

# Neuberger Asks Dismissal of Jordan as Columbia Negotiator

"politically" to Germany. The French stressed that the announcement prevented the pro-German Saar government from making a unilateral decision to return to Germany.

## INDIAN CHIEF IMPROVES

The Dalles—(U.P.)—Chief Tommy Thompson of the Wy-am Indian tribe returned to his home yesterday after he was hospitalized at The Dalles with a minor back injury. Attending physicians, after a routine check, said the chief apparently had suffered a broken back twice in past years but had not received medical attention.

## Some GI's Defaulting on Home Loans Left With Government Debt

Washington—(U.P.)—Relatively few GI home loans have gone sour. But in 40 per cent of recent cases in which the Veterans Administration has had to foreclose, the property has sold for too little to pay off the balance.

The veteran home buyers, obviously in financial hot water and having already lost their homes, then have been stuck with deficiency claims by the government averaging \$805 per loan.

**Cause for Concern**  
House investigators who reported this today termed it a cause for "great concern," since the upset sales were made in a booming economy and on a rising real estate market.

Their study was made at the direction of the House Veterans Committee, which will consider next year whether legislation is needed to throw new safeguards around the GI loan procedure.

The study showed that in 2275 cases the government sold each defaulted home for less than the veteran owed on it, leaving the veteran in debt to

the government for the amount of the deficiency.

"In some instances the regional offices managed to conduct the appraisal activities in such a manner that on every foreclosure or default, there was a loss to the veteran," according to a staff report prepared for the committee.

**Little Or No Excuse**  
"In our estimation this is inexcusable, because we are and have been on a rising real estate market for the past several years. In most cases there is little or no excuse for a deficiency claim in the case of a foreclosure."

The Veterans Administration had no comment on the staff survey. However, VA in the past has pointed with pride to the low default rate on GI home loans. Of 4,134,866 such loans made so far, only 23,577 have gone sour.

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## Chairman of U. S. Section Declared To Oppose Plans

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), called today for dismissal of former Gov. Len B. Jordan of Idaho as chief negotiator for international development of the Columbia river.

Neuberger said Jordan, chairman of the U. S. section of the International Joint Commission handling the negotiations, has "a record of unrelenting opposition to the federal program for developing the Columbia river."

He also said the "policy making executive departments," should start handling negotiations because Canada is considering plans for works on the river that could have "crucial" importance to Pacific Northwest states. He called Jordan's commission section an "advisory committee."

**Statements in Report**  
He made the statements in a 54-page report to the Senate Interior Committee submitted at the request of Chairman James E. Murray, (D-Mont.).

Jordan promptly announced he welcomes a difference of opinion with Neuberger. "If the senator agreed with me," Jordan said, "I would have to re-examine my position because I'd judge I was wrong."

Jordan said statements he has made about U.S. and Canadian plans have been based on conclusions reached by a committee representing federal agencies which "included the best engineering talent in the government."

**'Honest Difference'**  
He said there could be "an honest difference of opinion" over the value to this country of upstream reservoirs constructed by Canadians. At first, the value would be large, he said, but he added "every study shows" they would diminish rapidly as new dams are built in this country.

Jordan said nothing he has done since he was appointed to the commission has affected negotiations for construction of Libby reservoir on the Kootenai river or Canadian plans for diversion of the Columbia.

When he went on the commission, he said, Canada already had announced it wanted to study the situation. The Canadian study and its "evaluation," he said, probably will take at least another year.

**Investigation Urged**  
The Oregon senator said the interior committee should determine whether Jordan should be disqualified for "profound bias and prejudice on issues of federal power policy." He also said the committee should investigate an "impasse" over development of the Libby reservoir site lying on the border.

Canada has not yet built any hydroelectric plants on the river, while the United States has more than a dozen dams in the watershed and dozens more are authorized or planned.

Neuberger said a "key issue" in Canadian plans for the river is whether to divert a large share of it to the Frazer river which does not leave British Columbia. He said Canada has authorized a \$250,000 study of the diversion plan.

**Storage Plans Favored**  
He said the provincial government apparently favors plans for storage dams financed by American capital which would get returns through increased electric production at present and future plants in this country.

Neuberger said Jordan has minimized the benefits of upstream development on grounds the Northwest states must turn soon to steam power. He also criticized Jordan for opposing a federal dam in Hells Canyon on the tributary Snake river.

He also said the interior committee should endorse immediate construction of Libby reservoir on the Kootenai river in Montana and the Mica project near the Canadian source of the river. Construction of the Libby reservoir, which would flood into Canada, is blocked by a commission deadlock, he said.

The praying mantis is said to be the only insect that can turn its head.

**Signs Show Pacific Ocean Getting Deeper**  
Chicago — (U.P.) — There are signs the Pacific Ocean has been getting deeper during the last 30,000,000 years, according to Science Digest.

An article by Gerald Ames said flat-topped, submarine mountains with summits a few thousand feet beneath the surface appear to have been islands that were carried down by sinking of the ocean floor.

If this is true, Ames said, the ocean has been growing.

## France, Germany To Open New Negotiations

Paris—(U.P.)—France and Germany announced today they would open new negotiations in January to decide the future of the coal and steel rich Saar territory.

German officials said flatly the announcement paved the way for the return of the Saar

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