

# Utah Senator Proposes Local Public Corporations To Manage Interstate Water

Washington, Apr. 10—(U.P.)—Sen. Arthur V. Watkins, (R., Utah), proposed today that Congress permit local public corporations—instead of federal agencies—to manage government-financed water and power projects on interstate streams.

He said such groups could do away with a "policy of federal ownership" without sacrificing needed integration in development of basin-wide water resources. Continued operation by the government, he said, eventually in the whole country.

**Would Authorize Associations**

He introduced legislation to authorize formation of "interstate water and power users' associations" to confer on them

the following powers:

1. To make contracts with federal agencies for project construction and for cost repayments.
2. To operate and maintain projects and to "hold them in trust" for shareholders.
3. To issue stock to water users in proportion to water rights they hold.
4. To repay costs of project construction out of assessments levied against stockholders and out of revenues from power sales.
5. To sell power to "public and private power systems" as well as to those public agencies now entitled to priorities under federal reclamation law. The priorities would be preserved under Watkins' proposal.
6. To permit financing of "poor" projects out of revenues from richer projects.

**Charter Corporation**

The associations could be recognized by the secretary of interior to perform these functions on the application of a majority of governors of states within an interstate river system. The secretary would "charter a body corporate" after receiving articles of incorporation from the governors.

Watkins said federal ownership and control of projects stemmed largely from the fact that new developments cover sweeping areas where no authorized local agency exists to contract with the government.

He said valley authorities have been suggested as the proper vehicle for grand-scale water development, but have met "strong resistance in the west."

His proposed associations would consist of shareholder members who would elect not less than five and not more than 21 directors for three-year staggered terms. The directors, in turn, would be authorized to appoint administrative staffs, but only by an affirmative vote of three-fourths.

# Nearly 20,000 Return to Jobs In Past Month

Salem, Ore., Apr. 10—(U.P.)—Nearly 20,000 workers returned to their jobs in Oregon during March, the state employment service reported today. But a new influx of job-seekers held the actual monthly gain to 16,000.

Local offices of the service said 58,865 persons still were looking for work, 10.5 per cent fewer than a year ago and about 40,000 under the winter peak early in February.

Klamath Falls reported 2,400 without jobs, an increase of 375 during March. Reports about new industries opening up brought hundreds across the California border, officials said.

The only other Oregon community with more unemployment April 1 than a month before was Toledo, where a labor dispute resulted in 1,950 idle as against 950 March 1.

Declines from 40 to 60 per cent in unemployment were reported from Hood River, Tillamook, Oregon City, Lebanon and Roseburg—mostly due to resumption of logging and lumbering operations.

The number without work dropped less than 20 per cent in Portland, Corvallis, Eugene, Freewater, Bend, La Grande and Grants Pass.

Astoria, Pendleton and Eugene reported more unemployed than on April 1, 1949.

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# GI, Civilians Face Drug Theft Charges

Anchorage, Alaska, Apr. 10—(U.P.)—Military police seized two civilians and a soldier today and charged them with attempting to steal a quarter of a million dollars worth of narcotics.

Capt. James H. Meyer, military special investigation agent, named the three as John Francis Brown, 25, Charles Houston Tittle, 37, both Anchorage cab drivers, and Sgt. Bernard Levine, 35, 5005th hospital group.

**TOGETHER AGAIN**

Red Wing, Minn.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Harold Lee, 46, has been reunited with an elder brother, C. A. Johnson, after a 44-year separation. Johnson, now a Canadian postal employee, was taken from his sister in the early 1900s when their mother died. She was adopted by a physician and was sent to Canada.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

# Christian Science Speaker Points to 'Way of Freedom'

Knowing God and man through spiritual understanding is the way to find freedom from fear, from sin and sickness, freedom from lack and limitation, a Medford audience was told Sunday by Arthur Perrow, Chicago, Ill., in a Christian Science lecture.

Everyone may become aware of man's "God-ordained freedom in truth—freedom from all the falsities and limitations of physical sense testimony"—with the light which Christian Science throws on the messages of the Bible, he maintained.

Mr. Perrow, for years a Christian Science practitioner in Chicago, is now a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. He spoke in Medford high school auditorium under auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Medford. Subject of his talk was "Christian Science: The Way of Freedom."

He was introduced by Edward Humphrey, first reader.

The answer to every problem—the solution for every discord—is already established in divine perfection, and can be found through spiritual understanding, the lecturer maintained.

"There is no such thing as unanswered prayer, when one prays aright with faith and understanding," he said, "because the answer is already established, awaiting our acceptance, our acknowledgment, of the divine presence and its power to supply all good, to meet our every need."

**Freedom in Knowing**

"Prayer does not change the purpose of divine love," he said. "Prayer means knowing the truth as it exists eternally, the knowing which Jesus said is requisite to our freedom." This freedom, Mr. Perrow made clear, includes freedom from fear, failure, sickness, and all other types of disasters.

He told of a time when, very ill and in great pain, he turned to the Biblical passage (I Kings 5:4): "But now the Lord my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary now evil occurrent." Prayerful study of this passage, he said, brought about his healing.

"Even the first word 'but' under the circumstances meant a great deal to me," he related. "I interpreted it to mean that regardless of the situation, regardless of what the condition might be called, the outstanding and only truth remained that God had already given me rest, peace, so that contrary to mortal sense testimony of the moment, there really was no adversary—there was no evil occurring. I was healed instantly."

# American Scientists To Clean Up Radioactive Region With Geigers

Oak Ridge, Tenn., Apr. 10—(U.P.)—On May 1, while Russia beats its military breast, 22 American scientists deep in Oak Ridge's secret area will arm themselves with Geiger counters to "clean up" after a mock atom bomb "attack."

Thousands of miles away, in Moscow, communists will mass in Moscow's Red square to watch Soviet military parades in traditional celebration of the communist "May day."

**Quiet Demonstration**

Here, the demonstration will be a quiet one. But officials of the atomic energy commission regard it as the first concrete step toward putting civilians on guard against radiation effects of an atomic attack.

Scientists attending a five-week "teacher training" course in atomic warfare defense at the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies will form the mop-up force.

Instead of hand buckets and tin hats, trademarks of the civilian defense wardens of World War II, they will move into the "hot" area with Geiger counters to find the worst contaminated spots and rid them of radiation.

**Area Selected**

An area adjacent to the "graveyard" of radioactive waste materials near the national laboratory here has been selected for this atomic age "obstacle course." The props will include cast-off buildings and a variety of construction materials.

The "bomb" will be set off when the deadly rays of a short-lived isotope are released into the atmosphere. Radioactivity will penetrate deepest into the building blocks, but also will enter stainless steel frames of windows.

Garbed in ordinary coveralls, rubber shoes and hats, the scientists will judge how close they are to a danger area by the rate of clicks from the Geiger counter.

Portable survey meters, which measure radiation quantitatively, will tell them how much time they have to decontaminate before they are overcome with "radiation sickness."

**Some Treated Chemically**

Some of the least radioactive materials, depending on the porous quality of the surface, can be decontaminated simply by washing with water. Others will have to be treated chemically to neutralize the radioactivity. The rest will be staked off and posted.

H. J. McAluff, a health-physicist at the laboratory who is in charge of the "attack," said it will be conducted under carefully controlled conditions. It will, however, afford the first practical demonstration on an organized scale of radiation decontamination "using common sense" methods, he said.

The scientists, representing 16 states from Florida to the midwest, are learning even now to take a Geiger counter apart and repair it. In laboratories and classrooms, AEC health-physicists are teaching them about the dozen or more elements

# JUST SWAP PLACES

Macon, Ga.—(U.P.)—Turnabout's fair play, Judge Cecil A. Baldwin and A. M. Pooler agreed at a meeting of the Georgia Industrial Home board. Baldwin was chairman of the board and Pooler was president. They just swapped.

Portland, Ore., Apr. 10—(U.P.)—Fishermen today reported a late run of smelt in the Columbia river off Clatskanie.

Similar courses are under way at AEC installations at the Brookhaven, N. Y., national laboratory and at the University of California at Berkeley.

After the courses are ended the scientists attending them will

have the job of passing on their information to other persons in their own states, principally educators.

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