

# Influence of McKay's Opposition To Beaver Marsh Project Studied

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Washington (Special) — How much influence will the personal opposition of Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay to the proposed Beaver Marsh power project in the upper McKenzie river area have upon the Federal Power Commission as it debates whether to open this area to hydroelectric development?

That is a question being asked here by observers who note that as the FPC begins consideration of the Beaver Marsh project of Eugene Water and Electric Board, Secretary McKay has been letting his personal opinion of the project be known.

McKay is opposed on grounds the upper McKenzie should be preserved for recreational use, unaltered by the diversion dam, tunnel and power house for which the Eugene utility has asked the FPC to grant a 50-year license.

But the Interior Department officially is not objecting to issuing the license. It has only urged that fish protective devices be employed by Eugene.

About 10 days ago McKay wrote Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) about the project and sent him the department's report, which the senator had requested. This past week McKay was joined by Neuberger in registering opposition to the \$7,000,000 project, which would generate 30,000 KW.

"While the bureaus in the Department of the Interior would not be adversely affected by this project," McKay told Neuberger, "I personally am very definitely opposed to it."

McKay recalled that while governor of Oregon he created the Governor's Natural Resource Committee which later held hearings on this project, took testimony of people living in the upper McKenzie and then voted unanimously against the Beaver Marsh development.

"I noticed, however, in the full report that the Oregon Fish and Game Commission is not now opposed to the project," McKay said. "I personally shall continue to oppose it as I believe that the McKenzie and the Rogue river areas should be preserved as nearly as possible in their natural state because of their outstanding recreational value."

It has been noted that McKay's personal opinion was for some time an issue in the hearings before the FPC of the Hells

Canyon controversy. McKay was on record as personally favoring the Idaho Power Co. scheme for developing the Snake river, but the Interior Department, he maintained, was officially "neutral." But it has generally been expected that the prevailing opinion of the Eisenhower administration against the high Hells Canyon project will influence the decision of the five-man power commission, four of whose commissioners have been appointed by President Eisenhower.

This has given rise to speculation about what influence, if any, McKay's opinion of the Beaver Marsh project may have. The power commissioners won't receive the case until FPC Examiner Francis Hall has rendered his initial decision later this summer.

Neuberger, who is on the opposite side from McKay in the Hells Canyon dispute, said his opposition to Beaver Marsh was based on one major premise. "It is my firm conviction that any power production to result from such a project would not justify the loss in scenic, wildlife and recreational values on one of the most picturesque streams in North America."

"I doubt if the Beaver Marsh power project can be undertaken without substantially impairing the McKenzie's recreational attractions," Neuberger went on. "The marvelous waterfalls at Kossah and Sahalie will be vastly reduced in volume. The unique fish population of Clear lake, a part of the McKenzie watershed, will be hard put to survive if the lake is tapped for water."

## Local Osteopathic Physicians at Conclave

Four Medford Osteopathic physicians and surgeons attended the 59th annual convention of the American Osteopathic association at Los Angeles last week, according to information from the association.

The gathering was held at the Statler hotel July 18 through 22. More than 3,000 members of the association and their wives attended. Theme of the gathering was circulatory diseases, and some 200 lectures on the subject were given.

Attending from here were Dr. George S. Jennings, Dr. W. W. Howard, Dr. J. S. Heatherington and Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Dierdorff, according to the association.

power production. The food for all aquatic life is certain to be imperiled as the water level of the McKenzie system is altered.

"When we consider the enormous amounts of energy still to be generated at major sites in the Columbia river basin—sites such as Hells Canyon and John Day—it is obvious to me that the comparatively small amount of power to be generated by the Beaver Marsh project would not warrant the damage to be done to the McKenzie and its waterfalls and fish life," Neuberger said in a letter to the chairman of the FPC, Jerome Kuykendall.

## Seven Arrested Over Week End in County

Seven persons, four of them juveniles, were arrested by state police and sheriff's officers Saturday and Sunday.

Two Eagle Point boys, aged 16 and 17, were fined \$10 each plus \$5 court costs after being arrested at Table Rock Four Corners for illegal possession of liquor.

Frank Alvin Leonard, 55, Colusa, Calif., was lodged in the county jail Saturday pending payment of a \$15 fine. He was charged with switching license plates.

A sixteen-year-old boy and fourteen-year-old girl are being held in the county jail for California authorities after being arrested as runaways by state police Saturday. The boy is wanted in Orville, Calif., on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Wayne Gafford Rupp, 23, and Kenneth Homer Potts, both Grants Pass, were arrested on suspicion of burglary about 6 a.m. Sunday. They are being held pending signing of formal complaints by Edith and Katherine Stalworth, Savage Creek.

## BOY SCOUTS

Troop 15, Phoenix  
During the last regular meeting, we discussed plans on summer camp, for the fourth period. All boys going to camp must take their physical examination. Dr. McGeary will give the examinations Thursday, July 28, during office hours.

We urge the parents to help from camp. Also we had a good time on our fishing trip at Union creek, and lots of fun on our swimming party at Twin Plunges.  
Roger Kelson, Scribe.



MAPPING AREA of Russia and four Soviet satellite countries he will visit, Rep. Pat Hillings of California (left) discusses trip with Vice President Richard Nixon. Hillings will give Congress quick check on reaction of Iron Curtain countries to the Big Four conference. (International)

## Portland Traction Complaints Planned

Portland — (U.P.) — Richard H. Kopp, head of Transit Savers, Inc., has revealed he plans to submit two complaints this week to State Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel protesting a Portland Traction company plan to reduce service Aug. 14 on its Oregon City interurban streetcar line.

The traction company sent Heltzel a new schedule which reduces the number of daily

## DAVY CROCKETT'S FIDDLE

San Antonio, Tex. — (U.P.) — Davy Crockett's fiddle gets into the act tonight. A record company announced it will use a fiddle once owned by the king of the wild frontier in recording a new ballad about his exploits.

round trips from 37 to 27. Sunday round trips would be cut from 19 to 12.

The transit group, an organization of persons living along streetcar line, has been fighting traction company attempts to abandon or reduce service.

## Hornbrook

Hornbrook—The Knitting club met July 19 at the home of Mrs. L. C. Walsh who served a birthday cake in honor of Mrs. Marshall Horn on her birthday. Others present were Mesdames James Hodge, Edward Smith, Harry Chapman, J. E. Jeter, L. E. Breceda and the hostess.

Dr. E. M. Smith and wife and son who have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith, here will move to Corning, Calif., where Dr. Smith will practice veterinary medicine.

Visitors to the Ernest Adams home this month are his sister, Miss Marian Adams, Dallas, Tex., and Jack Dasef, Grosse Point Park, Mich., a nephew of Mrs. Adams.

Visitors at the Carroll Funk home this week are her father, Sy Colton, Alturas, Calif., and brother, Eugene of Moro, Ore.

Mrs. Al Kutskey received word Saturday that her daughter Joanne who has been spending vacation with her grandmother at Portland, Ore., was taken to Emanuel hospital for an emergency operation for appendicitis. Mrs. Kutskey accompanied the Thomas Watts to Portland to be with her daughter.

## TOKYO SHAKEN

Tokyo — (U.P.) — A heavy rolling earthquake shook buildings in downtown Tokyo Sunday. There was no reports of damage.



REPORTING REASONABLE measure of success, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and President Dwight D. Eisenhower work out "agreement in principle" with other Big Four representatives at final summit meeting on how to break East-West procedural deadlock. (International)

## Student Rescued From Crevasse on Mt. Baker

Mount Baker — (U.P.) — Donald Wallace, 22, Winslow, Wash., was rescued by fellow students yesterday afternoon about two and one-half hours after he fell into a 50-foot crevasse on Mount Baker.

Wallace, a western Washington College of Education graduate student, fell into the narrow crevasse while descending the west side of the mountain. He was taken to St. Lukes hospital in Bellingham where he was

## Air Crash Near Boise Fatal to Two Men

Boise — (U.P.) — Two men were killed instantly yesterday when their light plane crashed on a barren hillside about seven miles east of Boise.

The victims were John Charles Gaines, 38, of Klaber, Wash., the pilot, and John Lawrence Cottrill, 43, of Boise.

treated for shock and exposure, a broken right arm and cuts and bruises.

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