

Army Engineer Corps Recommends River Work

PORTLAND (AP) — Thirteen dams and other work on rivers of the Columbia Basin—costing close to two billion dollars—are recommended by the Corps of Engineers.

The recommendations, released Tuesday, are from a three-year review of a previous comprehensive development program, the so-called 308 Report.

They are highlighted by endorsement of a high Mountain Sheep Dam on the middle reach of the Snake River, an area of great controversy.

Col. Allen F. Clark Jr., North Pacific Division engineer, released the report Tuesday, two days before originally planned, because its contents were made known in Washington by members of Congress.

The major water plan proposes dams adding enough flood control storage that the annual basin flooding would be ended; adding more than three million kilowatts of electric power; and extending barge navigation to the foot of Rock Island Dam on the Columbia and above Lewiston, Idaho, on the Snake.

It endorses Libby Dam on the Kootenai River in Montana, but it notes that its development hinges on agreement with Canada into which the dam's reservoir would

back. It already is an authorized project and its cost is estimated at nearly 308 million dollars.

The report says Lower Canyon Dam on the Salmon River should be part of the plan, but should not be offered for actual construction until some means is found to get salmon past it. Construction without that would cut off an important salmon run.

The high Mountain Sheep Dam endorsement fits into a proposal made last spring by Pacific Northwest Power Co. to build that dam on the middle Snake, just below the Innahwa River.

In approving both Mountain Sheep to cost 226 million, and the Lower Canyon, estimated at 194 million, the Engineers said they had accepted them for best development of the middle Snake in preference to a number of other proposals. Among those rejected was Nez Perce, a dam favored by the Federal Power Commission, but which would destroy the salmon runs in both the Salmon and the Innahwa.

There was no mention of Hells Canyon, that area above Mountain

Sheep, and presumably Idaho Power Co. dams there would not be affected.

Most costly of the proposed dams besides Libby would be Knowles on the Flathead River in Montana, at nearly 235 million dollars. Costly railroad relocations contribute heavily to the pricing of Knowles Dam. It is linked with the Ninemile Prairie Dam on the Blackfoot River as proposed by the Bureau of Reclamation and with improving the outlet channel of Flathead Lake.

Knowles Dam replaces the Paradise project which had been proposed earlier and despite its

high cost would be less expensive. Paradise had been listed at 450 million dollars.

Other dams proposed in the report—which will get a detailed airing Thursday at a meeting here of the Columbia Basin Interagency Committee—and their estimated construction costs:

Long Meadows, Yaak River, Montana, \$25,700,000; Enaville, Coeur d'Alene River, Idaho, \$78-

036,000; Garden Valley Payette River, Idaho, \$146,100,000 as planned by the Bureau of Reclamation; Wenaha, Grande Ronde River, Oregon and Washington, \$94,574,000; Asotin, Snake River, Idaho and Washington, \$125,680,000; Penny Cliffs, middle fork Clearwater River, Idaho, \$210,036,000; Bruce Eddy, north fork Clearwater River, Idaho, \$127,166,000.

The navigation extension to Rock Island Dam was estimated to cost \$64,868,000.

The report also proposes four additions to the Willamette Valley

project in Oregon: Strube re-regulating reservoir on the south fork of the McKenzie River costing \$6,683,000; Gate Creek Dam on Gate Creek, \$15,920,000; Fern Ridge Dam modifications, \$140,000; and Cascadia Dam on the South Santiam River \$28,270,000.

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Rift In Soviet Suggested By American Authorities

By STEWART HENSLEY

United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI) — American authorities said today there is some evidence to suggest a split among top Soviet leaders over Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's tough Berlin policy and his handling of some other foreign policy matters.

They reported credible signs in recent weeks that some members of the Soviet Politburo are challenging the wisdom of Khrushchev's action in forcing the Berlin crisis, including his ultimatum to the Western Allies to get out of the city within six months.

There also is evidence, these sources said, that the two Russian delegations engaged in disarmament negotiations with the West at Geneva are not getting clear-cut directions from Moscow at this time.

A power struggle in the Kremlin could explain the sudden removal of Gen. Ivan A. Serov as chairman of Russia's state security committee, the top police job in the country, authorities said.

Serov may well have been a casualty as Khrushchev and his opponents jockeyed for position in preparation for a policy showdown, they added. They pointed out that in power contests among the leaders of the country the chief of the secret police frequently falls by the way because one or another of the disputants doubts his loyalty.

There still is a considerable degree of collective leadership at

the top in the Soviet Union, officials said, despite appearance sometimes that Khrushchev is running a one-man show. And the possibility of a shakeup in the Kremlin is never ruled out here.

The intelligence reaching Washington suggests that some Politburo members feel that Khrushchev's probing actions at the Western defense perimeter and his tough attitude on Berlin are strengthening the anti-Communist front.

There also are indications some of Khrushchev's colleagues fear he is courting the possibility of war if he goes through with his threat to turn East Berlin over to the German Communists and force the Allies to deal with the unrecognized puppets or fight their way into the Western sectors of the encircled city.

British and American officials have recognized the possibility that Khrushchev eventually may seek some face-saving way to retreat from his tough Berlin position. This is one of the reasons they favor a counter-proposal for a Big Four meeting on the entire problem of German reunification instead of merely a flat rejection of the Russian demand.

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The Rev. Samuel W. Williams, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church and professor of philosophy at Morehouse College, was on the witness stand when federal Judge Boyd Sloan recessed until today a hearing on a civil suit filed by three Negro women seeking admission to all-white GSC.

Williams said he was with one of the plaintiffs, Mrs. Barbara Hunt, when she appeared before Registrar J. D. Blair.

The minister said Blair and the late Dr. George M. Sparks, who was president of GSC in 1956 when the applications were submitted, told the Negroes they couldn't accept the applications because they were "under orders of the board."

Four board members testified Monday that the board had no segregation policy.

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