

# Fishing and Power Groups Clash At Hearing on Deschutes Dam

SALEM—(AP)—The battle was joined here Friday between fishing and power interests, and central Oregon's Deschutes River was the object of all the struggle.

More than 300 persons jammed a hearing before the House Utilities Committee Thursday night on whether the Deschutes River should be closed to any power development, and thus be forever saved for salmon.

**Competitors Oppose**  
The bill was vigorously opposed by representatives of the Portland General Electric Co., Pacific Power and Light Co., and the Washington Water Power Co. These three companies have organized a new company which wants to build a \$12,000,000 power dam on the Deschutes River.

Sponsors of the bill, who presented the unusual spectacle of having commercial and sports fishing interests fighting on the same side of a question, claimed the dam would destroy the salmon run on the river.

**Ruin Program**  
They declared it would ruin the Columbia River fisheries development program, which forbids any more power dams on the Columbia River and its tributaries below McNary Dam. They also claimed that the dam wouldn't produce enough power to have much effect on the power shortage.

But Gen. Thomas M. Robins, former Northwest division Army Engineer and president of the company which wants to build the dam, denied that any sizeable number of salmon now go up the river. He said his company would pay for a hatchery below the proposed dam, so the lower part of the Deschutes could be used for salmon.

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by this dam would be worth far more than the fish," Gen. Robins said. "The utilities are only trying to carry out their responsibility to their customers in supplying them with power during a critical shortage."

But the opponents of the dam said that by the time the 75,000-kilowatt plant would be finished in December, 1950, other power projects would have relieved the shortage.

**Salmon Production High**  
Donald R. Johnson, biologist for the State Fish Commission, said the Deschutes eventually could produce \$2,700,000 worth of salmon a year, or 1/5 of all the salmon produced in the Columbia Basin.

Other witnesses for the dam stressed the need for power to relieve unemployment and promote industrial development.

Other opponents of the dam said 75 per cent of the basin's spawning area already has been destroyed, and that the \$17,000,000 annual salmon catch is only a remnant of what it used to be.

## City Ballots Ready For March 1 Election

Sample ballots have been prepared for the special city election to be held March 1, and are now available at the city recorder's office.

Voters pamphlets will be distributed on February 18 and 19 by the Eugene High School Service Club.

At issue in the election will be three measures, all requested by the Eugene Water Board and sanctioned by the city council: Issuance of \$3 million in general obligation bonds; changing the board's name to Eugene Water and Electric Board; and authorization to negotiate short-term loans of \$500,000 or less when the board sees fit.

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With food prices dropping rapidly, market proprietors are forced to resort to those almost forgotten arts—salesmanship and merchandising—to lure customers. At a meat market in New York, hostess Renee Kleiman, left, passes out free coffee and sandwiches to shoppers. Police had been stationed outside to keep order, but the expected mobs didn't materialize.

## Pollster Crossley Defends Methods Used to Forecast

By Knox Cralk

IOWA CITY, Ia.—(AP)—A nationally-known Republican opinion sampler expressed doubt Friday about the justification of pollsters forecasting election results.

Archibald Crossley, who with other pollsters missed on the presidential election winner last November, made the assertion in a paper prepared for a symposium at Friday's session of the Iowa conference on "attitude and opinion research."

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## Ireland Marks Date With Freedom Birth

DUBLIN, Eire.—(AP)—Eire's government Friday proclaimed Easter Monday, April 18—the 33rd anniversary of the Bloody Easter uprising—as the date when this country officially becomes the independent Republic of Ireland.

The proclamation will be the final act in establishing the Republic of Ireland, entirely free of any ties with the United Kingdom.

**EVIDENCE BILL PASSES**  
SALEM—(AP)—A move to streamline court procedure was underway as the Senate passed and sent to the House a bill to permit photographic evidence to be introduced as original evidence.

Rabelais is credited with preparing the first almanac in 1533.

## Employees Blast Airline Merger

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Employees of American Overseas Airlines Friday blasted as an unwarranted, monopolistic move the proposed sale of their company to an American Airways.

They offered to buy the airline and run it themselves.

The employees hired James M. Landis, fiery former chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board and onetime dean of Harvard law school, to spearhead their fight. Further, they said they thought they could raise \$12,000,000 if necessary to back up their purchase offer.

Landis filed with the aeronautics board a brief stating that more than 200 employes from pilots to office workers could run the transatlantic air service "under conditions which it is believed will more soundly protect the public interest."

The proposed merger of American Overseas and Pan American, announced last December, is one of the biggest, most financially complicated deals in airline history. It was worked out by Juan T. Trippe, president of Pan American, the world's largest international airline, and C. R. Smith, president of American Airlines. American Overseas is an American Airlines subsidiary of which Smith also is president.

Landis said the deal amounted to "cartelization of international air traffic of enormous magnitude." He said it would be a long step toward a chosen instrument for international aviation which has been opposed by all agencies of the U. S. government.

He proposed that if the board would not throw out the case, it should at least investigate Pan American's size and prewar record of "cooperation with the Army and Navy in furtherance of the national defense."

Landis said American overseas had been to its employes "more than a bundle of assets, an investment of capital or a collection of operating rights. It has been a way of life."

## Kimball Succeeds Brown in Navy Post

WASHINGTON—(AP)—John Nicholas Brown resigned Friday as assistant secretary of the Navy for air. Dan A. Kimball of Los Angeles was appointed to succeed him.

The White House also announced President Truman has named John T. Koehler, now assistant general counsel for the Navy, as an assistant of the secretary of the navy. He succeeds Mark E. Andrews, whose resignation was announced earlier this week.

Kimball is executive vice-president of the Aerojet Engineering Corp., of Azusa, Calif., and vice-president and director of General Tire and Rubber Co. He will replace Brown the second week in March.

A veteran of World War 1, Kimball was trained as a pilot in the same group as General James Doolittle.

Koehler, born in North Bradock, Pa., March 14, 1904, is a graduate of Princeton University and the Harvard law school.

He practiced law in New York and in Pittsburgh from 1930 to 1933 when he became an attorney in the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

**Elderly Sunbather Dies Of Burns Under Lamp**  
OAKLAND, Calif.—(AP)—Clifford Lisher, 78-year-old property owner, accidentally fell asleep under his sunlamp and was fatally burned. He died Saturday at Permanente Hospital from third degree burns.

Lisher was found unconscious beneath his burned-out sunlamp Saturday morning by his landlady, Mrs. Blanche Cox, when she went to his room to investigate running water.

Police concluded that Lisher had fallen asleep under the sunlamp and that it had burned until it blew a fuse.

**POWER CRISIS EASED**  
TACOMA, Wash.—(AP)—Northwest electricity users Saturday were told they could resume normal power consumption except during the 5 to 6 p.m. peak load period each evening.

A check on a field of clover recently showed that more than four-fifths of the pollinating insects were honey bees.

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## Better Late Than Never

KLAMATH FALLS—(AP)—Police said they thought it was going to be kind of hard to pick up the trail.

Mrs. C. D. Calvert, Bremerton, Wash., asked police here to locate her ex-husband, Harold William B. Smith. He disappeared from Klamath Falls 25 years ago.

## New President Named At Simpson Company

SHELTON—(AP)—The Simpson Logging Company announced Friday that C. H. Krenbaum of Seattle has retired as president to take a new position as vice chairman of the board of directors.

William G. Reed, 41, of Seattle, present board chairman, succeeds to the new position of chairman and president. Company officials said Krenbaum, 54, president since 1945, had been advised by his physicians to take a less active role.

C. Henry Bacon, Jr., 40, general manager of the Lumbermen's Mercantile Company at Shelton since 1945, has left that firm to join Simpson Logging Company as assistant to the president. Bacon will have offices here.

## New FEP Bill Ready

SALEM—(AP)—The Senate Labor and Industries Committee said Friday it would introduce a new fair employment practices bill, which is designed to prevent employers and unions from discriminating against any person because of his race or religion.

The new bill will take the place of a Democratic-sponsored measure.

The principal change in the new

bill is that it would have administered by the State of Labor, instead of by a fair employment commission. However, the new bill would provide for a separate, new commission to act in an advisory capacity. The new bill follows the provisions of the New York law, and follows the same provisions of the New York law.

## RHEUMATISM YIELDS TO SPECIALIZED SYSTEM OF TREATMENT

Excelsior Springs, Mo., Feb. 12.—So successful has a specialized system proven for treating rheumatism and arthritis that an amazing new book will be sent free to any reader of this paper who will write for it.

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