



"Harold doesn't have any imagination—he isn't even curious to know what I'd do if he kissed me!"

Engineers, Not Politicians Final Answer To Problem Of Columbia Development

By JOHN KAMPS
WASHINGTON (U.P.)—Solution of international problems hindering dam construction along the Columbia River will come out of "an engineer's slide rule and not from political or philosophical discussions."

So says Len Jordan, chairman of the American section of the International Joint Commission, which has jurisdiction over problems stemming from rivers which cross the U.S.-Canadian border.

Jordan, former Idaho governor, was criticized last week by Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) for an alleged "long record of opposition to the federal program for the Columbia River system."

Neuberger said Congress should determine whether Jordan's "profound bias and prejudice on issues of federal power policy" should disqualify him from representing the United States in negotiations with Canada over development of the Columbia.

In a subsequent interview, Jordan pointed out that he and Neuberger have long held opposing views on power policies. Jordan says he favors construction of both federal and private dams while Neuberger advocates federal projects whenever possible.

But, Jordan said, problems confronting development of the Columbia and its tributaries will be solved ultimately by engineers and not by politicians.

The international goal is to develop the resources of the Columbia to the fullest extent, giving equal benefits to the United States and Canada.

Many dams have been proposed along the 1,200-mile Columbia, which rises at Columbia Lake in Canada, flows 465 miles to the international border and drains portions of seven states as it crosses the Pacific Northwest en route to the ocean.

Members of the IJC differ sharply on how much the United States should pay for downstream power benefits resulting from plants proposed in Canada.

In connection with the proposed Mica Creek dam, for instance, some Canadians contend the project would add more than a million kilowatts of power capacity to downstream plants and that the United States should pay as much as 7 mills a kilowatt for it.

U.S. engineers contend the downstream power capacity increase would be less than a half-million kilowatts and that 7 mills would be out of the question.

U.S. members of the IJC also are concerned over a proposal to divert part of the flow of the Columbia into the Fraser River in Canada.

Conflicting views over benefits

from the proposed Libby Dam in Montana have prevented its construction. The dam would back water into Canada.

Jordan said there should be no conflict over benefits.

"We want Canada to develop her resources to the utmost," he said. "We would like to see the river developed for maximum benefits from its source all the way to the ocean, as if there were no international border."

"We want an equal balance on the scales of justice. Canada would benefit from new industries, the United States would benefit from Canadian dams, and the United States would pay its fair share of the benefits."

Jordan said the United States has shown in cases involving other waters that it can be reasonable on the issue of benefits.

Jordan said the IJC is getting the services of the "best engineering talent in this country."

An interagency group of federal engineers recently completed a 6-month study of the Columbia River. Participating were engineers of the Reclamation Bureau, Bonneville Power Administration, Geological Survey, Federal Power Commission and Army.

In addition, Jordan said, FPC engineers have been asked to estimate benefit division and the Northwest Governors Power Policy Committee has been invited to study Columbia River problems.

Army Engineers, reviewing their "main control" plan for the Columbia Basin, also are expected to go into the division of benefits between the United States and Canada.

Jordan said that in his negotiations with Canadians he consistently has advocated a policy advanced by the special inter-agency study made by U.S. engineers.

The study was not concerned with private-versus-public power controversies. Potential U.S. projects used in the study included dams proposed by the federal government and by private utilities.

Regardless of who builds dams in the Columbia Basin, Jordan said, they would provide necessary storage and would operate in an integrated system.

PROMISE

CHICAGO (U.P.)—The latest Chicago area Navy recruiting lure is a promise of spending the winter in Southern California.

District Navy Headquarters said all recruits of the next week will leave as a unit Dec. 23 for San Diego and nine weeks of training.

Garden City Children Know Where Santa Lives

GARDEN CITY, Tex. (U.P.)—Thousands of East Texas children will tell you that Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus live in this peaceful little village 20 miles northwest of Tyler.

The name on the battered mail box reads Mr. and Mrs. Neal Cain but the kids know different.

A large native holly tree stands in the center of the living room. Boxes and crates of toys, clothing, fruit, candy and all the other Christmas goodies crowd every inch of the weather-beaten home.

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Twenty neighborhood children attended the first Cain party 28 years ago. Last year a total of 3,600 children had a merrier Christmas because of Neal and Mary. There may be more this year.

Over the years approximately 25,000 have received gifts at the humble home.

Neal's old age assistance check, Mary's teacher's pension check, and the income from a small flock of chickens are pooled with contributions from area merchants and friends to finance the party.

The Cains have devoted their entire lives to helping others. Neal, now 81, served as attendant in various state hospitals for 20 years and worked in Texas orphanages for 15 years. Mary, who is 72, was a rural school teacher for many years.

Although gift distribution does not start until about a week before Christmas the preparations go on the year around. As soon as one holly tree is taken down the collection of toys begins again.

Broken and shopworn play things are mended and reconditioned. Clothing is repaired and arrangements are made for the fruit and candy.

Then every year about this time

the front door of the rambling Cain home swings open and the wide open hallways echo with children's laughter.

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