

Hells Backers' Ammunition Eyed By Idaho's Attorneys

By JOHN KAMPS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Idaho Power Co. referred Thursday to an engineer's report which has been used as ammunition by opponents of the firm's plan to build three dams in the Snake River.

Idaho Power attorney R. P. Parry brought up the Grandall report while questioning a company witness at a Power Commission hearing on construction license applications for the proposed dams along the Idaho-Oregon border.

Objections were raised by Mrs. Evelyn Cooper, attorney for public power groups who favor construction of the federal Hells Canyon Dam near one of the sites sought by Idaho Power, and by John C. Mason, Power Commission lawyer.

Parry was trying to show that future irrigation estimates of his witness, Harry Dewey, were comparable with those of Lynn Grandall, a district engineer for the U. S. Geological Survey.

Hells Canyon advocates have contended that the Grandall report shows there is enough water in the river to supply future irrigation and also fill proposed Hells Canyon reservoir, Idaho Power denies this.

Mrs. Cooper and Mason objected on grounds they hadn't read the Grandall report.

Mrs. Cooper said Parry was trying to rebut evidence before it has been given. Parry said he would offer the report in evidence, if necessary.

Dewey then testified that his estimate of future irrigation along the Snake River was only nine percent over Grandall's. Dewey said 1,800,000 acre feet of Snake River water would be required annually during the next 50 years. He said Grandall's estimate was 1,650,000 acre feet.

Dewey, a consulting engineer from Twin Falls, Idaho, described water storage possibilities along the Snake River and its tributaries and estimated their total ultimate capacity would be 16 million feet.

Albert H. Gordon, official of the Kidder-Peabody investment banking firm of New York, testified that Idaho Power's plan to finance the proposed three dams is "realistic and capable of being successfully carried out."

He said his company has sold bonds and stock for Idaho Power and the security sales called for in the finance plan could be readily arranged.

Gordon said Idaho Power's bank credit is strong and its securities

are of an "exceedingly high grade."

Idaho Power expected to complete its case late Thursday with the testimony of Robert De Lucia, Portland, Ore., consulting engineer and a former chief of the Power Commission's power bureau. The hearing then is expected to be recessed.

Wednesday an engineer testified Idaho Power's three-dam plan for development of the middle reach of the Snake is more comprehensive than the Hells Canyon proposal.

John C. Moore, general consultant with Ebasco Services of New York and former consultant with the federal Defense Electric Power Administration, said the company's 133-million-dollar proposal would be better than the 400-million-dollar federal project for these reasons:

"The three dams develop the economically useful potentials of this section of the Snake River. They represent, from an engineer's point of view, a logical and sound method of development."

"They can be completed quickly, the first dam and power plant within two years after starting—an important aspect when the region and the country need a solution for the continuing Northwest power shortage."

Testifying as an Idaho Power witness, Moore said the four-million-acre-foot reservoir which would be formed by Hells Canyon Dam would be "slow to fill and slow to refill" and is "not needed at the site."

He said the reservoir "would involve additional costs in the hundreds of millions of dollars and expenditure of materials, equipment and manpower which could be put to genuinely important use elsewhere in the Northwest's power system."

Moore said the Columbia and its tributaries offer many sites better suited for big power and flood control projects than Hells Canyon.

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Solon Would Give Food to US Needy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Yorty (D-Calif.) urged the administration today to consider giving some of the government's vast surplus food stocks to needy Americans.

Yorty specifically suggested in a statement for the Congressional Record given to aged pensioners families with the father or mother missing because of divorce or death, and families having six or more children under 18.

NEW HOTEL

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Hotel magnate Conrad Hilton says construction will start immediately on the 14-million-dollar Beverly Hilton Hotel here.



Indian Bill Veto Urged

SANTA FE, N. M. (AP)—Pres-

dential veto of a bill to extend state jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases to Indian reservations in five states was urged Thursday by Oliver La Farge, president of the association on American Indian affairs.

He wired Glenn Emmons, new Indian commissioner, asking him to urge the Interior Department to recommend the bill be vetoed.

"A joker" in the bill, LaFarge said, "has the effect of allowing any state which so desires to take over jurisdiction of Indian reservations by amending the state constitution, regardless of the wishes of the Indians or the federal policies."

He said the measure was "the most drastic change (in Indian policy) in a long time."

The measure, LaFarge said, originally affected only California but later was extended to include Nebraska, Minnesota, Oregon and Wisconsin. He said New Mexico Indians "are violently opposed" to two new sections.

Prosecution of GOP Chairman Roberts Not Justified Legally

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP)—Atty. Gen. Harold E. Fatzer said Thursday that prosecution of former Republican National Committee Chairman C. Wesley Roberts for illegal lobbying "is not justified from a strictly legal standpoint."

Fatzer said Roberts' activities in representing the Cities Service Gas Co., during the 1931 session of the Kansas Legislature were "a clear violation of the spirit" of the state's law requiring registration of lobbyists.

Roberts, who at the time was in private business as a public relations counsel, was not registered as a lobbyist.

His activities on behalf of the gas company were brought out during a legislative investigation last March of an \$11,000 fee paid him by an insurance company in connection with the sale of a hospital building to the state.

Roberts testified that during the

1931 session of the Legislature he was employed by Cities Service to supply the firm with a legislative reporting service.

The legislative committee ruled March 27 that Roberts had violated the spirit of the lobbying law in acting as agent for the insurance company in the sale. It made no ruling on the Cities Service case but directed Fatzer to investigate it further.

The day after the committee announced its findings, Roberts resigned as Republican national chairman, a post to which he had been named in January.

Fatzer said he "must confess a feeling of real frustration" in reporting that prosecution of Roberts was not legally justified.

"To the average layman," the attorney general said, "what occurred was lobbying pure and simple, but this conduct did not violate our statute as it is now written."

The attorney general said Kansas lobbying laws as now written make it a misdemeanor for a person to

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EDENS TO FRANCE
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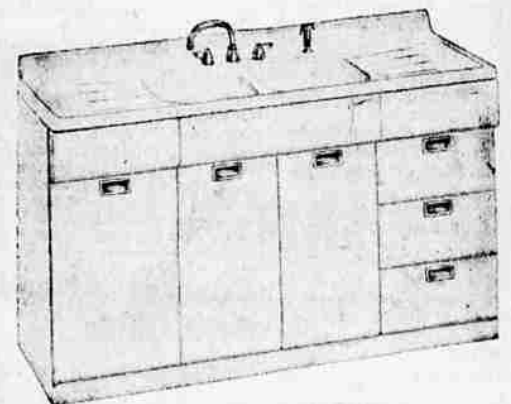
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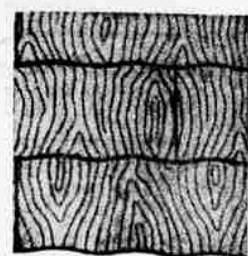
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