

'Something for Everyone' in Scheme Of Northwest Power for California

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Sacramento, Calif. — (Special) — There is something for everyone in the plan now in final preparation by which California hopes to import cheap Columbia river kilowatts. California would not be taking a thing away from Oregon and Washington or the federal Bonneville system. It would be giving as good as it gets, California officials maintain. They say Oregon would gain tax revenues from a big non-federal power line running southward

from the Columbia river. Surplus power now being wasted in the Pacific Northwest would be sold, and the revenue would help pay off Northwest projects and hold down the prevailing low cost of Bonneville power. The Northwest could secure power from California during seasonal or emergency shortage periods. Integration of power sources in both regions would result in a greater amount of energy for peak demands in both areas. And it would revive the coal industry in Washington state, conserve millions of barrels of California oil, and even help alleviate smog conditions in California. These are some of the suggested benefits which a private engineering firm, H. Zinder & Associates, has enumerated in a preliminary report prepared for the state of California in support of the idea of connecting California to the Bonneville power system.

Two Major Circuits
The report, written by Sol E. Schultz, former Bonneville Power administration engineer, is based upon a connection consisting of two major high voltage circuits extending from The Dalles and John Day dams southward through Oregon via Redmond and Klamath Falls and into California via Shasta and the bay area and on south to the Los Angeles area. "Broadly, we find that the potential benefits to be derived from a common carrier interconnection between the Northwest and California justify its construction at the earliest possible date," the Schultz report stated.

"In developing our analysis and this conclusion, we have adhered to our instruction from the state of California that the Pacific Northwest has a first priority to all federal hydroelectric power developed here," it added. Ralph M. Brody, Gov. Edmund G. Brown's special counsel on water matters, emphasized this latter point in an interview. "Whatever is done, the priorities of the Northwest for power must be maintained," declared Brody. "We are talking about power that is truly surplus to the needs of the Northwest."

California does not want any extension of the preference clause on Bonneville power across Oregon's southern border into California, he said. That is, no public agency in California which might receive surplus Bonneville power over this new transmission line would have any preference right to continue getting it in preference to non-public purchasers in the Northwest. If it takes federal legislation to make this pledge legal and binding, Brody said, California is willing to support it. Northwest senators, notably Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) and Sen. Hall S. Lusk (D-Ore.), recently expressed concern that any transmission of surplus power from the Bonneville system into California would possibly obligate the Northwest to honor preference demands of public agencies in California unless special legislation is passed to clearly prevent this.

The concern of these senators was aroused by a proposal by the Interior department for selling surplus power to Pacific Gas & Electric company over a small line which PG&E and California Oregon Power company would build. Gov. Max O. Hatfield Oregon joined in favor of legislative safeguards. The contract is still pending, but the senate interior committee has asked that it be deferred. The Schultz report assumes that the private interconnection between BPA and PG&E will be accomplished. It states that this would not affect the feasibility of the larger dual-circuit line, and might improve the reliability of the whole intertie operation. Schultz assumed, for his study, that the transmission circuits in California would be built by a non-federal public agency, such as the state through its department of water resources which is building the dams and aqueduct; and in Oregon "by a non-profit organization (because we are not certain that any public agency exists in the state that is appropriately constituted to build the transmission facilities)." He estimated the entire circuit would cost \$200 million to build.

Gov. Pat Brown's special counsel, Brody, has been meeting periodically with Joel Hill, Oregon's public utilities commissioner, and Earl Coe, Washington state resources chief, in an effort to develop a power intertie acceptable to the governors of all those states. If the states or some public or private utilities within the states built the line, no federal legislation would be required, except the safeguard respecting the preference clause. If the federal government builds the line, Congress would have to authorize and finance it. Within such a proposal lie the seeds of a brand new western power fight. (Next — The Columbia — Powerhouse for the West)



CHATS WITH MOTHER—Vice President Richard M. Nixon enjoys a chat with his mother, Mrs. Hannah Nixon of Whittier, Calif., as the GOP presidential nominee arrived at Whittier College to be greeted by a cheering crowd of 20,000 people. Nixon left early today for Hawaii. (UPI Telephoto)

Action on Transfer of Regional Post Office To Seattle Postponed

Washington, D.C. — Further action on the transfer of regional post office operations from Portland to Seattle has been postponed. Confirmation of this action came by telegram from Sen. Olin D. Johnston (D-South Carolina), chairman of the post office and civil service committee, to Sen. Wayne Morse. In the telegram to Morse, Johnston said, "I am happy to inform you that I have received information that the postmaster general has agreed to my request of July 2, 1960, to withhold further action on the transfer of the regional operations office from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Washington. As you are aware, this action on my part was taken at your request and in accordance with my desire to see that the Post Office department is operated in an efficient manner and on an economic basis. For your information the following is the telegram which I sent to the postmaster general: "It has been brought to the committee's attention that you

plan to move the regional operations office from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Washington. I request in strongest terms that you delay such action until the committee has had an opportunity to study the matter. This proposed move has been represented to the committee as contrary to good business practices and economy as well as a serious drop in employee morale. . . ."

Miss Oregon Gets Keys To Salem

Salem — (UPI) — Miss Oregon of 1960, Rosemary Doolen, arrived here Tuesday from Seaside where she captured the title as Miss Salem and was feted by state and city officials at a state capitol reception. The 19-year-old blonde was given the keys to the city by Mayor Russell Bonesteel and was greeted on behalf of the state by Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. The band struck up with "Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue." Her family lives in Medford and she attended Willamette university last year.

Sweetland Raps Party Conventions

Portland — (UPI) — State Sen. Monroe Sweetland, Democratic candidate for Secretary of State, said here Tuesday that "national conventions merely ratify the candidates and do not select them." Sweetland made his observation at a Downtown Rotary club meeting at the Benson hotel. He said that convention demonstrations were a thing of the past and cited the examples of the huge demonstrations this year for Adlai Stevenson at the Democratic National convention and Barry Goldwater at the Republican convention as having "no real effect." Sweetland said the presidential candidates for each party are now selected months before the conventions.

Actor Ordered To Answer Complaints

Glendale, Calif. — Actor Tab Hunter must appear at the city attorney's office Aug. 22 to answer complaints of neighbors that he beat his pet dog. The hearing was scheduled for Tuesday but postponed by mutual agreement of the city attorney and Hunter's counsel. Hunter denied the charges which were based on complaints of neighbors that he beat the animal when it dug a hole in his lawn.

Queen Elizabeth Plans India Visit

New Delhi — (UPI) — The dates of Queen Elizabeth's and Prince Philip's visit to India and Pakistan were made public here and in London Tuesday. The five-week visit will begin next Jan. 21 in India. The royal couple will be in Pakistan from Feb. 1 to 16 and then return to India for the final two weeks.

Trujillo's Brother Quits

Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic — (UPI) — President Hector Trujillo has presented his "irrevocable resignation" to the Dominican Congress, it was announced officially today. President Trujillo, brother of Dominican strong man Generalissimo Rafael I. Trujillo, has been in office since 1952. His present term was to end in 1962. First report of Trujillo's resignation was heard in Caracas, Venezuela, on La Voz Dominicana, the official Dominican government radio. According to the radio announcement, Vice President Joaquin Videla Balaguer also submitted his resignation. Trujillo's resignation was received by a special joint session of Congress. The Congress immediately appointed a joint commission to visit the President and ask him to withdraw his resignation.

Phair Criticizes Senator Kennedy

Pendleton — (UPI) — Ron Phair, GOP congressional candidate from Oregon's second district, Tuesday criticized Sen. John Kennedy for a recent speech attacking Vice President Richard Nixon and Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson. Phair said he was "extremely disappointed" in Kennedy for lambasting Nixon, and added, "Kennedy is extremely ill advised." The Republican from Klamath Falls met with Nixon and with farm leaders in Chicago last week. Following the meeting, Phair said he was in "complete agreement with Nixon's attitude."

\$50,000 Damages Asked After Wreck

Yreka — A damage suit for \$50,350 was filed in Siskiyou County Superior court last Friday by Minnie I. Tosh, guardian for Garry F. Scott, 17, for injuries sustained in a collision involving a dump truck owned by Louis Sbarbaro and William Perala, both of Weed. The accident occurred at the junction of highway 99 and Abrams Lake rd. near Mt. Shasta on July 27, 1959. Scott was a passenger in a car driven by Cleo Tom. Attorney Harry Hammond is representing Garry Scott.

Jobless Fraud Probes Sought

Salem — (UPI) — Oregon Employment Commissioner David H. Cameron said Tuesday that the state will request more federal funds for probing of frauds among Oregon Unemployment Compensation claimants. The action was urged by the Advisory Council on Unemployment Compensation at a recent meeting in Eugene. The present program, he said, has accomplished much toward slowing down inroads on the trust fund due to fraud "but the council expressed fear that economy-minded budget cuts might curtail the activity in the future." A central fraud investigation unit is maintained by the Oregon Employment Department with investigators in six Oregon cities. So far, 30,639 cases were under investigation between July 1, 1959 and June 30 of this year. But most of them turned out to be legitimate. Cameron said. Willful misrepresentation decisions were issued in 481 cases during this period and overpayment was noted in

Central Point Boy In Serious Condition

Jesse O'Neil Smith, 16, of 5316 Table Rock rd., Central Point, was reported still in serious condition at Rogue Valley hospital today following an accident Monday morning. Smith was operating a bicycle south on Table Rock rd. about 1/4 mile north of the junction with Vilas rd. when the bicycle angled into the path of a log truck, according to state police. A passenger on the bicycle, Roy Don Crawford, 11, of 5168 Table Rock rd., Central Point, was reported in good condition at Crater Osteopathic hospital suffering from concussion and fractured pelvis. Smith was reported to have head injuries. The log truck, owned by Bruce L. Blew, was operated by Grant Roy Clyde, 29, of Third st., Rogue River. He told police that he started to pass the two boys on the bicycle when the accident occurred. No citation was issued, police said. 239 cases amounting to \$30,825. Of this, \$17,645 was recovered within the year. There were 20 convictions.

Smith Protests Industry Lack

Milton-Freewater — (UPI) — Former Gov. Elmo Smith Tuesday protested the "lack of attention" given to Oregon in the placing of defense and space-age industries. In a speech at Milton-Freewater, the Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate also called for "development of better markets" for Oregon's farm, factory and forest products. Smith said Oregon is near the bottom of the list of states in federal installations, and charged that Oregon dollars are subsidizing defense industries in neighboring states. The Albany publisher said because Oregon is a producer state, it must develop more favorable markets in order to compete with other areas. He called for more "favorite freight rates, protection against unfair competition from foreign producers," and full use of farm surpluses to feed the needy in other parts of the world. Melbourne, Australia — (UPI) — Capt. Robert Gee, 86, former British parliamentarian, died today.

Polaris Warhead Trigger Tested

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — (UPI) — The Navy revealed Tuesday night that it has begun testing machinery to trigger a nuclear warhead in Polaris missiles. An arming and fusing mechanism rode in the nose cone of a Polaris fired 1,150 statute miles from land to a target in the South Atlantic southeast of here. The rocket carried a dummy warhead. The arming device was triggered in the tests as the Polaris engines ignited a split second after the missile rode to a height of about 70 feet on a column of compressed air from a "ship motion simulator" tube. Telemetry transmitters riding in the nose relayed details of the test to ground tracking stations. Salem Postmaster Confined in Hospital Salem — (UPI) — Salem Postmaster Albert C. Gragg remained in satisfactory condition in a Salem hospital today following major surgery Monday. Authorities said it might be two months before he could return to his duties.



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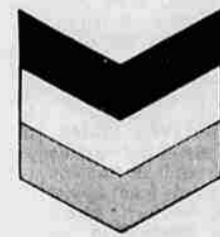
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