

Controversial Hells Canyon Dam Issue Now Left Up To Courts for Decision

Washington — (U.P.) — The Hells Canyon Dam issue today was left to the courts and in the words of one congressman, to political campaign speech-making.

The Senate Thursday, in a victory for President Eisenhower on the power issue, rejected 51 to 41 a bill authorizing construction of a \$300,000,000 government dam in the Hells Canyon stretch of the Snake river on the Idaho-Oregon border.

Both sponsors and opponents of the legislation agreed that as a result of the Senate action, the project is dead for this session of Congress.

A House bill still is technically alive and pending before the House Rules Committee. But Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) said he expects no action will be taken on it.

Colorado Project Alive

But an administration backed bill to authorize the \$136,000,000 Frying Pan-Arkansas Project in Colorado, associated with the Hells Canyon measure in congressional maneuvering apparently is still alive. Rayburn said he expects the Rules Committee will clear the Frying Pan bill for House action by next week.

It would bring power and flood control to a large Rocky Mountain area.

The Hells Canyon bill would have had the effect of cancelling licenses issued by the Federal Power Commission authorizing construction of three small privately financed dams on the Snake river. The Idaho Power Co. already has started work on one.

The administration favored private rather than public development of the dam site.

Outside of Congress, however, two attempts to hold up the private development are pending in the courts. One is before the Circuit Court of Appeals here. It alleges the FPC acted illegally in granting the licenses to the Idaho company.

Await Court Action

The suit cites a section of the federal power act requiring the FPC to recommend federal construction of hydroelectric plants when necessary for "comprehensive development."

Lucien Hillier, attorney for the National Hells Canyon Association which brought the

suits said a decision is not expected for a month or more.

The other court attack on the licenses is pending before Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black. In it, the association seeks a stay of the licenses until the main suit is decided. A decision may be made next week. It was understood.

Rep. Homer Budge (R-Ida.), who led the House fight against the authorization bill, said the Senate vote appeared to end the controversy "as far as Congress is concerned."

"Of course, this being a campaign year we can expect reams of oratory from Senator Morse and his followers," he added.

Pro and Con Arguments

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) a main sponsor of the bill, called its defeat "a tragic blow to the welfare of the nation." He said the Eisenhower administration "cracked the political whip on Republican senators" to accomplish the defeat.

"As often happens when the

Eisenhower administration wins a victory, the people lose," Morse said.

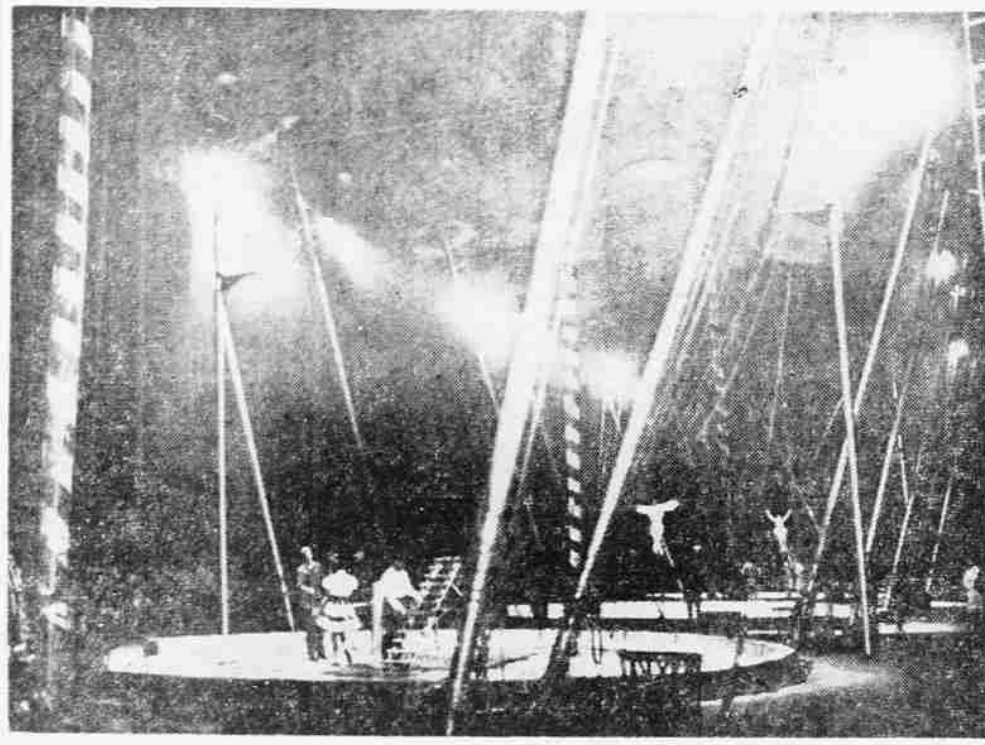
Budge insisted the main issue in the controversy was whether people in Idaho should be allowed to use the waters of Snake river "as they see fit" or whether the water would be impounded for "the sole purpose" of power production.

Sen. Henry C. Dworshak (R-Ida.) said the vote on the bill should emphasize the need for ratification by Lower Columbia

Basin states of a pending compact for division of water of streams in the basin.

He said there are many other projects in the basin which should be "expedited to assure full utilization" of the water supply.

Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R-Utah) said he opposed the bill because it was an "unnecessary and wasteful" project which would have competed with other water plans in the West for "always limited construction funds" for reclamation projects.



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U.S. Said Developing Bombs With Minimum Radioactive Fallout

Washington — (U.P.) — The United States is developing nuclear weapons which will knock out a military target without endangering great numbers of civilians with radioactive fallout.

Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission announced Thursday night "real progress" has been achieved in making weapons with reduced fallout. He said this is important "not only from a military point of view but from a humanitarian aspect."

News of two other major atomic advances came from Strauss. He disclosed progress in development of an atomic powered airplane and atomic anti-aircraft weapons.

Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin, Army research chief, recently estimated that an all out nuclear attack on Russia would cause "several hundred million deaths" including many among U.S. allies because of fallout.

The explosion of a nuclear superbomb in the 1954 Bikini test spread deadly radioactive fallout over 7,000 square miles.

Atomic Energy Commissioner Willard F. Libby said earlier this year that fallout from a nuclear super-bomb could blanket 100,000 square miles under windy conditions.

Strauss said Thursday night in a terse report the current nuclear tests in the Pacific have resulted in import strides toward developing a nuclear weapon with "maximum effect in the immediate area of a target," but with "minimum widespread fallout hazard."

He also disclosed without further comment that the tests show progress has been made in developing a toxic anti-aircraft weapons.

The AEC chairman told a House Appropriations Subcommittee in secret testimony made public Thursday that a new step was made in developing atomic powered planes.

He said a turbojet aircraft engine was powered last January for the first time "exclusively by heat from an experimental reactor." He said the test took place on the ground at the Atomic Energy Testing Station in Idaho.

Invalid Develops Profitable Hobby

Shelby, Miss. — (U.P.) — Coggy Bullock, looking for something to pass the time while bedridden with arthritis, came up with a hobby that's turned into a profitable business.

Bullock was teaching at Duke University when arthritis struck him. He's been bedridden ever since, getting out occasionally in a wheel chair.

Several years ago Bullock began making novelties to pass the time. He made dolls with peanuty bodies and acorn heads. Then Bullock began making miniature wood carvings — cotton bolls and bales to be mounted and worn as costume jewelry.

Bullock carved a variety of things, bracelets, sets of buttons, lapel ornaments and earrings. He gave them away to his friends at first.

Then Bullock began to get orders from individuals and shops, but he couldn't fill all of them because carving the little bolls and bales was tedious work.

But now Bullock has had plastic molds made and a company in Chicago made 10,000 bolls for him.

Bullock has to sand and buff the bales, drill a small hole in the top for insertion of an eye screw and attach the bales to ear screws, tie or bracelet chain.

Each year Bullock gives a set of his jewelry to the Maid of Cotton, and the Cotton Carnival Association has begun buying the jewelry for the royal court in the annual carnival.

Now Bullock has plenty to occupy his time in bed — and bring him in a tidy profit.

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