

Government Sums Up Case In Colorado River Suit

San Francisco — (AP) — The United States government embarked on the final phase of its proof in the Colorado River suit Saturday and immediately drew criticism from the state of Arizona for attempting to prove "minute interstate water uses."

Sale of Bullion Brings Arrest

Portland — (AP) — Two men were arrested Friday in the climax of a federal treasury department investigation involving \$20,000 worth of gold bullion and charged with conspiring to defraud the United States by attempting to sell it without a license.

The gold, 24 bricks of it, was seized in a downtown Portland hotel Saturday afternoon and the men were charged with "acquiring excessive quantities of gold to divert and dispose of without a license from the Secretary of the Treasury."

Held in lieu of \$1,000 bail were Glen Earl Addison, 50, Roseville, Calif., timber buyer and Thomas Henry Hunter, 34, Salt Lake City used car dealer.

The arrests came after the pair allegedly made a deal with a customs officer, who posed as a buyer of the gold.

ment's case for water for national parks and forests.

Mark Wilmer, attorney for Arizona, challenged the government and attempted to convince Special Supreme Court Master Simon H. Rifkind that the uses were small and within the various states in the suit so that they should not be tried in the present proceedings.

Rifkind said he would experiment by allowing the government to continue and "if we find ourselves in a bog we can retrace our steps and escape."

Claims Important Facets

Northcutt Ely, chief counsel for California, said that there were some important facets in the government's claim for national parks and forests that should be heard by the court.

He said these included a government claim for some 24,000 acre-feet of water for hydro-electric development in the Grand Canyon National Park.

The government then called its first witness on the national park phase of the testimony, A. B. Dunn, an engineer for the National Park Service.

Rifkind indicated Friday that he was trying to speed up the complex case.

He trimmed a possible two years off the lengthy suit during Friday's opening session of the current phase by refusing to hear evidence about the alleged illegal use of water by California for its 350,000-

acre Imperial irrigation district.

The case was brought originally against California by Arizona to gain title to 1.5 million annual acre-feet claimed by the Coast state. But as the six-year-old suit developed, it turned into an adjudication of precious water rights for the entire Southwest.

McElroy Orders Committee Cut

Washington — (AP) — Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy has ordered the Pentagon to abolish committees which he fears are interfering with fast military decisions.

He told Pentagon officials Friday to stop participating in other governmental and international committees wherever feasible. There are 710 of the two types of committees, a Pentagon official estimated.

One of the first to go will be McElroy's staff council, made up of assistant defense secretaries.

McElroy said he favored coordinated actions but "less formal working relationships" should suffice.

"In other words," he said, "it should not be necessary to charter a committee with responsibilities, functions and duties in order to confer jointly on matters of mutual interest."

Four Programs Being Advanced On Nuclear Fusion

Washington — (AP) — A top atomic energy commission official says this country will achieve "within a few years" the 100-million-degree temperatures needed to ignite controlled H-bomb reactions for power.

Dr. Frank E. Ruark, chief of the AEC's thermonuclear power program, says the commission is pushing "rapidly" four different programs to heat heavy hydrogen gas to the "ignition temperature" where nuclear fusion reactions will generate as much power as is lost by radiation.

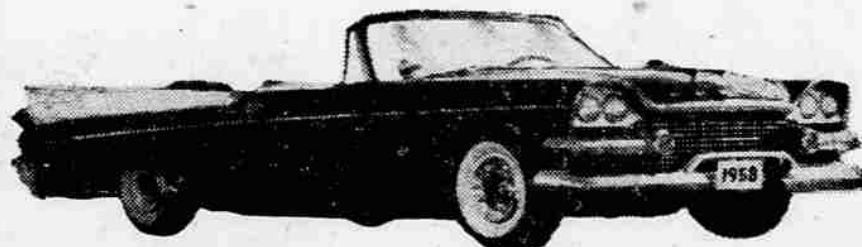
Ruark made this forecast Friday at the spring meeting of the American Nuclear Society.

System Proposed

At the same time, a Columbia university professor proposed a system for tapping H-bomb explosions directly for electrical power.

Dr. Jay Orear told the American Physical Society his generator using pygmy H-bombs equal in power to only 10,000 tons of TNT would produce "seven million kilowatts, or 12 per cent of the total U.S. power consumption."

Details of three of the AEC's four approaches were made public for the first time Friday. The final "hydrogen reactor" could be a combination of these methods or something entirely different.



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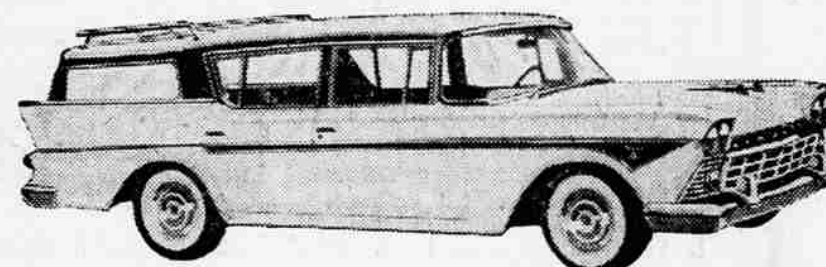
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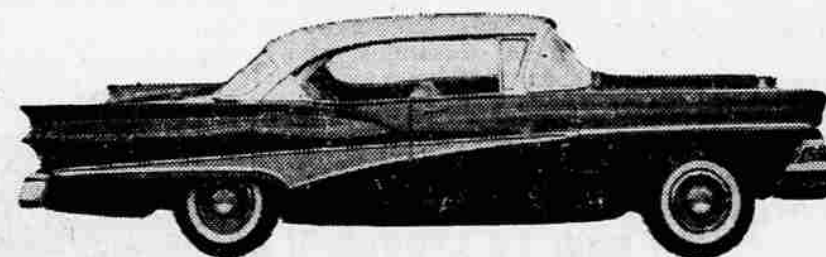
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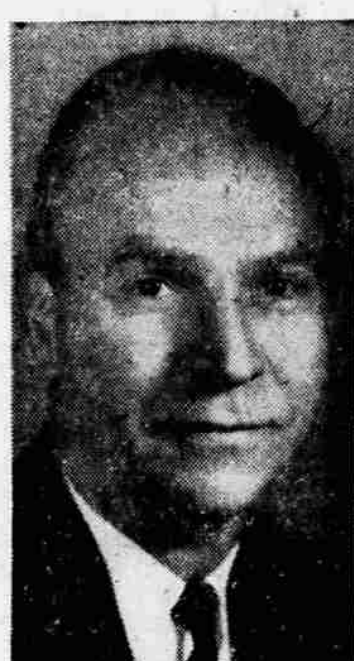
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