

Californian Proposes Plan To Utilize 'Waste' BPA Power In Southern Oregon

WASHINGTON, April 15 (AP)—A transmission line to transfer "waste" power from the Bonneville system in Oregon and Washington for use in California was proposed in congress today.

Rep. Engle (D-Calif.), made the proposal to the house appropriations committee in a three-point program for solving the California power shortage.

Engle estimated that 2,000,000,000 kilowatt hours of electricity goes to waste each year in the Bonneville system, largely because the peak demand for power falls in December and January and coincides with the minimum runoff of the Columbia river.

"That is more power than will be produced at the Shasta and Keswick dams in California when the

power units are completed and in full operation," he said. "In other words, with transmission lines costing less than \$15,000,000 we can add to the California system the equivalent of another Shasta and another Keswick dam.

"I stress the fact that this is waste power—not power which is being used by the people of the Bonneville system. The historical studies of the Bonneville system prove that this energy waste exists now and will always continue. The major part of this waste occurs at night and during the summer daylight hours as well."

Engle said the Columbia river has only a few small water storage sites, the maximum contemplated storage being eight per cent. Therefore he added the power potential must be used as it passes the power plant or it goes to waste.

In the Central valley of California, on the other hand, sufficient storage capacity exists, he said, so that California can use the waste Columbia river power and save the central valley power in water behind its dams to meet peak demands and periods of short water.

Return Planned

Engle said also that connecting transmission lines and an integrated system would permit the Central valley to supply power from time to time to consumers on the Bonneville system.

The Californian said steam plants in the state now produce about half the state's firm power. Use of the waste Bonneville power in California would save \$6,000,000 a year in fuel oil, he estimated.

"Thus," he told the committee, "these lines will pay for themselves in two years of operation."

"This is the only conceivable program which can help materially to alleviate the California power shortage within the next two years. It is estimated that if we started immediately these transmission lines could be built within two years."

The reclamation bureau has requested \$70,000 to continue its study of the proposed Bonneville-Central valley integrated power system. Engle urged that the committee grant additional money for actual construction "and tell them to start now."



Elected

Walter Frye (above) of Wooster, Ohio, was elected president of the Isaac Walton League of America at the 26th annual convention in Chicago, Ill. He succeeds Tom Wallace, executive editor of the Louisville Times.—AP wirephoto.

Fortune To Be Given Away

LE MARS, Ia., April 14 (AP)—A wealthy, elderly bachelor who says "You should give away your wealth in the same businesslike way you acquired it," plans to give away \$1,000,000 worth of property.

He is Herman Schultz, 75, who said most of the property will go to his nephews and nieces, but some will be given to his friends. He said his several brothers and sisters do not need financial help.

Schultz said he worked as a farm hand until he was 30 years old before he saved his first \$1000. His property now consists of 37 farms in Northwest Iowa, and five in South Dakota.

"I managed to raise my estate to \$1,000,000 by avoiding waste," he said. "I want to dispose of my property without waste in the form of taxes."

Schultz, who already has given away 12 farms ranging from 80 to 320 acres, said he would retain enough to live comfortably. He always has lived humbly in Northwest Iowa.

Long Name— Long Case

TACOMA, April 14 (AP)—The two-year-old case of Gosudarvennoe Dalnevostochnoe Parohodstvo vs. the Port of Longview and the Hart Construction Company, Longview, threatened today to drag out as long as its name.

Gosudarvennoe Dalnevostochnoe Parohodstvo seeks damages of the two defendants totaling \$24,018.34 because an 188,700 pound railroad car was dropped onto the deck of the ship Kuban on September 23, 1944.

The construction company built the derrick which dropped the car from materials supplied by the Port of Longview.

Yesterday, C. E. Blair of Metzger, Blair, Gardner and Boldt, law firm representing Gosudarvennoe Dalnevostochnoe Parohodstvo, asked federal district court for an extension of time. It seems they have sent a representative, A. Pianov of New York City, to the USSR to obtain answers to certain questions asked by the defendants.

Judge Charles H. Leavy granted Mr. Pianov until July 28 to return with the answers—he left New York on January 15—or the case will be dismissed.

Oh, yes. Down in the fine print it says Gosudarvennoe Dalnevostochnoe Parohodstvo is the Far Eastern Steamship line, a Russian corporation. It doesn't do business here anymore.

Picket Line For Love Breaks Up

PEORIA, Ill., April 14 (AP)—Bob Evans, 31, who picketed for love, withdrew his one-man picket line Tuesday, and a deep silence settled over the affair.

Evans, who Sunday picketed the home of Miss Ida Macoway, 32, urging her to marry him, declined to comment. So did Miss Macoway.

Evans, when he began marching, told newsmen he had been going with Miss Macoway for a year, but when he asks her to marry "she keeps putting me off."

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