

California's Concept Would Make Columbia River Vast Powerhouse

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Sacramento, Calif. (Special) — California would like to convert the Columbia river into a powerhouse for much of the entire West.

The Columbia's magnificent hydroelectric potential should be harnessed as rapidly as possible — not as the needs of the Pacific Northwest mount, but as fast as high voltage transmission lines can be erected to export the power from Canada to the Mexican border, up and down the West Coast and far inland to the centers of population in the Rocky Mountain states of the Colorado river basin.

This is the broad concept behind a study now in final preparation for the state of California to support its bid for the shipment of Columbia river kilowatts far outside the present boundaries of the Bonneville power marketing area, California wants Northwest energy because it is cheaper than the kilowatts it can generate in fuel-fired generating plants, and it will need

great amounts of power to energize its state water plan by which water will be pumped from Northern to Southern California for irrigation, industrial and residential use.

The California idea coincides with the negotiations now underway between the United States and Canada for building big power dams in British Columbia that would jointly benefit the two nations.

Could Proceed — "Canada could proceed at an early date with the construction of Columbia river hydroelectric storage and generating facilities on the basis that the power and energy from such construction, temporarily surplus to its needs, could be sold to California subject to withdrawal upon reasonable notice," says the preliminary report made for California by H. Zinder & Associates' Manager Sol E. Schultz, ex - Bonneville engineer.

Schultz notes that construction of Arrow Lakes dam in B.C. on the Columbia would increase the primary energy output of downstream American dams by some 1.4 million kilowatts, to be split between the two countries.

"A number of years will elapse before such a large quantity of energy will be required to serve Canadian

loads," he reported in support of his argument for shipping it south to California.

In the Colorado river system, the report observes that the new Glen Canyon dam in the upper Colorado project will have to be filled with water at the expense of reducing the normal power output of Hoover Dam down stream.

"At the same time, power will be going to waste in the Northwest by reason of water spillage," Schultz noted.

But if the two regions were interconnected with big transmission lines, he said "substantial amounts of additional prime power could be developed through the interplay of storage at the Glen Canyon and Hoover Dams and the use of summer hydroelectric energy from the Northwest. Five million acre feet of storage at Glen Canyon and Hoover Dam effectively coordinated with the Pacific Northwest summer secondary energy could produce approximately 400,000 kilowatts of prime power. This operation would be conditioned on the premise that the higher consumptive uses of water would not be interfered with. The addition of a high Bridge Canyon Dam would raise that total to 800,000 KW."

A final report by Schultz is to compare the economics of such interties if they were

built by the federal government or by private power companies.

The Democratic party platform, adopted at Los Angeles, envisions giant regional power systems which one platform drafter interpreted to mean that energy would be developed at its cheapest source and transmitted long distances to load centers — a concept which supports the California hope for getting Northwest power.

This idea has gained fresh currency since a group of Senators and staff members of the Senate Interior Committee visited Russia last fall and marveled at the Soviets' advancements in building huge hydro power stations in remote areas and transmitting the power hundreds of miles by new techniques.

Others remain skeptical, if not fearful, of any such idea because of the possibility of the Pacific Northwest being unable to shut the door once it has been opened to adjacent regions.

California insists that it would use Columbia river power only so long as it is surplus to Oregon and Washington state requirements. Its officials say they would support legislative safeguards to this effect.

But some Oregonians are fearful that California, with its overwhelming superiority of numbers in Congress, could simply outvote Northwest congressmen if it came to a test. They fear that once federal transmission lines are extended into California and the Rockies from the Columbia river, it will be extremely difficult to throw the switch and leave those lines standing idle when there is a continuing demand for power from the faraway centers of population and political power such as Los Angeles.

Jackson Key Figure — At the moment the key political figure in this drama is Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) who will likely be chairman of the Senate reclamation subcommittee when Congress reorganizes in January. His hearing on the smaller private intertie between Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and Bonneville have revealed his own hesitancy about committing the Pacific Northwest to any sort of export of its kilowatts.

Any federal transmission line projects would probably

have to be cleared by this committee, whose members are from the various western states.

California is moving toward the point of proposing to Congress that the Columbia river be tapped for cheap power by

much of the West — a proposal that would set off a rough fight if the Northwest decides to resist this move all the way.



CONFESSES KILLING—Harold Dalibrozak, 13, is surrounded by police in Chicago shortly after confessing to strangling five-year-old Beverly Benham last Saturday. Dalibrozak, a displaced person who came to Chicago from Germany in 1955, killed the girl during a two hour and 25 minute period in which he escaped from jail, where he was being held as a runaway from his home. He had been questioned and released by police but persistence in questioning by two newspapermen brought the confession. (UPI Telephoto)

Sharing of Vision In California Seen As Forward Step

Sacramento — (UPI) — Dr. Nancy Cross, a Menlo Park consulting chemist, believes that the State of California should see through two eyes — those of women and men.

If this were done, she told an Assembly committee, it might prevent money-wasting second looks.

Dr. Cross, whose middle name is Jewell, appeared before the Assembly Elections and Reapportionment Committee to present her views on how California should be operated.

She proposed two constitutional amendments, each with the same general purpose — to get more women in office.

Single Primary Ballot — Under one of her plans, members of the Senate and Assembly would be the women and she listed women first and the men polling the highest numbers of votes in their districts. That would mean two senators from each district.

Dr. Cross also would like

Young GOPs To Hear Dellenback

Ashland — John Dellenback, candidate for state representative from Jackson county, will speak at the Young Republicans meeting here Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting, at Raoul Maddox's home, 96 Scenic dr., will include the ratification of the by-laws and a discussion of future projects by the Jackson county group.

Any interested persons between the ages of 18 and 40 have been invited to join the club, according to Mrs. Lloyd Bishop, president.

Although the Young Republicans group has been organized for several years, a new group of officers and administrators have taken over, thus requiring ratification of the by-laws, according to a club spokesman.

A Republican group for students under 18 has been suggested and may be formed in the future, he added.

Bandon Boys Held On Theft Charges

Portland — (UPI) — Portland police had two 15-year-old Bandon youths in custody Wednesday night after they admitted to a \$600 burglary in Bandon last week.

Police said since then, the two teen-agers have been "living high" in Portland and have already spent nearly half of the money.

The youths registered at a downtown hotel and a clerk, suspicious because of their ages, called police.

A search of their room disclosed \$325 in currency and coin, and a .22 caliber pistol was found in one boy's possession.

Police said each youth admitted spending about \$100 since the burglary.

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Honesty Returns Profit for FINDER

Salem, N.H. — (UPI) — Jim Stack, a Manchester Union Leader reporter, returned a lost \$100 bill to its owner Wednesday and came away with \$169 in return.

Stack saw the unidentified man drop the bill as he left the dining room at Rockingham Park racetrack. The reporter returned the money a minute later just as the man placed a bet at a mutual window.

"You're an honest man," the bettor said, "and here's a \$10 double ticket on five and three."

Five and three hit for \$33.80, a return of \$169 on the \$10 ticket.

Record Exhibits at Multnomah Fair

Gresham — (UPI) — The 54th annual Multnomah County Fair, with a record number of exhibits on display, opened here this morning.

Special carnival prices were on the agenda for youngsters during the opening day.

Fair officials said judges would face a record number of exhibits in almost all departments of open class competition. Blue ribbons in most departments were scheduled to be awarded during the opening day.

235 GENERALS RETIRE — Istanbul — (UPI) — Defense Minister Fahri Ozdilek Wednesday announced the retirement of 235 generals. Ozdilek said the retirements were carried out with the aim of having a "young" army. He said those retired included himself and the commander-in-chief of the army general staff, Gen. Ragib Gumuspa.

Quotes From the News

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Honolulu — Vice President Richard M. Nixon visiting Pearl Harbor.

"The President of the United States must always put the security of America first and obtain intelligence information that will protect us against surprise attack."

Baton Rouge, La. — Arthur C. Watson, member of a group of states righters and segregationists protesting the Democratic Party's civil rights plank.

"It's time we stood up and raised a little hell about the way the national party has treated the South."

Montgomery, Ala. — Gov. John Patterson, promising state assistance in the investigation of the flogging of a Negro youth by white men.

"I think this type of thing is on its way out in Alabama."

Paris — French novelist Françoise Sagan, saying Cubans love Fidel Castro because they see in him one of themselves.

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