

'Middle Ground' Suggested for River Problems

Portland - (UPI) - Federal Power Commission Examiner Francis Hall suggested strongly Friday that "there is a middle ground" between fish and power interests on the Deschutes river.

His statement came as a two-week hearing into Portland General Electric company's application for a license to build Round Butte dam on the Deschutes was drawing to a close.

The state fish commission has recommended that a stream flow of 5,000 cubic feet per second be maintained at Round Butte to protect fish life and recreation.

However, PGE engineers say the river might have to be lowered to 3,000 cubic feet per second in April, 3,500 in May and 4,000 in June.

Water Flow Study
Hall suggested that should a license to build Round Butte be granted PGE, this water flow problem could be given further consideration while the dam was slowly getting into operation.

Round Butte would take almost three years to construct.

Hall said the flow might be equalized to 3,500 cubic feet per second during the three low months and pointed out that water needs for the dam would not be at a maximum as the dam got into operation.

He asked lawyers on both sides to consider this as they filed their briefs with FPC.

Violations Cited As Blast Causes

Washington - (UPI) - The Interstate Commerce commission said Friday that a dynamite truck explosion that killed 13 persons at Roseburg last summer was the "direct result" of federal safety rule violations.

The blast last Aug. 7 also injured 125 persons and devastated eight or nine blocks of the city, causing an estimated 10 to 12 million dollars damage.

The report said truck safety regulations required explosives trucks to avoid congested areas and to be constantly attended. It said the truck driver, George Rutherford, the vehicle's owner, Pacific Powder Co. of Seattle had violated these and other regulations.

The company, according to the report, also violated ICC regulations in its packaging and labeling of explosives and the use of proper names of commodities on shipping papers.

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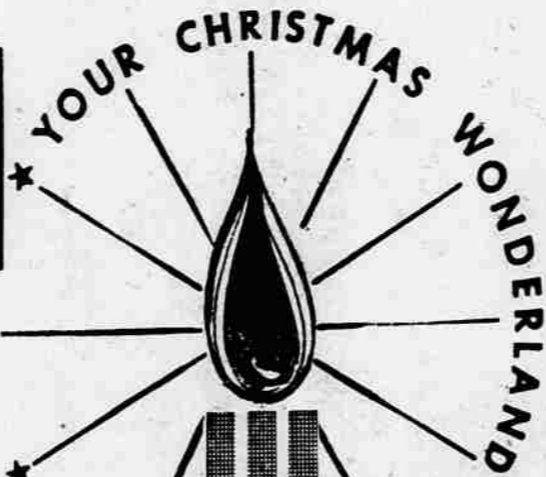


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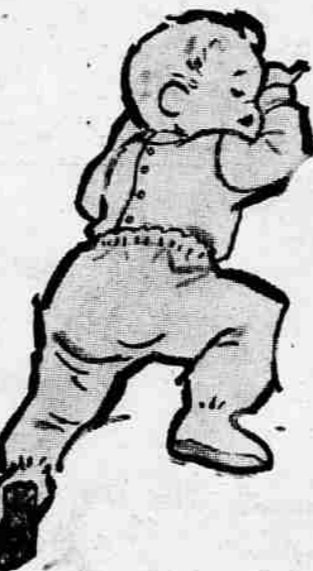
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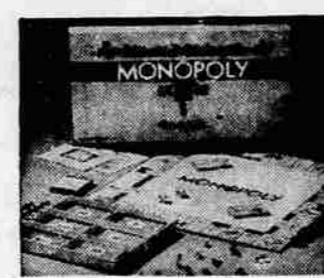
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