



FALLS BEING PRESERVED—This is a view of "Prospect Point," a favorite viewing area for honeymooners and tourists, after a 200-foot section crumbled into the swirling Niagara river's lower gorge on July 28, 1954. Though nothing can be done to heal the present damage, plans are now being made to preserve the future grandeur of the falls. (UPI telephoto)

17th Century Description of Niagara Falls Still Holds True

By GERARD J. GAGNON
Niagara Falls, N.Y. — 479 — Nearly three centuries ago the main cataclysm of Niagara were described as "a vast and prodigious expanse of water which falls down after a surprising and astonishing manner, in so much that the universe does not afford parallel."

Those words were penned in 1678 by Father R. P. Louis Hennepin, who traveled French missionary and explorer. Today his description of Niagara falls still rings true. But, the question is for how much longer?

Recently an earth dam was thrown up near the brink of the American falls to divert enough water so work crews could clear debris left at the base by a big rockslide in 1954. What came to light has had officials pondering. Crack disclosed. The de-watered portion of the falls closed large cracks in the rock formation, leading to speculation more rock falls are in nature's plans. One geologist opined that if the deep, wide cracks weaken the formation enough a portion of the American falls larger than a football field would collapse into the gorge. This, he indicated, would turn that portion of the majestic 160-foot high falls into just a cascade.

Last week a team of four consultants who inspected the area said that any measures to be taken would be impractical. They reported there was no danger of any immediate collapse nor of any sizeable rockfall for a considerable time.

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Russia Warned U.S. Will Not Relax Vigilance

Washington — 479 — Sen. Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin, senior Republican on the Senate foreign relations committee, has warned Russia that the U.S. will not relax its vigilance during the current political campaign.

"In the days ahead," Wiley added, "we should make it evident that as always we shall continuously be ready and willing — regardless of an election — to protect the ramparts of freedom."

Wiley said "We should make it clear" to the Communist countries that "we are alert — not asleep" and "we shall continue to vigorously support those fundamental policies that will improve the outlook for peace," and that "we will strongly oppose Communist efforts at expansion."

Parties Urged
At the same time Wiley urged both parties and their presidential candidates to present the "real issues" and not distort the nation's accomplishments and purposes.
Wiley said world peace was the main issue of the campaign plus strengthening of defenses, reducing east-west tensions, and creating a counter-attack to the Communist propaganda offensive.
Other great issues, he said, are the need "to maintain and further strengthen the economy at home" and the adoption "of new programs for preserving human rights and promoting human progress."

California Casting Eye on Use On Kilowatts From Northwest

By ROBERT A. SMITH
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Sacramento (Special) — California once again has its eye on a vital Pacific Northwest resource which it would like to import into the rapidly expanding golden state.

A decade or more ago California turned a longing eye on the Columbia river as a possible solution for the water needs of its arid Central Valley. A gigantic Ruben Goldberg plan was conceived within the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation for channeling some of the Northwest's generous water supply southward via canals from one river system to another until it finally wound up in the irrigation ditches near Salinas and Fresno. But this blueprint, considered fantastic in its conception and necessary, never got past the drawing board.

Today California officials who don't need Columbia river water, they have plenty in their own rivers, especially in northern California, to serve the expected demand of what will be the nation's most heavily populated state in the near future.

Some \$50 million has already been spent on the Oroville Dam which will be 735 feet high, 25 feet higher than Hoover Dam, world's highest. Oroville Dam would store 3.5 million acre-feet of precious water that would flow down the aqueducts. This dam and the aqueducts comprise the heart of the California water plan.

To get this water to all its centers of need, however, pumping stations will be required. Gravity will carry the water southward from the heights to which it is pumped. To reach Los Angeles and other valleys and towns of southern California, for example, the water must be pumped over the Tehachas Mountain Range.

It will take greater quantities of power to energize these pumping stations — more power than California's new dams can produce. If California can import cheap kilowatts from Oregon, it will help reduce the considerable costs of this water system.

Some California officials are worried that the cost per acre of water delivered may be prohibitive to some farmers who would otherwise open

up another quarter million acres of fertile land to fruit and vegetable production in the Central Valley.

The great capital costs of building this system of dams and aqueducts — with investment capital that will cost the state about 4 per cent interest — represent the basic cause of uncertainty about just how feasible this water plan will be in actual operation.

But obviously, cheap kilowatts from the Columbia would be a factor of considerable advantage to California if they can be obtained in place of higher cost power generated in the steam plants of the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., California's huge private power company.

The time will come in the not too far distant future when even the Pacific Northwest will have insufficient cheap hydro-electricity to meet its growing demands. Even when that day arrives, California state planners believe Northwest power will continue to be cheaper because it can be generated from vast coal deposits in Washington state, assuming that the price of coal remains lower than oil.

It is possible that California voters will reject the water bond issue in November. The Grange has come out against it because it would prefer to have the federal government undertake these projects and to enforce the 160-acre limitation on the size of farms that can receive water. Also, the AFL-CIO has indicated its opposition ostensibly for the same reason. But the union is using its leverage in its efforts to have the legislature require the unionization of irrigation districts. Other unions — chiefly the construction unions — strongly favor the state plan. There is opposition among Northern California residents who fear loss of their water to Central and Southern California, but since the voters as a whole won't be taxed to pay off the bond, and the water users will pay its costs, there is unlikely to be general voter resistance to this imaginative scheme for meeting the growing water needs of the 32 to 35 million persons expected to live in California by 1990. Most of the voters live in the sections which stand to benefit by the water plan.

But whether California can be as hopeful about securing Columbia river kilowatts is quite another question. (Next — Something for Everyone.)

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a Judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Louise R. — She should retire before she is fired.
Jane M. — I don't like to sit around doing nothing.

Louise R. — My problem involves my closest friend, Jane. We have known one another since childhood and are now past 70. Our children are married and we share a home. We both went to work after our children were grown, but I retired more than five years ago. Jane, however, is still working.

I feel very strongly that she should retire now. If she doesn't, she's going to be fired and that will hurt her very much. Her eyesight is failing and she gets slower and slower, mentally and physically. It is ridiculous for a woman of her age to travel to and from work and put in a full day when it isn't economically necessary.

Jane M. — It isn't true that my eyesight is failing. I'm just as well as I did five years ago. The doctor hasn't changed my glasses in years. I find that I'm well able to keep up with the work. I'm a little tired when I get home, but who isn't? Louise insists on treating me like an old, feeble woman. I have always been healthy and I haven't missed a day's work in years. Nobody has ever complained about my work. Louise says they're just being kind to me, but I don't believe it. I rarely make an error.

I have worked hard all my life. I'm not the kind of person who likes to sit around doing nothing. Louise enjoys her visiting friends and family but I prefer work.

The Council: Louise's belief that Jane's employer may be suffering in some out of kindness to her is probably wrong. The best-hearted employers manage to rid themselves of unwanted employees without too much bloodshed on either side of the firing line. Undoubtedly, Jane's employer has found, like many others, that older workers are extremely dependable, their attendance records are excellent, and when they are in the right spot, their performance is equal to, or better than, the younger employees. Louise expresses herself in terms of concern for Jane, but her attitude suggests something else. She seems to have a keen eye for signs of deterioration in Jane, but is less observant of Jane's admirable health and spirit. She expresses herself in threatening terms. Friendly concern should take the form of en-

couagement rather than discouragement. It is quite possible that Louise's unpleasant suggestions have thoroughly frightened Jane and forced her to cling to her job even harder than she would ordinarily care to. In reaction to Louise's "You are much too old to work," Jane may have stiffened her back to prove she isn't yet ready for the rubbish heap. After five years of retirement, Louise may be bored with herself and probably is deteriorating far more rapidly than Jane simply because of lack of vital connection with the workaday world. Perhaps it is hard for her to watch her girlhood chum still going strong. We think Jane should work as long as she cares to, but she shouldn't hold on to her job out of fear of falling into hopeless disuse. With her spirit, she can well look around for new interests so that eventually she can retire simply because there is something else she wants to do. (Copyright 1960, General Features Corp.)

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