

Hells Canyon Hearing Adjourns

By JOHN KAMP
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Power Commission hearing on Idaho Power Co.'s application to build three dams in the Snake River, was recessed Friday until Sept. 21.

Examiner William J. Costello ordered the six-week recess to give attorneys time to prepare cross-examination for Idaho Power's witnesses who have been testifying most of the time since the hearing began July 7.

The recess was requested by public power groups which oppose the applications because a federal dam has been suggested for one of the sites sought by Idaho Power along the Idaho-Oregon border.

Heated debate over an engineering report highlighted the session Friday.

Attorneys made more than 20 changes in a report supporting Idaho Power Co.'s plan to build three dams in the Snake River. A public power lawyer sought unsuccessfully to make many more at the Power Commission hearing on the company's dam construction license application.

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remarks, declaring "They make beautiful newspaper stories but have nothing to do with the matter being heard."

In her argument, Mrs. Cooper referred to the report as being "grossly argumentative," "irrelevant" and "irresponsible."

Costello overruled Mrs. Cooper's objection, saying they "relate principally to the weight and effect of the testimony." He said Mrs. Cooper would have an opportunity to report and that her motion to strike the entire report would be considered pending cross examination.

E. Robert De Lucia, engineer from Portland, Ore., was the company's last direct witness at the hearing which began exactly one month ago. De Lucia, former Power Commission engineer, said Thursday the proposed federal dam in Hells Canyon would be "prohibitively expensive."

He said Idaho Power's three smaller dams would generate almost as much power as the large dam.

"It appears to me that power can be produced at sites far more economically by use of a three-dam scheme than by construction of a one-dam scheme," he testified, "and that additional downstream power produced by a one-dam scheme would be prohibitively expensive."

De Lucia said the federal dam would account for 842,000 kilowatts of power, compared with 633,000 for the three company dams. He said that 173,000 of the 269,000 kilowatt advantage claimed for the big dam would have to be generated at additional plants down stream.

The federal dam would cost 424 million dollars—three times as much as the three smaller projects, the engineer testified. In addition, he said, a 25 million dollar re-regulating dam would have to be built to provide navigation benefits and still power transmission facilities would add another 120 million to the cost of the federal project.

De Lucia said the total would be more than enough to build Libby and Glacier View dams in Montana. He added these would produce as much power as Hells Canyon and would provide double flood control benefits.

Idaho Power's three-dam plan would provide more recreation and navigation benefits than the big dam, De Lucia added.

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PANMUNJOM (Delayed by Censor) (AP)—Three American newsmen and an Army driver took a wrong turn here today and were held captive by the Communists for 1 1/2 hours.

The four were driving toward the Communist prisoner reception center here to watch Red POWs returned.

The captives included Bill Hartigan of CBS television and Benny Decker of International News Service, who is a retired rear admiral.

The names of a newsmen for the United States Information Service and the Army driver were not announced officially. But the USIS man was later identified tentatively as Frank Broedel.

Red guards held and lectured the Americans for an hour and a half before sending them back to Allied lines.

"They told us not to do it again," Hartigan said. "And we told them to put up signs next time."

Hartigan said the Army driver had told the newsmen he knew the way to the Red reception center since he had taken the route before.

"We ran into this Red check point," Hartigan said, "and one of the Reds jumped on the jeep and held a burp gun on us. They took us to the next check point and made us go into a little guard hut."

Hartigan said the Reds told the group they had violated the armistice by entering Communist territory and would report this to the U. N. Command Military Armistice Commission.

The Allied armistice commission succeeded in getting the Reds to release the newsmen and driver.

"They said they had signs on the road marking it Communist territory," Hartigan said. "But we said no."

Then, under protest, they made us go outside and pose by the jeep," Hartigan said.

Hartigan said some Chinese then joined them in the hut and "gave us cigarettes and hot water."

The Chinese, ever plumping for "peace," even gave the captives a "white Picasso peace dove."

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Committee member Rains (D-Ala.) leveled this charge earlier this week in a statement placed in the Congressional Record. He said Russell D. Miller was being ousted as FDIC treasurer because he tried to make New York City banks pay more than a million dollars they owed in assessments for insurance on deposits.

Wolcott countered with another Congressional Record statement yesterday, saying banks throughout the country overpaid or underpaid their assessments because of misinterpretations of a complicated law.

"There has not been a single instance, to my knowledge," he said, "where an insured bank willfully contrived to evade the law."

Wolcott said Miller was offered another FDIC job after the treasurer's post was abolished under the GOP administration, but refused.

French Protest Strike Ending

PARIS (AP)—French civil servants began trooping back to work today as the nation's worst general strike since the Popular Front days of 1936 sputtered toward a close.

But mail, telegraph, telephone, gas and electric power services remained out.

Buses and subways roared back into operation and government employees were at their desks when offices opened this morning. Trains chugged out of Paris' big stations. Elsewhere, however, the rail strike continued.

The returning workers were among an estimated two million Frenchmen employed in a variety of public services from street sweepers and grave diggers to rail workers who left their jobs at midnight Thursday in protest against Premier Joseph Laniel's rumored plans to save money at their expense.

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FREEDOM VILLAGE, Korea (AP)—An American soldier freed by the Communists today said three fellow Americans stayed behind in North Korea not because they were Communist converts but because they feared retaliation from fellow captives.

Another liberated POW said he knew of one captive killed by fellow prisoners, because he was a "stool pigeon."

"We had quite a bit of that," said Cpl. Tommie Hampton of Chicago.

M. Sgt. Louie M. Leach of Columbus, Ga., was asked by newsmen if he felt the three who stayed behind did so because they feared retaliation from fellow captives.

"You're damned right I think so," Leach said bitterly. "We told them we would throw them over the side of the ship. There's guys up there who would give their lives to get even."

Another POW, Cpl. Roosevelt Powell Jr., 25, of Okmulgee, Okla., said the three informed on fellow captives.

"They tried hard to get information," Powell said, "and we tried to keep it from them."

Others of the 50 Americans, including 30 Negroes, who came back Saturday from North Korean prison camps added a new twist to life in the Red stockades—the smothering by some captives of a narcotic weed, possibly marijuana.

They said prisoners held at Pyoktong on the Yalu River just south of Manchuria found the weed—which gave an intoxicating effect when smoked—while on wood gathering forays outside the compounds.

Pfc. Robert I. Brooks, 23, of Redwood, S. C., said the Chinese

Canadians Vote Monday

OTTAWA, Ont. (AP)—Canada's politicians headed today into the windup of their campaign to convince voters not to change the border that is — or isn't — time for a change.

Most observers figured, however, that in Monday's elections of a new House of Commons, Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent's Liberal party would extend its 18-year hold on the government.

The Liberals' major opponent in the struggle for control of the new 265-seat lower house of Parliament is the Progressive Conservative party, led by George Drew of Ontario.

The Conservatives, campaigning vigorously, have declared they could run Canada more economically and lower the taxes. They have found it tough, however, to make a sharp issue over the way the big nation's affairs are being handled. Canada is sailing on a crest of prosperity, and the government has managed to balance the budget, keep the Canadian dollar strong and make nominal tax cuts.

The Liberals have upheld their management of the country, pointing out that half the government's revenue goes for defense spending claims that big savings could be made.

The minor Socialist and Social Credit parties, hope only for influential balance-of-power positions in the new Parliament. They will be vain hopes unless somebody takes a lot of seats away from the Liberals.

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The quotas, which require approval of at least two thirds of the farmers voting, are designed to help restrict production in the face of a record supply and a surplus far above needs.

Benson said his department had tried hard "in a completely unbiased way" to see that every farmer has a chance to know exactly what is involved in the referendum.

"The decision," he added, "is now up to wheat farmers themselves."

The secretary gave this explanation of the department's position on the referendum in a talk prepared for an NBC radio program.

He invoked the quota—subject to farmer approval—because in the first place, "we have too much wheat."

"All-out production was continued too long. In the second place, the law directs the secretary of agriculture to proclaim quotas when the actual wheat supply is more than 20 per cent above the normal supply. Our total supply is more than 30 per cent above the normal level."

If quotas are approved, the price of wheat will be supported at 90 per cent of parity. But if they are defeated, the support will drop to 50 per cent of parity. Parity is a price designed to be fair to farmers in relation to prices they pay.

Under quotas, Benson explained, for farmers who produced more than their quota, the excess grain would be subject to a penalty tax equivalent to 45 per cent of parity.

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Horse-Fall Breaks Senator's Pelvis

STROUDSBURG, Pa. (AP)—Sen. George W. Malone (R-Nev.) is in East Stroudsburg General Hospital with a fractured pelvis which hospital attaches said he suffered when he fell from a horse.

The senator came to this resort village with Mrs. Malone after Congress adjourned.

He was injured late yesterday while riding with his wife. Details of the fall were not disclosed by the hospital.

SPARROWS DROWN

MACOMB, Ill. (AP)—It rained so hard Friday it drowned the sparrows in their roosts.

After a cloudburst dropped 1.10 inches of rain in about 15 minutes, the courthouse lawn was covered with dead sparrows.

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TWO YOUNG KLAMATH FALLS women, Eleanor Ball, left, and Mrs. George (Janet) Chin, both registered nurses have furthered the interests of the local Red Cross Chapter by accepting chairmanships of committees. Mrs. Ball will head the home nursing committee designed to get the home nursing class under way. Mrs. Chin will enroll nurses in the community in an effort to determine who will be willing to serve in a local disaster emergency and availability and, training for polo cases in event of an epidemic. The file will be kept at Red Cross headquarters here.

Frill-Trimming from Bases 'Saving Millions': Case

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Case (R-D) said today that trimming frills from plans for overseas military installations and requiring joint use of some by different services was saving "millions."

Case is chairman of a three-man Senate armed services subcommittee which has been holding closed-door sessions on secret military projects abroad. The group's approval in detail is required before construction of a base can begin.

Elimination of such things as officers' clubs and expensive housing, and a requirement that Army, Navy and Air Force jointly use certain facilities produced most of the savings, Case said in an interview.

Case said he and the other two committee members, Senators Duff (R-Pa.) and Stennis (D-Miss) will make an inspection of overseas projects in Spain, North Africa, England and France from Sept. 4 to Oct. 7 before clearing a number of secret projects.

This was seen as an indication that a start may be near on the long delayed project of building U. S. air bases in Spain, for which Congress has voted about 215 million dollars as part of foreign aid programs.

Case disclosed a new policy of "fixed price contracts" on construction of U. S. air bases in North Africa. Most of the prior contracts were on a basis of "cost plus fixed fee" and congressional investigators said this was cause of waste and extravagance.

"Although costs of the Moroccan bases will be higher than original estimates, the fixed price contracts will save money," Case said.



RONALD G. GULLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gulley, 2033 White, spent 10 days leave at home. He received his basic training at Parks Air Force Base, then was sent to Kessle Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss., for three months, for control tower operating. He returned to Parks and will be stationed on Johnston Island in the Pacific following this leave.

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