

Paper Claims Risk-Free Profit For Power Group

ST. LOUISE (AP)—The Post-Dispatch reports provisions of the long-secret Dixon-Yates contract give the private power combine "a virtually risk-free guarantee of earning 9 per cent on invested capital of \$ 1/2 million dollars."

The newspaper, in a copyrighted dispatch from Washington by Richard Dudman Tuesday, said it had obtained access to a copy of the controversial contract.

"Examination of the new draft gives support to charges of its opponents that it provides a virtually risk-free proposition for the Dixon-Yates group," the Post-Dispatch said.

The newspaper said examination of an Oct. 1 draft of the proposed contract, described as the ninth draft in three months of negotiations, disclosed these main provisions:

- The Dixon-Yates group may figure federal income taxes into its "basic capacity charge" to the Atomic Energy Commission, including any future increase in income taxes.
- Without consent of the AEC, the Dixon-Yates group may

pledge or transfer the contract at any time to pay debts connected with construction of a \$107,250,000 steam-electric power generating plant at West Memphis, Ark.

• The private utilities group is freed of responsibilities if it ever fails to deliver electricity because of "cause beyond control of the company" — but the AEC must keep up its payments to the private group as if service had been continuous.

The Senate-House Committee on Atomic Energy was told last week by the AEC that the AEC has approved the form of a proposed contract under which the Dixon-Yates private combine would turn electric power into the public power lines of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The joint committee has postponed until after the Nov. 2 general election its hearings on the politically hot issue of the contract.

The newspaper said copies of the revised contract were mailed to members of the joint committee Monday.

Rep. W. Sterling Cole, the committee chairman, said at his home in Bath, N.Y., Tuesday night that he had not seen the revised contract. He said he would not pre-empt it, adding that "any advance criticism of the contract must necessarily be politically inspired. I am confident, however, that it will be a good contract in the best interests of the public welfare."

The Post-Dispatch also said it learned the contract has been approved by the Federal Power Commission, the General Accounting Office and, except for minor details, by the TVA.

The Mississippi Valley Generating Co. was formed by the Dixon-Yates group to build and operate the West Memphis generating plant to supply 600,000 kilowatts of power to TVA in exchange for the same amount TVA now supplies to the AEC for use at Paducah, Ky.



SINGER DENIES SHOWGIRL CHARGES—Singer Johnny Johnston, 39, accompanied by his wife, Shirley, 29, right, appeared in Los Angeles Superior Court to answer charges of showgirl Bette Bowers, 24, left, of Washington, D. C., that he is the father of her child, expected in December. Miss Bowers testified in court that Johnston told her "to be a nice girl and kill yourself," if she became pregnant after, she further stated, they had been intimate in a Washington hotel. Johnston has filed an answer denying Miss Bowers' charges but has not yet given his side of the story in court. Miss Bowers is asking that Johnston be declared the father of her expected child and be ordered to pay reasonable support.

Molotov Ends Germany Visit

BERLIN (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov left East Berlin by plane Wednesday for Moscow after an eight-day visit to East Germany.

Officials of the East Zone's Communist government, including Prime Minister Otto Grotewohl and party chieftain Walter Ulbricht, saw Molotov off at the Schoenefeld airport.

Grotewohl and Ulbricht pledged "firm ties" with the Soviet Union for the 18 million East Germans.

During his protracted visit, Molotov visited farms, factories, steel mills and the uranium mines. The visit, officially to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the East German government, came just as the nine-power conference in London was agreeing to rearm West Germany as a sovereign partner in the Western alliance.

Oregon Agriculture Chief Possible Aide to Benson

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Register-Guard Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Oregon's state director of agriculture, Ervin L. Peterson, is being considered by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson for a top post in the Department of Agriculture, where several changes are in the works.

Benson acknowledges that he is planning to reshuffle his staff of assistants, but changes are not expected for several weeks or more. The secretary is currently in the west, where he has been interviewing new prospects to join him in the Eisenhower administration.

In addition to Peterson, Benson has interviewed Harvey Miller, a Heppner wheat grower. But sources here in the capital show no sign of recognition at the name of Miller for a high post.

The Republican National Committee has checked out Peterson and approved his name political-ly — the customary patronage review which is made on all appointive positions by the GOP to be certain that only Republicans in good standing are chosen. The National Committee says they have no file on Miller, however, indicating that his prospects of being appointed to a departmental position are not very far advanced, if in sight at all.

Committee approval of Peterson does not signify that he has been definitely selected by Benson, although several sources indicate that he has been. Peterson was once previously under consideration for a government job, okayed by the National Committee, but an appointment did not follow, one source made clear.

Benson currently has three assistant secretaries, one of whom entered office in August. He is Earl L. Butz, former professor at Purdue University. The others are J. Earl Coke and Ross Rizley.

Actresses Vie For Spotlight In Las Vegas

By BOB THOMAS
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LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—It was sex vs. energy on the Las Vegas strip Tuesday night as Mariene Dietrich in a revealing gown vied for attention with Betty Hutton playing her "last stand."

Both movie queens opened in Hotel Casinos, and Miss Dietrich put up a game fight with a gown almost as controversial as the transparent-topped dress she wore here last December. But Miss Hutton was hard to beat. She capped her swan song by declaring she would marry after her retirement in four weeks.

"GONNA GET MARRIED" she told me. Those close to her declare that her third husband will be Record Executive Alan Livingston.

"I'm gonna be a den mother for my daughter's Brownie troop," she remarked. "I'm gonna learn to play bridge and to sew. I'm gonna be a real dull."

Before Tuesday night's premiere at the Desert Inn, she said: "This is my last show and I'm gonna give it all I've got." She wasn't kidding. Even hard-boiled critics agreed it was one of the great nights of show business.

"I'm fighting sex with thunder," she said in a riotous number called "Thank You, Christian Dior." It was a satire on the bosomy shows by Dietrich, Terry Moore and others.

WIND MACHINE
Miss Dietrich, opening at the Sahara, retaliated characteristically. Instead of a peek-a-boo gown she offered last time, she wore another Jean Louis creation that was almost as tantalizing. It featured 35 yards of white chiffon with nothing underneath. A wind machine outlined her figure at her entrance and she went into her repertoire of off-key songs.

Miss Dietrich is earning \$35,000 a week for a three-week engagement. Miss Hutton draws \$25,000 weekly for four weeks in the smaller Desert Inn room.

Pennsylvania Miners Return to Work

WAYNESBURG, Pa. (AP)—Coal miners returned to work Wednesday at U.S. Steel Corp.'s Robena mine after a two-day strike over seniority rights.

The settlement marked the end of a dispute which spread throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania's bituminous coal field, idling 9,800 workers and closing 15 mines.

The dispute was settled Tuesday night after 1,100 of the Robena workers attended a membership meeting and voted to end the strike.

The mine's 2,700 workers struck Monday in a dispute with the company over seniority.

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