

## Public, Private Lawyers Gripe Over Hells Delays

By JOHN KAMPS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Public and private power attorneys Tuesday wrangled bitterly over delays in the Hells Canyon hearing, were chided by the presiding examiner, then went at it again over an engineering report.

The first argument started when a public power attorney said she was not ready to say how much time would be needed to prepare opposition to the Idaho Power Co.'s applications to build three dams in the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon.

Mrs. Evelyn Cooper said she will need a recess in the Power Commission hearing, but won't be able to estimate how long it should be until she learns: What Reclamation Bureau and Army Engineer witnesses and data will be available; what subject matter will be covered by the witnesses; the conditions under which witnesses will recess.

Mrs. Cooper said that when she gets that information she will be able to say how much time will be needed to prepare an affirmative case for the federal Hells Canyon Dam which has been proposed at one of the sites proposed by Idaho Power.

This brought R. P. Parry, Idaho Power Co. attorney, to his feet with a protest that consumers in the Pacific Northwest are suffering while his company is being "maneuvered into an untenable position" as a result of a "political quarrel."

Parry said the company "should not be hampered by a side conflict between the intervenors and the Interior Department."

He suggested that the proposed recess, which is expected to begin late this week, should end in mid-September.

Parry turned next to Mrs. Cooper's arguments, made early in the hearing which began July 7, that Interior Department employees will be afraid to testify for Hells Canyon Dam because Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay has withdrawn opposition to Idaho Power's application.

He said any professional man, testifying under oath, will feel free to speak freely.

Hearing Examiner William J. Costello said he plans to talk privately with each prospective witness from Interior to learn if there are any misgivings.

Costello said too much time was being spent in debate by lawyers. He reminded them of his admonishment last week that they should spend more time working on the case and less time preparing "quotable remarks."

## Lawyer Admits Gift To Demos

WASHINGTON (AP) — Welburn S. Mayock said Tuesday he gave the Democratic party \$30,000 of a \$65,000 cash fee he got in 1948 for obtaining a favorable ruling from the Treasury in an income tax matter.

Mayock, former counsel for the Democratic National Committee, made the statement to newsmen in his law office before his scheduled appearance later in the day before a House ways and means subcommittee.

William S. Landon of Kalamazoo, N. Y., a drug manufacturer, told the investigators Monday he paid the lawyer \$65,000 in cash after Mayock got him a favorable tax ruling.

The subcommittee is investigating charges of "undue influence" on tax cases by high Treasury officials.

Landon testified he paid Mayock in currency at the lawyer's request.

Tuesday Mayock told newsmen "it is true" that \$30,000 of his fee went to the Democratic Party.

He said he did not wish to talk further about the case until he went before the subcommittee.

## Truce Not Peace, General Clark Says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gen. Mark W. Clark says the Korean armistice does not mean "that we have brought peace to that troubled part of the world."

The general, commander of United Nations forces in the Far East, reminded interviewers yesterday that the armistice is "just an agreement between commanders to stop the fire."

It is the job of the political conference still to be held, he added, to try to make peace.

Clark received military honors on arrival here yesterday for conferences before going back to his Tokyo headquarters.

The examiner then brought up Mrs. Cooper's objection Monday to an engineering report offered by a witness for Idaho Power Co.

Mrs. Cooper asked that the report by Stevens and Thompson of Portland, Ore., not be admitted as evidence. She termed it "rank propaganda," based on statistical trickery and not on established engineering principles.

Parry protested that Mrs. Cooper was making a personal attack on the "sworn testimony of registered engineers."

Costello put off ruling on admission of the report. He said any "frivolous or argumentative remarks could be stricken or disregarded by the commission, and the engineers could be cross-examined later."

Parry said he was anxious to speed up the hearing and he indicated he may sit down with other attorneys and revise certain parts of the report. He declared, however, the "assumptions and conclusions in the report are sound."

Edwin A. Woodhead, Idaho Power's chief consulting engineer, resumed testifying on his designs for the three proposed dams, which would cost an estimated 133 million dollars.

In another development, the Power Commission received a protest against the Idaho Power application from the National Farmers Union, signed by its president, James G. Patton.

The communications noted that the organization last year endorsed the federal Hells Canyon Dam and favored the "coordinated development of river basin as a whole."

Mrs. Cooper attacked the Stevens and Thompson report as "frivolous and misleading" and asserted it wouldn't help the commission decide which of the rival dam plans would better aid comprehensive development of the Columbia River Basin.

She also questioned the ability of the Portland engineers, asking whether they were qualified and had experience to make an analysis of projects the scope of the Columbia and its tributaries.

H. Lorne Thompson, one of the partners, replied that their experience included working as consultants for Army Engineers on projects in the Pacific Northwest. They also have prepared power rate studies, he said, among other things which gave them general engineering experience.

Thompson testified for two days in support of his firm's 77-page report made after a survey requested by Idaho Power. He estimated the federal Hells Canyon project would cost 688 million dollars and there would be little difference in benefits provided by the big dam as compared to Idaho Power's three dams.

Mrs. Cooper pointed out that Thompson had made no effort to estimate Idaho Power's construction costs although he purported to compare the opposing plans. He replied the main purpose of the analysis was to compare power production.

Mrs. Cooper said Thompson had used data supplied by the Reclamation Bureau and Army Engineers, but charged his conclusions were contradictory.

The Reclamation Bureau has said the federal dam could be built for 400 million dollars.

Thompson said this estimate was "unrealistic and entirely inadequate." He said the cost of transmission lines, interest during construction and inflation were not included.

To reach his estimate of 688 million for the federal project, Thompson cited these items, among others: Hells Canyon Dam, reservoir, power plant and other works \$350,810,000; transmission lines 120 million; interest during construction \$49,435,000; adjustment for increased costs due to inflation \$47,755,000.

Mrs. Cooper was receiving assistance at the hearing from Roy Bessey of Portland, former Interior Department engineer, and Owen Hurd, Prosser, Wash., representing the Benton County Public Utility District.

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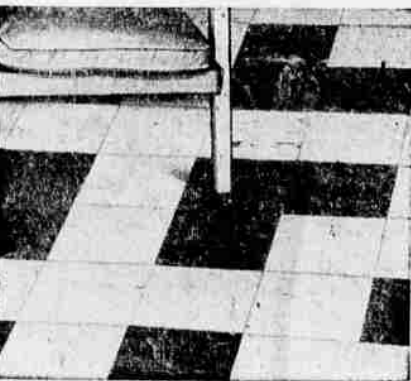
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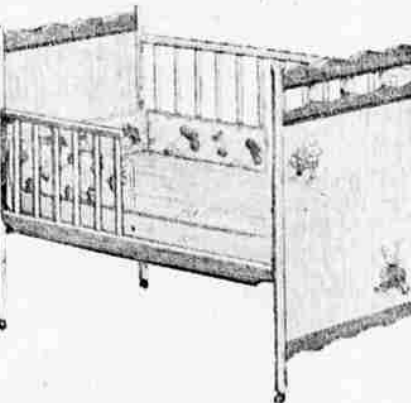
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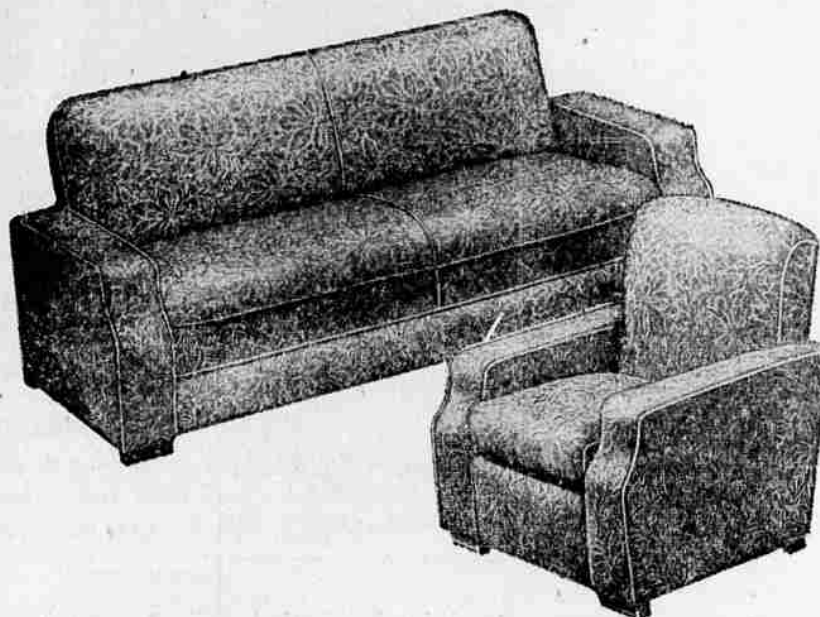
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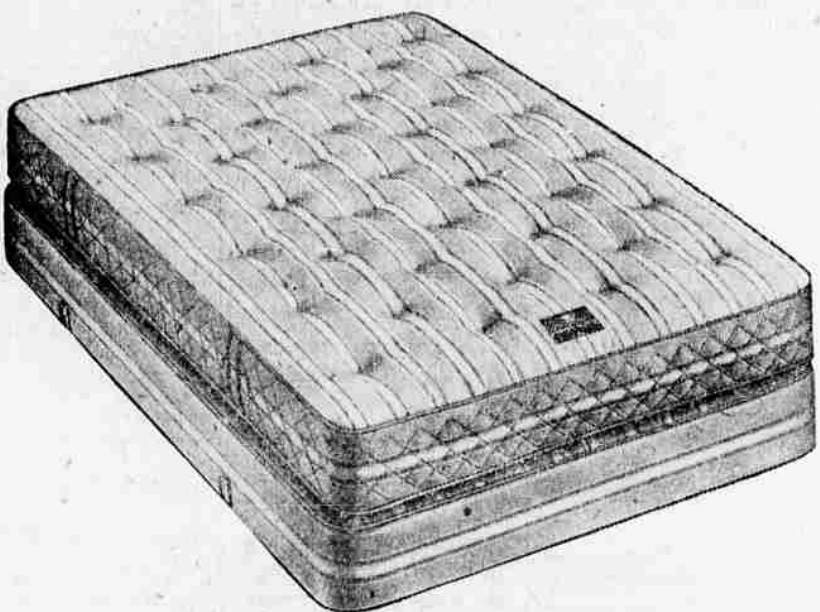
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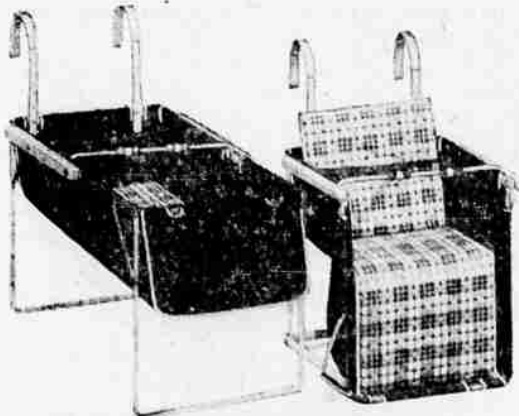
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