

Critics of Public Power Win In First Solid Test in House

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Washington—(Special)—In the first solid test of the mood of the present House of Representatives on the touchy public vs. private power question, critics of public power have won a hands-down victory that is being taken as an indicator of what may happen to such Pacific Northwest questions as Hells Canyon and "partnership" construction of dams on the Columbia and Willamette rivers.

The test came on whether Congress should vote funds to connect the TVA system with the proposed Dixon-Yates steam plant via transmission line across the Mississippi river as asked by the Eisenhower administration.

Democratic critics of the Dixon-Yates power contract, which has already been sealed by the administration and the private utility combine that plans to build the plant, saw this as a last opportunity to block the implementation of the contract. The Democratically-controlled House Appropriations Committee earlier had approved their scheme to deny funds for the transmission line hookup with TVA.

Republican supporters of the Dixon-Yates power deal brought

the issue to a head on the House floor last Thursday when debate neared a voting climax on the big public works construction money bill. They moved to reverse the action of the Democrats on the committee and approve the power plant tie-in.

"The Dixon-Yates contract is a matter of national concern," declared Rep. Natcher (D-Ky.), "and success of this plan ultimately means not only the destruction of TVA, but the same situation will apply to Hells Canyon, Trinity River, and the Niagara Falls redevelopment." Rep. Halleck (R-Ind.), GOP floor leader, roared back a few minutes later that "you people have done very well down there (in TVA country) compared to the taxpayers of the rest of the country, and I might suggest that it might not be too wise to ride a good horse to death. Possibly you are afraid the gray train is running out."

Rep. Jones (D-Ala.) had a quick appeal to the "rest of the country"—"This immediate proposal does not confine itself just to TVA. There is a larger question, the question of whether or not the people, through their government, will continue to control the management of the TVA, Bonneville Power administration, the rural electrification program, and all the flood control projects (of the Corps of Engineers) that presently contain a multiple function, including the supplying of electric energy."

Rep. Arends (R-Ill.), GOP whip, said the vote the House was about to take was "whether, as a matter of national policy, we shall promote federal public power rather than private enterprise. It is essentially whether we believe in socialism or whether we believe in our American system of free, private enterprise. To this fundamental issue all this talk about costs, rates, interest, and taxes is superfluous."

Back and forth it went, with Pacific Northwest Democrats and Republicans sitting this one out. On the final vote, the Republican-led plan to approve funds for the Dixon-Yates power line was approved 198-169 by a teller vote. Realizing they were defeated, Democrats who fought the plan did not ask for a formal roll call that would have placed each member on record on the question.

While the same battle is expected to be fought when the bill comes up in the Senate later this summer, this was the first test run through the House of any major public vs. private power issue. This was sure evidence that the House will likely pass the "partnership" bill of Rep. Harris Ellsworth for construction of Cougar and Green Peter dams in the Willamette

basin; that it might pass Rep. Sam Coon's bill for "partnership" construction of John Day dam, providing committee hearings can be called on the bill; and that the high Hells Canyon dam bill would have tough going through the House in its present mood.

McLeod

McLeod—Tony Miller smashed one of his fingers and had to have it amputated.

George Tockstein took the plane for St. Louis, Mo., Thursday, June 16. He was called there on account of the death of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Darrohn just returned from Los Angeles where they went to pick up their daughter, Doris, who was visiting her aunt, Mrs. Walter Hillman.

On Father's day, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kobernik and Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Kobernik and sons Rickie, Randy and Ronnie, also Miss Mary Elliott, all of Roseburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vaughn and son Wayne and daughter Sonda, Prospect, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hume and twin daughters, Jacky and Joey, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding, McLeod, all met at Drew for a family picnic. Mrs. Arthur Kobernik, Mrs. Arthur Hume and Mrs. Donald Vaughn are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harding.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Denninger had as dinner guests at their home Wednesday, June 15, Mr. and Mrs. Doris Darrohn. The occasion was the 20th wedding anniversary of the Denningers.

4-H Club News

Trail Sewing Club
The Sewing circle met at the Hume home Thursday, June 16. We finished our aprons. After swimming we had refreshments. Our last meeting will be June 23.

Jackey Hume, Reporter

Eagle Point Dairy Club

The Eagle Point 4-H Dairy club meeting was called to order with Vice-President David Huffman presiding, as President Cathie Carroll was attending 4-H Summer school at Corvallis. We planned a tour of our projects starting at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, June 20, beginning at Jerry McDonald's and ending at Sally Mongold's with classes in judging.

A Fairgrounds clean-up and painting day was slated for the first two weeks in July, the date to be set at the next meeting. The next meeting will be June 28, the place to be announced to the club members at a later date.

Sally Mongold, Reporter

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

Veterinarian Sees Oregon Accredited In Disease Control

Oregon will become an accredited state under the expanded program for control and eradication of brucellosis within the next two or three years, Dr. George N. Gitzen, Medford veterinarian, told the Rogue River Jersey Cattle club last week end. This will be a distinct economic advantage, he said, since it will mean that Oregon cattle may move freely anywhere in the United States. At present the only three states in the union which have achieved accredited status of 1 per cent or less of bovine reactors are Maine, New Hampshire and North Carolina.

For Bees and Dairy

The new expanded and accelerated program which was initiated last March by the U. S. Department of Agriculture provides for testing of beef as well as dairy cattle for brucellosis or bangs disease, and for vaccination of calves as a preventive measure. This is an entirely free service available upon request, Dr. Gitzen stated. It is recommended that vaccination of beef calves take place between 6 and 12 months of age, and that of dairy calves between the ages of 4 and 8 months. The federal government pays the total indemnity for beef reactors amounting to \$50 for purebred animals and \$25 for grades, and also supplies a proportion of the indemnity for reactors among dairy cattle, the speaker said.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd George were hosts to the club at a picnic site on their ranch beyond Lake Creek. Reports were heard concerning the Junior Dairy show held in Gold Hill May 21 under club sponsorship. This was a successful event, and appreciation was expressed to the firms and individuals who donated awards, and to all who operated in other ways.

Report on Session
Frank Schutzhof of Grants Pass gave a brief report of the sessions of the American Jersey Cattle club held in Salem, which was attended by members from 36 states, constituting the largest representation at any annual meeting in club history. Mrs. W. D. Mongold of Eagle Point described the Dairy Foods festival held in Medford recently. This event was attended by 1,000 adults and many children, she said, and proved so successful that it is to be an annual event to usher in June Dairy month.

Fifteen club members and their families from Jackson and Josephine counties were present in addition to the following guests: Dr. Gitzen, Mrs. Rachael Cramer, Grants Pass, Art Morton, California, and John and Hughes, Eagle Point. The next meeting of the club, another picnic, is scheduled for July 10 in the park at Grants Pass.



MYSTERIOUSLY MISSING from blood-stained home at Manalapan, Fla., near West Palm Beach, Circuit Judge C. E. Chillingworth and wife are believed slain. (International)

Holiday Traffic Death Rate Cut 2.3 Per Cent

Salem—(U.P.)—The nation scored a 2.3 per cent reduction in traffic fatalities during the Memorial Day week end, substantially final figures from the 48 states show, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry said Monday.

The death count, compiled for the nation-wide "slow down and live" campaign, showed 22 states and the district of Columbia reduced fatalities below 1954 while eight states held even. Five states had no highway deaths during the period and 18 states recorded an increase.

Oregon reported five fatalities compared with nine a year ago, a decline of 44 per cent.

Columbia Bridge Said Out of Date

Portland—(U.P.)—Army engineers were told by towboatmen and bridge engineers yesterday the present bridge across the Columbia river between Portland and Vancouver is out of date and should be modified when the proposed new bridge is built.

Towing company representatives told the engineers' hearing about difficulties of getting barges, boats and rafts through the present structure. There also is an increasing amount of river traffic using the bridge. R. H. Baldock, Oregon state highway engineer, said there was little sense to build a new bridge if the old one was to remain as it is. Baldock said the states of Oregon and Washington had offered to pay half the estimated \$2,310,000 modification cost if the federal government would pay the rest.

INSTALLATION SET
Eagle Point—Joint installation of officers of the Eagle Point Lions and auxiliary clubs will be held at the Tally-Ho dining room, Thursday, June 23, at 8 p.m. Installing officers will be Mrs. Larry Scheehan, Rogue River and Pete Petrie, Rogue River.

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Club to Meet

Phoenix—Phoenix Thursday club will meet the evening of June 23 at the home of Mrs. Kay Fisher, 308 Second street, Phoenix. Mrs. A. C. Floyd and Mrs. Helen Norris will be assisting hostesses.

CALENDAR

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

- Tuesday**
6:30 p.m.—Degree of Honor, home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tarr.
7:30 p.m.—FOE auxiliary, officers and committee chairmen, at hall.
7 p.m.—8 and 40, Legion home.
8 p.m.—Pythian Sisters, Pythian bldg.
8 p.m.—Crater Lake post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and auxiliary, VFW hall.
8 p.m.—Circle 6, WSCS, Mrs. O. P. Taylor, 3254 Jacksonville highway, joint meeting with Circle 10.
Wednesday
12 noon—Adarel Social club, OES, Mrs. Frank Janosky, Jacksonville.

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