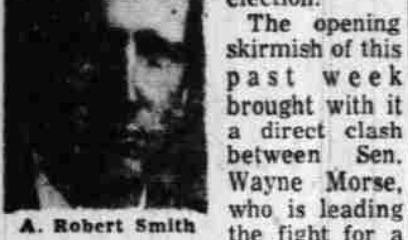


Power Policy Fight Likely to Mount as Ballot Drive Nears

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WASHINGTON — The power policy fight in Congress is on, with both sides vowing to trade punches with their opponents on into the summer — and in to next year's presidential election.



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The opening skirmish of this past week brought with it a direct clash between Sen. Wayne Morse, who is leading the fight for a high Hells Canyon dam, and Rep. Harris Ellsworth, who is taking the lead in behalf of "partnership" construction of Cougar and Green Peter dams in the Willamette basin.

After introducing his bill, Ellsworth issued a statement warning that opposition by Oregon Democratic members of Congress could possibly block approval of his bill. Stressing not only the power benefits of the two projects, Ellsworth declared:

"It will be a great shame if our people are denied this urgently needed flood control because of the political opposition of men who are still living in the New Deal federal power monopoly days."

Morse Replies

"This had no sooner hit the pages of Oregon newspapers when Morse struck back with a reply that charged Oregon Republican congressmen with 'frantic alibiing' and serving as spokesmen for private utilities. Urging that Cougar and Green Peter dams be built by the federal government, Morse declared:

"When Republican members of Congress from Oregon seek to mislead the people of Oregon by statements to the effect that votes cannot be obtained in Congress for the construction of these projects by the federal government, they should make clear they are talking about only Republican votes."

Ellsworth argued that for years the development of Oregon flood control and power dams had been kept "out of politics," with the result that Lookout Point, Detroit, Fern Ridge and Dorena dams had been built in the Willamette.

Opposes Partisanship

"It is a mean and tragic situation," the GOP congressman exclaimed, charging Democrats with making the construction of such projects a partisan matter. He said the Pacific Northwest's need for electric power had gone beyond the federal government's ability to finance all the new projects needed, hence the need for the "partnership" between local utilities and the government to share costs.

Morse shot back that the "partnership" policy was a "diversionary tactic" that would produce "little power and then only high cost power." He called it a "phony scheme" which he said Congress would not go for.

Picking up his argument that it is Republican opposition that has slowed down federal development, Morse added: "The answer to them is to replace them with Democrats because it has been Democratic administrations that have built the great power projects of the Pacific Northwest, such as Bonneville, Grand Coulee, The Dalles and McNary. And it has been Democrats in the House and Senate who have continued to fight for them over the opposition of the Republican administration."

Recalls Ickes
Ellsworth called this a "reactionary approach that harked back to the days of Harold Ickes," former Secretary. He said:

"Democratic members of the present Oregon delegation in Congress are now advancing the reactionary idea that hydro-electric power in the great dams of the Pacific Northwest must be developed by the federal government or not at all."

So far within the Oregon delegation it has a three-to-one contest, the three Democrats joining forces

for federal development, with Ellsworth thus far all alone defending the "partnership" policy. Rep. Sam Coon is a "partnership" backer but has not jumped into the fray as yet, while Rep. Walter Norblad has made no public indications of his position on the controversial power issue.

470 Protest Discipline at Vale School

VALE (UP)—Vale High School Principal Donald Gabbert Saturday said that action on a strong protest by Vale residents against student disciplinary methods was the sole responsibility of his office.

The statement resulted from a school board meeting here Thursday night at which a protest petition signed by 470 school district of a recent incident in which two residents was circulated.

The petition was an outgrowth students said they were "mis-handled" by a faculty members while being taken to a meeting of the Lettermen's Society.

Gabbert said he would regret dropping the form of student government. He said "the disciplinary method decided upon would be entirely the responsibility of the principal's office."

Arthur Hufaker, spokesman for the citizens' group, criticized the method, which he said utilizes paddling for minor student infractions and sets up the society as both judge and jury, as "unjust and un-democratic."

The letterman issue has been a strong one in the area for some time. Critics said some students dropped out of school in fear of the society, and others took to carrying knives for protection.

The students whose mishandling caused the waves of protest were escorted to a disciplinary meeting of the lettermen by two faculty members. One of the boys said he entered the meeting room, and the other was held so forcibly that examining physicians said bold handprints remained on either side of his chest.

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AURORA, Colo.—Highway patrolmen set up a roadblock on U. S. Highway 36-40 near this east Denver suburb to warn motorists to drive slowly because of the low visibility, the result of Friday's blowing dust. Great clouds of powdered brown soil filled eastern Colorado skies as high winds swept the area. (AP Wirephoto)

Parole too Late For Con to See Dying Mother

ANAMOSA, Iowa (UP)—A hurried parole for lifer Tom Sexton so he could see his dying mother after 17 years came too late.

Sexton's mother, Mrs. Laura Sexton, died at San Francisco Thursday night just hours before his release from Anamosa Men's Reformatory Friday.

Sexton, who served 25 years in prison, left by plane Friday as scheduled.

"It's too bad it had to happen like this," Warden Ray Purcell said, "but at least Tom will be able to attend her funeral."

The state parole board freed Sexton in an "unusual" speedy action because of his mother's illness.

Under the terms of his release, he must report back to Iowa in 15 days.

Purcell said Sexton, sentenced in 1930 for the murder of Paul Baines, Iowa City, was "one of the best prisoners we ever had." "He was a man you could trust both inside and outside the walls," Purcell said.

FEMININE JUSTICE

BRYAN, Tex. (AP)—They passed a law last November to let women serve on juries in Texas. Two men for trial asked to have an all-woman panel hear their case. But when they went to trial they took one look at the jury and pleaded guilty to drunken driving.

Bruce Cabot to Discuss Settlement With Wife

HOLLYWOOD (UP)—Actor Bruce Cabot, 52, has indicated through his attorney he is willing to discuss settlement of child-support payments with his wife, actress Francesca de Scaffa.

Miss de Scaffa accused Cabot, who reportedly is in Rome, with failing to keep up the \$450 monthly payments for her two-year-old daughter, Alphonsine. Cabot was ordered in Superior Court to make the payments beginning last July.

POCKET FULL OF RYE?

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—A man bought a bottle of whisky and slipped it into his overcoat pocket. He stopped at a downtown corner to talk to a policeman. The officer gave him a friendly tap with his night stick. It broke.

Prime Minister Of Italy Planning Visit to U. S.

WASHINGTON (UP)—Italian Prime Minister Mario Scelba and Foreign Minister Gaetano Martino will visit six U.S. cities on their forthcoming visit to the United States.

The Italian Embassy announced Friday that Scelba and Martino will arrive in New York March 24, make a brief visit to Canada March 26 and arrive in Washington the following day.

On March 28, they will be the guests of President Eisenhower at lunch and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles at dinner.

The Italians will visit San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago and Detroit before returning to Italy, April 1.

Umatilla County Ready for Mass Salk Inoculations

PENDLETON (UP)—Umatilla County expects to be ready for mass inoculations with Salk vaccine if the evaluation report on it, expected in April, results in general nationwide use in combating polio.

Dr. E. E. Berg, the county health officer, said the Umatilla County Medical Society has promised to cooperate once federal and state approval of the project is given. Some 2,100 Umatilla County first and second graders in the county would be inoculated.

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Doctors Urge Care of Feet

ST. PAUL, Minn. (UP)—If you have "beat feet," it's probably your own fault.

At least, that's the opinion of Minnesota doctors who reported in a state medical association bulletin that the feet take abuse from other parts of the body have to take.

First, feet are not necessarily a "foot long." They stretch during the day, becoming longer in the evening than they were in the morning. They are also longer when you walk on them than when you sit down. And they swell when they're hot.

The doctors said shoes should be purchased with an eye to this process of lengthening and swelling, and that alternating pairs of shoes also is a good idea.

Cramming feet into shoes that don't fit, the bulletin warned, invites corns, bunions, hammer-toes, fallen arches and flat feet. And what's worse, a disposition to match.

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