

Morse, Ellsworth Tangle as Power Policy Battle Starts

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Washington—The power policy fight in Congress is on, with both sides vowing to trade punches with their opponents on into the summer—and into next year's presidential election.

The opening skirmish of this past week brought with it a direct clash between Sen. Wayne Morse, who is leading the fight for a high Hells Canyon dam, and Rep. Harris Ellsworth, who is taking the lead in behalf of "partnership" construction of Cougar and Green Peter dams in the Willamette basin.

After introducing his bill, Ellsworth issued a statement warning that opposition by Oregon Democratic members of Congress could possibly block approval of his bill. Stressing not only the power benefits of the two projects, Ellsworth declared:

"It will be a great shame if our people are denied this urgently needed flood control because of the political opposition of men who are still living in the New Deal federal power monopoly days."

This had no sooner hit the pages of Oregon newspapers when Morse struck back with a reply that charged Oregon Republican congressmen with "frantic alibiing" and serving as spokesmen for private utilities. Urging that Cougar and Green Peter dams be built by the federal government, Morse declared: "When Republican members

of Congress from Oregon seek to mislead the people of Oregon by statements to the effect that votes cannot be obtained in Congress for the construction of these projects by the federal government, they should make clear they are talking about only Republican votes."

Ellsworth argued that for years the development of Oregon flood control and power dams had been kept "out of politics," with the result that Lookout Point, Detroit, Fern Ridge and Dorena dams had been built in the Willamette.

"It is a mean and tragic situation," the GOP congressman exclaimed, charging Democrats with making the construction of such projects a partisan matter. He said the Pacific Northwest's need for electric power had gone beyond the federal government's ability to finance all the new projects needed, hence the need for the "partnership" between local utilities and the government to share costs.

Morse shot back that the "partnership" policy was a "diversionary tactic" that would produce "little power and then only high cost power." He called it a "phony scheme" which he said Congress would not go for.

Picking up his argument that it is Republican opposition that

has slowed down federal development, Morse added: "The answer to them is to replace them with Democrats because it has been Democratic administrations that have built the great power projects of the Pacific Northwest, such as Bonneville, Grand Coulee, The Dalles and McNary. And it has been Democrats in the House and Senate who have continued to fight for them over the opposition of the Republican administration."

"Ellsworth called this a 'reactionary approach that harked back to the days of Harold Ickes, former interior secretary. He said: 'Democrat members of the present Oregon delegation in Congress are now advancing the reactionary idea that hydro-electric power in the great dams of the Pacific Northwest must be developed by the federal government or not at all.'"

So far within the Oregon delegation it has a three-to-one contest, the three Democrats joining forces for federal development, with Ellsworth thus far all alone in defending the "partnership" policy. Rep. Sam Coon is a "partnership" backer but has not jumped into the fray as yet, while Rep. Walter Norblad has made no public indications of his position on the controversial power issue.

Sen. Morse Attacks Dworshak's Stand On Hells Canyon

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Wayne L. Morse (D-Ore.) accused Sen. Henry C. Dworshak (R-Ida.) Saturday of trying to "carry water on both shoulders" in his attitude toward the Hells Canyon project.

In a Senate speech, Morse assailed Dworshak's statements on the Hells Canyon issue over the past several years. He accused the Idaho senator of not taking a stand on the question of a high dam at Hells Canyon until after he was reelected last year.

Opposed Morse Bill
Dworshak recently made a speech opposing a bill by Morse and 29 other senators to authorize construction of a high federal dam on the Oregon-Idaho border. He said the dam was "political."

In that speech, Morse said, Dworshak "indicated his opposition—for the first time in public so far as I am aware. Certainly he did not do so during his campaign for reelection."

Phantom Projects
Morse also criticized Dworshak for advocating "little phantom projects on the headwaters of the Snake river as an alternate to the big dam. Private power sources have urged construction of three low-level dams on the river."

"I am almost sure that I completely understand Dworshak's power policy," Morse said. "Thus far, in serving the people of Idaho, he has been chiefly responsible for a series of interminable studies of river reaches in Idaho already studied half to death."

Morse said "I am not too sure but what that might not constitute a violation of his well known stand on economy in government."

McClellan Pledges Full Investigation Into Peress Case

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) promised Saturday to "lay it on the line" in a new investigation of the now-celebrated Army career of former Maj. Irving Peress.

McClellan said the Senate investigating committee which he heads will delve "completely and thoroughly" into the Army's handling of Peress from his induction to his controversial discharge.

"We will just lay it on the line," McClellan said. "The case has become of such prominence to the people in view of the fact that a captain was promoted to major with derogatory information in his file that we want to clear it up."

Peress has been called a "Fifth Amendment Communist" by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.), a member of the subcommittee who formerly was its chairman and handled the first investigation of the case.

McClellan complained that the New York dentist was promoted and later given an honorable discharge by the Army despite his refusal to answer if he was a Communist when asked by McCarthy.

McClellan said the new hearings on the case, beginning next Tuesday, should end within a week or 10 days. He said 22 persons would be called as witnesses, including Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens, former army counselor John G. Adams and probably Peress himself.

The Peress case played a prominent part in McCarthy's feud with the Army last year.

Judge Gives Two-Year Term for Embezzlement

Portland—(U.P.)—Multnomah County Circuit Judge Lowell Mundorff Friday sentenced Fred Young, 61, to two years in the state penitentiary for embezzling funds while an employee of Sears Roebuck & Company.

The sentence was ordered suspended to allow Young's attorneys time to prepare an appeal or a motion for a new trial. Young would remain free on bail.

Young was convicted by a jury of embezzling at least \$8000 while manager of the firm's tire department at its Portland store.

Sears Roebuck filed a civil action Friday seeking to determine the amount taken. The company estimate was \$50,000.

On The Side

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Does there within your dreams, A possible future shine, Wherein your life could henceforth breathe, Untouched, unshared by mine? Is there within your heart a need, That mine cannot fulfill, One chord that any other hand, Could better wake or still? —Adelaide Proctor

Are you about to become a proud papa? Perhaps you are and don't know it. Could also be your wife is to become a mother tomorrow and doesn't know it. A Milwaukee woman, who recently gave birth to a fine baby boy, didn't know she was going to become a mother until less than a day before the child arrived. Nothing indicated a blessed event was imminent. There had been no change in her figure. Furthermore she was 45, and the new arrival was her first baby!

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Washington Farm Boy Killed in Accident

Lorenzo, Wash.—(U.P.)—A 12-year-old Lorenzo farm boy was killed Saturday when a truck, driven by his father, crushed him against a gate post on their farm. The boy was Bobbie Jensen, the son of Victor and Josephine Jensen of Lorenzo.

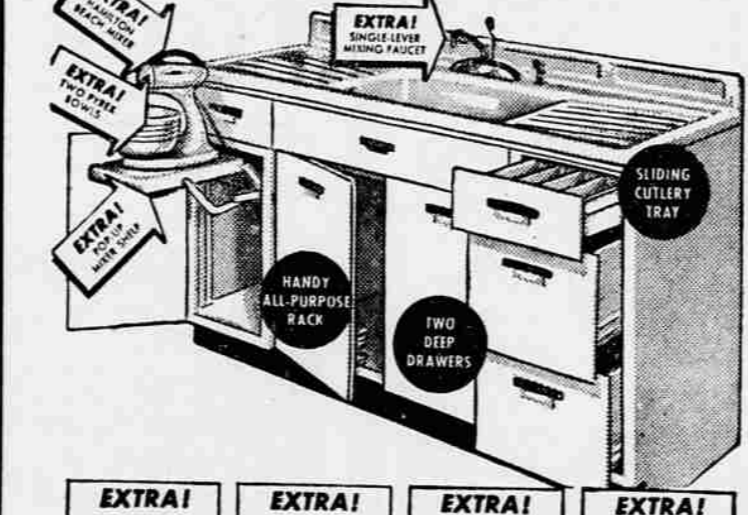
Officers said the father and son had just finished feeding their cattle. Bobbie stood by the gate to keep the cattle from getting out as the father drove from the yard.

As the truck went through the gate, the boy was trapped between its right front corner and the fence post.

The accident was investigated by Deputy Sheriff Harry Taylor of Jefferson county.

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