of American Public Power Association called on AEC officials several days ago to grant similar study privileges to their group. Leading figure in the group representing Northwest public bodies was Dr. Paul Paver, former head of Bonneville Power Administration and presently the superintendent of Seattle City Light.

Members of the group say they received a promise from AEC General Manager K. D. Nichols that "something will be worked out."

The AEC under the Eisenhower administration has operated under the announced policy of favoring private industry development of atomic power as opposed to federal government development. That is, when the day arrives to build an atomic "Grand Coulee"—assuming it does—the administration wants to see it done by private utilities instead of the government.

If, as some scientists and engineers predict, atomic power is made economically feasible within

the coming decade, such a policy would represent a departure from the hydroelectric policy of the past decades under which the federal government played a major role in power production and gave preference in its sale to local public bodies.

In short, if public agencies are going to get in on the atomic power field they foresee that they will need to develop their own sources of power, build their own reactors, or else purchase it from nearby utilities that are large enough to finance this new source of energy.

Consequently, the public power groups see that their best hope lies

in at least trying to keep abreast of their private competitors and avoid being crowded completely out of the picture in the atomic age of tomorrow.

McKay Asks Indian Tribes Take Census

WASHINGTON (UP)—Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay said Thursday two Indian tribes of western Oregon must prepare tribal membership rolls within six months. This is a preliminary to termination of federal supervision over the property and affairs of the Indians. If the tribes fail to prepare the membership rolls, the secretary said he would do it for them.

The confederated tribes of the Grand Ronde community and the confederated tribes of Siletz Indians are affected by the decision. Compilation of the rolls is the first step in determining which individual Indians are entitled to a beneficial interest in the assets or in the proceeds if a sale should be favored by the tribe.

The 83rd Congress passed a law withdrawing federal supervision of the tribes.

Danish King Given Gold Press Card

COPENHAGEN (UP)—King Frederik of Denmark Thursday received William E. Best, manager of the United Press Los Angeles bureau, and president of the Los Angeles Press Club, in a private audience at Amalienborg Castle. Best presented a solid gold press card making King Frederik honorary member No. 3 of the Los Angeles Press Club. Cards No. 1 and No. 2 belong to former President Truman and President Eisenhower.

King Frederik also received an address in Danish from the town of Solvang, California, with greetings and congratulations on the occasion of the first Scandinavian Airlines System Polar flight. Best was accompanied by Kai Sarup, manager of the United Press Copenhagen bureau and president of the Foreign Press Club in Denmark.

Buick Raises Prices Slightly

FLINT, Mich. (UP)—Buick raised the prices on all its 1955 models slightly above 1954 prices on all except two station wagon models. Prices were boosted slightly because of recent freight adjustments which cut freight charges for West Coast dealers and other dealers 1200 miles or more from Detroit.

Housewife Asks McCarthy Censure

PALMER, Mass. (UP)—A housewife here has started circulating petitions demanding that Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) be censured.

"I would like to offset the drive for 10 million signatures supporting the senator," Mrs. Winifred Swanson, the housewife, said.

She said she was disturbed by McCarthy's "actions" and felt he should be censured. She said she hopes to interest residents of other nearby communities in her project.

RUSS PROTESTS HIKE

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The Soviet Union, joined by her four Communist allies, Wednesday vigorously protested proposed increases in their contributions to the U.N. budget.

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Over 200,000 Anti-Censure Petitions Mailed

NEW YORK (UP)—The Ten Million Americans Committee said Thursday that more than 200,000 copies of petitions against the Senate censure of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy have been circulated from its New York headquarters.

Each of the petitions contains space for 51 signatures. A spokesman for Rear Adm. John G. Crommelin (ret.) leader of the pro-McCarthy drive, said that counting and verification of the signatures would begin soon. Crommelin's headquarters said it was certain that the goal of 10 million signatures would be reached.

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