

McKay's Reclamation Suggestion Opens New Element in John Day Controversy

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Washington — Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay has introduced a new element into the John Day dam "partnership" controversy by his suggestion that future reclamation in the Pacific Northwest might be partially financed by the project's power revenues.

The John Day project—dramatized this fall by the Neuberger-Coon debates—has heretofore been regarded as a power, navigation and flood control dam. Irrigation was not part of the picture, either under Rep. Sam Coon's proposal for "partnership" construction of the dam or Sen. Richard L. Neuberger's preference for federal construction as authorized by Congress in 1950.

Answers Own Question

McKay raised the issue of reclamation in a speech last week to the annual convention of the National Reclamation Association at Lincoln, Neb. Tracing the historical development of reclamation in the West through use of power from government-built dams to offset part of the cost of irrigation facilities, McKay posed the question: "How then does this fit in with the partnership (power) policy?"

To answer his own question, the secretary went on to tell the delegates of the Coon bill for John Day dam under which three power companies—Pacific Power and Light, Portland General Electric and Washington Water Power—have offered to put up 88 per cent of the project's cost in return for its power output for 50 years.

"The entire structure, power facilities and all, would remain in the title of the federal government. It would be operated in accordance with the over-all river control plan," explained McKay.

Congress Could Decide Future

"At the end of 50 years, the government would be released from all obligations to the utility and own the complete structure. Then the Congress could make a decision as to the future operating plan for the facility. However the plan is operated and the power marketed, the revenue from the sale of power would be available for further resources development if Congress saw fit to so provide," said McKay.

"The public would own the structure and all of its revenue producing capabilities at the end of 50 years under either proposal," he added. "If Congress desired to earmark power revenue for resources development by means of specific legislation through a basin account, it would be entirely possible. We could then proceed with long-range irrigation development of additional acreage in the Columbia River basin. Congress would

be secure in the knowledge that revenue from this structure, as well as from the other dams financed by the federal government, would be available for such purposes."

Throughout his speech, McKay stressed that the administration plans to continue reclamation development. He cited as a major example the Upper Colorado project, a federal undertaking entirely which is now pending in Congress and which would authorize the government to spend about a billion dollars in

power dams and irrigation works. He added, however, that "we must keep federal expenditure and participation at a reasonable minimum."

Plan Doesn't Fit

But in answer to his question of how does reclamation "fit in with the partnership policy?" the secretary used the John Day plan to show that for all practical purposes it does not fit. As a "partnership" undertaking, John Day could contribute to reclamation, McKay suggested, only after the 50-year partner-

ship agreement had terminated and the federal government had then obtained the unimpaired right to use the power as Congress determines.

The convention's only action bearing on the "partnership" policy was passage of a water policy statement, which Oregon's delegate, Marshall Dana of Portland helped prepare. It said: "If private capital is to participate in the development of the power features of multi-purposes projects . . . in area or basin-wide developments where reclamation is involved, then provision should be made for an allocation of revenue from income from power to supply the differential between the total component allocated to irrigation and the ability of the water users to pay."

"Without this provision that power revenue in an amount sufficient to make the project feasible be so allocated, the project could be rendered infeasible," the convention statement declared. "Under these proposals great benefit might come to reclamation from the proposals . . . which are aimed to implement the partnership concept of development."

Seen Initial Bid

The reclamationists did not stipulate whether or not they would be willing to wait 50 years to get power revenue for new irrigation projects, in accordance with Secretary McKay's suggestion.

Some Washington observers believe that McKay's suggestion is most of all an initial bid by the Bureau of Reclamation to generate public opinion in favor of a policy that would earmark for reclamation the power revenues that "partnership" and federal dams earn after the 50-year payout period has elapsed.

No policy yet to determine what should be done with power revenues from government dams after the U.S. Treasury has been fully reimbursed with interest for the construction costs that have been charged to power.

Nina Warren, Mate Start Housekeeping

Beverly Hills, Calif. — (U.P.)—Nina (Honeybear) Warren, youngest daughter of Chief Justice Earl Warren, and her husband, Dr. Stuart Brien, started housekeeping here yesterday after their elopement and one-week honeymoon in Las Vegas. Mrs. Brien, 23, clutched a toy stuffed bear which she said was given her by the Riviera Hotel where she was married Tuesday. Brien, 33, practices here.

push you into a courtship is premature.

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BLAME RUSSIA FOR ISRAELI WAR — Trucks shown here, somewhere in the Negev, Israel, are part of the material captured by Israeli forces in an attack on Egyptian forces in the El Auja border zone. United States officials blamed Russia for the latest Egyptian-Israeli fighting and any Middle Eastern war it may spawn. Pulling no punches, the officials said Russia's decision to push Red arms sales in the Middle East is the cause of the biggest outbreak of fighting in the area in more than six years.

As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

Mother Shouldn't Push Girl Into Courtship

Some people cling with deadly tenacity and nothing seems adequate to shake them off.

(Q) "I am a senior in high school. At one of our dances, I met a fellow who has graduated from college and is now in business. He seemed to like me and has become a regular pest, always calling me up for dates to do this, that, or the other thing with him. He is nice enough, but I am not really interested in him. I have a lot to do at school with my work, sports, dramatics, and other school activities. I am planning to go on to college so I must do good work at school."

"My mother thinks I should go out more with this fellow. He has been buttering her up so she



Dr. Hurlock

thinks he is 'such a nice young man' with 'so much more to offer' than my school friends. I realize she is right, but I am not just interested in him and I dislike pests who bother me all the time. How can I get rid of him without being positively rude?" J. C.

(A) If you turn down this young man's invitations often enough, he should eventually take the hint and let you alone. You might stress your preoccupation with school and the many activities you want to participate in.

Your mother, like many others, views this young man as "eligible" and so encourages you to accept his invitations. Try to point out to her that going to college means a lot to you, and you must do good work at school to be accepted by the college of your choice. Explain to her that you want to have fun while you are still a schoolgirl. This should make her realize that trying to



SHARES AWARD — American scientist Willis Lamb (above) of Stanford University, Cal., shared the 1955 Nobel Prize for nuclear research with another American scientist, Polykarp Kusch of Columbia University.

Jockey Quarters Shaken by Explosion

Tampa, Fla. — (U.P.) — A single dynamite charge last night exploded in the jockey quarters at Sunshine park race track that suffered some \$80,000 in damages by a bombing last June.

No arrests were made in the earlier bombing last June 2, when two charges of dynamite went off in the race track clubhouse, and authorities never found a reason for the explosions.

The charge last night, some 150 feet from the clubhouse of the track located at Oldsmar, 20 miles west of here, did little damage, officials said.

TOBIN CRITICALLY ILL

Indianapolis — (U.P.) — Daniel J. Tobin, 80, president emeritus of the AFL Teamsters Union and former Democratic party power, was reported critically ill today at St. Vincent's hospital here.

Toothpicks Added To Articles Menacing Health of People

By DELOS SMITH
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New York — (U.P.) — Among other things menacing people today are toothpicks. Bartenders stick them into onions and olives. Women put them into canapes and meatballs. From those places, they get into alimentary canals where they raise a great deal of hob.

The Medical Society of the state of New York has, in effect, tipped off the professional that when confronted by what is known as "the acute abdomen" and the routine efforts to find out what is the trouble have failed, then the doctor may suspect it is a toothpick.

Man in Pain

The society did so by circulating an account by Dr. Elmer G. St. John of Binghamton, N.Y. of his experiences with a toothpick which had run aground while navigating the alimentary canal of a 48-year-old man who had been admitted to the hospital with a very acute abdomen.

He had been in much pain for 30 hours. X-rays showed nothing. There was some localized tenderness but nothing to indicate anything definite. Various things were suspected, but there was nothing to do—since the man's condition was alarming—except to open him up and explore. Only then was a toothpick found puncturing the intestinal wall. After "a fairly stormy convalescence" the man was out of the hospital in two weeks.

Consistent Trouble

Dr. St. John was so exercised by his experience that he went through the files of many medical journals and discovered that he wasn't, by any means, the first doctor to find a toothpick in a patient, or was his patient the first one to have his life

menaced by a toothpick. He was struck by the fact that of all the "foreign bodies" which human beings manage to swallow, the toothpick seemed the only one which consistently gave trouble. The reason is its length and its sharp ends—it is too long to get around curves and corners readily and its sharp ends catch easily on the shores, which they puncture or "perforate."

No Charges Planned Against Susan Hayward

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actress Jill Jarman said yesterday she will not seek a battery complaint against film star Susan Hayward in connection with their fight in the bedroom of actor Donald Barry.

Miss Jarman said she would tell Deputy City Attorney Stephen R. Powers of Van Nuys that she wants "to drop the whole thing." A hearing had been scheduled for Nov. 16 in the altercation.

More cattle are now finished on grain feed, and the average carcass weight at slaughter has risen from 474 pounds in 1920-40 to 511 pounds in 1950-54.

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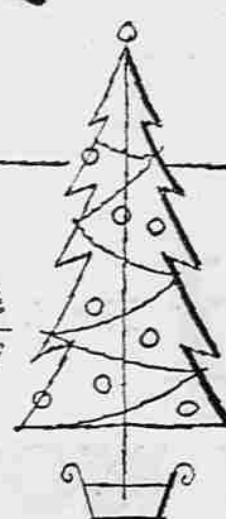
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