

Arizona Water Engineer May Return To Stand

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Arizona Water Engineer Ralph I. Meeker may return to the stand today to wind up his cross-examination in the Colorado river water suit.

The suit had to be recessed after the morning session Tuesday when the 78-year-old Meeker said he was "very fatigued" after a day and a half of cross-examination. He went to his hotel room to rest.

Arizona Attorney John P. Frank said Meeker would return to the stand today "if he is able." Meanwhile, California Attorney Northcutt Ely said he will cross-examine Water Engineers Royce Tipton on Thursday and H. P. Duggan next week.

He indicated he will move to dismiss the suit after Duggan's testimony.

Tuesday morning's session was taken up with covering various water tables which Meeker had said contained errors. Most of the morning was spent in correcting the errors.

Ely's questioning was aimed at establishing that Meeker's measurements of water supplies were made in line with the California theory of measuring water use rather than with the Arizona theory.

Theories Vital in Suit

These conflicting theories are vital in the suit. Arizona claims that it is entitled to 3,800,000 annual acre feet of water. That state filed its suit in the U. S. Supreme Court to establish title to the water. The court ordered Special Master Simon H. Rifkind to hear the suit and recommend a verdict.

California has countered with a claim that it is entitled to 5,363,000 annual acre feet of the water. There is not enough water to satisfy the claims of both states.

Other parties to the suit are Nevada, Utah, and New Mexico, and the United States government.

Is That So?

Want to take a look at some of the fishing yarns readers have left in my mailbox?

One of the local poachers had caught more fish than his limit and after a few drinks started bragging about it to some of his cronies. A stranger quietly joined the crowd and asked: "Young fellow, do you know who I am?" The young poacher said: "No, who are you?"

"I'm the game warden. You're under arrest."

"Hold on a minute," said the



young fellow. "Do you know who I am?"

"No," said the game warden. "Well," said the poacher, "I'm the biggest liar in the state of Arizona." Submitted by L. S. Phoenix, Ariz.

After several hours of luckless fishing the little girl threw down her pole and cried, "Daddy, I quit." "What's the matter?" asked her father.

"Nothing, only I can't seem to get waited on." Submitted by Miss D. K., Chicago.

"If you ever catch a fish in the Mississippi around New Orleans," advises R. D. M., of Moorestown, N. J., "be sure to play him down-stream a bit before taking him in. The reason for this is the current is so swift that the fish have to swim against it to keep their scales on. Just turn them around, and woos! the fish is all scaled, ready for the frying pan. Neat, eh?"

River Begins To Rise

D. R., of Philadelphia writes: "My uncle, just about the meanest man in the world, had himself a farm near Delaware river. One spring day the river began to rise. On his farm, alongside the river, was two miles of five-wire fence and there were 32 barbs to the rod, or 102,400 barbs. As the river went up, my uncle moved his family out and then he and his hired man went down to the river and baited every barb with meat and then they jumped to safety just in time as the river swept up. For 28 hours the water remained five feet above the top of the fence. Then the river receded. My uncle and hired man found a fish hanging from every barb — except three, a total of 102,397 fish. They averaged 10 pounds — making up 1,023,970 pounds.

"Now, you'd think this would please my uncle. But nothing doing, he was so gosh-darned mad that he fired his hired man for not baiting those three barbs properly."

"Two fishing tackle salesmen were comparing notes," writes A. F., of Chicago. "The first reached into his sample case and drew forth a gaudy plug, striped, spotted resplendent with all the colors of the rainbow. The other salesman eyed it dubiously. 'Do you sell many of these?' he asked. 'I wouldn't think that any self-respecting bass would go for

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such a gosh-awful contraption.' 'Best plug in my line,' said the first man with a grin. 'You see, I don't sell 'em to bass.'"

Two junior executives were discussing their forthcoming vacations. "It's the seashore for us again," said the one resignedly. "My wife always wins the argument."

"Why don't you use strategy, fellow?" said the other. "My wife likes the shore, too, but we always spend my vacations at my favorite fishing camp."

"How do you do it?"

"Very simple. I tell her how much I enjoy the beach with all those pretty gals in bikini suits." Submitted by Mrs. G. H. T. Everett, Wash.

There's still time to send in a fishing yarn for another fall contest. Again my judges will give the one they judge best the weekly award of the 30-volume set of the Encyclopedia Americana.

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Fighter Pilot Hero Dies in Auto Crash

London — (U.P.) — Col. David Schilling, one of the greatest American fighter pilots of World War II, was killed Tuesday night in an automobile crash.

The 37-year-old Kansan, inspector general of the Strategic Air Command's seventh air division at Ruislip, hit a bridge near Mildenhall, Suffolk.

Schilling flew 132 combat missions over Europe during the war and shot down 23 German planes and destroyed 10 others on the ground.



RETURNING to England for consultations, Lt. Gen. Sir Hugh Stockwell is expected to be named commander of Britain's reinforced Mediterranean forces. (International)

Ten Mile Lake Fish Poisoning Challenged

Portland — (U.P.) — Robert L. Jones of Clifton, a member of the Oregon Fish commission, a commercial fishing agency, yesterday, announced he will challenge the right of the Oregon Game commission to poison the Ten Mile lake system in southwestern Oregon.

Jones stated at the regular monthly session of the commercial agency here yesterday that he was prepared to present a motion calling for submission of the issue to the Attorney General.

Other commission members urged compromise and the group finally decided to seek a conference with Game Commission officials before taking the matter to the Attorney General.

The game commission earlier had announced plans for the poisoning of the lake to rid it of "trash" fish.

VIOLATIONS DELUXE
Detroit — (U.P.) — Traffic Judge George T. Murphy looked at the charge against 20-year-old Gordon Pohl and then revoked his license and sentenced him to 60 days in jail. Pohl was found guilty of speeding through 50 intersections and running 10 red lights while traveling at speeds up to 110 miles an hour.

Indians Cut Ties With Government

Washington — (U.P.) — Two thousand Indians in western Oregon yesterday formally severed their custodial ties with the federal government.

Secretary of Interior Fred A. Seaton signed a proclamation giving them full responsibility for the management of their own affairs. They are among the first Indians in the nation to take the big step.

The Indians will no longer receive special federal services. The proclamation covers the Confederated tribes of the Siletz reservation, the Grande Ronde community, and several other small bands of Indians.

They are the second tribal group in the country to cut away from federal trusteeship. But the other Indians—the Alabama and Coushatta tribes of Texas—transferred property trusteeship to the state instead of the federal government. The Oregon Indians terminated their trust entirely.

Francis X. Bushman To Wed Former Agent

Las Vegas, Nev. — (U.P.) — Francis X. Bushman, 73, matinee idol of the silent film era, was scheduled to marry Mrs. Charles W. Richardson, 53, here today.

Friends of the star of such films as "Ben Hur" disclosed Tuesday night that Bushman planned to marry the former actor's agent. The couple met only a few months ago and had been neighbors in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

Bushman, who earned more than \$3 million nearly a half century ago, has been living on his social security and aid from a son. The former film great was married three times previously while Mrs. Richardson has been married twice.

GOVERNOR LOSES
Springfield, Ill. — (U.P.) — Illinois Governor William G. Stratton lost to a carnival weight-guesser at the state fair Tuesday. After looking Stratton over very carefully, the gusser said, "169 pounds." Then Stratton stepped on the scale, which stopped at exactly 169 pounds. "You don't win nothing, governor," said the proud man.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

Demos Curry Favor With Video Viewers

Convention Hall, Chicago — (U.P.) — The Democrats went all out today to curry favor with television viewers.

No more endless pots of the delegations. No more long-winded speeches. No more interminable demonstrations. They hope.

At least that's the intent of a new set of rules adopted Tuesday night on the recommendation of the Committee on Rules.

Impressed with the idea that the 1952 convention left something to be desired as a theatrical production, the delegates re-

solved:

That delegations shall be polled "off camera" at the discretion of the chairman, while the roll call continues.

The nominating speeches shall not exceed 15 minutes, and seconding speeches five minutes. And that demonstrations for candidates placed in nomination shall not exceed 20 minutes.

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