Hells Canyon Dam Issue Pomises To Be One Of Most Interesting Sideshows in Congress

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Washington — The Hells Canyon dam drama is fast approaching a dramatic political climax, with everything but cowboys and Indians in sight to make this one of the more interesting sideshows of the final weeks of this Congress.

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The way it turns out will undoubtedly have sharp political repercussions in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, if not in the West as a whole this critical election year.

Pacific Northwest Democrats in both Houses and Senate are mobilizing their strength their party has to push through to a decisive vote the legislation that would authorize federal construction of a high dam in Hells Canyon of the Snake River. Their main source of strength lies in the whiphand of the Democratic leaders, Sen. Lyndon Johnson and Speaker Sam Rayburn, who have agreed to make the bill a party issue against the GOP.

Morse, Magnuson Anxious

Those most anxious to put the bill across are Sen. Wayne Morse, who will be running for reelection against Douglas McKay, the ex-secretary of Interior who officially opposed the high dam; and Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, who will be running for reelection in Washington state against Gov. Arthur B. Langlie, another critic of Hells Canyon dam.

Mobilizing the opposition to the bill is the Eisenhower administration, which would prefer to have Idaho Power Co. go through with its plans for building smaller dams in that stretch of the Snake. The administration is applying all the pressure it can to Republicans and doubtful Democrats to get them to stop the Hells Canyon drive.

Although the GOP lacks party votes to control either chamber, it is relying on some southern Democrats to join the opposition on this bill. The other big advantage the administration has is control of the White House, where a veto by the president could kill the bill without doubt. Whether the simple majority vote is there to pass the bill through both houses is in doubt, but there is no question that a two-thirds vote needed to override a veto is not in sight.

President on Spot

But the White House hopes not to have to become the final focal point on this major resource development issue. One western Republican senator who is a member of the Senate Interior Committee, where the bill is pending, disclosed that he was told by an administration official:

"You've got to stop the Hells Canyon bill in Congress to prevent the president from being put on the spot."

This senator said he replied with noticeable indignation: "Why should we have to take him off the spot? Isn't he the leader of our party?"

There is no question but what western members of Congress are on the spot on Hells Canyon, not because of it as a specific project which they might like or dislike in itself. But because for years it has been the rule for westerners as a bloc to stick together in common support of federal projects for water development. Unless they did this, they found eastern lawmakers could more easily kill them off in their antipathy for what many regarded as western boondoggles.

Two Have Vital Stake

Two Colorado lawmakers, Sen. Eugene D. Millikin and Rep. J. Edgar Chenoweth, are key Republicans who at the moment have a vital stake in whether or not the western bloc is to stick together or fly apart along partisan lines. Because of fears for the fate of a reclamation project in their state, they have indicated they will vote for the Hells Canyon bill. Because they each sit on the committees handling the bill, their votes may make the difference between sending it to the floor of House and Senate or killing it off.

A good many Democratic backers of the Hells Canyon bill feel they have been double-crossed by inter-mountain state Republicans whom they helped earlier this year to get the $760,000,000 federal Upper Colorado storage-power project enacted into law. They thought they could count on these same Republicans to help them with Hells Canyon when it came up later with half as big a price tag.

Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R-Utah), leader of the Upper Colorado bill fight, claims he made no deals with anyone to support Hells Canyon in return for support of his bill. Hells Canyon advocates don't claim he made a deal, but they thought he would abide by the old rule of the West in Congress.

Power Question

Private utilities are fighting the Hells Canyon bill with all their might, having made quite an issue in recent years of the private vs. public power question involved in development of the Snake River. If the Hells Canyon bill were enacted, it would jeopardize the Idaho Power scheme, just as completion of Idaho Power's three dams would prevent the high dam from ever being built.

The Upper Colorado bill went through by wide margins, but it had the administration's vigorous support. Its adoption was an administration victory. The final votes on Hells Canyon are expected to be close, but adoption of this bill would be a major upset for the administration — although the president can always have the last word.

Either way it turns out, it will provide campaign fodder the partisan battlers in many a western political contest this fall, especially in the senate races of the Pacific Northwest.

Around Hollywood

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Hollywood — (U.P.) — Judy Holiday eased herself clumsily down on her movie set today and confessed she's going to the ultimate mate in non-glamour: A waistline padded to 38 inches for an entire picture.

Aline Mosby

Usually an expectant mother is coyly portrayed in the movies by a woman in a smock or heavy coat standing behind a table. But for probably the first time in Hollywood films, an actress now will play every scene in a full-length movie, "Full of Life," as a very pregnant woman.

"I'm wearing pads because this picture is all about my stomach," said Judy in that slightly sing-song voice that has made her the queen of light comedy. "I'm enjoying it tremendously."

Always Annoyed

"I've always been annoyed by these movies in which pregnant women look just darling and so comfortable. This is a very real story. Why movies never showed pregnant women before, I don't know."

To make Judy look 38 inches around the middle the wardrobe department outfitted her with a white gauze undergarment suitably padded.

She has two outfits—one for the eight-month period and the other to wear in the scenes before she goes to the hospital to have the baby.

Most actresses would pale at the thought of hiding their figures in such a role. But Judy yawns she has no worries about disguising her trim figure on the screen.

Chance to Relax

"I can relax and I don't have to hold my tummy in," she said. "I don't have to wear all those cinches and girdles. And I don't have to diet! These maternity clothes cover everything."

Judy has a real-life experience to draw from as she has a child of three. She and her husband reportedly are separated but she refuses to discuss her marital situation. She also remembers the actual pregnant appearance of Lucille Ball on televisions "I Love Lucy" for the months before Miss Ball had her real-life baby. That show, she thinks, may have broken the ice for the acceptability of "Full of Life."

The movie also marks Judy's swansong to Hollywood for two years. She's returning to New York to begin rehearsals in September for her first appearance on Broadway in seven years and her first musical, "The Bells Are Ringing."

Hawaii came under jurisdiction of the United States officially in 1898.

Oregon Publishers Elect Oregonian Chief as President

Bend—(U.P.)—Members of Oregon Newspaper Publisher Association elected M. J. Frey, publisher of The Oregonian, as their new president Saturday at the group's convention here.

C. L. McKinley of The Times, Junction City, was elected vice president and Philip N. Bladine, News Register, McMinnville, treasurer. Carl C. Webb was retained as secretary-treasurer. Alton F. Baker of the Eugene Register Guard was named as the ONPA representative-at-large for the board of trustees for the Eric Allen Memorial Fund.

Directors Elected

The six directors are Albert Hawkins, Valley News, Beaverton, district 1; Ed Coman, the Independent, Woodburn, district 2; Art Lowe, The Gazette-Times, Corvallis, district 3; John E. Voorheis, Grants Pass Courier, district 4; Mary E. Brown, the Spokesman, Redmond, district 5; and Don Lynch, Argus Observer, Ontario, district 6.

A feature of the convention's banquet Friday night was the presentation of the Amos Voorheis plaque, an award given for outstanding achievement in journalism. The plaque was awarded to Phil F. Brogan, and presented by Robert W. Sawyer, former editor and publisher of the Bend Bulletin.

The 1957 convention of the ONPA will be June 14 and 15 at Gearhart.

Jan Peerce Receives Ovation in Russia

Moscow — (U.P.) — A Russian audience gave Metropolitan Opera star Jan Peerce a 10-minute ovation when he completed singing the lead role of Alfred in Verdi's "Traviata," here Sunday night.

It was the first time an American singer has performed with a Russian cast on a Moscow stage since the Russian revolution. The Brooklyn-born Peerce took six curtain calls to shouts of "Peerce, bravo, bravo!"

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Rape-Killer of Young Girl Sought

Vernal, Utah — (U.P.) — Police sought today the rape-killer of a teen-aged drug store clerk whose body was found Sunday in the Ashley canal, three miles south of Vernal.

Norma Rodebeck, 17, was last seen June 13 when she left the drugstore for home. Her beaten and sexually-mutilated body was found in the canal by her employer, Blaine Anderson, and Ray Cundick.

Sheriff L. M. Snyder said a coroner's examination revealed the girl's body had been slashed in several places. There were bruises all over the body and black and blue marks about the throat.

The girl was definitely the victim of a sexual attack, Snyder said. He added that her clothes had been violently torn from her body.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Superior, Wis.—(U.P.)—Former Ambassador to India Chester Bowles, on the Republican claim the U.S. has an effective foreign policy:

"It is a fraud designed to lull the American people into a false complacency at a time when they can least afford such a luxury."

Philadelphia—Dr. Burril Crohn, first man to diagnose ileitis, the disease for which President Eisenhower underwent surgery, on whether another attack can be expected:

"You should not be expecting any recurrences."

Ruston, La.—Murder suspect Jerry Mathews, to the slain man and a would-be victim before the shooting:

"You didn't think I meant it when I said I was going to kill both of you."

Washington—Sen. Estes Kefauver, on why his criticism of Adlai Stevenson, during the Florida primaries, became bitter:

"I got mad and lost my head after Millard Caldwell said a lot of nasty things about me and Stevenson didn't do anything about it."

New York—David J. McDonald, president of the United Steelworkers, on why joint contract talks between the union and the Big Three steel companies have been recessed:

"We have called in negotiating teams to meet with 11 major companies because we have got nowhere in our talks with the Big Three."

Four Bodies Removed From Air Crash Site

Kelso, Wash.—(U.P.)—A ground party arrived back here early yesterday with the bodies of four persons, the victims of a light plane crash more than a month ago.

Cowlitz county sheriff's officers identified the bodies as those of four Californians who had been missing since their plane disappeared May 11 on a flight from Renton, Wash., to Eugene, Ore.

Aboard the craft were A. D. Posten, 35, pilot of the plane, his wife Dorothy, 35, both of Redondo Beach, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Leep, both about 35, of La Mirada, Calif.

Officers said that the plane wreckage was discovered about 6:30 p.m. Saturday evening by Allen Burgin and William Stokes, two loggers who had gone to the remote area in search of salvagable timber.

The crash scene was described as being in "very rough and rugged" country, about 15 miles southwest of here.

Lebanon Area Scanned For Missing Airplane

Lebanon— (U.P.) — Planes took to the air again today in the tedious job of searching heavily forested mountains for a private plane missing since Thursday with its two passengers.

Planes and ground parties spent a fruitless day yesterday, running down possible leads and searching the densely wooded area.

The search today centered on the west slope of the Cascade range of mountains near the South Santiam highway east of here.

Missing aboard the craft are Dr. Ralph Johnston, about 35, a Lebanon dentist, and Hardwick Hanson, 32, a Seventh-Day Adventist evangelist of Salem.

The pair has been missing since they took off from here Thursday, en route to Minneapolis, Minn., where their wives were visiting relatives.

NO LAP DOG

Johannesburg, South Africa—(U.P.)—Farmer Edwin Jacobs said today he had had no trouble with marauders or burglars since he installed a lion as a "watchdog" 19 months ago. The 400-pound lion roars throughout the night, scaring off prowlers. It was brought from a Pretoria zoo as a six-week-old cub.

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