

High Dam Sponsors Said To Have Way To Get Bill From Committee

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Washington — Sponsors of the high Hells Canyon dam bill reportedly have found a way to spring this legislation out of the House and Senate committees where it has been lying idle for months.
Blocked by a solid Republican lineup of votes against the bill plus opposition from a few Southern Democrats, the Democratic sponsors of Hells Canyon have obtained nothing more to date



than favorable reports from the House and Senate subcommittees on reclamation.
One vote could decide the issue if it is brought to a head in either committee, and because that voting margin has not been apparent up to now the Democrats have not called for committee votes on the bill.
Now the project's sponsors think they have found the Achilles heel of the GOP forces who have stood behind the Eisenhower administration in opposing the high dam in the Snake river where Idaho Power Co. has been licensed to build three smaller projects.
This appears to be the situation:
Colorado members of Congress

are pushing to gain approval of the Fryling Pan reclamation project on the Arkansas river of southeastern Colorado. Inasmuch as this measure failed to gain enough votes to be brought up for debate in the House in the Republican 83rd Congress, it is still considered touch and go.
In Chenoweth District
The project lies in the congressional district of Rep. J. Edgar Chenoweth (R-Cal.), who is a member of the House Interior Committee in which both the Fryling Pan and the Hells Canyon bills are now lodged.
Chenoweth has opposed Hells Canyon in the past. Backers of that bill are now making it clear to him that the chances of his getting committee approval of

his Fryling Pan bill depend on whether he may be willing to look the other way when Hells Canyon comes up for a vote.
Since the committee is controlled by the Democrats, they can call the tune for all practical purposes on when the votes should be taken—if at all—on the two bills.
By the same token, something of the same maneuver may be in the works in the Senate Interior Committee, which includes Sen. Eugene D. Millikin (R-Colo.) among its members. Millikin has indicated he would vote against the Hells Canyon bill if it came to a vote.
Success Problematical
The prospect of this backscratching maneuver being successful in coming weeks is problematical, in the view of Hells Canyon sponsors. It might spring the bill onto the House or Senate floor — but beyond that the outlook for favorable action on

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Japanese Ambassador To Visit in Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — First Portland visit of the new Japanese ambassador to the United States has been scheduled for May 8 and 9 and a series of special events has been arranged by the Japan Society of Oregon and the Japanese Ancestral Society to honor Masayuki Tani.
The new ambassador is a former minister of foreign affairs in the Japanese government. While in Oregon he will visit Gresham, Multnomah Falls, Bonneville dam and Hood River.
A national speed paving record was set with the laying of 393 feet of asphalt in a 24-foot wide pavement in 24 minutes, 35 seconds.
construction that is unlikely now to be stopped.

Hitchcock Asks More Aggressive Campaign

Eugene — (U.P.) — Phil Hitchcock today called on Oregon Republicans to adopt a more aggressive campaign program. The candidate for the Republican senatorial nomination said such a program was essential to a GOP victory.
The 51-year-old former state senator told Lane county Republican women here at noon that "we need candidates who will remain loyal to Republican party principles and who can attract voters away from the opposition."
Dr. Rutter Gives Report at Meeting
"The Care of the Asthmatic," was title of a paper given by Dr. P. H. Rutter at a meeting of

Southern Oregon Osteopathic association held at the Rutter home in Phoenix, April 26.
Dr. J. S. Heatherington, president, appointed Dr. A. A. Griffin chairman of a public relations committee. Next regular meeting will be May 24.

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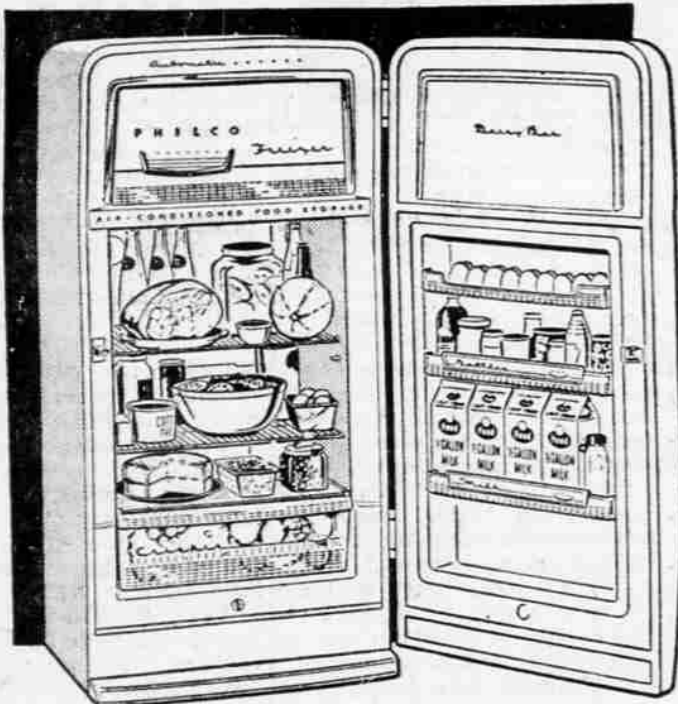
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