

# Pro-Hellers Fearful McKay Underlings Will Be Swayed

By JOHN CAMPS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Will a man boss' opinion sway his testis in the nation's No. 1 water fight? That is the question which looms large in the minds of those opposing an Idaho Snake River dam proposal to build three Snake River dams.

The question was raised during a power Commission hearing on the Snake River controversy, in which a struggle between private public power interests and Secretary of the Interior McKay has been noted as favoring private construction.

Groups that oppose Idaho Power's applications favor a federal project in the same Idaho-Oregon border area.

Public power groups hope that testimony of witnesses from the Interior Department will prove the multi-dollar federal Hells Canyon project would be superior to Snake River's proposed 133-million-dollar series of dams.

Interior engineers and other technicians testified for the federal proposal at a congressional committee on Hells Canyon authorization will be held.

At that time the Interior Department under Secretary Oscar Chapman had recommended the federal project and intervened at the Power Commission hearing in opposition to Idaho Power's applications.

By this year the new secretary of the interior, McKay, withdrew the department's opposition to Idaho Power. He said Interior would make its witnesses and information available to the commission which has final responsibility in licensing power dams.

McKay was quoted later as saying in a speech at Portland, Ore. that he believed Idaho Power should be allowed to build the Snake River dams.

It caused public power attorneys to demand assurance that interior witnesses would be permitted to testify freely, without fear of reprisal. Such assurance was given in letters from interior officials to the Power Commission and McKay said in a press conference that interior has "no control over its employees."

Question was discussed many times at the month-long hearing which recessed Aug. 7 and will be resumed Sept. 21.

Reporter interviewed attorneys for public power groups and the commission, as well as the hearing examiner, after the recess.

Evelyn Cooper, representative of Idaho Power's opponents, said she was "assuming that interior is going to put its best men forward—top quality men who have been working on the project for years."

She said presentation of such witnesses would be an "obligation on the part of interior."

"The reputations of the engineers are in the balance," Mrs. Cooper said. "They have gone on record for the high Hells Canyon Dam and they should be given a chance to justify their recommendations."

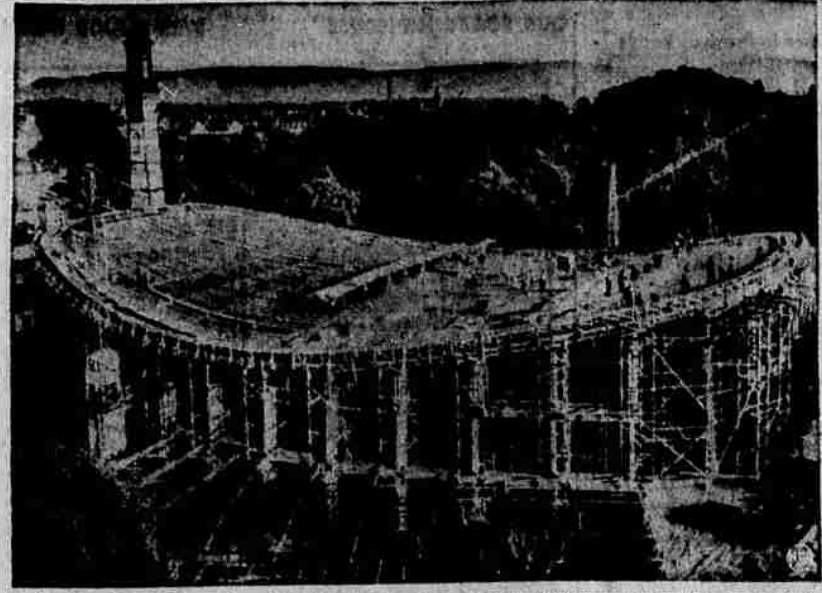
Her Commission attorney John Brown said he would meet with private witnesses to be selected by interior. He said he would correlate their testimony with that of his own.

## California Mite Enters Maryland

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP)—A new menace has invaded Maryland farmsteads.

It's called the russet mite and is so small you can hardly see it with the naked eye. Specialists at the University of Maryland say 200 of the mites, placed end to end, will only measure an inch.

The pests have been reported in tomato crops in seven counties. It is their first appearance in Maryland since they were discovered in California in 1940.



**THIS IS A ROOF?**—This saddle-shaped hanging roof of the "Black Forest Hall" in Karlsruhe, Germany, will have no center supports. Concrete pillars spaced throughout the glass walls will support the unique three-inch-thick steel and concrete roof. Designed by Prof. Erich Schelling, the hall will be used for indoor sports events, exhibitions and rallies. It will seat about 4500.

## 'Progressives' Face Study

DENVER (AP)—Atty. Gen. Brownell said Monday the Justice Department "will study all the facts" if called upon, before deciding whether American prisoners of war who collaborated with their Communist captors in Korea should be prosecuted.

He said he replied that if the Defense Department "should turn over any matter, then we would have to study all the facts to see if any laws had been violated."

### SHIP HALF-FREED

PUSAN (AP)—Salvage crews cut the grounded American freighter Cornhusker Mariner into two parts Monday and towed the stern section into a nearby anchorage. The bow half is still stuck on a pinnacle-like rock jutting through the bottom. The 964-foot, 13-million-dollar vessel was forced onto the rocks in outer Pusan Harbor 40 days ago.

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## 25,000 Indians Demothball Indian Suits For Outing

ANADARKO, Okla. (AP)—It's going to be a wow of a pow-wow! An estimated 25,000 Indians have set up teepee-keeping on the outskirts of this self-styled "Indian Capital of the World" hoping to garner a trunkload of the white man's tourist wampum during the 22nd annual American Indian Exposition.

And the peace-pipe smoking redmen apparently are willing to forget that their white brothers shyned their ancestors out of Manhattan Island for a piddling \$24 in trinkets.

The braves, squaws and papooses have neatly folded their overalls, business suits and two-tone shoes and de-mothballed the Hollywood-type costumes and multi-colored feathers for the tourist trade.

Medicine men are hoping the war-whooping will attract some 60,000 visitors from all 48 states during the six-day celebration which began this morning.

Backdrop for the annual pageant, which will run nightly during the exposition, will be flags from each of the United Nations, sent from UN headquarters in New York.

Allie Reynolds, New York Yankee pitcher, was chosen Indian of the Year by the exposition and was scheduled to be honored in a ceremony at noon Monday.

With all the visiting Indians streaming into town, the outskirts are a solid mass of tents and teepees. Robert Goombi, exposition president, said all the Indians bring their own tents and cooking utensils for the week out in the open.

There are Pueblos from James, N. M., Hootahs from northern

### JONAH II DIES

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The St. Louis zoo's only sea elephant has been killed by swallowing ice cream sticks which spectators had thrown into its pool. Zoo Director George F. Vierheller said Jonah II died Sunday.

## Rep. Coon to Visit Europe

BAKER (AP)—Rep. Sam Coon, Baker, said here Monday he will visit Europe and the Near East this fall.

He said he, two other members of the House Appropriations Committee, and a member of the committee staff will leave Washington Sept. 17 to study this country's foreign aid program.

"We want to know," Coon explained, "whether it is making us more friends than it loses and whether in the long run it is making our allies stronger or weaker."

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