

Hells Canyon Bills Offered in Congress

WASHINGTON (AP)—Legislation to authorize the federal Hells Canyon Dam, sponsored by 30 senators and 4 representatives, was introduced in both houses of Congress Tuesday.

Five identical bills would authorize a federal dam in the deep river gorge on the continent—Hells Canyon on the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon. Similar bills failed in 2 past congresses.

ALTERNATE PROPOSAL

In the same river reach, the Idaho Power Co. is seeking Federal Power Commission construction licenses for 3 smaller dams which would flood the proposed federal project site. The private utility's applications are before an FPC examiner.

Public power groups fought the applications during the year-long hearing before examiner William J. Costello, who plans to rule in April or May. His decision will be appealed to the FPC itself.

The public power groups asserted that the Republican administration got behind Idaho Power's plan when Secretary of the Interior McKay withdrew his department's opposition to the firm's applications and took no action to press the construction of the federal dam by the Reclamation Bureau, which is under Interior.

The Senate bill, introduced by

Sen. Morse (D-Ore.), is co-sponsored by 29 senators—27 Democrats and 2 Republicans.

Identical House bills bear the names of Reps. Plost (D-Idaho), Don Magnuson (D-Wash.), Green (D-Ore.) and Metcalf (D-Mont.). Introduction of more than 1 bill in the House, where co-sponsorship is against the rule, is meant to indicate regional support.

Among members of Congress ready to take the floor to support the bills are Sens. Morse, Neuberger (D-Ore.) and Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) and Reps. Magnuson and Plost.

'INDISPENSABLE' DAM

Morse said in his prepared speech the proposed federal dam is an "indispensable" project in the federal plan for development of the Columbia River and its tributaries.

"... Without it," he declared, "the United States will consign 13 per cent of its land area and over 40 per cent of its water resources to incomplete, hazardous under-development."

Morse said the federal project in the "greatest remaining dam site on the North American continent" would "provide 1,124,000 kilowatts of firm power," subsidize irrigation projects and provide flood control, navigation and recreation benefits.

\$473 MILLION PROJECT

The bills would authorize project works estimated to cost 473 million dollars: 357 million for the Hells Canyon Dam, 68 million for power transmission facilities there and 48 million for two smaller dams and power houses on the north fork of the Payette River, east of Hells Canyon and north of Boise, Idaho.

Idaho Power Co. contends its 3 proposed dams, at total construction cost of 133 million dollars, would produce almost as much power and as many other benefits as the federal project.



GEN. MAXWELL TAYLOR
Heads U.N. Command

Grace Kelly In Doghouse With Studio

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Marilyn Monroe moved over Tuesday to make room for actress Grace Kelly in Hollywood's doghouse.

Like marvelous Marilyn, Miss Kelly was suspended by MGM studios for refusing parts in 2 films.

Miss Monroe, a sensation whether she's acting or just standing around, was suspended by 20th Century Fox last January on similar grounds.

Contacted in New York where she is busy settling down in a new Fifth Ave. apartment, Miss Kelly admitted she might be getting a little spoiled, particularly after her role in "The Country Girl," which won her an Academy Award nomination this year.

"I'm not trying to be difficult or temperamental," Miss Kelly said. "I just don't feel I'm right for the part in 'Jeremy Rodock.' My agent told that to the studio, but they say they have to make the picture anyway."

"It's difficult to describe the role. It's a straight dramatic part. But, you know, every role now seems to pale in comparison with 'The Country Girl.' Maybe that picture spoiled me a little," she said.

BUSINESSMAN DIES

PORTLAND (AP)—William Quincy Bateman, 72, general manager of all Montgomery Ward & Co. retail stores from 1928 to 1930, died Saturday.

U.N. Forces Under Taylor

To Succeed Hull Effective April 1

TOKYO (AP)—Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor was named U.S. Far East commander and head of the United Nations Command Tuesday.

Effective April 1, he will succeed Gen. John E. Hull, who is retiring at his own request after 37 years in the Army.

MORE RESPONSIBILITY

Appointment of Taylor was expected. He has been given increasing responsibilities in recent months until he commanded all ground forces in Japan, South Korea and Okinawa.

Hull will spend a month in the office of the Army chief of staff in Washington before he retires. He has been Far East commander since October 1953.

Taylor assumed command of the 8th Army in Korea Feb. 11, 1953. His place as commander of ground forces in Japan, Okinawa and South Korea will be taken by Lt. Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, deputy chief of staff for plans and research. Lemnitzer will be replaced by Maj. Gen. James M. Gavin, assistant chief of staff for operations.

Taylor is in Thailand to check on the military situation.

STUDIOUS MAN

He is known for his record of bravery and a quiet, studious personality which does not advertise his knowledge of 8 languages, including Japanese, Chinese and Korean.

In World War II Taylor went on a dangerous mission behind the lines prior to the Italian surrender. He joined his surrounded division in the Bastogne forest by a daring parachute jump during the Battle of the Bulge.

A-Cbuds Drift Away; Scientists Urge Study

LAS VEGA, Nev. (AP)—Wind-blown remnants of the year's biggest atomic explosion to date drifted lazily across the nation Tuesday.

One portion of cloud broke away from the oaring mushroom of the Monday est A-blast and is moving east under the constant study of Atomic Energy Commission monitors.

Another part moved harmlessly across central California and out over the Pacific.

AEC officials emphasized that neither cloud was considered dangerous.

Plans went ahead for another test explosion at the vast Yucca Flat proving ground 75 miles northwest of Las Vegas. The next blast will be smaller.

Monday's explosion—triggered on a 500-foot tower—flashed in the clear, desert air at 5:20 a.m. It was seen in all the Western States and in Mexico.

The AEC said no one was injured, although some 575 servicemen evacuated trenches 5,500 yards from ground zero 10 minutes after the explosion because of a wind shift.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federation of American Scientists has pleaded "with some desperation" for a United Nations study to find out how many hydrogen and atomic bomb tests the human race can stand without grave danger.

It suggested that, if the study warranted, the U.N. might clamp a limit on the number of nuclear test blasts that could be set off in any one year throughout the world.

The aim of this study would be to limit the amount of radiation resulting from atomic experiments, to safeguard present and future generations. Some scientists have warned that this radiation, by changing the genes determining human heredity could wreak grave damage on generations yet unborn.

The Atomic Energy Commission, however, has expressed the view that the amount of radioactivity so far released has posed no significant threat.

But the scientists' federation said: "It should be clear that future accelerated H-bomb test programs, by several atomic powers, will ultimately reach a level which can be shown to be a serious threat to the genetic safety of all the people of the world."

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