

## Decision by FPC Regarding Hells Canyon Declared To Be A Hoax on the Public

Washington, D. C.—(Special) —The Federal Power Commission decision in the Hells Canyon case is so misleading that it is an imposition upon the press and public," Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said today.

"The FPC tried to fool the American people in its announcement of the decision giving away the finest remaining dam site on the North American continent to the Idaho Power Company," Senator Morse continued. The rest of his statement follows:

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"The Commission hides the fact that the company plan would not help meet the impending Pacific Northwest power shortage.

"The Commission keeps referring to the 'three-dam plan' while its own decision indicates it may extend the nine-year period for building low Hells Canyon or cancel altogether the requirement that it be built.

"In its press release the Commission said (quoting its own decision): 'we conclude that, assuming financing, construction and operation of both plans by the same entity, the ratio of power benefits to power costs of the three-dam plan is greater than that for the one-dam plan.'

"In at least one wire service story this statement was understandably interpreted as meaning that the Company three-dam plan would produce power at less unit cost than the proposed federal high dam. What the statement actually means is that the Government were to build the dams under both plans or

the Company were to do so the ratio of benefits to costs would be higher for the three dams for the amount of power they produce. To those unfamiliar with these terms the statement would indicate that the high dam is uneconomical.

"By resorting to technical terms and not explaining their use the FPC obscured the fact that the three-dam plan would waste permanently the power potential of the Hells Canyon stretch of the Snake river that only the high dam would develop to the fullest.

**Power Cost Estimates**

"It obscures and buries the basic fact, upon which the economic future of the Pacific Northwest depends, that the federal high dam would produce more power at less cost per unit than the private utility one, two or three dams. This is true for the simple fact that the cost of financing, the main variable cost factor in dam construction requiring large capital investment, is the rate of interest paid on borrowed money. The United States would have much lower actual rates of interest than the Idaho Power Company. This explains the FPC examiner's finding that: '... the facts seem to point to the inescapable conclusion that with the marked and substantial advantage of the Government's credit, the High Dam would be dollar for dollar the better investment and the more nearly ideal development of the Middle Snake.'

"Not only does the FPC not contest this finding, it observes: 'Needless to say if the supplying of power at the lower costs resulting from Federal development should be considered as a decisive factor, there would be few cases involving major power projects where private development could be licensed under the Act because of the substantial difference in annual cost of investment money in

### They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



### Bing Crosby's Son Injured in Accident

Raymond, Wash. — (U.P.) — Philip Crosby, 21-year-old son of crooner Bing Crosby, was doing "pretty well" in a New Riverview hospital today after suffering a fractured back and minor lacerations in a Sunday auto accident.

Young Crosby, an Army private stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., was injured yesterday when his auto crashed through guard railings and two embankments on a hill just inside the Raymond city limits.

The auto ripped up four guard posts, crashed over a 15-foot embankment, rolled across some railroad tracks, down another incline and came to a stop on the tideflats along the Willapa river. It was demolished.

Crosby told ambulance driver Harold Perkins that he had fallen asleep at the wheel. At the time, he was traveling north from Raymond to Fort Lewis on U.S. Highway 101.

At the hospital, attendants took 16 X-rays to determine his condition.

favor of federal over private financing.

"The FPC attempts to fudge this finding by saying that taxes also explain the advantages of federal financing, but this is a separate factor which does not detract from the overwhelming advantage of federal financing. The federal investment pays for itself and more with power revenues alone, not to mention increased tax revenues from new business and income that the federal project would make possible than could be undertaken at the higher electric rates that the Idaho Power Company would have to charge."

### VICTOR MOORE RECOVERING

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actor Victor Moore, 79, was in "good condition" today in a Santa Monica hospital where he is recovering from a serious case of pneumonia. The performer was rushed to St. John's Hospital Thursday in a semi-coma. Attendants said his recovery has been rapid.

## Nation's Egg-Eating Trend Said Turning To Fried Eggs But Some Like 'Em Boiled

By H. D. QUIGG

New York—(U.P.)—A nationwide trend has been spotted that should not go unheralded. If you know a herald who isn't working at the moment, give him this:

The nation is trending more toward fried eggs.

What this augurs for the nation's stomachs must be a subject of ominous concern for people who prefer their eggs coddled, boiled, baked, poached, or Shirred.

Or people like Jimmy Durante, who says "I eats 'em rawr."

And for the residents of Providence, R. I., who, despite the trend, prefer their eggs boiled.

The trend—and the steadfast adhering of Providence to boiling—was spotted by the National Geographic Society, a group of learned persons (eggheads) who seem to stretch geography a long way — all over the map, in fact.

The society, in its news bulletin issued from the nation's capital, does not say where it got its information on the national fried-egg trend, and Providence's boiled-egg bent, and maybe it's best we not inquire.

**Other Habits**

It offers the following additional egg habits:

1. Half the shoppers in Mansfield, O., Columbus, O., and Wichita, Kan., still buy their eggs by the bag rather than the carton.
2. Chicago housewives go for light-yolk eggs; those in surrounding towns go for orange yolks.

3. Bostonians will pay several cents a dozen more for brown-shell eggs; New Yorkers pay more for white shells.

4. Americans ate an average of 414 eggs per person last year—more than ever before, and almost half again as many as 40 years ago.

5. Hot out of the nest, an egg has a temperature of 105 degrees. But if you don't put the chill on it "it deteriorates fast."

The preference for white or brown eggs, the society explains, comes from the days when it was difficult to ship them without

damaging quality. So, eggs laid nearest home (brown in Boston, white in New York) were deemed the best quality.

"Today," the bulletin says, "it matters little where hens lay their bids for immortality... their eggs will likely travel far to the frying pan."

**Telltale Sound**

Well, it's good to know at long last why hens make such a racket. One whole year on the farm there was a hen—Julia by name—who bounced me awake every morning by bidding shrilly for immortality.

And as for the trend toward fried eggs, the society merely observes it and offers no explanation. Maybe it's just the pendulum swinging.

Take my father, for instance. He liked soft-boiled eggs. For 35 years, beginning in 1900, Daddy ate a soft-boiled egg every morning, without fail, for breakfast and relished it. One morning in the summer of 1935 he was served his egg. He looked at it. He cut into it and stared at it some more.

His face got red. He slammed his fork on the table.

"Why in the name of almighty hades," he roared, "do we always have to have soft-boiled eggs around here?"

Nobody could answer, really.

### ELEANOR IN JAPAN

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt arrived in Japan by air from the United States today. She will stay a week, making tours of Kyoto and Kikko. The widow of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt is scheduled to leave Aug. 21 for Hong Kong and Bangkok where she plans to attend a conference of the U.N. Association.

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Horrified police guards surrounded Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako with drawn guns today when a mother bear and her cub confronted the strolling royal couple near their villa. The bears blinked at the scene and fled.

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