

Many Obstacles Said To Be in Path of Northwest Hydroelectric Development

Editor's note: This is the second of three articles on the requirements for new electric power generation in the Pacific Northwest and what the region's utilities agencies have planned to meet these needs.

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Seattle — (U.P.)—The Pacific Northwest, which needs 6,000,000 new kilowatts of electric power by 1964 to avoid a power shortage, could have twice that much additional power but for "obstacles" in the way of hydroelectric developments.

The Pacific Northwest Governors' power policy Committee estimates the region will fall 2,000,000 kilowatts short of meeting 1964 power demands. But the reason is not a lack of good hydroelectric sites which could be developed.

The policy committee lists 70 potential new projects which could produce 12,000,000 additional kilowatts. Public and private utilities and the federal government have expressed "positive intentions" for development of 45 of these sites with a power output in excess of 8,000,000 kilowatts.

Delays in construction starts, plus the long period of time needed to build large hydro projects, will keep most of this potential power from being on the line by 1964.

Hells Canyon Held Up

A classic "obstacle" has blocked hydroelectric development of Hells Canyon on the Snake river. The Idaho Power Co. has applied for licenses to build three low dams in the canyon to produce 719,000 kilowatts. Public power forces favor a single, high government dam to produce 800,000 kilowatts.

The argument over which type of development there should be has delayed construction of any dam for more than two years. A Federal Power Commission Examiner this month recommended that Idaho Power be licensed to build the first of its three dams, but appeals from the high dam sup-

porters will cause still more delays.

John Day dam on the Columbia could produce 1,105,000 kilowatts of power if built.

Libby dam, on the Kootenai river in Montana, could provide 600,000 kilowatts and has been authorized by the federal government. However, construction cannot be started until the international joint commission works out the problem of reservoir flooding in British Columbia.

Several Projects Planned

A proposed Seattle city light development at Boundary, on the Pend Oreille, might produce as much as 570,000 kilowatts. A preliminary permit has been issued but construction time would be eight years and opposition from mining interests could delay a construction license.

Priest Rapids on the Columbia could produce 954,000 kilowatts. The Grant County Public Utility District has a preliminary permit for a dam, but such a project is another eight-year job.

The Chelan county PUD's proposed 585,000 kilowatt development of Rocky Reach on the Columbia is at the same state of

development as Priest Rapids and would take eight years in construction.

Puget Sound Power and Light Co. and the Douglas county PUD both have applied for preliminary permits to build a 392,000 kilowatt development at Wells

Climbers Scale Himalaya Peak

London — (U.P.) — Man master today of nature's three highest and most treacherous mountain peaks.

A British expedition's conquest of 28,164 foot Mt. Kangchenjunga in the Himalayas, considered the mountain climber's toughest challenge, climaxed the historic triumph by man over the world's three greatest peaks within a space of three years.

The nine-man expedition, led by Dr. Charles Evans, reported its victory in a telegram Wednesday from Darjeeling, India, which is on the Nepal border 50 miles from Kangchenjunga. The Times of London disclosed the conquest in a copyrighted dispatch today.

Another British group conquered 29,002-foot Mt. Everest, the world's tallest, in May, 1953. Last July 31, an Italian expedition successfully assaulted 28,250-foot Mt. Godwin Austen, the second highest, known as K-2.

NEW LAKE SHIPS

Massena, N.Y. — (U.P.) — At least half a dozen new ships will ply the Great Lakes this summer. The Finnish-American line is putting on the Mariefors, Hamfors, and the Helsingfors, each 2,500 tons. The French line is adding the Ville de Quebec and the Ville de Montreal. The Aranje line will have a new vessel to replace the Prins Willem V, which was sunk last fall.

on the Columbia. Competition for this site probably will add to a delay in a construction start for the seven-year project.

Obstacles Are Many

Dams at Penny Cliffs and Bruce's Eddy on the north fork of the Clearwater could produce 585,000 kilowatts, but the private power companies proposing their construction by joint venture are still gathering feasibility data. Partnership construction is planned for Green Peter and Cougar dams in Oregon.

Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower monumental and Ice Harbor on the Snake below Hells Canyon have been authorized. Together they could supply 775,000 kilowatts and Ice Harbor with 195,000 potential kilowatts is in the advanced planning stage. However, all four dams are bitterly opposed by fisheries interests, and Congress has failed to appropriate funds for their construction.

The Puget Sound Utilities Council is discussing with British Columbia officials the possibility of a dam at Mica Creek in the Canadian province. Storage water behind the dam would add more than 1,000,000 new kilowatts in downstream production, the council contends, but this project is still in the talking stage.

The many smaller projects for construction face the same obstacles and delays as these major developments.

Atoms for Peace Exhibit Launched in Britain

London — (U.P.) — U. S. Ambassador Winthrop W. Aldrich launched an American "Atoms for Peace" exhibition on a 13-city tour of Britain Wednesday night.

The exhibition, which already has appeared in most of the capitals of Western Europe, shows with films, models and visual aids the possibilities of improving standards of living and industry through international cooperation.



ALL DRESSED UP AND NO WAY TO GO—Britons mill about in London's Victoria Station in hopes there will be a train for them. Britain moved to mobilize every car and truck in the nation if needed to meet the strangling chaos of a countrywide railroad strike. Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden received the legal power to do this—by seizure if necessary—from Queen Elizabeth II.

Madras Pair Finds Stork Joke Unfunny

Madras, Ore. — (U.P.) — The joke about people racing the stork to the hospital isn't so funny to Mr. and Mrs. Joe McInturff Jr., of Madras.

They have made the hurried, harried jaunt twice in one year, and both times the stork won. Not only that, but the two children were born at almost the same spot.

On May 31, a dash from Madras to Pioneer Memorial hospital in Prineville 38 miles away was climaxed with the birth of a girl, Aletha Louise, on the outskirts of Prineville.

On July 17, 1954, the McInturffs were in a hurry to reach the hospital. A son, Tommy Joe, was born on the same outskirts of Prineville.

Mother and four-pound, three-ounce daughter are doing fine.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In Washington the U. S. supreme court issues its long-awaited directive on the ending of racial segregation in American public schools.

The high court says such segregation MUST END AS SOON AS FEASIBLE, taking local conditions into account.

THAT is to say (Luke IX-62): "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

DEFINING its "taking local conditions into account" dictum, the court says:

LOCAL COURTS can decide whether local school authorities are making prompt and reasonable starts toward full compliance with the high court's directive.

It adds: The lower courts, sitting as courts of equity, may properly take local problems into account.

I TAKE it the high court has read Sir Walter Scott's The Monastery, in which this advice is offered to the over-eager: "Spur not an unbroken horse; put not your ploughshare too deep into new land."

THE court may have read one other bit of wisdom from the ancients—that of Sancho Panza to his too-impatient master in Cervantes' Don Quixote: "Rome was not built in a day."

THE evils of racial segregation in America have been a long time in the making and it stands to reason that they can not be cured in a day. I think our supreme court is tackling a huge job in the wisest possible way.

ALONG the same general line: In Dayton, O., one man was killed and six others were wounded in what the police describe as a wild shooting spree in the lobby of the Third National Bank. The police add that they haven't yet been able to find out the cause of the ruckus.

Well, whatever it was, the situation wasn't bettered any by hair-trigger shooting. The same goes for the cold war in which we are now engaged. Let's start shooting only as a LAST resort.

IN RESPONSE to questions at a news conference, Ike told the reporters he doesn't like politics in what he termed the DEROGATORY sense of the word.

But—He added—The Presidency is fascinating when considered in the sense of striving for such things as world peace and MINIMIZING THE CHANCES OF WAR.

THAT, sir, is the most fascinating job in the world. And, at this stage in human history, the MOST IMPORTANT.

OSC Plans To Back Market News Service

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Oregon State College extension service today said it would put up necessary funds to maintain the Department of Agriculture dairy and poultry market news service beyond its scheduled June 30 closure.

The funds would come out of the extension service's budget. Matching funds for the federally-supported market news service were not approved during the recent legislative session.

PAPER HAPPY

Washington — (U.P.) — The United States uses more paper and paperboard than any other nation, reports the American Forest Products Industries, Inc. Per capita consumption stands at nearly 800 pounds a year. Since wood came into common use about 75 years ago, the consumption of pulpwood has increased seven-fold.

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