

EPC's Rejection of Snake Bids Said Bold Political Decision

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Washington — The Federal Power Commission's rejection of Pacific Northwest Power Co.'s application for Mountain Sheep and Pleasant Valley dams was a bold political decision reached as a consequence of the terrible beating the FPC has taken from Congress the past two years over the Hells Canyon case.

This was the explanation of a veteran FPC official who was involved in the running Snake river development controversy.

The FPC was anxious to remove the stigma of being regarded as pro-utility for having granted Idaho Power Co. a license for several smaller dams in that stretch of the river where an FPC examiner found that high Hells Canyon dam would have been superior.

Other pieces fit into this Snake river puzzle. The administration has been sore at the member companies of Pacific Northwest Power Co. for having sent representatives to testify before Congress last spring in favor of federal funds to start John Day dam as a government project when the administration was clinging to its "partnership" idea for private utility construction. Congress soon thereafter added \$1,000,000 to start John Day, and now the administration is stuck with having to go through with this project at a cost of \$310,000,000.

Realities Not Accepted

Somehow the administration refused to accept the political realities which the utilities had faced after the 1956 elections, when the only three possible sponsors of "partnership" power bills—Sam Con, Harris Ellsworth and Douglas McKay—were all defeated by Oregon Democrats who favor federal construction.

While the FPC and the administration protest any hint of collusion in these power cases, it is a fact that all five commissioners now sitting at the FPC were appointed by the administration and share its reluctance to support federal dam building.

When Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton a year ago came out for a higher dam at Pleasant Valley, he was quickly boxed in by the opposition of FPC Chairman Jerome Kuykendall and the White House.

Since then, however, Kuykendall—and the reputation of the FPC as an impartial regulatory agency—suffered the humiliation on Capitol Hill of having the chairman's reappointment for a new term delayed for two months while critics of the FPC whaled away. With support from Democrats from gas-producing states, Kuykendall was confirmed, but the reputation of the FPC was none the better for the experience.

Friendly To Gas Lobby

The FPC had also been pictured as friendly to the powerful gas lobby because it favored a bill to exempt producers from federal regulation of rates—a bill which Eisenhower found it necessary to veto because of public indignation against the \$2500 gift which a gas lobbyist was disclosed to have given one senator.

From outward appearances, the five-man commission did not take this Snake river case under advisement until the oral argument late last November. In that one-day hearing, the argument for Nez Perce was made by an FPC staff attorney, Joseph Hobbs,

whose presentation in the view of many who heard it was flimsy and virtually incoherent. The commissioners were smiling tolerantly before he was through.

The weak argument in behalf of Nez Perce mattered not at all, according to this informed FPC official, for the decision to back that project had been made by the commission in consultation with the staff several months before.

Would Kill Salmon

Likewise to no avail, then, was the contention of the power companies that Nez Perce could not feasibly be built in

the foreseeable future because it would kill off all the migratory salmon which now depend on getting up the Salmon river to spawn.

Still smarting from bad reaction to its Hells Canyon decision, suffering the indignities of being portrayed as too favorable to the gas and electric utilities it is supposed to regulate, the FPC grasped the high Nez Perce dam as a means of trying to reestablish its basic integrity.

If there is a more persuasive explanation for the commission's support of a dam which no one wants to build, it has yet to be voiced.

Taylor, Barker Are Candidates for DSA

Robert Taylor and Harry E. Barker are candidates for Distinguished Service Awards presented annually by the

Water Ski Meet. In addition he has served as cochairman of the Southern Oregon first annual water ski meet, a member of the Lake of the Woods Water Safety committee and is past president of the Crater Lions club, past president of the Oak Grove PTA and secretary of the Auto Dealers association.

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Junior Chamber of Commerce to a young man who has exhibited outstanding leadership and community service during the year.

The award will be presented at a banquet Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Rogue Valley Country club. Speaker for the banquet will be Benjamin Biagini Jr., vice president of Southern Pacific.

Tickets are available at Robinson Brothers and Swem's.

Taylor has served on the board of directors for the Chamber of Commerce, the Crater Lions club and the YMCA. He has also worked on the United Medford Crusade.

Mike Todd, Wife Leave for Russia

Paris — Millionaire showman Mike Todd and his actress wife, Elizabeth Taylor, left today for the Soviet Union aboard a commercial airliner.

In a sudden burst of shyness Todd had only a quick wave to newsmen and photographers as they boarded an Air France flight for Prague en route to Russia.

They planned to pause briefly in the Czech capital and then transfer to a Russian TU104 jet airliner for the trip to Moscow.

The couple will spend about a week behind the Iron Curtain on a business and sight-seeing expedition to Moscow, Warsaw and possibly other East European cities as well.

Feeding the Family

By ZOLA VINCENT
Food Editor

Canned Peaches Head List of Fruit Plentifuls

Cling peaches for canning are grown primarily in California. They are the ideal canning peach because of their large size, golden color and close, tender fiber that retains form, size, flavor, color and aroma during canning process. They're on the U.S.D.A.'s list of plentifuls which means that now is the time to stock up on them.

Forty one per cent of peaches grown find their way into cans. They're packed whole, in halves, quartered, sliced and diced; packed in water or in light, heavy or extra heavy syrup. Here again, public opinion polls indicate that by far the most popular use is straight from the can at any mealtime and in between. We offer other suggestions, however.

Variety of Uses

For meringue-topped peaches, carefully remove peach halves from can or jar; fill each peach center with half a teaspoon of tart jelly. Cover with meringue and sprinkle with chopped nut meats. Bake in a moderate oven, 350 degrees, about 15 minutes or until meringue is browned lightly. This recipe good with pear and apricot halves also.

Fill canned peach halves with cream or cottage cheese, raisins and chopped nuts for a nourishing luncheon salad.

Glamorize an everyday salad with cubed canned cling peaches and shredded cabbage tossed with mayonnaise and peach syrup dressing.

Drain canned cling peach halves, brush with butter or margarine, fill with maple syrup and broil to a glaze. Serve with meats, pancakes or waffles.

Fill canned cling peach halves with blended cookie crumbs, brown sugar and nuts. Pour peach syrup seasoned with lemon juice over all and bake.

Buttering Vegetables

When buttering canned vegetables, drain liquid from vegetable into saucpan. Boil rapidly until liquid reduced to about half a cup. Add vegetables and seasonings. Heat, but do not over-cook. When creaming vegetables or making baked dishes, use this liquid with rich milk for added flavor and nutrition.

Rejoice in Bounty Of Tart Red Cherries

We've been growing tart red cherries in America for nearly 200 years and the year 1957 outdid itself with a crop of around 285 million pounds; half of which, it is estimated went into cans, 40 per cent into frozen food packages.

Long prized for making of pies, tart red cherries are now taking on a new look, appearing in soups, muffins, desserts, and adding glamour to poultry and meat.

Cherry Glazed Ham Steak

We rather fancy the new look and distinctive flavor of tart red cherries in this Ham Steak recipe which uses sweet potatoes to make six hand-size servings.

2 pounds sweet potatoes (about 6)
¾ cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 No. 2 can red sour pitted cherries (water pack)
4 tablespoons butter
1½ inch thick ham slice

Cook unpared sweet potatoes in boiling water 15 minutes. Peel, halve lengthwise. If potatoes are small, leave them whole. Combine brown

sugar and cornstarch in skillet. Drain cherries; add enough water to cherry liquid to make one cup. Add liquid and butter to skillet.

Add sweet potatoes and cook uncovered over low heat, basting occasionally until potatoes are tender and glazed, about 30 minutes. Add drained cherries during last five minutes of cooking.

While potatoes are cooking, prepare ham. Slash fat edges, stud with clove, if desired. Broil or pan-broil ham 12 to 15 minutes on each side for uncooked ham slice; 8 to 10 minutes if ham has previously been cooked.

To serve, place ham in center of warm serving platter; spoon sweet potatoes and cherries around. Pour remaining sauce over ham.

Food in Cans

Canned foods may be safely left in the open can if it is covered and kept in the refrigerator. The important thing is to store the food properly with the emphasis on keeping the food cold and covered.

January Best Buys

Department stores have January "white" sales. Grocery stores have January Canned Foods Sales. This has been going on for a long time; is good merchandising on the part of store managers. Smart home makers stock up now on family needs, family favorites.

Today's stocks of canned foods are at an exceptionally high level due to last year's bumper crops. Cannery and distributors want to move these stocks out of warehouses well ahead of harvesting of this year's crops for obvious reasons. The consumer benefits. Watch this newspaper's grocery advertisements. Note store displays for good buys and special bargains.

Canned Vegetables, National Canners Association tells us that these are the "plentifuls" in order of availability: Peas, corn, pumpkin, squash, lima beans, carrots, beets, tomato products, sauerkraut.

Canned Fruits, Peaches head the list followed by tart red cherries which are growing in popularity for making of many good things besides pies. Then come pineapple, pears, purple plums, apples, apple sauce and fruit cocktail.

Juice Jubilee. We think that the large economy size fruit and vegetable juices are bargains in good eating, good nutrition and convenience every day in the year. At today's prices, it will pay well to stock up on tomato juice, pineapple juice, orange juice, grapefruit juice and blended citrus.

Canned Seafood. All tuna caught and canned in the U.S. is from our Pacific waters. For salads and fancy dishes, use the solid pack. For sandwiches and many ingredient purposes, the chunks, flakes and grated tuna have same good nutrition, cost considerably less. Sardines from our own coast and from the coast of Maine are food bargains any time.

Fresh Plentifuls, Cabbage, cauliflower, celery, lettuce, dry onions, potatoes, spinach, sweet potatoes, winter squash, rutabagas fill vegetable stands. Fruit buys are apples, bananas, grapefruit, medium size oranges and avocados.

Other Good Buys. Poultry continues the best meat buy. Eggs are plentiful, reasonable in price. Thrifty beef cuts

Fear of Hysteria Said Reason for Secrecy on UFO

Columbus, Ohio — A flying saucer expert said here Thursday night fear of public hysteria has kept the Air Force from releasing information on unidentified flying objects because "there has been interstellar travel."

Maj. Donald Keyhoe, a former Marine Corps flyer, said the saucers sighted may have come from Mars because most of them were sighted when Mars was swinging near the earth on its orbit.

Keyhoe, director of the National Investigations Committee of Aerial Phenomena, told a gathering of more than 3,000 persons that Mars might be only a space base.

He said he believed most of the flying objects were some sort of observation craft.

Russia Would Own World

"If Russia had them she would own the world now," Keyhoe said. "If we had them we wouldn't be building these other weapons now."

The former Marine Corps flyer said the Air Force was ready to release information on the flying saucers in 1948 and again in 1952.

"But each time the lid went on," he said, apparently from the National Security Council or from the Central Intelligence Agency.

Keyhoe said the information had not been released because of a fear of public hysteria and because a number of persons were killed while trying to check on the objects.

He told the audience that some parts of unidentified flying objects have been found. Metal fragments were found after one broke up over Maryland last Nov. 13 and radioactivity was detected in the area, Keyhoe said.

EXPLORER DIES

Chappaqua, N. Y. — William J. Morden, 72, for 35 years an explorer and big game hunter who brought back live animal specimens for museums, died in his home here Thursday.

continue to be ground, stew meat, short ribs. Smoked picnics are a good pork buy. Dried prunes, filberts, peanuts and peanut products are good buys.

Friday, January 24, 1958

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

Grange Notes

Roxy Ann Grange
Roxy Ann Grange met in regular session Jan. 17 with all officers present.

Agricultural Chairman
Charlie Whitcher reported farmers make as much money, but their overhead is up 4 per cent. Beef prices are up. Stock is being sent to mid-west to feed. They have lots of grain and hay left over.

Alfalfa hay being sold to California from \$14 to \$16 a ton. Poultry business isn't too good with an 18 per cent increase in eggs. There are less dairy cows, but more milk increase due to culling of poor stock.

We had visitors from Shady Cove. They were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Huston, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Deister, also Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swagerty from North Pacific Grange near Grants Pass.

Glen Rader reported Congress jumped on Benson about price support. Big farms are benefited, but small farms get very little help from price support. He also said freight rates are raised in Oregon.

HEC Chairman Veda Quackenbush announced HEC met at the home of Frances Moffatt, with Marguerite Shaw as cohostess. There were 30 present and one guest. Next meeting will be at the Grange Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 8 p.m. Marie Pfister and Bessie Wright will be hostesses.

Pomona meeting will be at Roxy Ann Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. Ladies bring salad or dessert.

Next Grange meeting will be a potluck, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring their own table service. No refreshments after Grange. Mr. Ellis volunteered to bring his TV so men can see the fights.

Madge Nowlin, in charge of display table, had a book on the history of the Nowlin family from the 15th century, also the scrap book of the Grange.

First and second degrees were given to Frank McDowell by Roscoe Roberts.

Glen reported Grange policies are paying dividends and no raising of rates.

Roscoe reported GIA made a million dollars and is giving dividends.

May Dalton thanked the Grange for the use of the hall by the extension unit.

Eisenhowers Honor Speaker Rayburn

Washington — President and Mrs. Eisenhower honored Speaker Sam Rayburn at a dinner and musical Thursday night at the White House.

As "Mr. Sam," 76, was escorted into the candle-lit state dining room by Mrs. Eisen-

hower, the Marine Band struck up a medley of Texas tunes.

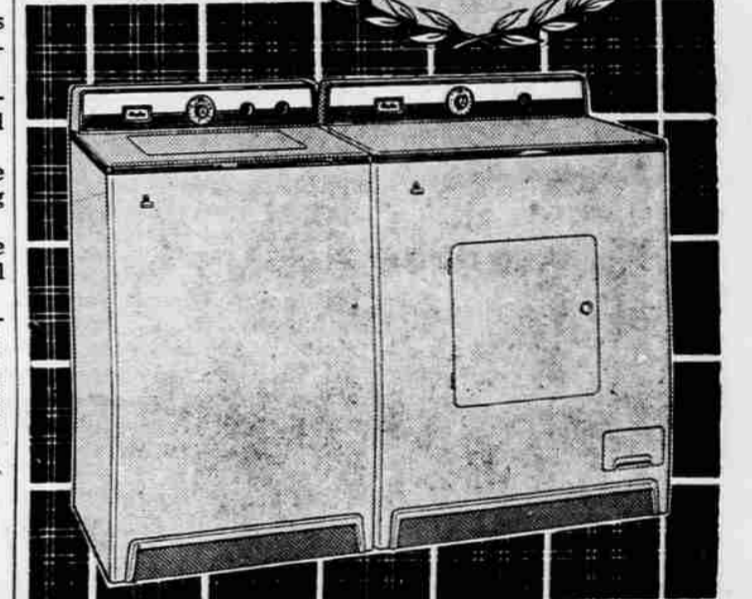
The speaker, who is unmarried, escorted his sister, Mrs. W. A. Thomas, Dallas, as he has on important occasions here since the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson.

The President escorted Mrs. Thomas into the dining room. The dinner guests included congressmen, senators and officials of the Republican National Committee.

BROKER DIES
New Haven, Conn. — William K. Shepard, a brokerage firm representative and former Yale University assistant professor, died here Wednesday. He was 82. Shepard represented the New York firm of Laird, Bissell and Meeds in New Haven. He was an assistant professor of physics at Yale from 1916 to 1920.

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