

House FPC Probe Ends In Portland

PORTLAND (AP)—A House subcommittee investigating the Hoover Commission water and power resources report, wound up two days of hearings here Tuesday with 29 witnesses having been heard.

Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore) said the report was biased in favor of private power companies. Utility firms oppose multi-purpose dams because they threaten private power monopolies, he said. He also objected to a Hoover Commission proposal that river users be charged for operating on the rivers.

"The private utilities hope to discourage both navigation and power projects because power and navigation are twin results of river development, and an increase in federal power is regarded as a threat to monopolies in this field," Neuberger said.

Allan Smith, an attorney representing the private utilities, said that the cost of dam building was becoming so great that private firms want to share the cost on a "partnership" basis with the federal government.

Lewis A. Stanley, Oregon state engineer, urged the committee to support legislation to assure state sovereignty over non-navigable waters within state boundaries.

State Sen. John C. F. Merrifield, Portland, told of the action of the last session of the Oregon Legislature in setting up a water resources board and a ground water code.

Vivian Jones, of Tacoma City Light, urged legislation for "partnership" construction as well as sale of facilities to regional public bodies.

O. H. Johnson of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce said Congress should recognize the right of state control except for navigation and other power specifically granted by the federal government.

Gus Norwood of the Northwest Public Power Assn. and Henry Alderman, publisher of a REA magazine, urged opposition to Hoover recommendations which would weaken the position of public power.

Others testifying included: R. E. Kerr of the Farm Bureau; Ken Billington of the Washington Public Utility Districts Assn.; Clyde Ridwell of the Southwest Washington Public Utility District Assn.; Oregon State Sen. Monroe Sweetland; and A. Lars Nelson of the Washington State Grange.



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ANG Plane Abuse Charged

PORTLAND (AP)—Howard Morgan, state Democratic chairman, said Tuesday the governor's office had made "unauthorized use of National Guard aircraft for political purposes." He asked the Air Force to look into it.

Morgan said Elmo Smith, Senate president, used a National Guard plane on Aug. 13 for a flight to Medford while acting governor.

He said that Smith went from the Medford airport to a Jackson County Republican picnic "where he made a partisan speech. The newspaper accounts of that speech did not indicate that any National

Guard business was transacted at the meeting."

Morgan said too that he had received complaints that Gov. Patterson had made use of National Guard planes for transportation to political meetings.

Patterson replied that in the three years he has been governor "I have ridden in the state National Guard plane, I believe, two times—once to a National Guard review at Boise and once last summer when I had to be in Medford in the morning at the AFL convention and at the American Legion convention in Central Oregon in the afternoon. If Mr. Morgan considers that excessive use of the National Guard plane he is privileged to draw that conclusion."

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He added that Morgan was floundering in "investigationitis" and should know National Guard flying personnel has to put in a certain amount of training time and "I was advised by the state guard at the time that such training flight was available."

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Former Klamath Woman Sought

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Police issued an all-points bulletin Tuesday night seeking to locate Mrs. Anne E. McDonald who has been missing since Nov. 28.

Mrs. McDonald, formerly of Klamath Falls and a librarian at Mary's Help Hospital here, disappeared from the home of her brother, attorney Charles Collins.

Collins asked police to intensify their search for Mrs. McDonald following the suicide Monday of another brother, Joseph V. Collins, a 58-year-old Vallejo, Calif., grocer, because of ill health.

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Holt Mentions Prejudice

CRESWELL, Ore. (UP)—Harry Holt, the Oregon farmer who opened his heart and home to eight mixed-blood Korean War orphans, said today there was a core of resistance to non-Caucasian adoptions by Americans, particularly on the part of some private social agencies on the West Coast.

Holt said the resistance, which he said was based on racial prejudice, was verbal on the part of agency personnel and never was mentioned in published adoption plans.

Tenneson Said To Arrive

HONG KONG (AP)—Richard R. Tenneson, American GI who chose to stay in Red China after the Korean War and then decided to leave, is expected to arrive at the Hong Kong border next week.

Officials said Wednesday this word had been received from the British Embassy in Peking.

The British Red Cross said Nov. 30 it had been informed by the Chinese Red Cross that Tenneson, 22, of Alden, Minn., had been released and was free to leave. U.S. consular officials have met the daily trains from Canton since then to no avail.

Public Version Of Oscar Goes To Jones, James Dean

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (UP)—The movie-going public gave its own version of the Oscar last night to Jennifer Jones and the late James Dean in the nation's first audience award poll for the best performances of 1955.

The pair were named by 14-million film ticket buyers in the first poll conducted in theaters around the country by a Motion Picture Theater Owners' Organization Council.

The dark-haired Miss Jones has an Oscar at home for her first picture "Song of Bernadette," but she excitedly announced that her audience award "Audie" statuette "means more than the Academy Award because the people who see the movies do the voting, and not

the people who make the movies." She was handed her gold trophy by William Holden at a banquet attended by 800 stars, exhibitors and press in the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

The award voted Dean was regarded the first of several posthumous honors expected for the 24-year-old sensitive actor who was killed in a crash of his sports car shortly after he rose to stardom in "East of Eden."

As his name was announced, master-of-ceremonies George Murphy asked the audience to stand in silence for six seconds. Natalie Wood, Dean's co-star in "Rebel Without a Cause," accepted the statuette for the deceased actor and described him as "touched with greatness."

Awards were also given for the best picture to "Mr. Roberts," the film version of a hit play about Navy life; to Peggy Lee of "Pete Kelly's Blues" as the most promising new actress and to Tab Hunter of "Battle Cry," as the most promising new actor.

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'Unborn Hurt' Ruling Given

SALEM (AP)—Damages can be collected for injuries suffered while an unborn child, the Oregon Supreme Court ruled Wednesday for the first time.

The decision upsets past rulings in which the court had held that such damages couldn't be collected.

The decision awards \$3,500 to Anita Mallison, 6-year-old Portland girl whose mother was injured in an auto accident in Salem on Christmas Day in 1948.

The little girl, through her mother, Mrs. Dorothy E. Mallison, said the accident occurred three months before the girl was born, and that it caused the girl to have cerebral palsy.

A car driven by Wayne L. Pomeroy crashed into the rear of a car in which Mrs. Mallison was a passenger.

Pomeroy has to pay the damages.

Justice Earl Latourette, who wrote the decision, noted that courts in other states now are awarding damages for accidents which occur before birth.

The decision upheld Circuit Judge Charles W. Redding of Portland.

DESERTION

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Charging desertion, Joel J. McGinnis, 32, has sued British-born actress Belita for divorce. He is a former actor known professionally as Joel Timothy Riordan and now is engaged as a theatrical agent. The couple was married in Ventura in 1945. The suit says Belita Gladys Lyon Jepson-Turner McGinnis, 31, left him Sept. 3, 1954.

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