

Idaho Power's Contentions Challenged At FPC Hearing

By JOHN KAMPS
 WASHINGTON (AP) — A former Army Engineer's testimony that Idaho Power Co.'s three proposed dams would fully develop the middle reach of the Snake River was challenged in a cross-examination Monday.

Mrs. Evelyn Cooper, attorney for public power groups, asked Maj. Gen. T. M. Robins, ret., if his estimates were not contingent on construction of four proposed government dams, which she said may never be built.

Robins testified last week as a consultant for the company, whose proposals to build three dams in the Snake along the Idaho-Oregon border are being considered at a Power Commission hearing.

To Mrs. Cooper's question Rob-

ins replied that the flood control value of Brownlee Dam, one of the company's projects, would depend on construction of the four federal dams. Then he added that the value of the proposed federal dam at Hells Canyon, one of the sites sought by Idaho power, also would depend on construction of other federal projects.

The four projects named by Mrs. Cooper are Glacier View on the Flathead River in Montana, Libby on the Kootenai in Montana, John Day on the Columbia and Priest Rapids, also on the Columbia.

Mrs. Cooper asked Robins whether he believed there is a chance the four federal projects ever will be built.

He said there is no opposition and he believes they will eventually be built although the sites of some may be changed.

Mrs. Cooper questioned Robins' previous testimony that Hells Canyon was not the first choice of Army Engineers for a site for their key flood control dam in the Columbia River Basin.

Robins insisted that Hells Canyon was picked only because there was opposition to proposed sites at Kookia on Clearwater River and at Nez Perce, downstream from Hells Canyon.

Mrs. Cooper also questioned Robins' statement that there is public opposition to a federal project at Hells Canyon. He replied that the opposition comes from "people who have regard for the U. S. Treasury, don't want to spend all that money for all that storage that isn't needed in the Snake River."

Reds Unveil German Purge

BERLIN (AP) — East Germany's Communist bosses unveiled today their first big purge of the party high command since the June 17 workers revolt.

They plied deposed Police Chief Wilhelm Zaisser with further disgrace, throwing him off the party Central Committee and Politburo.

They also kicked Rudolf Herrmann, editor of the official newspaper Neues Deutschland, off the committee and dropped three officials from both the Politburo and the list of "candidates" for committee membership.

The latter trio were Acting Foreign Minister Anton Ackermann; his former wife, Elli Schmidt, President of the Women's League, and Hans Jendretsky, union chairman in East Berlin.

The decisions were reached yesterday at the windup of a two-day secret meeting of the committee in East Berlin. They were announced in a communique issued in the names of Premier Otto Grotewohl and Walter Ulbricht, party secretary general and deputy premier.

Ulbricht, often rumored as a likely purge target since the workers outbreak, won unanimous reelection as secretary general, the post of real power in Red politics. He had to share the principal speeches and announcements with Grotewohl, however, which seemed to discount recent reports that these two top cogs in the East German setup were locked in a showdown battle.

The committee also deprived former Minister of Justice Max Fechner of his party membership and classed him an "enemy of the party" and of the state. The Russians used the same language in lambasting their deposed police chief, ex-Dep. Premier Lavrenty P. Beria.

Fechner lost his cabinet post to "Red Hilde" Benjamin, notorious Supreme Court judge, on July 15, when he was jailed.

Knowland Shies From 'Gag Rule'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.), the acting Senate Republican leader, wants no part of a move to throttle the investigating activities of Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

Knowland, who is also chairman of the GOP Policy Committee, said he is against a "gag rule."

What's more, he said, every Senate committee has the right and responsibility to govern its own actions.

Sen. Monroney (D-Okla.), who has been feuding with McCarthy, has introduced a resolution he said is aimed at preventing McCarthy from trying to become a "one-man Senate."

Under Monroney's proposal, the Senate would be empowered to cut off any line of investigation by one of its committees whenever it so desired. The Oklahoma senator said his move was directed at McCarthy and his Senate investigations subcommittee.

Appearing with Knowland last night on an NBC television show, Monroney raised the question of his proposal and asked Knowland what he thought of it.

"I'm against gag rule," Knowland replied.

"And," he added, "the Senate never will be a one-man Senate. As a matter of fact, each senator feels he has the right to speak whenever he pleases. We guard that right rather jealously."

BORDER CROSSERS
 BERLIN (AP) — At least 100,000 East Germans came across the Soviet Zone frontier Monday morning to get food offered them by a sympathetic West.

Tacoma Mill Hit By Strike

TACOMA (AP) — One thousand St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber Co. employees in the Tacoma mill and the logging operations at Ohop were idled by an International Woodworkers of America (IOWA) strike Monday morning.

E. O. Lohre, IOWA local president, said his union's dispute with the lumber firm concerned working conditions "primarily."

The company, Lohre said, had posted some working rules, which the union proposed to negotiate working conditions.

Lohre, who said wages were not a matter of dispute at present, said his union would meet in the IOWA Hall at 2 p.m. Monday. No meeting with management had been scheduled.

The 1,000 IOWA members on strike are approximately evenly divided between the Tacoma mill and the logging camps.

W. Wash. CIO Woodworkers Firm

OLYMPIA (AP) — The Western Washington District of the International Woodworkers (CIO) decided at a meeting here Saturday to stand pat for a 12 1/2 cent hourly pay boost in pending negotiations with employers.

Representatives of locals from Bellingham to Chehalis and Centralia formulated plans to carry on negotiations at both the district and local level. Some 12,000 loggers and sawmill workers are involved.

Al Hartung, president of the International union, said there was strong strike sentiment in the locals and he predicted strikes would idle many mills before all new contracts are ironed out.

Andrew Hunter Land, Lumberman, Dies

OROVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Andrew Hunter Land, a western lumber industry leader, died Sunday after a brief illness. He was 87.

He organized and was chairman of the board of the Feather River Pine Mills, Inc., and the Feather River Railroad Co. He also was an officer for the Western Pine Assn. of Portland, Ore., and the Monarch Lumber Co. of Denver. Funeral services will be held here Tuesday.

SHARK KILLS BOY
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PALM LEAF HOMES CONSUMED—Spectators line a boardwalk in a section of Singapore to watch flames consume the tinder dry palm leaf houses. Nearly 8000 people, mostly Chinese, were made homeless before the fire was brought under control.



LEATHERNECK ACE—Maj. John F. Bolt, 32, of Sanford, Fla., has become the Marine Corps' first jet ace. He downed his fifth and sixth MIGs while flying with the 5th Air Force in Korea as an exchange pilot.



CLOSE CALL—Mrs. Dean Riley shows where she was standing in her kitchen when a box of ammunition plowed through the roof. The bulk of the case continued through the second floor and ended up in the basement. An Air Force C-47, en route from Rock Island, Ill., to MacDill Air Base, Fla., had engine failure and was forced to jettison 20 cases of ammunition to lighten her weight.

Weather

Grant's pass and vicinity—Fair through Tuesday. High Tuesday 93; low Monday night 55.

Cos Bay area — Fair through Tuesday except night and morning fog and low cloudiness. Bar winds northerly, 10-20 m.p.h., reaching 20-30 m.p.h. in afternoons. High Tuesday 67; low Monday night 50.

Baker and vicinity—Fair through Tuesday. High Tuesday 90; low Monday night 47.

Northern California—Fair through Tuesday but local fog on coast; little change in temperature. Winds off coast northwesterly, 15-25 m.p.h.

Western Oregon—Variable cloudiness through Tuesday, but with considerable sunshine; local morning fog or low overcast near coast; little change in temperature. Highs in interior 70-80, along coast 60-70; low Monday night 48-58. Winds off coast northwesterly, 10-20 m.p.h., increasing locally along southern coast in afternoons to 20-30 m.p.h.

Eastern Oregon—Fair through Tuesday except scattered afternoon cloudiness and change of a few isolated thundershowers in the Blue Mountain area during afternoon and evening. Slightly warmer with high 82-92; low Monday night 50-60.

APPROPRIATIONS SIGNED

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Monday signed a bill appropriating \$440,000,000 for Army Engineers for use in the fiscal year began July 1. Most of the money is for flood control, navigation and power projects.



BASE FOR BRACES is Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio where M. Sgt. Herbert Nordstrom builds braces like this.



GOING HOME—Alex Waugh (left) of Orange, Va., and Freddy Quarles of Charlottesville, Va., go about the task of packing up their trophies of Newport Beach, Cal., as the 1953 Boy Scout Jamboree draws to a close. The hardest part was saying goodbye to all newly found friends.

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