

Mrs. Neuberger Proposes Vote by Public on Issue of Hells Canyon Power

Legislature Gets Resolution To Put Plan Before People

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Salem — (U.P.) — The people of Oregon should be allowed to express an opinion on whether they want federal development of hydroelectric power on the middle Snake river, Rep. Maurine Neuberger said today.

The Portland Democrat, wife of Oregon's Democratic senator in Congress, introduced a resolution in the state Legislature that would put the issue before the voters at the next special or general election. Both members of the husband-wife political team have consistently favored a federal high dam at the Hells Canyon site on the Snake.

Sports interests yesterday converged on a Senate Natural Resources Committee hearing on a House-approved bill to create a water resources board in Oregon. Don Hodges, biologist for the Oregon Fish Commission, feared the proposed act would encourage an accelerated construction of dams, to the detriment of migratory fish runs.

The Dalles Man Supports It
Rollin Boles, also representing fishing interests, said he approved the general principles of the bill but felt that the machinery for public hearings set up for the proposed water board would be so slow and ponderous that entire migratory fish might be lost.

P. W. Snyder of the State Game Commission said the commission was not opposed to the water board but questioned the set of rigid priorities for water use set up in the bill. He said the commission favored a more flexible system that could be adjusted for different areas of the state.

E. L. Brown, The Dalles attorney for widespread irrigation interests in central Oregon, gave general support to the bill as it was amended by the House Commerce and Utilities Committee. His principle suggestion for a change by the Senate was to make the state engineer chairman of the proposed board.

Floor Action in House
In floor action in the House yesterday, approval was given to a bill that would fill the gap left when the State Supreme Court threw out the law relating to writing insufficient fund checks. The court ruled that the portion of the criminal code was unconstitutional because it didn't say whether the crime of writing bad checks was a felony of a misdemeanor.

The bill introduced by Sen. John Hounsell (R-Hood River) and Rep. George Annala (D-Hood River) would make NSF checks up to \$75 a misdemeanor and those written above that a felony. The Senate already has passed the bill.

On the Senate side, a bill appropriating funds for continued operation of the Willamette Basin Commission was sent back to the joint ways and means committee. The bill was opposed by supporters of the Upper Columbia River Basin Commission which was cut off with no funds by the ways and means group. Both commissions would be wiped out by the proposed state water board.

A proposal to require banks to go on a five-day week in Oregon was given a public hearing today.

Charges of Treason Pondered for 176

Washington — (U.P.) — The Justice Department is considering bringing treason charges against 176 Americans held prisoners by the Communists during the Korean war.

Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins told a House appropriations subcommittee in testimony made public Sunday that the Defense Department has referred the cases to the Justice Department for study.

Tompkins also said the department has been informed by the military to expect "many more" such referrals. "Our original figure of approximately 200 such cases may, therefore, be too conservative," he said.

Tompkins gave no details of the cases under investigation, nor did he give any names. He said only that they arose "out of activities of prisoners in the Korean hostilities."

Doris Duke Faces Charge Of Failure To Pay Bill

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Doris Duke, one of the world's richest women, was charged today with failure to pay a \$20,739 bill for installation of a burglar alarm at her Beverly Hills estate.

M. B. Royalty, operator of an electrical company, filed suit in Superior Court for the sum yesterday. He charged Miss Duke had paid only \$19,275 of a \$40,014 bill for the alarm system, which was installed last year.

Bloodhounds Join in Search for Missing Passenger in Plane Crash

Goldendale, Wash. — (U.P.) — Bloodhounds entered the search today for Hank Baker, 20-year-old The Dalles youth who has been missing since he set out in search of help for a companion injured badly in a light plane crash on Simcoe peak north of here.

Hope was fading that Baker would be found alive. There were two more inches of fresh snow in the search area today and it was snowing hard early this morning. But two bloodhounds, owned by Dallas Bennett of Roseburg, Ore., were sent up in hopes they could help lead searchers to the missing youth.

The sheriff's office here said conditions were so bad this morning that two rigs got stuck heading into the area. Paramedics had to wait a break in the storm before they could jump. One search crew camped near the downed plane all night.

Members of the Crag Rats from Hood River and the mountain rescue council from Seattle joined the search today.

Jack LaRoque, 40, also of The Dalles, suffered serious injuries in the plane crash. After 33 hours, LaRoque was pulled from the plane's wreckage Sunday by three air force paramedics who parachuted to the scene in the face of 36-mile-

an-hour winds. He was evacuated to a The Dalles hospital where surgeons feared they may have to amputate one of his frozen feet.

All trace of Baker was obliterated by snow and howling wind. The youth spent Saturday night in the wreckage trying to aid the injured pilot and set out Sunday morning for help. Air searchers who spotted the wreckage at midday Sunday also saw footprints but the snows soon covered them.

"Unless he found his way out of the snow, it will be a miracle if we find him alive," Capt. Harold Palmer of Portland said after a final sweep Monday.

Today's search will be concentrated near the plane on the theory that Baker could not have gotten far through blizzards and cold temperatures.

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