

Californian Seeks To Block Consideration of Power Priority Bill

Washington—(UPI)—Rep. Craig Hosmer (R-Calif.) sought today to block a proposal for speeding consideration of the Pacific Northwest Power priority bill in the House Interior Committee.

Hosmer protested the announced intent of Interior Committee Chairman Wayne N. Aspinall (D-Colo.) to take the bill up for full committee consideration without further hearings by its reclamation subcommittee.

The California Republican said he still had pending a request with subcommittee chairman Walter Rogers (D-

Tex.) for cross-examination of witnesses who appeared before the subcommittee in June.

He charged that testimony of the witness had been "hurried over during a brief session" of the subcommittee on the bill designed to pave the way for construction of transmission lines to connect federal power systems in the Pacific Northwest and California.

The legislation, which would give the Pacific Northwest first call on federal power produced in the area, was passed by the Senate despite Republican objections that it would destroy a policy of granting preference to public power agencies throughout the country.

Hosmer, in a letter to Aspinall, said the legislation appeared merely to grant a super-preference to certain private consumers in the Pacific Northwest but that it actually had "much broader implications."

"The legislation, he said, 'should not be rushed through the committee without full and thorough evaluation.'"

He demanded a chance to continue questioning of Joseph C. Swidler, chairman of the Federal Power Commission; Charles Luce, administrator of the Bonneville power administration; Gus Nor-

wood, executive secretary of the Northwest Public Power Association; and Norman Clapp, administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration.

Foreign Briefs

KING SAUD RAPS ACTION BY BROTHERS
Cairo—(UPI)—A Cairo newspaper says King Saud of Saudi Arabia has cut off his four brothers' allowances because they freed their slaves and concubines.

Saud called his brothers' action "mad" and "anti-Islam" and also was considering stripping them of their titles, according to the newspaper Al Akhbar.

The newspaper said the brothers freed their slaves and harem to move into line with modern times.

RETAINING WALL COLLAPSE KILLS 10
Ipiates, Colombia—(UPI)—A retaining wall on a highway near here collapsed Wednesday into a group of Roman Catholic pilgrims, killing 10 persons and injuring 3.

The dead included eight Colombians and two Equadoreans. The pilgrims were on their way to the Shrine of Our Lady of Las Lajas, on the Equadorian border near here.

BEN-GURION SAYS ISRAEL WANTS PEACE
Tel Aviv—(UPI)—Premier David Ben-Gurion told an army officers' meeting Wednesday Israel continues to seek peace but would quickly carry war into enemy territory if attacked.

Kennedy's Signature Sets Tone for Western Trip

Washington—(UPI)—President Kennedy set the tone today for his Western tour by praising members of Congress who fight for major water resource projects as contributory to the entire nation and not merely a region.

Kennedy leaves early Friday for what has been described as a non-political inspection trip to water resource projects in South Dakota, Colorado and California.

In a large White House ceremony today, Kennedy signed a bill authorizing a \$170 million project to help irrigate the Arkansas River Basin and improve supplies of drinking water and electricity to an area of more than half of Colorado.

While his trip is billed by the White House as non-political, there will be inevitable political overtones as the chief executive greets Democratic incumbents and candidates.

To counter this political indication, the White House points out that ranking Republican incumbents in some areas also will be greeted by the President.

Kennedy, flying in an Air Force jet transport, will take off at 5:30 a.m. (PST) for

speeches at the Oahe Dam and power plant on the Missouri river near Pierre, S.D., and at Pueblo, Colo., in the center of the Fryling Pan-Arkansas Reclamation Area,

for which he signed the authorization today.

Kennedy's busy day will wind up in Yosemite National Park, Calif.

Saturday he will join California Gov. Edmund G. Brown, opposed for reelection by former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, in ground breaking ceremonies near Los Banos for the San Luis Project, part of the massive California Central Valley development.

Kennedy will spend Saturday night and Sunday in Los Angeles.

American To Be First on Moon, U.S. Space Officials Declare

Washington—(UPI)—Top U.S. space officials today stuck firmly to their prediction that the first man to set foot on the moon would be an American, despite Russia's twin cosmonaut accomplishment.

They pictured the Soviet feat as a "baby step" which told nothing about who would win in the hard running of the space race.

James E. Webb, head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said he

would change his forecast only if Russia started using next month something like the giant Saturn booster that America hopes to have in service in two or three years.

He conceded that while the U.S. space effort is fast paced, it is not a crash program. He said an extra \$1 to \$2 billion a year could be spent but would speed progress only slightly and might hinder military projects.

Webb and three other top

NASA officials gave these views Wednesday at a news conference called to answer questions about Russia's latest cosmonaut venture.

A Soviet correspondent put into words the question puzzling many American reporters. Sergei Vishnesky of Pravda wanted to know why official answers at the news conference about America's space progress sounded so much more optimistic than other views attributed to NASA officials and U.S. scientists.

Deputy NASA Chief Hugh Dryden replied, "There are 22,000 people in NASA. If you did not find one pessimist among them, something would be wrong."

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Profit-Taking In Evidence on Moderate Volume

New York—(UPI)—A continuation of Wednesday's late profit-taking was evident in the early hours of trading today. Volume was moderate.

Steels softened with Republic Steel, the nation's third largest steel producer, off nearly 2 following news that the company may have to cut its dividend because of diminishing profits.

Autos, chemicals and oils also weakened. Electronics were erratic with IBM and Beckman up 1 or more and Schlumberger off roughly a point. Some foods moved higher but drugs declined.

Worthington dropped more than 4 following a dividend cut. The majority of issues held to a narrow range.

DOW JONES AVERAGES
New York—(UPI)—Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 606.76, up 4.66; 20 railroads 121.34, up 1.05; 15 utilities 118.83, up 0.86, and 65 stocks 209.53, up 1.67. Sales Wednesday were about 4.88 million shares compared with 3.64 million shares Tuesday.

Wednesday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	37 1/2
Alum Co Am	62 1/2
American Air Lines	18 1/2
American Can	44 1/2
American Motors	16 1/2
A. T. & T.	112 1/2
American Tobacco	32 1/2
Anacosta Copper	40 1/2
Armco	49 1/2
Bentley Corp	54
Bethlehem Steel	33 1/2
Boeing Air	40 1/2
Brunswick	33 1/2
Caterpillar Corp	33 1/2
Chrysler Corp	49
Coca Cola	35 1/2
C. I. S.	35 1/2
Columbia Gas	25 1/2
Continental Can	42 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	39 1/2
Crucible Steel	16 1/2
Curtis-Wright	32 1/2
Dow Chemical	46 1/2
Du Pont	300
Eastman Kodak	38
Firestone	31 1/2
Ford	42 1/2
General Electric	67 1/2
General Foods	70 1/2
General Motors	82 1/2
Goodyear	28 1/2
Gulf Oil	34 1/2
Humana	21 1/2
Idaho Power	28 1/2
I. B. M.	388 1/2
Int. Paper	24 1/2
Johns-Manville	42 1/2
Kennecott Copper	70 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	21 1/2
Martin	68 1/2
Merck	11 1/2
Montana Power	28 1/2
National Ward	29
National Biscuit	33
New York Central	33 1/2
Northern Pacific	33 1/2
Pac Gas Elec	29 1/2
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Penn. C.	11 1/2
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Santa Fe	21 1/2
Sears	21 1/2
Shell Oil	32 1/2
Soco-Mobil Oil	30
Southern Co	40 1/2
Southern Pacific	27 1/2
Sperry Rand	25 1/2
Standard California	34 1/2
Standard Int'l	44 1/2
Standard N. E.	32
Stamps Van Camp	29
Wm. S. Morse	31
Texas Co	34 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulphur	18 1/2
Texas Pac Land Trust	17 1/2
Thyco	28 1/2
Trans America	32 1/2
Trans World Air	31 1/2
U. S. Continental	31 1/2
Union Carbide	31 1/2
Union Pacific	30 1/2
United Aircraft	31 1/2
United Advertis	31 1/2
U. S. Plywood	41
U. S. Steel	48 1/2
West Basin Corp	40 1/2
Westinghouse	28 1/2

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