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CVA AGAIN

In another column we publish a letter from Senator Austin Flegel in which he explains his position about the CVA.

It is distressing to one who believes whole heartedly in the ability of the American people to organize for huge production to read that "No individual corporation or company has the means with which to complete the dams required to develop the full resources of the Columbia river." We have done some big jobs by private industry in America and we doubt if damming the Columbia is much bigger than the development of the Mesabi range for the production of steel or of some other American enterprise. Senator Flegel, himself, was engaged in some sizeable industrial work during the war and should be expected to speak more highly of American accomplishments.

It will be the earnings of the people that go into the construction in any event. It will be financed by taxes if built by the government, and that is a sort of forced contribution. It would be financed by bond issues by private concerns and no one would be forced to contribute. There is no reason why private industry couldn't do the job except that people have been trained to think that impossible—trained to believe that Americans in government are somewhat better, and less mercenary, than those in private industry. This has been so in the face of the fact that government inefficiency often costs more than private profits.

The senator also says that "No new powers are given to this administration not already possessed by the agencies now having jurisdiction." This means, no doubt, the army engineers and the reclamation service. Certainly the CVA bill now before congress does give additional powers to the proposed CVA board both as to control over the area and over finances, fish and game.

But our main contention is that the assumption that the people are impotent to construct indusrial masterpieces without government control shows little confidence in the abilities of Americans and an inadequate knowledge of our history in such matters. Let us not sell America short.

As for us we are more afraid of big government (from which there is no recourse) than big industry (which can be controlled by government.)

People's Column

To the editor:

I read your editorial of September 30th on CVA. No individual corporation or company has the means with which to complete the dams required to develop the full resources of the Columbia River. Aside from financial considerations it would not be practicable because of the various sovereignties involved and because any dam affects the interests of three or four states and probably the interests of both the Federal Government and of Canada. Furthermore, a private individual or corporation could not complete the dam because it would only be interested in one phase of the development of the river, namely power. Channel development, flood control ,irrigation, fisheries and reclamation all are of importance, and each of these interests conflict more or less with the other. It seems self evident therefore that the only way in which the river can be developed is by the Federal Government which has the means and the power to do a complete job.

I am glad that you realize that there must be a co-ordinating authority and that is what we are seeking to accomplish by the proposed CVA Bill. No new powers are given to this administration not already possessed by the agencies now having jurisdiction. The membership of the administration is carefully safeguarded. Two of the members must be bona fide residents of this region, They must reside here and maintain their office here. Its members are selected by the President of the United States and their appointment must be confirmed by the U. S. Senate. This is the manner in which the most important officers of our country are selected, for example, the secretaries of the Cabinets, The Chief of Staff of the Army, the Commanding Admiral of the Navy, the members of the Supreme Court and other judicial officers. No reason exists why the same high standard generally required both by the President and by the Senate for such nominees should not apply with equal force to the members of the CVA.

This river which is owned by the people of the country and which must be developed by the public money and enterprise for the benefit of the public free from selfish interests and private profit. I don't think this is socialism. It strikes me as being just plain common sense.

With kindest regards I am
Very truly yours,
Austin E. Flegel

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This shows how tolerant folks *can* be. Doc showed his respect for how the majority felt; Curly was big enough not to insist on his malted even though he doesn't happen to be fond of baseball.

From where I sit, willingness to respect the other people's feelings is important in a Democracy. If we're tolerant of a person's like for baseball or a glass of temperate beer, we've come a long way on the right road . . . the road to a better America, that is!

Joe Marsh

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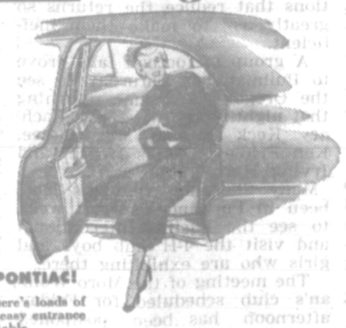
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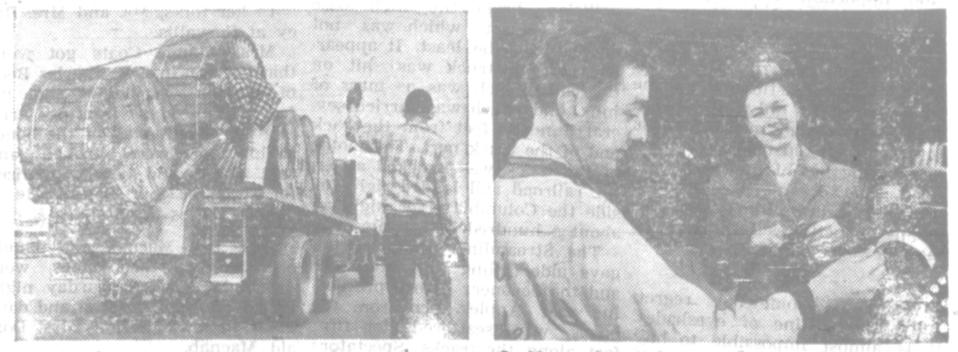
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