



## Columbia River Agency Considered at Hearing

By ROBERT SMITH  
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Washington — The Senate hearings on legislation to create a Columbia River Development corporation—a federal agency to build dams through revenue bond financing—were something like the opening gambit in a Turkish bazaar.

No one expected the chief figures in the exchange—the private power companies on the one hand, the public power groups on the other—to come anywhere close to arriving at an acceptable price tag for such an agency.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) is now preparing for the long, haggling period that inevitably follows. Possibly the buyer and seller will never get together; but one suspects that a skillful negotiator could bring them closer than they were at the outset, and sell the idea of a regional corporation.

The private utilities flayed the idea as socialistic. The script writers for Kinsey Robinson Power, and Thomas Delzell, chairman of the board, Portland General Electric, came up with terms like "czar" and "dictator" to describe the proposed corporation. If they had been asked to say what they thought of setting up another TVA, they could hardly have thought up more harsh words of opposition.

It became clear from their testimony that the power companies are happy with the way things are going right now. The role of the federal government in river development has been declining, while that of the local utilities has been rising, through the courtesy and policies of the Eisenhower administration—which is in for another

two years—and the Federal Power commission, whose members are appointed by the White House.

**Holmes Supports Bill**  
The Northwest Public Power association, originator of the corporation bill, got support for the idea from Gov. Robert D. Holmes and the Oregon GOP Central committee, as well as the state of Washington. Groups in Montana and Idaho were stirred up against it.

The preference clause—that 50-year-old statutory provision which gives REAs, PUDs and the like preference over power companies in getting federal power—was the heart of much of the difficulty in reconciling the various positions.

Although the preference clause comes into play only when there isn't enough power to go around, and the idea of a self-financing power agency is that it would build as many dams as necessary to assure all the power that is needed, the public power groups said they wanted the clause kept intact as it was. Likewise, the power companies continued their general opposition to it.

Neuberger, thinking of Oregon's plight, is seeking some modification of the preference clause that will assure cheap federal power for Oregon industry. Delzell would like each state to be guaranteed a "fair and equitable" share, with the FPC deciding how much that would be. Neuberger suggested that each state might be allowed as much as it needs of Columbia river power up to a stipulated ceiling, to protect Oregon's non-preference utilities against the preference groups in Washington state.

It seemed clear that no one doubted that a regional cor-

poration with power to sell bonds to the Treasury and build dams with the money would be able to provide all the power all utilities, private and public, would require in future years to come. But the private companies won't agree to anything carrying the old preference clause, and the public power groups won't agree to give it up—even though the clause comes into play only when there is not enough power.

The interior department is planning to sit on the sidelines while these groups in the Northwest haggle. Secretary Fred A. Seaton follows a local option philosophy on power, and if there evolves substantial agreement within the region, he would doubtless support the agreed concept.

The question is will they get together for this solution to the power shortage?

**Primary Election Prediction Given**  
Sacramento — (UPI) — Alan Cranston, Democratic candidate for controller, predicted Wednesday that none of the races for California's major political offices will be decided in next week's primary election.

Cranston said no candidate from either party will "even come close" to sweeping both nominations and avoiding a November run-off.

Several Republican incumbents in lesser statewide offices, including Cranston's opponent, Controller Robert C. Kirkwood, have hopes of winning the Democratic nomination in addition to the GOP bid and thus winning reelection in the primary.

But Cranston said that won't happen. The two party system has been "re-established" in California, he said, and Democratic voters will cast their ballots for their party instead of voting on the basis of individual candidates.

Cranston also predicted that the Democrats would show more strength than the Republicans in the primary.

## Average Man Numb From Many Crises

By DOC QUIGG  
United Press International  
New York — (UPI) — "The way I got it figured," said Wilbur, our office grouch, "is that the average guy has faced so many crises in the last few months that he's over-crisised. He's numb. Not in a state of shock—I wouldn't say that. Just numb."

What makes you feel that way, old man?

"Because he just doesn't react," said Wilbur. "You ask him how he feels about the Sputnik threat or the H-bomb menace, and he just stands there kind of bleary-eyed. You ask him does he think the recession is winning, losing, or drawing. He just spreads his arms."

"I tell you the average guy around this town has been hit with the news of so many international crises that he's lost his capacity to get excited. My grandpa used to tell me that back in the gay nineties, when things were slower and men had time to form an opinion, you couldn't even say the words 'free-silver' out on the streets without starting a fight."

**Have Multiple Troubles**  
"Now we got the fallout crisis, the education crisis, the juvenile delinquency crisis, the Algerian, French, De Gaulle, Tunisian, as well as the Caribbean Kim Zsa Zsa crisis..."

What was the last one, Wilbur?

"Kim Zsa Zsa, or gift horse, crisis," he replied, rolling his eyes. "There are so many of these things—fraught with peril—going on that the man in the street can't decide what to be really scared of or worked up about."

"A generation ago, the Black Sox scandal was a bombshell in baseball. But nowadays, you ask the average New Yorker what he thinks about the Giants and the Dodgers leaving town and does he cloud up and holler? Won't Get a Rise

"He does not. He looks helpless and quasi-sullen and replies mildly: 'Let 'em go.' The fight has gone out of him because of the eternal crisis-posture of his existence."

"You ask him his opinion of the threat posed by the sack dress. All he can do is look blank and say 'Aaaah.'"

"I don't say the average bloke is going ostrich and burying his head to the monster trials of the world. Nor do I say he's in a grin-and-ber-it mood. He's bewildered and bewitched but—and this I say out of my own research on the street—too beat to be bothered."

Well, where do you fit into all this, yourself? Do you feel like a man or mouse, or maybe an ostrich?

"At this stage," said Wilbur, "more vegetable than anything else."

## Less Than Normal Job Increase Seen

Salem — (UPI) — Some 8,300 new jobs were reported by Oregon employers last month, or less than a normal increase for this time of year, the State Unemployment Compensation commission reported today.

The commission estimated the number of non-agricultural workers at mid-April at 449,600.

The increases in jobs were scattered among most industries with the only losses reported in apparel, machinery and wholesale trade industries.

Logging and sawmill firms employed 4,100 more workers than in the previous month for the most sizeable increase.

Some 21,400 fewer non-farm jobs were available in mid-April than a year ago, the commission said, adding that the losses were apparent throughout the economy.

## Importance of Exercise Noted in Discussions

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH  
Camp White — The importance of exercise in a balanced program of recreation was emphasized as a means of keeping fit with the advancing years in a discussion of physical education by Dr. Alexander Peterson, athletic instructor at Southern Oregon college, at the VA Domiciliary recently.

"We should not underestimate the potentialities of older men even in competition with the younger generation," he said. Dr. Peterson named several outstanding octogenarians who retained their ability in sports, including Alonzo Stagg, Connie Mack, John D. Rockefeller and the King of Sweden, in football, baseball and golf.

"We don't know whether exercise contributes to longer life, but we do know that within certain limitations it can increase body tone and release from the tensions of age," he declared.

**Slowing Down**  
The difficulty for many older people is to know how to "slow down," he stressed. "The process should not be too abrupt. Although there is a difference between recreation and athletics in this period, the same principles apply, the former coach advised.

"Physical age is a relative quantity. Some men at 40 are older than others at 50," he said. "It is significant that

in this technological age, with all kinds of modern conveniences, we operate with the same body as the man who lived 20,000 years ago. What we do today in pressing a button is much different from what the cave man did."

**Plan Program**  
Too few people today have a planned program of physical recreation, Dr. Peterson pointed out. Equipment and facilities are required for the best results.

"When we fail to exercise we increase the rate of degeneracy of the body," he emphasized, reviewing the physiological aspects in the building of muscle tissue, increasing the heart beat and circulatory rate, training the nerves to respond and forcing the lungs to function.

"Exercise stimulates growth throughout the body," he said. For the older men, events calling for speed were ruled out, and activity that is long and calling for endurance finds the older men at times better equipped by experience and stamina.

"Quite a number of older men become outstanding walkers, and some of the best fishing and hunting guides are found among the oldsters," Dr. Peterson declared.

Never swim alone. Swim with someone who has about the same swimming ability as you. Stay together—so warns the Boy Scouts of America.

**Frozen Tuna Diversion Threatened by Packers**  
Astoria — (UPI) — Frozen tuna shipments en route here from the high seas will be diverted to other ports if striking United Packing House Workers continue to refuse to permit them to be unloaded here, the Columbia River Packers Association, Inc. said today.

Salem — (UPI) — The State Banking Board today announced the promotion of J. F. M. Slade, 56, to the position of superintendent of banks for Oregon.

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## Guard Armory Slated for Oswego

Washington — (UPI) — The Defense department Wednesday submitted to the house and senate armed services committees a project for a \$126,000 National Guard armory at Oswego, Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.), reported.

## OSC Graduation Scheduled June 9

Corvallis — A total of 1,500 degrees will be conferred by Oregon State college Monday, June 9, at its 89th annual commencement exercises, including honorary degrees for two prominent Oregonians, Herman Oliver of John Day and Norris E. Dodd, formerly of Haines.

The 1,500 total is 250 more than a year ago. It includes a record 275 masters degrees, 41 doctors degrees, approximately 1,180 bachelors degrees, and 2 professional degrees.

Baccalaureate service will be Sunday, June 8, with Dr. Herman G. Klemme, minister of the Presbyterian church of Encino, Calif., as speaker. To provide maximum seating for parents, guests, and the general public, both programs will be held in the coliseum. Commencement exercises will begin at 10 a.m. and baccalaureate at 11 a.m.

Both baccalaureate and commencement exercises will be telecast by the state educational station, KOAC-TV, Channel 7, and both will be carried over KOAC radio. The Sunday telecast will be from 10:45 to noon and Monday, 9:45 to noon.

President A. L. Strand will address the graduating class following granting of degrees.

## Little Rock Ends Hectic School Term

Little Rock, Ark. — (UPI) — The most hectic school year in the history of Central High school ended peacefully Tuesday night as an 18-year-old Negro became the first of his race to graduate from the integrated school.

Tall, lanky Ernest Green accepted his diploma from the previously all-white school with no outward show of feeling by his 601 white classmates and 4,000 persons attending the commencement.

As soon as ceremonies were concluded, police sent Green and eight attending Negroes into two waiting taxicabs and hustled them from the area.

Police cars and National Guardsmen riding jeeps patrolled the city after the program ended. One policeman commented, "We expected a lot of rumbles," but Little Rock was relatively quiet.

## Area Timber Man Killed in Crash

Eureka, Calif. — (UPI) — Al D. Peirce, leading southern Oregon timber industrialist, was killed in a one-car auto accident shortly before noon today about 50 miles north of here.

Humboldt County Coroner W. L. Wallace said Peirce apparently tried to pass a truck, lost control of his car and crashed into a tree.

Peirce rose from a one-time small logging operator to become one of southwest Oregon's largest timber industrialists. He headed the Peirce Company and other enterprises dealing in timber and sawmill operations. He owned the ship Coos Bay, which carried lumber in the Southern California trade.

Lake Louise in the Canadian Rockies was named after Princess Louise, wife of the Duke of Argyll, Governor-General from 1878 to 1883.

## House Group Has Critical Report About Hospital

Washington — (UPI) — The majority report of a House sub-committee critical of Morningside mental hospital in Portland was approved Wednesday by the House Government Operations committee. The committee recommended that federal, state and local governments decide whether proceedings should be initiated against Wayne Coe, operator of the private institution.

Morningside has cared for mentally ill from Alaska for more than 50 years.

A subcommittee investigated Morningside last September. Its report, approved Wednesday, said Coe and his sanitation company should be investigated by the Internal Revenue service and that other agencies should decide whether federal or local laws were violated at the hospital.

**File Report**  
A four-man majority of the committee filed a dissenting report which challenged the authority to investigate financial operations of Coe and the hospital.

Coe charged in Portland that the entire report was politically motivated.

In a statement he said "this is the fourth year that unsupported and irresponsible charges by politicians have been leveled at Morningside hospital and its staff. This probably will continue as long as politicians feel the need for publicity without regard for the effect on patients and their families who unfortunately are in the middle."

## Ike Supported On No Tax Cut

Washington — (UPI) — The House Ways and Means committee supported President Eisenhower's "no tax cut" stand Wednesday by approving an administration bill to extend present corporation and excise taxes for another year.

Approval was by a vote of 21 to 2 after the committee had rejected, 19-2, a proposal to cut the federal excise tax on automobiles from 10 to 7 per cent.

The President's top economic advisers told Congress that even if current tax rates are continued, an 8 to 10 billion dollar deficit is likely in the fiscal year starting July 1.

The lopsided Ways and Means committee vote was interpreted as giving strong impetus to a bipartisan drive by the administration and congressional leaders to hold the tax line.

## Dredge Removal Contract Announced

Portland — (UPI) — Army engineers Wednesday announced award of a \$63,800 contract to Newark Pipe company, Tracy, Calif., for removal of the super-structure and disposal of the wrecked hopper dredge Rossell near the entrance of Coos bay.

The Rossell sank last September with the loss of four lives after a collision with the Norwegian freighter Thorshall. The dredge, its contents and equipment will be removed by the contractor.

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