

### Progress Noted In Ratification Of River Treaty

Washington—(UPI)—U.S. and Canadian negotiators are making good progress in talks aimed at eventual Canadian ratification of the Columbia River Treaty, Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) said Wednesday.

The Senate majority leader revealed that members of the International Joint Commission and senators from Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington had been meeting secretly in his office.

"Negotiations are going along very satisfactorily between us and the Canadian authorities," he said.

Mansfield sharply rejected suggestions that the United States give up hope of Canadian ratification and go it alone on plans for development of the Columbia river and its tributaries.

The latest suggestion that the United States move ahead on its own was made by Earl Coe, Washington State director of conservation.

#### In Disagreement

"I am in disagreement with Mr. Coe," Mansfield said.

"We think that progress is being made," he said. "We do not want to see the fruits of our negotiations swept into the discard."

The Montana Democrat said U.S. officials were proceeding on the assumption that differences between Ottawa and the provincial government of British Columbia would be ironed out. The differences have blocked ratification of the treaty by the Canadian Parliament. The U.S. Senate approved it two years ago.

Canadian External Affairs Minister Paul Martin also was expected to discuss the treaty with Secretary of State Dean Rusk during Martin's scheduled trip here late this week.

The treaty would provide for joint development of the river and its tributaries to the benefit of both countries. It calls for the construction of three large storage dams in British Columbia. Canada would be paid for downstream flood control benefits and for increased power production at U.S. dams resulting from better regulation of the river.

#### Cash, Power Payments

Compensation to Canada probably would take the form of cash payment for flood control benefits and the delivery of a block of power in return for benefits.

Mansfield's comments drew the support of Sen. Lee Metcalf (D-Mont.) and Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.). Metcalf noted that Canadian permission was needed for construction of the \$325 million Libby dam. The dam, if constructed as originally planned, would back water into Canada.

Metcalf said he would revive an earlier proposal that the dam be built in two stages if an agreement with Canada is not reached. The first stage of the dam could be built without flooding across the border.

"However, the mutual benefits of the treaty are such that we should exercise patience for at least a few more weeks," Metcalf said. He noted that elections are being held this month in British Columbia.

### Area Horses Win At Grants Pass

Two Medford trainers and breeders of registered quarter-horses and purebred Arabian horses won ribbons at the Josephine County Fair's Open Horse show held in Grants Pass.

Taking first place and judged champion mare in the halter division was Rondo Lo, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Geulick Krause, Medford. King Ott, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Stanfill, also Medford, also won first place and grand champion in the gelding halter class.

King Ott also placed second in the quarterhorse western open western pleasure and second both the quarterhorse reining and open reining classes.

Each of the horses were trained and shown by Harvey Jones of Phoenix.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gemmings also Medford, won several ribbons in halter and performance with their purebred Arabian horses. Equil won first and judged grand champion in halter and Sirius, Quar El Ayna was first and reserve grand champion in halter. Equil also won first in Arabian native costume class. Freyneyn was reserve grand champion for stallions in halter.

Majed, owned by Mr. and Mrs. L. Kirtley, Rogue River, won grand champion in halter in the yearling class.

#### ON MINESWEEPER

Seaman Apprentice Ronald E. Colvin, son of Mrs. Betty J. Colvin, 1794 Stewart ave., Medford, is serving on the ocean minesweeper USS Reaper, a Pacific Fleet unit which recently visited Seattle, Wash. The Reaper operates out of Long Beach, Calif.



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