

# Public vs. Private Power Fight Brews Anew in Washington

Washington — (U.P.) — A new public - versus - private power fight brewed in Congress Monday as the result of a blistering attack on Eisenhower administration power policies by a Democratic controlled House subcommittee.

A still-secret report prepared by the staff of a House Government Operations subcommittee demands that President Eisenhower fire Interior Undersecretary Clarence A. Davis and Assistant Secretary Fred G. Aandahl, the United Press learned. The report charges that they favor private utilities in the sale of federal power rather than giving priority to cooperatives and public power groups as required by law.

**Administration Charged**

The report also charges that the administration has been "coercing" electric cooperatives into accepting unfavorable mergers with private utilities. If the plan is carried out fully, it said, the result will be "one gigantic private monopoly."

The report is based on stormy hearings held by the subcommittee across the country last year. Rep. Clare E. Hoffman (R-Mich.) accused the subcommittee of unfair tactics aimed at promoting political issues for the Democrats in the election campaign this year.

The Democratic majority on the subcommittee, headed by Rep. Earl Chudoff (D-Pa.) approved the report, with few changes, last week. The Republican members plan a strong report of their own in protest.

The subcommittee is scheduled to make the report public on June 6 after approval by a majority of the full Government Operations committee.

**Power Laws Cited**

The report accused Davis, Aandahl, and former Interior Secretary Douglas McKay, of a "brazen attempt" to get around power laws passed by Congress in an effort to favor private power companies.

"The secretarial triumvirate of the Department of Interior apparently follows the edicts of private power companies as those of a sort of a supreme legislature with authority to reverse any action of Congress which does not maintain their monopoly in the field of private power," it said.

The report called for a full-scale House-Senate investigation of the "organized effort of the private power companies to influence the federal administration, the Congress, the governments of the states and the political life of the nation."

## Several Injured In Car Accidents Over Weekend

Two people were hospitalized and six others received minor injuries over the weekend in two separate auto accidents, state police reported.

Cars involved in a collision Saturday were operated by Larry Roy Walker, 18, of 10 Portland st., Medford, and Gordon B. Bowman, 60, of 2402 Table Rock rd., state officers said.

Reports stated both cars were traveling south on Table Rock rd., when Bowman started to turn onto Kirtland rd. and Walker's vehicle struck his from behind. Both cars skidded about 137 feet, state police said. Damage to the vehicles was reported extensive. The accident occurred at about 4:58 p.m.

Taken to Sacred Heart hospital by Medford Ambulance were Walker, his five passengers, Gordon Mueller, 20, of 227 Cottage st., Medford, Lee Perkins, 18, and Neil McCaffree, 18, both stationed in California with the Navy; Claud Newman, 15, of 1716 East Main st., Medford, and Rex Malson, 21, of 708 West 6th st., Medford, and Bowman's only passenger, Mrs. Anna B. Bowman, 61, of 2402 Table Rock rd. Mrs. Bowman, who suffered leg injuries, was reported in good condition at the hospital today. The others were released after treatment Saturday. Bowman was not injured, state police reported.

**In Hospital**

In Community hospital with undetermined injuries today is Melvin Klaus, 25, Prospect, who was injured when the pick-up in which he was riding left the road and went over a bank on the east side of Highway 66, eight miles south of Prospect at about 6 p.m. Sunday.

Driver of the pick-up, William Porter Wheeler, 48, Prospect, reportedly told state police he was driving north on the highway when he apparently went to sleep. Wheeler was uninjured. Klaus was taken to the hospital by Leo Hoag, a resident near the scene of the accident. The pick-up was owned by Burrill Lumber company.

## Dallas Man Held In Shooting of Wife

Dallas, Ore. — (U.P.) — Police today held Bayliss Gilbert Fanning, 57, in connection with the fatal shooting late Sunday of his wife, Mrs. Margaret Alice Fanning.

Deputy Sheriff R. G. LeFors of Polk county said Mrs. Fanning was shot four times with a .38-caliber revolver.

Fanning's son, Milton, who lives next door to his father's ranch, told sheriff's deputies his wife heard the shots and called him. He said he found Mrs. Fanning's body on the back porch.

The Fannings were married about four years ago. Both have children by previous marriages.

**MANY SEE PARADE**

Portland — (U.P.) — Some 30,000 Portlanders lined the downtown streets Saturday as the armed forces publicly flexed their military muscles in an observance of Armed Forces day.



**THERE'S THAT CLOUD AGAIN**—Scientists aboard HMS Narvik (foreground) of the British Royal Navy's atomic task force observe a familiar cloud loom on the horizon in the wake of Britain's first atomic explosion of 1956 series. Said to be a trigger for later hydrogen bomb tests, this A-bomb was fired from a tower on Montebello Island off Australia's west coast.

## Around Hollywood

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Hollywood — (U.P.) — Johnny Carson comes out of mothballs to start a new daytime TV show May 28 — but he's one comic who's not bitter that his night time program didn't last.

Carson was launched on television last fall as CBS' "Tonight Show" but he's one comic who's not bitter that his night time program didn't last.

George Gobel is a great talent. But if he had started out opposite "Disneyland" he might not have had such a success, he said.

But after 39 weeks, the sponsor, who like all sponsors, sits up nights reading the ratings, cancelled.

Now CBS is trying Johnny on a five-day-a-week half-hour comedy music program.

To many a comedian this might seem like being banished to Siberia. But the affable Carson is just as happy to temporarily leave the frantic, ulcer-growing life of a night TV show.

"I'm disappointed but not bitter about my Thursday show ending," Carson confessed. "And I'm happy to be working days. Doing one show a night is much more of a mental strain than doing five a week in the daytime."

"A daytime show is more personal. I won't be on the pan as a 'Bright, young' comic, at which if I don't bowl them over with hysterics they say I'm not funny."

Carson also accuses night time viewers with being fickle. Day-time viewers, he figures, are much more "loyal."

"If a night time performer seems to be slipping, viewers drop him like a cold potato," he said. "Look at how loyal Godfrey viewers are. He started on day time and he could shoot somebody on his show and the viewers would agree the victim deserved it."

On Carson's final Thursday night stint he auctioned off the sets and finally had himself sealed in a plastic bag and showered with mothballs. This bit and many of his other amusing shows brought stacks of fan letters protesting the cancellation.

Johnny has numerous reasons for the unspectacular rating. Many good new shows, he reasons, are hindered if they buck a top show on another network, or if they aren't surrounded by top shows.

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3. "There is a question whether the Nike can intercept current high speed, high altitude bombers before they drop their bombs."

4. "Guided bombs now in use can be pointed at their targets and released well beyond the range of the Nike."

5. "Statements of Army leaders to the contrary, Nike B, newly developed model of the weapon, cannot be substituted for the existing version without replacing its elaborate firing equipment."

Anthony Leviero, writer of the dispatch, said the Air Force condemnation "is so sweeping that it is expected to have serious repercussions in Congress."



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## Graham Elected DAV Commander

Pat Graham, Medford, was elected district commander of the Disabled American Veterans at a district meeting in Grants Pass yesterday.

About 90 delegates and members of the auxiliary attended from Klamath Falls, Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Oakland and Coquille chapters.

Other new officers include A. V. Wallis, Grants Pass, vice-commander; Miss Irene Potest, Klamath Falls, district auxiliary commander; Mrs. Beulah McCuen, Grants Pass, vice-commander, and Ruth Elliott, Medford, adjutant.

The officers will be installed June 16 during the annual state DAV convention in Salem.

Business sessions of the district meeting were followed by a banquet at the VFW hall in Grants Pass.

## Ohio Woman Flier Dies in Cuba Crash

Havana, Cuba — (U.P.) — An Ohio woman flier who piloted her plane to 14th place in a Canada to Cuba air race was killed Sunday night when her plane overshot a runway and plunged over a cliff while making a short pleasure trip.

The victim was Marjorie Miller of Reynoldsburg, O. Her companion and co-pilot, Bonnie Butler of Zanesville, O., was injured critically.

They had finished 14th in the seventh annual 1,500-mile International Women's Air Race from Hamilton, Ont., to Varadero Beach, Cuba, Saturday.

They took off for a pleasure trip to Havana Sunday but overshot the Santa Fe airport Havana by 20 miles. They attempted to land at the Ariel Naval Air Base, but the plane rolled past the end of the runway and toppled over a cliff.



**INTRIGUE**—Thomas L. Black, an American chemist who recently is said to have confessed to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in secret session that he stole U. S. industrial secrets for a Russian spy ring from 1933 to 1940, is shown as he appeared recently in public session of the subcommittee.

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