

Britain to Need Nuclear Power By Early 1970's

London - (Science Service) - The cost of electricity from the atom must be cut to help Britain meet fuel shortages expected by the early 1970s, Sir Christopher Hinton, chairman of the country's Central Electricity board, told the Royal Society here.

Nuclear power will be cheaper when higher temperatures can be achieved, Sir Christopher said. Advances in technology are still bringing down the cost of conventional power. Therefore, nuclear power will have to compete with falling costs to break even and then go below cost of currently used fuels, he said.

Conventional Problems
That nuclear power is not already as cheap as conventional power is due to problems within the nuclear generators.

The development of magnesium alloys (magnox) made nuclear power generation possible, Sir Christopher said. However, further advance cannot be expected until a new material can be found. Use of stainless steel or beryllium is not promising because the cost of fuel elements would exceed that of magnox.

Sir Christopher said one engineering problem in nuclear generator design deals with the large pressure shells, made from plates of thicknesses so great that possibilities for rolling and cross-rolling of the material are minimized. "There is a danger of casting defects and coarse grain in the steel for this reason."

Welding Difficult
Besides, welding of these thick plates is not easy and brittle fracture, increased by neutron irradiation, makes the problems even greater.

Past experience of reactor development had led the British Atomic Energy Authority to design the advanced graphite reactor (A.G.R.), Sir Christopher said.

It is estimated that the capital cost of the first industrial reactors of the A.G.R. type will run at about \$250 per kilowatt hour.

Former Timberline Operator Jailed

Portland - (UPI) - Charles Slaney, 54, has been removed to San Francisco district court to answer a bad check charge.

Slaney, former operator of Timberline lodge, held in lieu of \$10,000 bail, has appeared in Portland earlier on charges of interstate transportation of a check written on a non-existent Hillsboro bank account for a car bought in California.

Slaney at one time owned 87 per cent of the stock in a corporation that operated Timberline Lodge at Mount Hood until 1955.

Nyssa Man's Body Found in Reservoir

Cascade, Idaho (UPI) - The body of John D. Gilmore, 22, Nyssa, Ore., was found Wednesday floating in the Cascade reservoir.

The search for Gilmore's body had been going on since Sunday when he drowned while skin diving with friends.

The victim was the president of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce.

\$140,000 Missing Along the Airways

San Francisco - (UPI) - Somewhere along the airways between Hong Kong and San Francisco, \$140,000 has vanished, according to a Pan American World Airways spokesman.

"We suspect a mix-up of some sort rather than a theft," the spokesman said Wednesday. But he said police had been notified.

The U.S. currency was wrapped in a 22-pound muslin-wrapped package in a green mesh sack. It was being shipped from the Dao Hang bank of Hong Kong to Crocker-Anglo National bank here.

Experts on Parking Have Problems, Too

London - (UPI) - Sponsors of a fall municipal engineers' convention which will discuss "the problem of car parking" were perplexed today when they announced a site change for the meeting.

The new convention site has almost no parking space.

Salem - (UPI) - Marion county authorities said a 10-year-old girl wandered away from a Baptist youth camp outing at Silver Falls State Park Wednesday but was located an hour later unharmed just as a search party was being formed. She was found just before nightfall.

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