

Oregon Sues Idaho Power

\$2.3 Million Demanded For Alleged Fish Losses

Salem—Oregon Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton revealed today he has filed a complaint demanding \$2.3 million from Idaho Power company for alleged fish losses resulting from construction of Oxbow dam on the Snake river.

Thornton brought the action in his own name but "on behalf of the sovereign state of Oregon."

He charged Idaho Power and Morrison Knudsen Co., builders of the dam, were guilty of negligence and carelessness in construction of a fish trap during work on the dam. The action was filed with the Federal Power Commission Oct. 10.

Idaho Power already has filed an answer and a petition to dismiss the action. The company contends Thornton has no power to bring the action, and denies any negligence.

Thornton seeks to have Oregon compensated for the "loss of several thousand salmon" killed during construction of Oxbow during August of 1958.

No hearings have been set yet by the FPC.

For the past several years Thornton has attempted to enlist the aid of Washington and Idaho in a joint action against the power company.

Thornton said Washington Atty. Gen. John J. O'Connell has been ready to act, but Idaho Atty. Gen. Frank L. Benson hasn't been interested.

Request Ignored

On Jan. 3, 1961, Thornton wrote Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield and asked him to include the matter in a "summit meeting" on fish of the governors of Oregon, Washington and Idaho called by Hatfield. This was not done.

Then on Oct. 12, 1961, Thornton asked Hatfield for permission to hire a special attorney jointly with Washington to file suit in federal district court in Portland for \$5,000 damages.

Hatfield refused, and pointed out the loss was a continuing one, and that such a settlement would deprive Oregon of the chance to gain further damages.

Thornton 'Forgot'

The case remained inactive until last month, when Thornton filed his petition with the federal agency.

Thornton, a Democrat who lost his bid for the governorship to Hatfield in the Nov. 6 election, said he "forgot to mention the matter in the press of pre-election activity," when asked why the FPC filing had not been announced earlier.

Thornton said he based his action on a provision of the federal power act which makes a licensee liable for damages occasioned to the property of another as the result of construction of a dam.

Medford Firm Bids Low on Fire Alarm

Federal Automatic Alarms, 389 Madrona lane, Medford, was the apparent low bidder on providing an automatic fire alarm system for the Jackson county farm home.

The company's low bid was \$1,915, including equipment and installation.

Other bidders were Fire Fyter Sales and Service, Medford, \$2,440; Electronic Service, 124 South Fir st., Medford, \$3,495; and Western Electric Fire Alarm company, Vancouver, Wash., \$3,514.

The county court directed Purchasing Coordinator William Cochran and Bill Robles, Grants Pass, deputy fire marshal to check specifications submitted and make a recommendation.

Installation of the closed circuit automatic fire alarm system was recommended by the deputy fire marshal following an inspection of the farm home.

Freight Train Hits

Loaded Oil Truck

Chandler, Tex.—UPI—A Cotton Belt freight train hit a truck loaded with 6,000 gallons of crude oil today, setting off an explosion and fire that destroyed the locomotive and truck and killed three train crewmen.

NEWS BRIEFS

PORTUGUESE TRANSPORT PLANE CRASHES
Sao Tome, Portuguese West Africa—UPI—A Portuguese air force four-engine transport crashed shortly after taking off from this Equatorial island off West Africa today, killing 18 of the 32 persons aboard.

LOCKHEED, UNION RESUME NEGOTIATIONS
Burbank, Calif.—UPI—Lockheed Aircraft Corp. and the International Association of Machinists resumed negotiations today in a last-ditch effort to avert a strike scheduled for Wednesday.

NUCLEAR ENERGY AS FUEL DISCUSSED
Washington—UPI—The Atomic Energy Commission has laid down guidelines for the development of nuclear energy as the nation's industrial fuel by the 1980s.

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Jeannace Freeman Stayed



FESTIVITIES DAMPENED—The "Happy Dragon" soared high above Times Square in the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York. An estimated 250,000 persons stood in doorways and under umbrellas to watch

the rain-spattered 36th annual affair. Wind gusts reached 20 miles per hour and huge helium-filled balloons threatened to break away until some of the 2,000 marchers helped hold on to the two lines. (UPI)

Heavy Traffic Death Toll Mars Thanksgiving

By United Press International

Americans settled down to normal routines and meals again today following the celebration of Thanksgiving, 1962, which was marred only by a heavy traffic death toll.

The menu in millions of homes, however, may not differ much from that of Thursday. Leftover turkey, ham, pumpkin pie and other fare from traditional feasts filled pantries and refrigerators.

Aside from big dinners, the centuries-old pilgrim holiday was marked by special church services, parades in many cities, family outings, parties, and football games.

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73.9 Per Cent of Voters Voted Nov. 6

Jackson county probably had one of the largest voter turn-outs in the state during the Nov. 6 general election, the county elections department reported today.

Local election officials reported that 73.9 per cent of the registered Jackson county voters cast ballots compared to the earlier state-wide estimate of approximately 70 per cent.

A total of 27,388 persons of the Jackson county voter registration of 38,161 voted Nov. 6.

The Republicans had the largest number with 13,783. Democrats 13,025 and miscellaneous was 480.

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14 Persons Die As Airliner Falls In Maryland

Laurel, Md.—UPI—A United Air Lines Viscount bound from Newark to Washington crashed near here today and state police said all 14 persons aboard were killed.

State Police Sgt. Joseph McIsaac said 11 passengers and three crewmen were aboard the flight, No. 297.

He said that he understood from reports that the plane apparently blew up in the air.

Flaming wreckage fell on a farm, he said.

The crash occurred near Clarksville, Md., about halfway between Baltimore and Washington, and about 18 miles from the capital.

Plane Disappeared
The Federal Aviation Agency in Washington said the prop-jet Viscount disappeared off the radar scope at Washington National Airport shortly after the pilot was cleared to make his final approach.

The weather in the area was clear and sunny. The FAA said air traffic control at National Airport reported no indication of any trouble from the pilot.

The area where the plane went down is predominantly farmland. The plane was reported burning in a heavily wooded area.

Solicitations for New Hospital Start

The business and industry and special gifts committees of the new Sacred Heart Hospital Development program started solicitations today.

The business and industry committee is under the chairmanship of Murray S. Gardiner, and the special gifts committee is under the leadership of Paul W. Haviland.

Goal for Gardiner's committee is \$100,000, and for the special gifts group it is \$250,000, according to program officials.

The new Sacred Heart hospital, which is scheduled to start construction in July, 1963, at an estimated cost of \$2,123,000, is now in the advanced phase of the development program to raise \$750,000 from public subscription.

The money will match a \$750,000 mortgage to be assumed by the Sisters of Charity of Providence, and the remaining \$623,000 will come from a Hill-Burton hospital grant already received.

New Execution Date To Be Set On November 30

Attorneys Consider Plans for Appeal

Madras — Circuit Judge Robert Foley today signed an order postponing the scheduled Dec. 6 execution date of Jeannace June Freeman.

The judge granted a petition by Miss Freeman's attorneys asking for postponement at least until Jan. 23. They requested the time in order to decide whether to appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Judge Foley ordered Miss Freeman to appear in court here Nov. 30 for rescheduling of her execution date. The date could be set any time after Jan. 23.

Miss Freeman, now being held in Salem, was convicted of first degree murder in the slaying of one of two children thrown into the Crooked River gorge in central Oregon.

Would Be First
If she is sent to the gas chamber, she will be the first woman executed in Oregon.

Miss Freeman, 21, was convicted for the death of Larry Jackson, 6. Also killed was Martha Mae Jackson, 4. The children were those of Mrs. Gertrude Nunez Jackson, 32, who was convicted in the death of the girl and is serving a life term.

The Oregon Supreme Court, which heard the case on automatic appeal, affirmed Miss Freeman's conviction and death sentence.

Walls Official Word

Warden Clarence Gladden said in Salem he had no plans to notify Miss Freeman of her stay of execution until he gets official word from the Jefferson County Circuit Court.

This is standard procedure, he said.

But he noted that Miss Freeman probably will hear of the stay today unofficially — on newscasts. She has a radio and a television set in her private cell in the penitentiary.

Leverette Building Offices Are Entered

Three offices in the Leverette building, 205 West Main st., were broken into sometime Wednesday night or Thursday morning, according to Medford police.

Thieves took an estimated \$100 from the ABCO Credit office, room 210, and about \$20 in cash from the United Medford Crusade office, room 405, officers said.

From the Boy Scout office, room 218, a pair of binoculars and a small statue of a boy scout were reported missing. A metal eagle, used as an ornament on the top of a flag standard, also was taken.

Thieves gained access to the building by breaking the glass in the door on the Grape st. side, officers said.

Entrance to the three offices was made in the same manner. Thieves broke the glass in the office doors and then reached inside and opened the locks.

The burglaries were discovered by Alvin Eugene Hartley, 726 Welch st., about 9:25 a.m. Thursday. Hartley, a representative of the Oregon Liquor Control commission, also has offices in the Leverette building.

Bill Drafted To Change Public Beach Definition

Salem—UPI—The Governor's Committee on Natural Resources has drafted a bill to change the definition of Oregon's public beaches.

They would become "state recreation areas" rather than state highways.

The change would afford increased protection to the public beaches, according to the committee.

The group will consider action on this bill at a meeting here next Thursday, as well as other legislation to be submitted to the 1963 legislature.

Other proposed bills would: —Increase the membership of the committee to take in the director of the State Ma-

Chief Executive Discusses Cuba, Defense Budget

Broad Range of Topics on Agenda

Hyannis Port, Mass.—UPI—The White House said today a meeting between President Kennedy and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan in the near future was "highly probable."

Hyannis Port, Mass.—UPI—President Kennedy today tackled a broad range of government problems — from Cuba to the big defense budget for fiscal 1964 — in a series of high level conferences at his Cape Cod home.

The chief executive met for an hour with the National Security Council Executive Committee for a general review of the Cuban situation. This conference was recessed to permit a second meeting devoted largely to the defense budget.

No New Crisis

Acting White House Press Secretary Andrew T. Hatcher expected the Cuban crisis meeting to resume in the early afternoon, possibly over lunch with the President who is spending the Thanksgiving week end here with his family.

The White House said "no new crisis" moved the Chief Executive to call his key consultants to Cape Cod on a blustery, cold holiday week end. Acting Press Secretary Andrew T. Hatcher said Kennedy wanted "a general review of the Cuban situation."

Later in the day the President also planned another important meeting — with Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara and Budget Director David E. Bell — to discuss the large defense budget for fiscal 1964. Military spending is expected to hit another peak in the new budget which the President must submit to Congress in January.

Speculation Involves Bell

Bell continued to figure prominently in speculation about Kennedy's choice of a successor to Fowler Hamilton as head of the foreign aid program. Announcement of a successor is expected shortly. Hatcher was unaware of any connection between the recent speculation and Bell's presence in Hyannis Port today.

Called in for the Cuban conference were McNamara, Secretary of State Dean Rusk; Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Adlai E. Stevenson; John J. McCloy, head of a special Cuban crisis coordinating team; the under secretaries of state and defense, plus McGeorge Bundy, Kennedy's special assistant for national security matters.

OSU Quiz Team Leaves for East

Portland—UPI—Oregon State University's College Bowl quiz team left here today for a Sunday appearance on a nationally televised quiz show at New York City.

The Oregon State scholars will match answers with Manhattanite Women's College of New York on the General Electric College Bowl.

Members of the team are Clifford R. Dempster and Gary J. Ford, both of Corvallis, and Fran Freeman and Mrs. Judy Wicks Torgerson, both of Portland.

Philip J. Bernard Jr. of Sandy is the alternate. Coach is Dr. James Groshong, a professor of English.

The winning team gets a \$1,500 scholarship and a return appearance on the show. The losing team gets a \$500 scholarship.