

## FPC Staff Opinion Opposes Federal Hells Canyon Dam

By JOHN KAMPS

WASHINGTON (AP)—The legal staff of the Federal Power Commission (FPC) Wednesday recommended licensing of three private power dams in the Hells Canyon area, saying there's no need for a federal project there.

John C. Mason, FPC staff counsel, recommended that Idaho Power Co. be authorized to build the dams on the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon, which would flood the site of the proposed 400-million-dollar federal Hells Canyon project.

He concluded in a brief that the three smaller dams, which Idaho Power proposes to build for 133 million dollars, would provide nearly as many public benefits as the federal proposal and more rapid production of urgently-needed power.

**Favor Idaho Power**  
The long-awaited statement of the position of FPC's legal department could tip the scales in favor of Idaho Power Co. in the long and bitter fight over whether Hells Canyon power should be developed by private industry or whether the site should be reserved for a federal project which never has been authorized by Congress.

Mason's brief will be considered by FPC Examiner William J. Costello and by the commission itself in ruling on Idaho Power's license applications.

Idaho Power also submitted a brief supporting its applications Wednesday as the deadline fell for filing main arguments in the case.

The National Hells Canyon Assn. brief in opposition to Idaho Power's applications was being completed Wednesday night, Evelyn Cooper, association attorney, said.

**Fear Power Loss**  
The association, in a statement, quoted from its brief that Idaho Power's plan would "deprive the Pacific Northwest of a block of power equivalent roughly to the output of the Bonneville Dam."

The association and other public power groups asked the FPC to reject Idaho Power's applications and recommend that Congress authorize the Reclamation Bureau to build the federal Hells Canyon dam.

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—The Idaho-Oregon-Washington Hells Canyon Assn. said Wednesday it regards as only "a temporary setback" the recommendation of the Federal Power Commission's legal department that three low dams be built on Snake River instead of the high federal structure the association favors.

**IT SEEMS TO ME**

By Charles A. Sprague

Thanksgiving Day is more than a holiday. It is a link with Yesterday. It is part of the American Tradition.

For Thanksgiving Day roots back to the days of the Pilgrim fathers, and its purpose was to give thanks to Almighty God for a bountiful harvest. The season itself suggests that the year's produce has been gathered in from field and orchard and stored against the winter's needs.

The symbols of Thanksgiving are the sedate Pilgrims going to the meetinghouse, the turkey as the principal American bird for feasting, the baskets of fruit and of root crops, the stores of corn.

Though still we are dependent on yields of our farms for food-stuffs our occupations have become exceedingly diversified, no longer almost entirely agricultural and our life chiefly rural.

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## Santa Fe Chief Jumps Track In California

NEEDLES, Calif. (AP)—Seven cars of the eastbound Santa Fe Chief enroute from Los Angeles to Chicago were derailed Wednesday night, 62 miles west of Needles.

First reports indicated no one was killed and that the injured were placed on the first three coaches, which remained on the track and were being brought to Needles.

The derailment occurred near Cadiz on the Mojave Desert.

The Chief carried 12 cars. In Los Angeles the Santa Fe general manager, R.D. Shelton, said first reports from the scene were that there were some minor injuries. He said he knew of none being hospitalized.

The train left Los Angeles at 4 p.m. Wednesday (PST) and was due at Needles at 10 p.m. It was scheduled to arrive in Chicago at 9:45 a.m. Friday (CST).

Shelton said none of the derailed cars overturned.

The train was derailed at 9:05 p.m. by the San Bernardino dispatcher. The derailment is in a desolate spot. The Santa Fe runs a double track. The cars left the rails at a blind siding, wire chief H. L. Darrah said.

Santa Fe officials in San Bernardino said their understanding was that there were none critically injured.

The accident happened about 9:30 p.m. (PST). Cause of the derailment was unknown.

A long portion of the track was torn up as the cars left the rails.

**DISTRESS SIGNAL**  
ROTTERDAM, Netherlands (AP)—An unidentified Costa Rican vessel radioed Wednesday she is in distress in the North Sea, her rudder damaged by heavy seas.



"He's not allowed to smoke in the house."

## Liberace's Romance With Joanne Ends

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—The romance of Liberace and Joanne Ria is over, the pretty brunette announced Wednesday.

"I don't intend to date him any more," Miss Ria declared. "I don't think it's right for either of us."

The love match blew up over the issue of some articles she wrote about the 34-year-old candleabra king for a newspaper syndicate. He was quoted as saying he disapproved of the stories, which detailed their romance.

"That made me angry," said the excitable 23-year-old dancer. "He saw the articles and approved them before they were printed. So did his manager. His manager certainly ought to be able to advise him on whether such publicity would be favorable. I don't like to be made out a liar."

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## Youth Skips School, Dies

PORTLAND (AP)—Ten boys skipped school Wednesday, and for one of them the day's outing ended in death. He was Robert Hansen, 15, Portland, who was thrown from a careening car on the Mt. Hood Highway.

The 10 boys, students at David Douglas High School, borrowed an automobile and went to Mt. Hood. On the way back, Hansen took the wheel. He lost control of the car on a curve and was thrown when it rolled over.

The other boys suffered only abrasions and bruises.

**Tide Brings in Odorless Whale**  
WALDFORD (AP)—The tide brought in a 30-foot whale to the beach just south of here Wednesday morning.

Unlike others which have been washed onto Oregon shores, this one had not been dead long enough to make its presence objectionable. Nothing was decided immediately about what to do with the whale, which was being viewed by quite a few curious passersby. In the past, most other dead whales have been buried quickly.

## Assembly Line Technique Prepares Turkeys



SUBILITY—Cooks have to get busy early when everyone in town is expected for Thanksgiving dinner, and that's the case at Sublimity (16 miles southeast of Salem) where members of St. Boniface Catholic Parish expect to serve over 800 dinners Thursday. Most family Thanksgiving dinners have been abolished at Sublimity in favor of the parish benefit dinner to which the public is welcome. Serving will start at 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Stuffing turkeys Wednesday in preparation were (left to right), Mrs. Joe Wolf, Mrs. Joe Heuberger, Mrs. Ted Peters, Mrs. Ned Uffelman and Mrs. Frank Wolf, all of Sublimity. (Statesman photo by John Erickson. Photo also on page 3, sec. 1.)

## Blood Found In Basement of Doctor's Home

CLEVELAND (AP)—Human blood was found on the basement stairs of her home after Marilyn Sheppard's July 4 murder, an ace crime sleuth testified Wednesday at her husband's murder trial.

In a slow and painstaking maneuver which built up the court-room suspense, the state sought to demolish Dr. Samuel Sheppard's defense of his life by questioning that a prowling murderer would take time to go into a basement with blood still dripping from him.

The testimony came from Detective Henry E. Dombrowski, a bald chemical expert from the scientific laboratory of Cleveland police headquarters.

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## \$110,000 Given To Portland Men In Damage Suit

PORTLAND (AP)—A circuit court jury awarded \$110,000 damages Wednesday to a man because he was accused of burglary by Montgomery Ward & Co. He was accused of the burglary charge earlier.

The award of \$75,000 general damages and \$35,000 punitive damages went to Anton Kraft, 48, who was employed by the Montgomery Ward store here in 1949 when he was arrested on the burglary charge.

In his damage action Kraft accused the company of false arrest and malicious prosecution.

It was one of the largest damage verdicts on record here.

**RETURNS SAFELY**  
BURTONWOOD, England (AP)—A U. S. Air Force B29 flew back safely to its base here early Thursday on three engines after its fourth motor quit some 1200 miles out over the Atlantic.

## Holiday Today Offers Pause to Give Thanks

It's a holiday of Thanksgiving today and many persons will attend Salem churches for special services to give thanks to God for the land of plenty in which they live.

Dinners, including turkey and all the trimmings, will be served at virtually all state institutions and hospitals this afternoon. Several institutions will have special programs.

## Audett Loses Legal Plea For Freedom

James H. "Blackie" Audett, veteran of at least eight of the west's better prisons, failed Wednesday in his attempt to get out of the Oregon state prison.

The Rev. William Clay, president of the ministerial association, will preside at the service and will be assisted by the Rev. Rudolph Woyke, Bethel Baptist Church; Captain William Ricken, Salvation Army; the Rev. Robert McLivene, Leslie Methodist Church; and the Rev. J. J. Holland, First Presbyterian Church.

Special music will be given in the Salem Singers, under the direction of Ernest Friesen.

All offerings received will go for benevolent purposes and world missions under the "Share Our Surplus" program. The program is sponsored by the World Church Service.

**Special Offerings**  
Purpose of the program is to raise money through special offerings to be used for the distribution of 500,000,000 pounds of goods overseas. Upward of \$1,000,000 is expected to result from offerings made throughout the United States on this Thanksgiving Day.

Services in Salem will also be held this morning at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 9 a.m.; Grace Lutheran, 10 a.m.; St. John Lutheran, 10 a.m.; Christ Lutheran, 10 a.m.; St. Paul's Episcopal, 10 a.m. and Church of Christ, 11 a.m.

A current of warm air moved into the Salem area Wednesday evening, driving out the fog that had hung over the city since Sunday afternoon. Weathermen at McNary Field said early Thursday the city will have clouds today but no more fog.

The air-current jumbled up the city's temperature records considerably. Lowest temperature Wednesday, 41 degrees, was recorded about 8 p.m. before the fog had dissipated. High temperature for the day, 51, was recorded about midnight.

The forecast calls for occasional showers today, with an afternoon high temperature of about 56 and a low tonight near 40.

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## Soviet Rejects Ike's Idea for Delayed Meet

LONDON (AP)—The Soviet Union Wednesday rejected President Eisenhower's suggestion that a four-power conference on European security might be held under certain conditions after the London-Paris agreements to rearm West Germany were ratified.

The rejection statement was broadcast on the Moscow home service for Soviet listeners and was heard in London.

"Negotiations on the problem of German unification—if that is what the President meant—would have no point after ratification of the London and Paris agreements," the broadcast said, "because the remilitarization of Western Germany and dragging her into military groups would bar the way to German unification."

President Eisenhower in his news conference Tuesday said he would not favor a meeting with Russia until the London-Paris pacts were ratified, until there was promise that such negotiations would be fruitful and that adequate preparations were made for such a meeting.

The Western powers turned down an invitation by Russia to an all-European security conference Nov. 29 on the grounds it admitted sought to wreck the Western defense plans and that such an early date would not provide enough time for preparation of such a conference anyway.

Russia since has gone ahead with plans for a conference among her own satellites aimed at setting up some kind of closer military alliance to counteract the new Western European alliances.

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## Campaign Strategy Laid for Renewal of YM Building Drive

Campaign strategy to secure \$110,000 for a new youth division at the Salem YMCA and to renovate the present building was discussed at a breakfast meeting of key campaign workers at the Marion Hotel Wednesday morning.

The drive is called "Finish-the-Job," and is aimed at completing the fund goal of which \$380,000 was raised in public solicitation last spring.

Heading the drive is Walter H. Winslow, Salem attorney, and the campaign will be from Nov. 29 to Dec. 11. Thirty-five men, key workers in the drive, will recruit at least one more worker each by Sunday and report to another breakfast meeting to be held then at the Marion Hotel.

This breakfast will sound the start of the drive, and thereafter breakfast meetings will be held each Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the course of the campaign.

Included in the proposed new youth division will be a swimming pool, which would also be used for physio-therapy treatment; chapel, gym, dressing rooms and seven clubrooms.

The YM is currently loaning the use of its pool to polio victims and other handicapped persons. But the pool is said to be too deep for their use in most places.

The new pool would be three to 3½ feet deep, 20 feet wide and 30 feet long.

## Elected



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## E. H. Thompson President of Salem C of C

Salem Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night elected Elton H. Thompson, Salem banker, as chamber president for the coming year.

His election highlighted the organization meeting of the new board of directors which takes over Dec. 1.

Thompson is vice president of U. S. National Bank of Portland and manager of its Ladd & Bush-Salem branch.

Other chamber officers elected were Joseph A. H. Dodd, first vice president; Miss Hattie Bratzel, second vice president; Junior Eckley, secretary; George Paulus, treasurer.

The meeting last night at the chamber office was conducted jointly with the outgoing board of directors by William H. Hammond, who will continue on the board as immediate past president.

(Additional details on page 2, section 1.)

## Statistics by Peiping Radio Cover 3 Years

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## THE WEATHER

City	Max.	Min.	Prep.
Salem	51	41	trace
Portland	53	38	trace
Baker	55	22	.00
Medford	42	30	.01
North Bend	52	39	.00
Roseburg	55	44	.00
San Francisco	58	42	.00
Chicago	39	35	.15
New York	47	43	.47
Los Angeles	61	51	.00

WILLAMETTE RIVER 0.6 feet.  
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem):  
Mostly cloudy today, tonight and Friday with occasional showers. Little change in temperature, with the high today near 56, low tonight near 40.  
Temperature at 12-01 a. m. today was 51.

SALEM PRECIPITATION	Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1	Last Year	Normal
2.32	10.95	8.90	