

Witness Says 'Vast Store House' Of Minerals in Land On Rogue

Grants Pass — "The bureau of land management, U. S. forest service and others interested in withdrawing land along the Rogue river for recreational use are playing fast and loose with national security," Neal Allen, Grants Pass attorney, declared yesterday.

Allen was among 18 witnesses appearing at a three-hour hearing here on a proposal to withdraw 23,358.67 acres of land on each side of the Rogue river from any land usage except recreation. The proposal was made by the bureau of land management and the forest service.

"Vast Store House"

Allen claimed there is a "vast store house" of mineral potential in areas included in the withdrawal area. He also reminded the 100 people attending the hearing that imports of "strategic minerals," such as chrome, were cut off by enemy submarine attacks in World War II.

The attorney also stated there is no way of knowing the amount of mineral under the surface of the earth without digging for it. This would be prohibited if the withdrawal proposal is consummated.

Allen and several others pointed out that prospecting can provide emergency payrolls and kept many people from having to go on relief during depression years.

"We have seen lumber hit a peak here, then start to decline," Allen said. "What will replace that payroll? Maybe this will return to a primitive area and we will have to organize Daniel Boone clubs and wear 'coon skin caps to attract tourists."

Other witnesses testified that

mining is already restricted by existing laws and withdrawal would be unnecessary since mining is compatible with multiple land usage. Among them were Hollis N. Dole, director of the state department of geological and mineral industries; Fay Bristol, president of the Oregon Mining association and representative of the American Mining congress; A. O. Bartels, mining engineer; and Sherman Smith, Grants Pass attorney and member of the Rogue River chapter, Izaak Walton League.

Supporters of the proposed withdrawal claimed income from recreational interests far exceeds economic value of the mining industry here.

Recreational Income

Irving R. Hazeltine, representing the Fish and Wildlife service, and Charles S. Collins, executive vice president of the Oregon Wild Life federation, pointed out that annual recreational income to the Rogue river basin totals about \$14 million. They added that sport fishing alone brings about \$3 million annually to the area. They also claimed the land would be better preserved if the forest service and bureau of reclamation were given the responsibility of managing it.

Other witnesses testifying in support of the proposal agreed that mining development had once been valuable to the nation's economy but is now a "dead pigeon."

A. V. Meyers, representing the Oregon Game commission, noted that some species of wild life are vulnerable to appreciable changes in physical surroundings, such as those brought about by mining. He added that the withdrawal could be revoked if need to stimulate mining should develop.

Hurts Someone

Hugh Bolton, an Izaak Walton League member, pointed out that no legislation is enacted without hurting someone, but he felt the withdrawal would be in the best interests of the greatest number of people. He joined other Izaak Walton League members in saying he had nothing against "legitimate mining claims," but indicated little sympathy for holders of "fictitious claims."

Frank Root, representing the Northwest Mining council, said his organization is proud of its workers, and isn't bashful about doffing its hat to them.

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posed, they are always made subject to valid existing rights." He noted that anyone having an allowed homestead entry, or a valid unpatented mining claim on land within the withdrawal area, would have a valid existing right. He added that patented lands would not be affected by these withdrawals even though some of the lands may be included in the legal descriptions.

The land proposed for withdrawal extends about a half-mile on each side of the Rogue river between Prospect and Gold Beach.

Record for the hearing will remain open until Dec. 6 for those desiring to submit written statements.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Vienne—Rep. Francis E. Walter (D.-Pa.) co-author of the McCarran-Walter Immigration act, on the Hungarian refugees being rushed to the United States:

"I am rather security conscious, but I would say we are not going to get a significant number of undesirables under this emergency scheme. What better evidence of anti-Communism can you have than bullet holes in a man's body?"

New York—British Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd on why his country resorted to war against Egypt:

"There comes a time when men and government have to decide to act and not to talk. We acted."

London—Lady Eden, wife of the British prime minister, to a Conservative party rally:

"During the past few weeks I have felt sometimes that the Suez canal was flowing through my drawing room."

Romeo, Mich.—Mrs. Alice Pherneton on the rejection by a second high school of her son, Robert, 16, who refuses to give up his Elvis Presley haircut:

"Robert has agreed to get his hair cut if we ask him to, but I refuse to give in. This isn't just a haircut at stake here, it's potential dictatorship."



POLICE FORCE IN EGYPT—A United Nations liaison officer (left) directs the first units of the UN Emergency Force to land at the Suez Canal airbase of Abu Suweir. The UNEF's deputy commander said the Middle East police force would be in operation "within a week."

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

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Harman Nichols

St. Helens Girl Bound Over To Jury

St. Helens—(U.P.)—Dorothy Burns, 16-year-old high school girl was bound over to the grand jury yesterday in connection with the fatal shooting of her father as he slept early Monday.

"I don't know why I did it," the girl told police yesterday. "I wasn't mad at him."

She was taken to the Multnomah county juvenile home in Portland pending the next session of the Columbia county grand jury.

Her father, Robert Hollis Burns, was shot as he slept in the family home near Rainier. Officers said they were at a loss to explain a motive. Earlier they said apparently an argument over the girl staying out late was responsible.

State Institution Inmates Due Turkey

Salem—(U.P.)—Inmates at virtually all state institutions will have turkey dinners for Thanksgiving, officials said here today.

Spokesmen said holiday dinners are planned for the more than 3500 patients, nurses, doctors and attendants at the Oregon State hospital and turkey also will be on the menu at Fairview home, MacLaren school for boys, Hillcrest school for girls, and the penitentiary.

Many students at the Oregon state blind and deaf schools will return to their homes for the holiday.

yesterday is today and I still don't have a letter! How come?"

The carrier delivered one the next day he wrote himself.



DENOUNCES AGGRESSION—President Eisenhower gestures during press conference at which he said the United States would continue to oppose, through the UN, the introduction of any new forces in the Middle East. He also denounced Russia's use of force in Hungary as contrary to all concepts of right and justice in the world.

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Southeastern Oregon Has Power Failure

Reedsport — (U.P.) — Electric power service was interrupted for several hours yesterday in a section of southwestern Oregon when a tree fell across some 12,000 volt feeder lines at the Bonneville Power administration's Reedsport substation.

BPA officials said the outage was felt in the Reedsport, Gardiner and Winchester Bay areas and along the Umpqua and Smith rivers.

Broken by the falling tree were feeder lines of the Douglas County Electric cooperative and the Central Lincoln PUD.

Service on the Central Lincoln lines was restored shortly after 3 p.m. and on the Douglas Co-operative circuits about an hour later.

4-H Club News

Jolly Joes Sewing

The Jolly Joes Sewing club met Friday in the home economics room at Hanby school. Marie Jones was elected reporter to replace Colleen Knapp who resigned. Jenny Lou Thompson was elected historian. It was decided to collect good used clothing to give to a needy family before Christmas. There will be no meeting this week because of the Thanksgiving vacation.

Marie Jones Reporter

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