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Our Invitation

Detroit Dam has inspired the make-up of The Mill City Enterprise from the year 1949. Of course, Consolidated Builders, Inc., played a very important role. The men, women and children that were most surely brought to Mill City and surrounding area because of Detroit Dam added to the color and life of Mill City. We are vastly better off for their coming and for what they have built.

Construction of Detroit Dam covered a long and painful span of time in terms of those who are impatient. The button that will set into operation the power generators at Detroit Dam is a symbol. Here is the promise of a better and fuller way of life for the entire Northwest. Artists working in concrete and steel have fashioned a thing of utility and matching beauty for the North Santiam Canyon. Generations of men can enjoy that which we will dedicate June 10. Those who had the vision of such a future brought about Detroit Dam. We shall reap the benefits of their good sense. Early efforts of private enterprise to harness the turbulent Santiam lie decaying at Niagara—it took the strength of a strong government to succeed where others had failed.

It is said that much is expected of those who have a great deal. Indeed, the presence of mighty Detroit Dam places in our laps a thing of great worth. It is clear we must think of it in terms of use to the entire community of the Northwest. By so doing we make return to other citizens of the United States for their investment in our Canyon.

The North Santiam welcomes its friends wherever they are. Dedication of Detroit Dam is a special invitation. In the years ahead the North Santiam hopes that it can summon to this canyon many new citizens who will easily and happily call it home.

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Editorial Comments

"The Little Man Who Wouldn't"

"McKay Okehs Private Dams."
"Senate Approves Offshore Oil Bill"

These headlines, one above the other in the Portland Oregonian, tell a tragic story of legalized looting of the public domain which will be recorded as a shameful chapter in history.

May 5 was the day of the "Big Give-away." The United States Senate on that day turned over to the states oil lands estimated to be valued at from 50 to 300 billion dollars. And on that day Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay literally gave the Hells Canyon dam site to the Idaho Power company for not even a pittance. In addition to receiving the Hells Canyon gift, a property worth untold millions to this and succeeding generations, the Idaho Power company, through the tax writeoff form of ledgerdom, will get substantial federal financial aid in building its three piddling dams on the Snake.

Along with countless others interested in the conservation and orderly development of our natural resources, we were shocked by the actions of the senate and the secretary. We were amazed that they had the colossal gall to consummate the acts.

In neither instance is the fundamental issue partisan politics, even though the actions themselves may have been political in nature. Whatever political party happens to hold the upper hand in Washington, it, as well as the minority party, has the responsibility of husbanding the nation's resources for this and all succeeding generations.

In a letter to State Grange Master Elmer McClure, McKay asserted he favored "a strong federal program in the field of resource development." In the recent presidential campaign, McKay charged that "President Truman is silly when he says that the Republicans are opposed to the construction of power dams." During the campaign, President Eisenhower asserted that "our goal should be to work out river basin developments the way the people of the region want it done" and called insinuations that he is opposed to public power an example of "misguided mind reading."

(Congressman Mrs. Gracie Pfoest of Idaho was elected to office last November on a "Build Hells Canyon Dam" platform, which should indicate what the people of her district want done. The resounding defeat given the Idaho Power "grab" bill (Senate

Bill 99) in 1948 by Oregon voters would seem to place the views of this state on record.)

It is not as if McKay were unfamiliar with the Hells Canyon situation. He has actually visited the site. He knows the need of the region for the more than a million kilowatts of power the projected federal dam would develop, compared with the 92,000 kw from Oxbow. He knows that only low-cost electricity from Hells Canyon can bring about the maximum development of the vast phosphate beds of southern Idaho. He knows the sentiment of the Pacific Northwest favoring the co-ordinated, orderly development of the Columbia river and its tributaries through a series of multiple purpose dams combining power, irrigation, flood control and navigation. And he knows that dams of this type will never be built by private industry. His thorough familiarity with the situation makes his abdication to the Idaho Power company all the more reprehensible.

As Byron Brinton, editor of the Baker Record-Courier, says, "Only the people can save Hells Canyon." Oregon's little man in Washington, D.C., won't.—From Oregon Grange Bulletin.

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The Christian Woman's Fellowship will meet Wednesday, June 13, with Mrs. Maggie Shaw. There will be a pot-luck dinner at 12:30, with the program following. The new officers will be installed, being as follows: Mrs. E. K. Fish, president; Mrs. Glen Shelton, vice president; Mrs. Wm. Misner, secretary-treasurer, with Mrs. Geo. Flook as assistant.

Mrs. Edith Mason accompanied by Mrs. Albert Millsap of Gates attended the Willamette university alumni reunion at Salem last Saturday. This was the first time Mrs. Millsap had been back for a reunion since her graduation many years ago.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Olmstead visited last week at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Olmstead, in Coburg. While there they attended eighth grade graduation exercises for their grandson, next week for Laramie, Wyo., where Robert.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Rambo and two children, accompanied by Roewayne Holt fished on the Metolius Sunday. They also visited at the Baltimore ranch near Redmond. Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Whitsett spent the Memorial day holiday visiting relatives in Bonneville and Goldendale. The Vernon Todd family will leave Wash.

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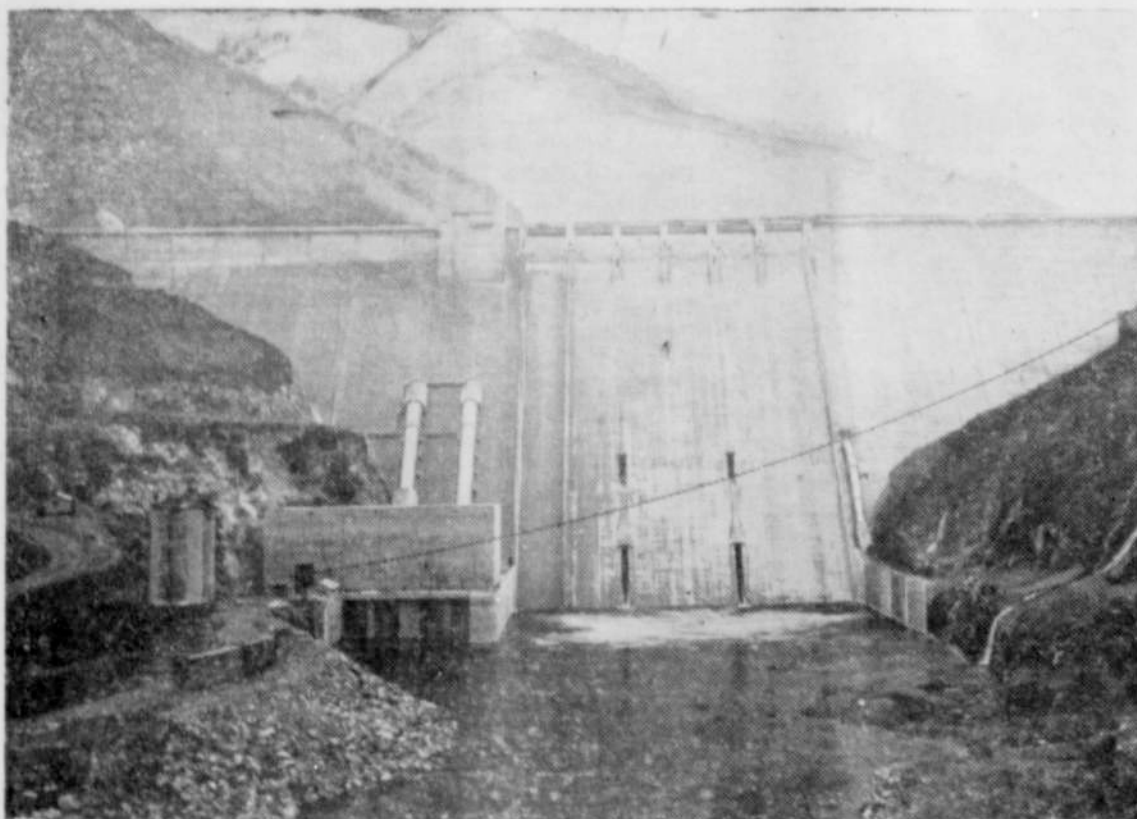
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