

State of Oregon Moves to Block Deschutes Dam

Action Challenges Authority of FPC

PORTLAND — (AP) — The State of Oregon Wednesday moved to block construction of the controversial Pelton Dam on the Deschutes River by taking court action to challenge the Federal Power Commission's license to build the project.

Arthur G. Higgs, assistant attorney general of Oregon, said he had filed with the U.S. ninth district court of appeals in San Francisco a petition for a writ of review to set aside the order of the FPC granting the license.

The petition sets out that the FPC lacks jurisdiction to authorize issuance of the license to build a hydroelectric project on a non-navigable river in the state.

IT ALSO CONTENDS that the commission has no right to authorize a private utility company to use, divert or impound the waters of any internal non-navigable streams in Oregon.

Filing of the petition was the first step in long-expected legal action by the Oregon state fish and game commissions to block Pelton dam construction.

Hearings on the Portland General Electric Company's application for a license was held before a federal power commission trial examiner last June. At that time, the state by its sovereignty and the state fish and game commissions intervened to object to a license.

SUBSEQUENTLY the power commission granted the license on the recommendation of the examiner.

The main disagreement between the Portland Gas and Electric Company and the fish and game commissions is over fish facilities for the dam. Capital outlay for fish facilities to maintain runs of present size on the Deschutes and Metolus rivers would cost \$75,000, the fish agency estimated, plus \$499,000 a year in operating costs. PGE called the estimates of cost "unreasonable."

Two Injure Ankles

Admitted Tuesday to the Cottage Grove Hospital were James C. Bice, 18, of Yoncalla, and Francis Doherty of Drain. Bice suffered a puncture wound on one ankle. Doherty injured an ankle when he was hit by a falling plank. X-rays disclosed no fracture.



SENORA ROSA MARKMANN de Gonzales-Videla, wife of president of Chile, has been selected as the "Mother of the World" by members of the International Committee of the American Mothers Committee. She will receive the award in New York.

U.S. Bombers Cut Rail Lines

SEOUL, Korea — (AP) — U.S. fighter-bombers Wednesday cut north Korean rail lines in 52 places, the Fifth Air Force announced.

Pilots said they killed 10 Red troops in an attack on a rail line near Sariwon, north of Haeju on North Korea's West coast and 17 more in close support smashes along the battlefield.

The Air Force also said its planes destroyed two anti-aircraft weapons and six field pieces. The fighter-bombers roared to the attack through heavy clouds under a protective screen of F-86 Sabre jets.

A flurry of Red probing jets on the Western front Tuesday evening touched off an Allied artillery barrage that lasted most of the night.

Sound of the big guns could be heard in Seoul, more than 40 miles south.

The Reds jabbed into lines at four places west and north of Munsan. Three probes were hurled back. The fourth, supported by 800 rounds of artillery and mortar, drove U.N. troops from an advance position.

In the same area, a Red out-gate repulsed two assaults by an Allied patrol.

The action marked a shift of Communist pressure from the eastern and east-central sectors. Naval and Marine warplanes from American carriers pounded both coasts of North Korea Tuesday.

Video Fans to See Atomic Explosion

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United Press Staff Writer

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — (AP) — The entire nation may have a chance to see the atom in action when the first "public" atomic explosion is held next week.

The television broadcasters of Southern California have agreed to pool their facilities to put the awe-inspiring spectacle on TV screens from coast to coast.

The Atomic Energy Commission has announced that the "public" blast will be held sometime next week with authorized representatives of the nation's press and radio permitted to witness the show at the Frenchman's Flat proving ground.

SOME 7000 troops, including a large contingent of Marines will

Minister Local Guest

Special services will be held at the Pilgrim Holiness Church 7:30 p.m. each evening, Thursday through Sunday. The Rev. M. C. Kittle, district superintendent of the Idaho-Washington district of the denomination, will be the guest speaker. Special music will be presented each night, and the public is welcome. Friday evening the church will present a gift to the largest family.

Airmen Probe Plane Rubble Near Spokane

SPOKANE — (AP) — Air Force investigators Wednesday dug through the smoldering rubble of a B-36 intercontinental bomber that crashed and exploded near here Tuesday, killing 15 of 17 men aboard.

Officers said they were unable to explain the explosion of the faltering air giant after it crashed while taking off in the pre-dawn darkness with possibly 21,000 gallons of gasoline aboard.

Flames from the plane scorched a five-acre circle around the twisted wreckage a mile east of the Fairchild AFB runway and eight miles west of here in a wheat field.

It was the eighth B-36 crash since the globe-girdling bomber began rolling off the Convair assembly line.

Capt. Cecil Alldredge, pilot of the ill-fated bomber, also was in command of another B-36 that crashed while landing at Fairchild Jan. 29 and burned. All of the crew escaped from that plane, however.

EGG MYSTERY SOLVED

CERESCO, Neb. — (AP) — Mrs. Frank Caha noticed her chickens weren't laying too well, so she counted them and found someone had stolen 70 hens.

President Nominates Murphy

First Ambassador to Japan

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Robert D. Murphy of Milwaukee was nominated by President Truman Wednesday to the first postwar ambassador to Japan.

The President sent the nomination to the Senate in a follow up action to his signing Tuesday of the Japanese peace treaty which is to be put into effect April 28.

MURPHY, now ambassador to Belgium, was chosen for the important post because of a varied 31-year career which has made him one of the country's most experienced diplomats.

Tall, partly bald and affable, the 57-year-old envoy is a veteran of difficult overseas assignments — almost all in Europe. But for the past month, he has been undergoing intensive briefing at the State Department on the complex problems expected in the new phase of Japanese-American relations.

Japan's new ambassador to the U.S. is expected to be Vice Foreign Minister Sadao Iguchi, first secretary at the embassy here when the attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, plunged his country into war with America.

ANOTHER in the series of tions restoring normal relations between Japan and this country was announced in Tokyo Tuesday night.

Japan said she is ready to post 20 million dollars worth of Federal Reserve Bank to secured interest on pre-war Japanese dollar bonds held in this country.

The securities total around 100 million dollars in face value over-due interest has run to around 100 million.

Roseburg Man Arrested COTTAGE GROVE — Ward, 36, of Roseburg, was apprehended by Cottage Grove police Tuesday on a private complaint and lodged in the city jail. His arrest was made in connection with an alleged theft of a rifle.

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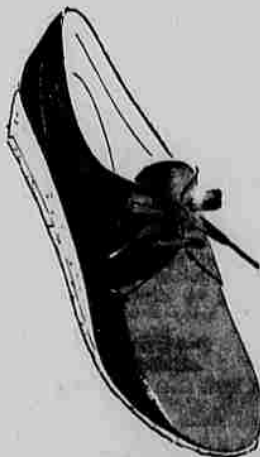
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