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Ross Planned Mining Progress

J. D. Ross' dream of harnessing the greatest power stream in America is set forth in an 81-page Congressional report the late Bonneville chief did not live to see published. Printed copies of his plans for marketing Columbia River power throughout the Northwest arrived at the Bonneville project office after the Administrator had passed away.

Important metallurgical development and extended agricultural opportunity are two phases of the

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Bonneville power program the Administrator stressed in his report to Congress. A keen student of mining himself, Ross saw in the twelve million potential kilowatts of the Columbia River basin the key to opening up vast beds of mineral ore locked in the mountains of Oregon and Idaho and Washington. He believed that hundreds of thousands of acres of arid land could be made available to drought and dust refugees by cheap power for water pumping.

Among the major metals of the Northwest that can be commercially exploited, he pointed out, are iron, copper, chrome, lead, zinc, magnesium and manganese. As a matter of national defense, he advocated the development of American mines rather than continued dependence on imported ores. Ross also felt that "strategic" minerals should be processed locally. He urged that Congress investigate fully the mineral resources of the Northwest, including production costs and potential markets.



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In his report the late Bonneville Administrator set forth the need for a steel plant to meet Northwest needs. Such a plant might have an annual production of 180,000 tons of finished steel products, he said. Iron and limestone are available in the Bonneville area in Oregon and Washington. Steel production of that volume would require 33,000 kilowatts of firm power and a similar quantity of secondary power, more than 10 per cent of the entire output of the ultimate installation at Bonneville Dam.

Economic Policy Would Avert War

In an age when we have seen in the last seven years the structure of peace in the world broken down, with America holding the balance of power, and Europe sitting on a bombshell, it would be scarcely possible for the United States to keep out of another European war. Such was the opinion expressed Thursday night here by Professor G. B. Noble, of Reed College, speaking at the final meeting of a series of educational lectures held at the Asbury Methodist Church.

This country has become heavily involved with Europe since the World War, Professor Noble declared. We haven't been able to pull away. In case of a European conflict we would be faced with devastating unemployment here if we should cut off foreign trade. If we should attempt commerce with warring nations, we would soon be regarded as the ally of one or the other, the speaker believes.

Professor Noble began his address with the statement that America is confronted with the problem of finding a foreign policy. He sees that we have a policy of aloofness and isolation for Europe,

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an attitude of big brother, policeman and good neighbor toward Latin America, and a policy of using force if necessary to develop commercial interests in the Far East.

If we adhere to the neutrality law, we become an ally of the aggressor, Noble believes. The solution of the present international situation is thought to be the formation of an economic policy together with powers of Europe which would take into consideration present political chaos.

The meeting was thrown open to questions, asked freely by individuals in the audience. Answering the question, "How can the coun-

tries of Europe finance war," Noble answered: "How have they been financed in the last five years? They get along by exploiting their people. Japan's debt has mounted to 28 billions."

Answering the question, "Would Germany proceed without Hitler?" the speaker declared he would prefer Hitler to Goering.

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