

# Northwest Democratic Senators Muster Strength for Power Funds

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Washington — (Special)—Pacific Northwest Democratic senators are mustering their full strength this week in a bid for additional funds for hydroelectric projects in the public works appropriations bill.

Essentially, their aim is to recover from the sharp setback dealt out last week by the House Appropriations Committee when it knocked out requests for planning funds for John Day dam, construction funds to start Ice Harbor dam, and when it reduced funds for many other projects now under construction.

Traditionally, the Senate has been more generous in approving appropriations for Northwest river development work—and in the final compromises between House and Senate, the region has usually received more than the House originally approved but slightly less than the Senate was willing to grant. Sometimes the House wins out completely, however, as it has in consistently blocking Ice Harbor dam even when funds for it have in the past been voted by the Senate.

Likewise planning money for John Day dam last year gained acceptance in the Senate, after being rejected by the House, but in the drawnout compromise sessions between representatives of both chambers the funds were lost.

Democrats this year see more than simply the customary saw-saw battle for money, for the outcome this session may sharply affect the current power policy fight in which they are engaged with Republicans and the Eisenhower administration. They recognize that the Democratically-controlled House committee last week put them in a fairly deep hole in their quest for continued financing of Columbia River projects by means of congressional appropriations.

That is, the committee handed the GOP a prime example to illustrate Republican arguments that Congress no longer is willing to put up the necessary funds to develop the amount of electric energy that will be needed in the Pacific Northwest during the next few decades. Unless the Senate restores the money cut out by the House committee, Democrats will have considerable difficulty answering this GOP contention.

Rep. Sam Coon (R-Ore.), as soon as it was announced that federal planning funds for John Day had been rejected by the committee, issued a statement in which he claimed that the only solution lies in "partnership" financing of the project under his bill which would permit local utilities to put up part of the funds for financing the dam.

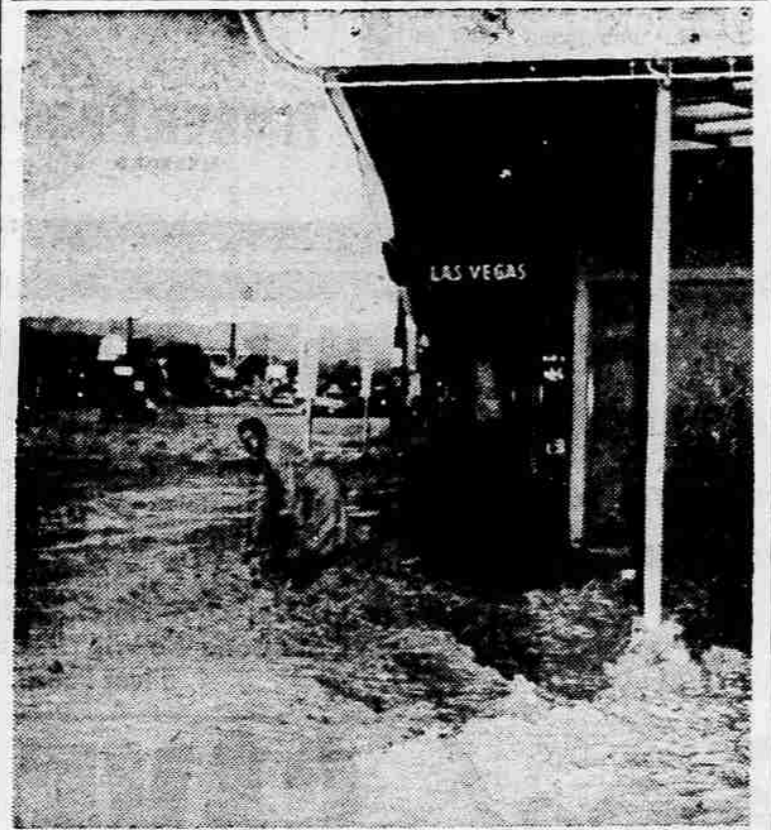
In the first two years of the Eisenhower administration, when the "partnership" power policy was laid down by the Interior Department, Republicans controlled Congress. Democrats argued then that it was impossible to get new projects approved by a GOP Congress in the face of this new power policy, but they stuck to their preference for federal financing of future dams on grounds the Democrats would return to power and resume the power development program started during the Roosevelt administration and continued under Truman.

This year, with a divided gov-

ernment composed of Republicans controlling the executive branch and presiding for the "partnership" policy and Democrats controlling Congress and opposing that policy, some test of strength is at hand.

Oregon's three Democrats—Sens. Wayne Morse, Richard L. Neuberger and Rep. Edith Green—joined in asking the House Appropriations Committee to increase the administration's request for federal funds for Northwest projects; but instead the committee reduced these requests. Republican Congressman Coon and Harris Ellsworth have, on the other hand, sought acceptance of their "partnership" bills for John Day and for Cougar and Green Peter dams—but the outlook for their enactment by this Congress appears as doubtful as the prospect of getting added appropriations.

Indications from this test of strength are that no new projects will be started under either policy until the current deadlock is broken.



**STAY AWAY FROM MY DOOR**—Jack Pepper, manager of the Las Vegas News Bureau, tries a little wishful thinking to stem the tide flooding his office in two feet of water. The unusual flood followed a freak hail storm and cloudburst that hit Las Vegas, Nev., causing an estimated million dollar damage. It was the "sunshine" resort city's worst storm in more than 30 years.

## Activities Many In 4-H'ers School At OSC This Week

Corvallis—The 50 4-H club members from Jackson county attending annual summer school at Oregon State college are finding a profitable and pleasant combination of special events and entertainment along with their classes.

More than 1,800 4-H'ers from across the state are taking part. It opened June 14 and will end June 24.

One of the highlights each year is a Sunday service completely planned and carried on by club members. It is scheduled Sunday, June 19, at 11:15 a.m. in the coliseum.

**International Night**  
International night is slated that evening, giving club members an opportunity to learn about foreign countries from foreign students who are on the OSC campus and from International Farm Youth exchanges. A parade of international flags will be repeated this year.

George Spaur, state forester and leader in the Keep Oregon Green association, will be the afternoon assembly speaker for Forestry day, Monday, June 20. The evening program will feature stunts from each living group.

Oregon State fair, Oregon Fairs association, and Pacific International Livestock exposition will be represented at Fairs day, June 21. Talent night is scheduled for the evening assembly. It features the best talent among the club members.

**Assembly Program**  
On Wednesday, June 22, the Oregon State Elks association will cooperate on the afternoon assembly program. The big event for the evening program is the annual summer school 4-H club style revue. The girls, with some boy escorts, will parade their sewing and modeling skills.

Award presentations are slated for the Thursday afternoon assembly. The annual radio revue combined with finalists in the Share-the-Fun breakfast will precede the Candlelight ceremony ending the 40th annual summer school.

**CERTAINLY NOT!**  
South Portland, Me. — (U.P.) — Found 24 hours after he strayed into woods near his home, five-year-old Steven Hart told his mother, "I'm not going down in those woods no more."

## Grange

Juvenile Grange

Central Point Juvenile Grange No. 73 will meet June 17 at the Central Point Grange hall. Mrs. Carley will present the awards won at State Grange. The History Scrapbook won third and Joan Dobrot took third in the sewing. Plans for a picnic or party should be made at this meeting. Also, please ask your parents to turn in their sales slips.

## Eagle Point Council Sets Budget Session

Eagle Point—The Eagle Point city council will hold for a special meeting Tuesday, June 21, for adoption of the 1955-56 budget, according to City Recorder Minnie G. Hinson.

Art Kents, city councilman, retired from the council because of ill health. Louis (Sandy) Clave was sworn in Saturday, June 11, to take his position.

## Infested Strawberry Plant Spray Advised

Strawberry plants infested with insects should be sprayed with Malathion, Don Berry, Jackson County Horticulture agent, said today.

Berry said plants and fruit are being damaged by the Strawberry Leaf Roller, an insect which rolls leaves and turns them brown, and the spider mite, which removes color from leaves. He said berries should be picked before spraying, and a period of a week to 10 days lapse before picking berries after spraying.

The infection of the insects was brought about by recent hot weather, Berry said. Plants also may wilt from insufficient roots, and can be corrected by more frequent irrigation, Berry said.

Eugene — (U.P.) — J. B. Dyer, Portland, has been named alumni secretary at the University of Oregon.

Waterville, Me. — (U.P.) — Eight-year-old Joseph Jabar, already engaging in athletics at St. Joseph's parochial school, has no problem in a choice of college. It'll be Colby. His five brothers were mainstays of Colby college basketball, football and baseball teams. Four of them—Herbert, Norman, John and Paul—graduated in the same year, 1953. The fifth, Tony, graduated last year.

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