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### Dixon Group Begins Suit On Contract

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Dixon-Yates power group Tuesday sued the government for \$3,334,778 for expenses in connection with the now-cancelled contract for a private power plant in the Tennessee Valley Authority area.

The suit was filed by the Mississippi Valley Generating Co. in the U. S. Court of Claims.

E. H. Dixon, president of Mississippi Valley Generating, said in a statement:

"We commenced this litigation with every confidence in its result."

Dixon also is president of Middle South Utilities Inc. which together with the Southern Co. set up Mississippi Valley Generating to build a 107 million dollar generating plant at West-Memphis, Ark.

The purpose was to supply power to the TVA system to replace power used elsewhere by the Atomic Energy Commission. The controversial contract was cancelled last summer and on Nov. 23 the Atomic Energy Commission announced it would not pay Mississippi Valley Generating for money already expended.

AEC in taking this stand, said Adolphe H. Wenzell, "while having a conflicting private interest, acted as one of the principal advisers to the government in the negotiation of the contract."

Wenzell, New York investment banker, acted as a Budget Bureau consultant. Democratic critics of the Dixon-Yates contract he contended play a dual role. His firm, the First Boston Corp., later served Dixon-Yates as financial agent.

In his statement Monday, Dixon said the contract with the government was in full force for more than six months and during that time his company proceeded with the performance "of all our obligations under it," Dixon added.

"The decision of the government to repudiate its contract presumably was based upon legal opinion which rests upon a legal opinion which takes of facts and we disagree with its conclusions. We will prosecute our rightful claims with the same vigor which characterized our efforts to fulfill our part of the contract."

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### Witness Lauds Liles Action

FT. LEWIS, Wash. (AP)—"I feel Col. Liles was responsible for saving my life by persuading the Koreans to take me from the caves."

An Army court Monday heard this testimony from an Air Force veteran called as a defense witness at the court martial of Lt. Col. Paul V. Liles, 36-year-old Birmingham, Ala., career soldier, being tried on charges he collaborated with the Communists while a prisoner of war in North Korea.

William R. Haneman, now a Donners Grove, Ill., salesman, was one of seven defense witnesses who testified Monday.

Haneman told the court he was shot down while on a bombing mission over North Korea and after spending 20 days in a 5x10 hole at Pyongyang was moved to caves near Pusan where other prisoners of war were held.

Most of the prisoners were ill, he said. The caves were damp and lacked food, water and medical facilities.

Haneman said Liles finally persuaded the Communists to move him from the caves to a POW camp where prisoners were quartered in buildings. The transfer saved his life, the witness told the court. He said all but one of the POWs left in the cave died.

### Grindle To Get Term Wednesday

THE DALLES (AP)—A. C. Grindle, who pleaded guilty Monday to embezzling city funds while clerk-treasurer of The Dalles, will be sentenced Wednesday.

He resigned last June after a shortage of \$2,678 was discovered in the city's general fund.

Grindle, who now is free on \$3,000 bond, faces a sentence of up to 15 years in prison.

### LEGAL RIGHTS

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals says the Post Office Department is within its legal rights in sending some ordinary first class mail by air. Some Western railroads had challenged the department's experimental program. The airlines are paid a much lower rate for such mail than for air mail.

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### Most Oregon Farmers Set Against Price Supports

WASHINGTON (AP)—It may come as a shock to law-makers now touting the merits of flexible, rigid farm supports but the largest segment of Oregon farmers, responding to a poll by Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.) doesn't want either.

More than 47 per cent of those replying said they felt the "soundest agricultural program" would provide no price supports with farm products permitted to find their own price level in the market.

Thirty nine per cent favored the administration's system of flexible supports while only 13 per cent endorsed high rigid supports for basic crops coupled with production controls.

Farmer support for the open market was described by Ellsworth aides as the "most surprising" result of the 11-question poll sent to 12,000 residents of Oregon's fourth congressional district. About 10 per cent were filled out and returned.

The congressman's office said the questionnaire was sent to persons on a composite mailing list without regard to politics or vocation. It included an occupation check list which permitted a group check on individual questions such as farmer reaction to the support program.

Overall response to the poll differed with the farm vote on the support issue with 54.5 per cent favoring flexible supports, 39 per cent for the open market and only 6.5 per cent backing the high support program.

The closest division of opinion came on the question of "increased social security benefits supported by larger deductions from pay envelopes." This was favored by 43.4 per cent of those responding but opposed by 43.9 per cent. The remainder were undecided.

On the controversial power issue, 59.3 per cent said multiple-purpose dams should be built and financed "partly by the federal government and partly by private enterprise."

This question, which Ellsworth aides said was challenged by several as "loaded," was asked on the premise that the Pacific Northwest will suffer serious power shortages within the next six years unless new generating capacity can be built about three times faster than present and anticipated future federal appropriations can be secured.

Another 22.5 per cent favored construction partly by the federal government and partly by state and local publicly owned power bodies, while 17.7 per cent held out for strictly federal development.

On eight other questions, put on a "do you favor" basis, those responding to the poll marked up the following rounded percentages, not including those who said they haven't made up their minds:

An increase in postal rates to meet post office department deficits, 73 yes, 23 no; tax reduction before a balanced budget, 15 yes, 82 no; federal grants to help states build schools, 54 yes, 41 no; a health re-insurance program whereby the federal government would encourage expansion of private health insurance by assuming exceptional risks, 33 yes, 54 no;

President Eisenhower's construction program to modernize the primary road system, 81 yes, 11 no; more federally subsidized public housing, 19 yes, 72 no; exchange of atomic secrets between the United States and its allies, 37 yes, 46 no; reduction of federal government competition with privately owned business and industry, 77 yes, 18 no.

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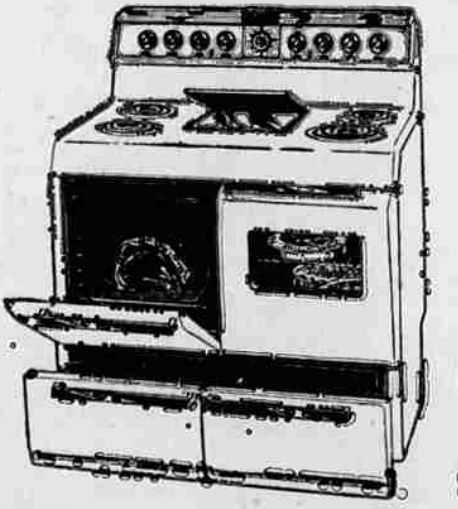
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