

Right of Indians To Fish at The Dalles May Go To High Court

The Dalles—U.P.—The United States Supreme Court may have to decide if it is legal for Indians to fish commercially just below The Dalles dam.

Indians are dipping a few yards downstream from the dam's spillway and fish ladders as a result of the loss of Celilo Falls which was flooded out by the pool behind the dam.

Harry Hogan, Wasco county district attorney, said a conference is scheduled in Portland at the Oregon Fish Commission office with John Nichols of the attorney general's office scheduled to sit in. Both sides said they expected the problem to wind up in the Supreme Court before it is settled.

State Has Power
Chairman John C. Veatch of the fish commission believes that since all commercial fishing has been banned above Bonneville, a member of the Bon of the salmon run that Indians should be barred from fishing commercially above Bonneville.

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton, through Nichols, said April 10 in a letter to Veatch that the state has the necessary power. He cited a 1942 Supreme Court decision which held that an Indian did not need a Washington license but that he was subject to the state's fishing regulations which were in effect for the purpose of "reasonably conserving a natural resource."

But the Indians take a different view.

They maintain that an 1855 treaty allows them to fish in their "usual and accustomed places." They claim that in years past they have fished various sections of the Columbia river and that in any case the Corps of Engineers has given them the Lone Pine campsite near The Dalles dam as a fishing spot. According to agreements made when Bonneville dam negotiations were under way Indians were promised in-lieu sites for fishing spots which would normally be inundated by the Bonneville reservoir.

When The Dalles dam was built, Army engineers made cash settlements for the "subordination" of fishing rights in the reservoir covered Celilo Falls the Indians went to the engineers for their in-lieu site.

Percy Bingham, a member of the Umatilla reservation, said "we are going to fish and we can't eat all we catch."

Indians also claim white fishermen catch 90 to 95 per cent of the commercial catch and if the state is worried about conservation it should begin there.

Chickens probably were the first birds domesticated by ancient man. Spanish conquistadors brought the fowl to the New World. Though varieties of chickens are numerous, present-day species have a common origin, the Red Jungle Fowl of India.



GOLF AND GUNS—Wearing his green golfer's coat, President Eisenhower chats with his disarmament adviser, Harold Stassen, in front of golf pro shop at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. Stassen flew from London to report to the President on progress of the disarmament conference taking place there.

Briefs From the Legislature

Salem—U.P.—A legislative quiz into the Portland vice situation is shaping up.

Sen. Warren Gill, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, disclosed plans for the investigation after Mayor Terry Schrunk of Portland issued a call for a legislative investigation of "this whole grand jury mess."

However, Gill said any investigation by his committee would be to find out what changes may be needed in laws governing grand jury proceedings and in other statutes.

Gill said the committee has before it a number of bills which would aid grand jury investigations, grant witnesses immunity from prosecution on their testimony before legislative committees and allow the governor to suspend indicted public officials.

Salem—U.P.—The Oregon Senate defeated, 19-11, Senate bill 301 which would have granted the state public utility commissioner authority to regulate minimum intrastate freight rates for railroads as well as maximum rates.

Salem—U.P.—The Oregon Senate passed House bill 710, putting the Portland dental school under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Higher Education and making it a school of the University of Oregon, the same as the medical school.

Salem—U.P.—The House accepted majority reports of the Committee on Taxation on two Democratic tax bills raising rates on inheritance and gift taxes. The inheritance tax bill, House bill 797, would tax insurance policies totaling more than \$60,-

000 owned and personal property above \$25,000 owned by a husband and wife.

Salem—U.P.—The House passed House bill 369 appropriating \$25,000 from the basic school support fund to stimulate programs in the public schools for educationally advanced children. Rep. Allen Tom, Rufus Republican, said about 4 per cent of Oregon's school children were advanced. But not all would be able to benefit from the pilot program.

Salem—U.P.—A memorial to Congress urging the United States to award contracts to encourage West Coast shipping passed the House. It now goes to the Senate.

Salem—U.P.—House bill 526 providing state aid for driver education in high schools was to be signed in a ceremony in the governor's office today.

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