

Bonneville-California Intertie To Get Going-Over by Interior Group

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Washington - The proposed power intertie between the Bonneville system and California is going to get another going-over by the Senate Interior Committee because of doubts of some committee members.

The Interior Department recently urged the committee to endorse the intertie plan, which has been under consideration for about a year.

"It is hard to find a reason for not having made the sale," Assistant Secretary Fred G. Aandahl wrote to the committee about the concept of selling surplus kilowatts from the Columbia river system to California utilities. "This energy is now being wasted to the ocean in water spilled from federal reservoirs without generating power because there is no immediate market for such power."

Interior is anxious to connect with the California market via a private transmission line built by California Oregon Power Co. that would hook up with the Bonneville system in southern Oregon and run to the California border and tie into the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. system.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A KANSAS CITY psychoanalyst prizes this letter from a satisfied ex-patient: "Dear Doc: Your treatment sure has eliminated what ailed me. A year ago the phone would ring and I was afraid to answer it. Today I answer it whether it rings or not."

Hollywood roulette is the latest pastime of the moon pikshur set. A famous hest star kisses six leading ladies blindfolded - then has to guess which is the one who never was married to him.

No TV addict was the late Frank Lloyd Wright. "Television" was his dictum, "is nothing more than chewing gum for the eyeballs."

A dear young sophomore at a state college was kicked out just because they found a record player in her room - a 6-foot-2 disc jockey.

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Air samples have been collected since 1953 from a station atop the state office building in Portland, and for about five years from a similar station in Klamath Falls. Rainwater samples have been collected in Portland for some three years. The health board can report, for example, that the high radiation count from an air sample so far this year was read March 25, and the 24-hour exposure showed 2.7 micro microcuries per cubic meter of air. Low reading was 0.1 and average for the first three months of 1960 was 0.7.

These are only "crude" readings made with a simple geiger counter, because that's all the equipment which the health board has personnel to operate. The samples must be sent all the way to Washington, D.C. for precise readings, and findings may be a long time in reaching Oregon.

New Wilderness Bill to Remove Debated Feature

Washington - Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) and Gordon Allott (R-Colo.) have teamed up to write a new wilderness preservation bill designed to remove controversial features which have so far blocked its passage.

The new bill, in the form of a substitute to legislation now before the Senate Interior Committee, would reserve for Congress the right to designate any land as a wilderness area.

The original measure would give that authority to the secretary of agriculture.

The new version also would spell out, by legal land description, areas already carrying the wilderness designation as of Feb. 1, 1960. O'Mahoney said this amounted to 5,834,496 acres.

The Wyoming senator said there were 8,269,000 additional acres in 11 Western states currently carrying a "primitive" designation.

This land could be later set aside as wilderness, but not until the secretaries of agriculture and interior recommended it.

Their recommendations would have to carry comment from other affected federal agencies and the governors of states where the land was located.

Western senators earlier were successful in amending the original bill to permit grazing in wilderness areas. This feature was retained in the Allott-O'Mahoney substitute. But other than grazing, no commercial activity would be permitted.

States which have land with wilderness potential include Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Idaho, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, New Mexico and California.

Back Stairs: Period of Readjustment

By MERRIMAN SMITH
UPI White House Reporter
Washington - Back stairs at the White House. The post-White House readjustment of President and Mrs. Eisenhower was a subject of conversation this week down in Georgia where the First Family was enjoying a long spring vacation at the Augusta National Golf Club.

The world, after next Jan. 20, may be a fairly confusing, and most certainly an expensive place for the President and Mamie.

They will be, in effect, on their own for the first time in a great many years.

Since the days when Eisenhower was a high-ranking Army officer, he and his wife have had a great many services performed for them almost automatically: services that will be totally absent when they leave the White House.

For one thing, there will not be a doctor and a well-staffed, well-supplied clinic at their beck and call 24 hours a day when they leave the White House.

There will be no guards at the gates of their Gettysburg farm unless they hire them.

There will be no secretary, no social staff for Mrs. Eisenhower unless she lays out the money for this type of help on which she has come to rely heavily for many of the daily details of life.

It probably has been 30 years since either Eisenhower or his wife saw the inside of a shoe repair shop. Going to the barbershop will be a new experience for the President. For years, the barber has come to him. There'll be no helicopters or transport planes on tap, no fleet of limousines, no ready room for chauffeurs.

Eisenhower has picked out an office in Gettysburg. He will have a small suite on the campus of Gettysburg College in a house once set aside as living quarters for the college president. The head of the school has another home and the chief executive will use the comfortable house on the campus at least for the months shortly after his retirement from office when he will be coping with daily mountains of

mail with the help of only a tiny staff.

Congress either late this session or sometime early next year probably will be asked to restore Eisenhower's rank as a five-star Army general. (He resigned from the Army when he entered politics to run for President in 1952).

Either as a retired President or a restored five-star general, the chief executive will be permitted a small payroll by the government. But this would consist of most of only a secretary, an aide and probably a driver.

This means his valet, his maid and any other help will have to be paid out of pocket.

The valet, the cook and the maid are now personal employees of the Eisenhowers, but their domestic staff is vast by comparison. They've accustomed to a great many servants, and a large supporting staff of aides, secretaries, doctors, file clerks, advisers, lawyers, drivers, baggage handlers, pilots and protectors.

The problem of adjusting

to life after the White House is not new by any means. Every outgoing President faces the same situation, but with the Eisenhowers, the process may be unusually

painful, because it has been so long, actually since the late 1830s, since they have functioned without a large supporting staff provided by Uncle Sam.

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