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#### VALLEY AUTHORITIES

With the Missouri Valley authority bill hit by an adverse Commerce Committee report it is time to give earnest consideration to another "authority" attempt of the same breed, that pertaining to the Columbia valley and commonly referred to as the CVA. The principle is the same as the MVA proposal which was temporarily halted by senate committee, but there is just enough change to indicate that Harold Ickes, secretary of the interior, who opposed the MVA as outlined in S. 555 may favor the Columbia authority plan.

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An excellent analysis of CVA and of the manner in which it would set at naught the American conception of the functions of government is presented in an editorial discussion appearing in the Register-Guard, of Eugene, which says:

"There is before you a major step in the basic reorganization of the government of the United States, as we have known it for 150 years"—Harold Ickes at MVA hearing, April 18, 1945.

Very soon the people of the northwest—Oregon, Washington, Idaho and western Montana and Wyoming will be confronted by the proposals to put them under a regional government known as the Columbia Valley Authority. It would govern not only the entire Columbia iver watershed, every trickle of water that finds its way into the Columbia anywhere but the Puger Sound area, all the coastal streams which flow to the Pacific between Canada and the California boundary.

The Columbia Valley Authority would be one of some 15 "valley authorities" envisioned by Secretary Ickes and his associates, covering every inch of United States—and adjacent parts of Canada. All in the pattern of TVA—the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Hearings on the Murray bill (S555) to create a Missouri Valley Authority have just been completed—and, for the time being, the MVA is dead, The senate's commerce committee has reported adversely and its agriculture and irrigation committees are expected to do likewise.

Strange to relate, Secretary Ickes helped to kill S555 although he testified as the top advocate of "valley authoritie." He said frankly he did not like the Missouri bill because it was not strong enough—it called for a board to administer that vast region; Mr. Ickes prefers one man responsible fo himself.

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For the Columbia valley there are two bills—S460 by Sena-tor Mitchell, of Washington; and HR2923 by Rep. Hovan— either one of which will probably be much more to the liking of Secretary Ickes and Abe Fortas, his chief adviser on

power policy.

These two CVA bills may come to hearing this summer or in the early fall and it is important that the people of the northwest should know what Mr. Tickes and his associates want to do for them—and to them—not only the facts but the philosophy of these bills. People of the region should know:

1. Every drop of water, anywhere on the Columbia, its tributaries or the coastal streams would be under the complete and final control of CVA.

2. No city or district could create or extend to municipal water or power supply except by permission of CVA, on the contrary the CVA could take over such munipical operations as those of the Eugene water board, if in the opinion of the CVA it was desirable.

3. Every other resource of the region—forests, mines, fish and game, land use, recreation would be subject to regulations of CVA and CVA could absorb all agencies now dealing with these matters in this region.

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4. Except for an "advisory council" having no real voice in policy, the people of the region would not have any representation in CVA.

5. All power would rest in three directors of the CVA "corporation" reporting only to the chairman of a national river basin developments board (the secretary of interior).

The question is not just "public ownership" in electric power. It is as Secretary Ickes has admitted a "basic reorganization of government as we have known it for 150 years." It is not a question of "states rights" in the narrow sense. It is a question of a new and foreign kind of government in which the people would no longer be considered worthy of direct representation.

The philosophy of Mr. Ickes and his associates is exposed in some of his further remarks at the MVA hearing:

"We have listened to much eloquent and loose talk about 'independence' and 'local autonomy'... there is no legislative assembly in the TVA valley to pass upon policies or dictate administrative procedures... there are no referenda that would give citizens of the valley the right to support or to strike down any legislative policy... as a matter of fact there is no local control of any sort except that set up voluntarily by TVA..."

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congress vest authority directly in a single valley
administrator, appointed by the president, with the
advice and counsel of the senate; that is the way to get the job done."

democracy so weary and futile? Are Americans after 150 years so feeble and incompetent that we find solve from the organization experiments of Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin? Is there any man or hoard of men so wise, so honest, so far seeing that the destiny of such a region as

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this should be trusted to him or them, forever? Slow and painful and blundering as democratic methods may be—and we all endure it in the most insignificant neigh-borhood committee—is not "the meeting of minds" usually an improvement over one-man judgment, no matter how magnanimous that man may be? This is the issue—government as SERVANT or govern-

ment as BOSS!
Here in the northwest, it is possible, people in general may not have taken too keen an interest in the MVA—in its threat or in the elimination of that threat. They may have felt that it was something which did not especially affect them. There can be no such reason for lack of interest in the Columbia Valley authority. The menace now is direct and very real.

By Virginia Chase

Mrs. Guptill was beginning to

"It's as plain as day," Mrs. Guptill said, pointing.

A big flame broke out and lighted Mr. Cutter's window. He was standing there, looking out, his face quite calm. As they watched, horrified, he opened his mouth in a yawn. The flame died down, and he disappeared completely.

Ada gave a long shrick and dashed for the kilchen door, My father caught her on the threshold. "You can't go in there," he told her. "It's a mass of flames."

She pushed and screamed harder.

jamin, who was taking down the ladder, "Wait," she evied. "Wait!" He turned and wiped the soot from his face to the back of his hand. "It's no use," he said, "We've got the stable to think

But Mr. Cutter," she cried

Benjamin stopped short, "What's hat?"
"We saw him through the win-

dow. Ada's trying to get back in."
Through the din we heard her shouting. "Let me by! Let me

"TH go up," Benjamin said,
"You tell her."
"Only if you're sure..."
Lie moved the ladder right over

where the flames were hottest.
Then he grabbed an ax from a
man who was passing. The chimney was already tottering.
"Where's he gain'?" someone

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"What's be after?"
"He hadn't oughter try!"

Four rungs, Five. . .

"Hey, keep an eye on that

aflame. The roof was sagging.
Oh. Benjamin. . . .
A brick fell, almost grazing the ladder. Hands reached out to steady it. "Hey, are you all right?"
"All right." The legs were still now. The ladder shook a little. We heard glass breaking, then we saw a quick, brief rush of flame. My father rushed up.
"Come back!" he shouted. "Come back!" he shouted. "Come back. Do you hear?"

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sign of it.

One leg disappeared. Then, slowly, the other, He was inside.

Everyone was very quiet. They knew now where he was going and what he was after. My mother and Mrs. Guptill had brought Ada to the foot of the ladder. She was moaning softly. That was all you could hear except for the crackling of the flames and the whimshe of a boxe that had

whinnying of a horse that had strayed near by. It seemed hours.

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A leg came out, groping for a footing. He was safe—so far. Then a limp, heavy roll.

More hands reached out to hold

the ladder firm.

the ladder firm.

Another rung, unsteadily, because of the weight he carried.

Another. One more.

"The chimley! The chimley's falling!"

Bricks fell, scattering in all directions. One of them hit the rung that Benjamin was grasping. He swayed and caught the side of the ladder.

"He's got him in a blanket!"

ing to move to Nampa, Idaho, where they will reside. Mrs. Dentison's health is not so good as sine contracted undulant fever over two years ago.

The Sisters Townsend club met Friday evening and sponsored a "fish pond" which was a success The club had its former secretary, Mrs. Widmark, send a check to Townsend headquarters for \$74 which a few of the club members earned by cutting wood, in order to be able to send in a four-year unbessingtion for the Townsend My father started up. "Keep off," Benjamin shouted. 'Twon't hold."

Harry Bedwell who is stationed at Pearl Harbor, wrote his par-ents that he met an old school-mate of his, Evan Reynolds, with

whom he played basketball at

The Christian church Sunday school was very well attended. Prizes were given to the mother and daughter who looked the most alike. The prizes were won by Mrs. Richard Day and daughter,

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He kept coming slowly, slowly, testing each step. Flames burst out of the broken window. Heavy clouds of smoke. Just six more rungs. Five. over two years age.

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Four. ... got him," my father

shouted.

The crowd closed in, cheering. Benjamin pushed his waythrough it, looking neither left nor right. He was heading for the stable. Jay and my father carried Mr. Cutter to the steps of the Town Hall. Ada, my mother, and Mrs. Guptill followed them.

They had barely left when the roof fell in a shower of sparks, that stung our faces and clung to our clothing until we slapped them out.

them out,
"Get back! Get back!"

Big flames shot up. Hot nolsy ones. Timbers crumbled. One af-ter another the walls fell in. We could hear the windows crashing. The other chimney swayed and collapsed. People ran back, stum-bling over buckets.

"Look out!"
"Look out!"
"Look out!"
"A horse whinnied again, wildly.
Above it all, if you had been listening, you could have heard the Town Clock striking 9.

In the middle of the night I woke up suddenly. I was in my own bed at home. But there was something, it seemed, hanging over me. Something I had forgotten. Something immense. Something frightening....
Then it came to me.
The comet!
I got out of bed and crept barefooted to the window, half afraid to raise my eyes.

to raise my eyes.

There it was, right above the Academy, streaming across the sky, trailing its long, misty, nebulous tail

### Sisters

Sisters, May 17 (Special)—Carl Hyson, brother of Mrs. Harvey Cole who was contined in the Vancouver, Wash., hospital, has been released and is now on a 30-day furlough at his home in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Denison are in Sisters for a few days, prepar-

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Mrs. Richard Day and daughter, Sharon. Other prize winners oldest mother in attendance, Mrs. Nettle Templeton; youngest mother in attendance, Mrs. Jerry Benson.

Verne Knight, son of Mrs. Claire Morris is at Sisters visiting his mother and friends. He was discharged from the field artillery last December after receiving a leg wound. He has been at

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end. Mrs. Kathleen Hitchcock held a

Mrs. Kathleen Fritchcock field a Mother's day dinner Sunday and also celebrated the birthday of C. G. Hitchcock. Those present were Mrs. Frank Crawford and three children, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hitchcock and the hostess and her formly.

her family.

Phil Hitchcock arrived in Sisters on business Monday from Klamath Falls.

Mrs. H. R. Reed of Mitchell, is visiting in Sisters en route to Portland.

The newly acquired Parker River National Wildlife refuge in Massachusetts contains slightly over 14,000 acres, only 205 acres of which are agricultural lands; it is a part of the Atlantic flyway system for migratory birds.

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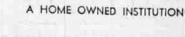
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