

F.D.R. Sends Dam Message To Congress

President Roosevelt recommended to congress Wednesday that it take prompt action to provide for the sale of electric power to be generated by the Bonneville dam in the Pacific Northwest.

The president's suggestions were presented in duplicate letters to Vice President John N. Garner and Speaker of the House William B. Bankhead.

At the same time, Mr. Roosevelt transmitted to congress the "progress report" of the special committee he appointed to draft a national power policy.

Power Due Soon

The text of the president's letter transmitting the report to congress said:

"As you know, the Bonneville project is nearing completion and I am informed by the war department that the first electric power will probably be available for public distribution late this year.

"It seems necessary, therefore, to enact the legislation at this session of the congress, setting up machinery for the administration of the dam, locks, fishways and power plant of that project.

"Such legislation should be of a provisional character pending the establishment of permanent administration of Bonneville and other federal projects in the Columbia basin, but should not be inconsistent with national power policies which may be hereafter adopted.

Backs Committee Report

"On January 18 I appointed a committee on national power policy and requested the committee as its first assignment to make suggestions for the administration of the Bonneville project. The committee has submitted its recommendations, which I transmit herewith for the information of the congress. I approve the recommendations and believe that they merit careful consideration."

The power committee pointed out that its plan for Bonneville dam probably will be changed later when Grand Coulee dam is completed on the Columbia river in Washington.

"In recommending an administrative program for Bonneville," the report said, "the committee has not lost sight of the fact that there must ultimately be a tie-in of other federal projects in the Columbia river basin and that recommendations made at this time should be of a nature not incompatible with any national power policy which may ultimately be established.

Has Seven Points

"For that reason the committee suggests that a special provisional form of administration be set up for the Bonneville project pending establishment of a permanent administration for Bonneville, Grand Coulee and other projects in the Columbia river basin."

The committee made seven principal recommendations:

1. That Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes appoint a Bonneville administrator to "act in consultation with an advisory board composed of a representative designated by the secretary of war, another by the secretary of the interior, and a third by the federal power commission." The army engineering corps would supervise the dam itself.

2. The administrator should be given authority to "provide for the generation of salable electric energy as rapidly as markets may be found therefore." To that end, "the administrator should be authorized to provide electric transmission lines and other facilities" and "should be authorized to acquire, by eminent do-

main if need be, such real and personal property, franchises, electric transmission lines, and facilities as may be necessary."

3. The administrator should "give preference and priority to public and co-operative agencies, mainly to states, districts, counties and municipalities, and to co-operative organizations" in selling Bonneville power.

4. The administrator "should be authorized to negotiate and enter into contracts for the sale of electric energy at wholesale to public and co-operative agencies and to private agencies and persons in conformity with rate schedules approved by the federal power commission." The contracts should be effective for not more than 20 years, containing provisions for "equitable adjustment of rates" not less frequently than once in five years.

5. The administrator should submit rate schedules to the federal power commission "from time to time" for its approval. Rates "should be fixed with a view to encouraging the widest possible use of electric energy."

6. General administrative provisions should be established, including application of civil service laws to all Bonneville project positions "except those of experts in the professional or technical fields." Project accounts should be kept as prescribed by the federal power commission.

7. The project should be self-supporting, "but in the meantime it will be necessary to provide funds for initial construction of transmission lines, operation and administration." All project receipts should go into the "general treasury."

C. C. C. BOY EXPELLED

A harmless prank played in a church vestibule Sunday night resulted in William Kowalchuk's hasty ejection from C. C. C. company No. 4765 at Wyeth and his departure for Chicago.

A group of boys were caught stealing wraps from the Christian church here Sunday night. When apprehended, they were slightly drunk, even though one of them was only 15 years old. It was discovered they were C. C. C. boys from the Wyeth company, and the liquor was traced to Kowalchuk, somewhat older than the rest of them. He had been buying it through regular channels and reselling it to the youngsters.

Captain L. H. Rosenthal, in command at Wyeth, ordered Kowalchuk to quit the company and return to his home in the Middlewest.

FLOOR POUR STARTS

Pouring concrete for the floor of the power house was scheduled to start yesterday morning.

The entire pour of the three-foot-thick deck will require about 40 hours.

modernized poems

Is a door is a door but not a door
Had a wife a question and yet
Cannot see beauty where is beauty
Come love a book a book doesn't open;
But nobody's screwy at the Lake-side hotel
Where everything's the best in spite of
Hell, high water and Gertrude Stein!

lakeside hotel

Cascade Locks

Oddfellows Schedule Countywide Social

Eden encampment of the Patriarchal branch of Odd Fellows will sponsor a big social event for all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and their families of the county at I. O. O. F. hall, Hood River, on Thursday evening of this week, February 25. This is destined to be the largest gathering of all branches of Hood River county Oddfellowship of the season. Pearl Perkins, chairman of the entertainment committee of the encampment, has arranged an interesting program, besides which there will be music, dancing, cards and lunch.

RIVER CLOSED

The Columbia river was closed to navigation above Bonneville at 6 A.M., Tuesday, February 23, pursuant to orders issued through the United States engineers' office in Portland.

The river will not be opened again until the pool is formed behind the dam, the order states.

Roadmaster Sets County Load Limits

Frost conditions on county roads have made load limits on all county roads, announced last week by Roadmaster W. L. Nichols, a necessity. The following limits will be enforced:

Trucks with dual tires over 7 inches, 16,000 pounds.

Trucks with dual tires, 6 inches and under, 12,000 pounds.

Trucks with single tires, 6 inches and under, 8,000 pounds.

These regulations must be observed until canceled by the roadmaster.

Now to diverge for a moment, we have always felt that the booing and shouting that goes on at wrestling matches and fights in this country, is an evidence of very poor sportsmanship. It is nothing but a holler mockery.

And one nice thing about the game of bridge is that it gives women something to talk about while they are working with their hands.

Flea Chaser

Says an Iowa farmer: "When the fleas became thick in the barn last fall, I thoroughly cleaned the floors down to the solid ground. Then a coat of whitewash was applied to the walls as high as I could reach. Afterward, the floors were sprinkled with dampened stock salt. The pests were gone in a short time."

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Red & White, 14-oz. bottle

Sardines 2 for 17c
Blue & White Oval

Salmon 2 for 49c
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Flour 43c
Harvest Pride, 10 lbs.

Flour \$1.59
Harvest Pride, 49 lbs.

SUN-DRIED FRUIT SALE

Prunes, 3 lbs. 19c
Italian 40-50s, Tender thin skin

Raisins, 4 lbs. 29c
Blue & White, Seedless

Dried Apricots 19c
Choice, for health

Dried Peaches 19c
Choice

Kipperd Snacks 5c

Tomato Soup 2 for 19c
Crosse & Blackwell

Mandarin Oranges 4 for 19c
Wel-Pac Mandarin, for salads

Fig Bars 2 lbs. for 25c
Plain or Whole Wheat, oven fresh

Spaghetti 4 tins for 25c

Lima Beans 2 tins for 19c

Pork and Beans 3 for 25c
Val Vita tall tin

Tomato Hot Sauce 3 for 13c

Tomatoes 3 tins
String-less Beans 29c
Peas

Fresh Eggs Extras Large
Oats, pkg. 9c Red & White
Grapefruit 2 for 27c 2s, whole sections

What's the Time?

Are you one of those who constantly ask that question because of a faulty time piece? Have our experts repair that watch. Often only minor repairs are necessary.

R. O. SCHE

Jeweler

Hood River