



PRESENTED BY military chaplains, Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower receives "A Minute of Prayer," new pocket size book of prayers of all faiths, at White House ceremony. From left: Brig. Gen. Henry Darlington; Rabbi Morris Sandhaus, commission of Jewish chaplains; Mrs. Eisenhower and Father (Maj. Gen.) Patrick J. Ryan, chief of U. S. Army chaplains. (International)

Columbia Interstate Compact Faces Legislative Opposition

Salem — (U.P.) — A spirited hearing that extended nearly until midnight gave indications today of the rough passage the proposal for a Columbia Interstate compact will have in the Oregon legislature.

The hearing, which began yesterday afternoon, recessed a couple of hours and then continued from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. with comment from private utilities, the Oregon State Bureau Farm Federation and a group

of Northwest engineers favoring the compact; labor, the Grange and certain PUD's opposed it.

Testimony Shows Trends

The testimony given at the hearing before the Senate Natural Resources committee headed by Sen. Paul E. Geddes, Roseburg Republican, showed a trend, observers said, of those for partnership development of the Columbia river basin in favor of the compact and those in favor of full federal development opposed to it.

The compact would have to be ratified by Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, then approved by Congress before it became effective. Also joining in the compact with one vote each would be Nevada, Wyoming and Utah. The four ratifying states would have two votes each.

Proponents of the compact, through which the seven states would get together on power, water rights, and other matters pertinent to the Columbia basin, gave the opening arguments and the opponents took most of the night session.

Opposition Expressed

James P. Marr, executive secretary of the state AFL and George Brown, executive secretary of the state CIO, said they were opposed to the compact on grounds that it might allocate proportionately more power to states upstream from Oregon. Elmer McClure of the State Grange and Harley Libby of Oregon Farmers Union expressed similar opposition.

Earlier, Barry Brownell of Salem and Oregon City, second

vice-president of the Oregon Farm Bureau federation, said the OFBF was on record as opposed to the compact.

Coordination of Views

General O. E. Walsh, former North Pacific division engineer for the U. S. Corps of Engineers and now with Portland General Electric, said the compact would lead to a coordination of views of the states involved on basin development.

Ralph Cowgil, Portland engineer who said he represented 1,400 Pacific Northwest engineers favored the compact, expressing belief it would give the Pacific Northwest a controlling voice in Columbia basin development.

Debbie Reynolds To Wed Fisher June 17

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actress Debbie Reynolds and singer Eddie Fisher will be married in Southern California June 17 on the anniversary of their first date, according to the bride's parents.

The young screen star's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Reynolds, announced the wedding date yesterday but said no details had been worked out yet on where the ceremony will be held.

Miss Reynolds now is in New York where she has been making personal appearances in connection with her latest movie, "Hit The Deck." Fisher also is in the east, but is expected here in a few weeks.

Princess Sets Sail for Kingston

Kingston, St. Vincent — (U.P.) — Princess Margaret sails to this windward island today for a brief visit on her month-long goodwill tour of the British West Indies.

The 24-year-old younger sister of Queen Elizabeth II is scheduled to arrive from spicelike Grenada aboard the royal yacht Britannia about 3 p.m.

Margaret spent the night aboard the yacht in St. George's Harbor after a farewell reception for some 200 guests at Government House of the nutmeg capital of the world.

During a function-packed day Monday, Margaret got her first chance to take a dip in the blue Caribbean. Royal custom barred her from Grenada's famed twomile long sand beach because the hills behind it ruled out any chance of privacy.

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