

Committee Fails To Agree On Legislation For Intertie

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A House and Senate conference committee failed again Monday to agree on legislation designed to pave the way for construction of transmission lines to carry power from Columbia River dams to the Pacific Southwest.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., and Rep. Wayne N. Aspinall, D-Colo., said they would report the disagreement and ask for the naming of new conferees.

Jackson said there was no chance for action on the legislation before Congress adjourns this year.

It was the fourth time the conferees had failed to reach agreement on the bill, which could give the Pacific Northwest first call on federal power produced in the area. The measure was designed to win acceptance in the Pacific Northwest for the proposed intertie to connect the Bonneville Power System with the Pacific Southwest.

The conference broke up over House members' insistence on an amendment by Rep. Jack Westland, R-Wash., calling for specific congressional authority for the construction of power lines by the BPA outside the Pacific Northwest. Both the House and Senate have passed the bill, but only the House version carries the restrictive language.

Failure of the legislation to clear Congress this year puts off realization of the ambitious plan to sell surplus power now being spilled over Columbia River dams. Congress has appropriated \$8.5 million for engineering and construction of the power intertie, but the House and Senate appropriation committees directed that construction not start until the power preference bill is passed.

The House members rejected compromise offers by the Senate group, apparently feeling that they would have the backing of the full House in a showdown.

Morse Levels Attack On Reporting Of UPI

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., Monday accused United Press International of "shoddy reporting" in describing his position on the compromise foreign aid authorization bill.

as it wishes to conceal," Morse said, "I repeat that the American people are not enjoying a free press but a rigged press time and time again in its reporting policy."

The story in question was distributed by UPI last Friday and reported Morse's complaint that the "American Pravda press" had failed to report a speech he made Tuesday evening opposing the conference report on the aid measure.

Morse told the Senate Monday the UPI story left the impression he had simply repeated his earlier opposition to the bill whereas he actually was "expressing my opposition to the decisions made by the Senate conferees in connection with the conference report."

"I do not know," Morse said, "whether they (UPI) write what they do out of prejudice, ignorance, or both, but certainly factually."

"What do you expect of a wire service which, as was pointed out in public hearings earlier this year in connection with some of its so-called foreign news, was perfectly willing to take money to write alleged or purported news stories—at least that would be the interpretation of the readers—whereas the stories really were lobby services by United Press to foreign governments, foreign concern and foreign clients."

In New York, a UPI spokesman said the news service had never taken money from a foreign government or anyone else to distribute news in their behalf and that no evidence to that effect came from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing this year.

Morse also noted that the UPI story reported that the Oregon senator spoke Friday to a near-empty chamber since the only other senator present was the presiding officer.

"What tommyrot is this to seek the downgrading of a senator...by sending out that kind of shoddy reporting?" Morse asked, "based upon the fallacious premise that unless we are talking to a full Senate we are not performing service for our constituency..."

"But so long as the American press continues to follow a program of concealing such facts

MONORAIL

DENVER, Colo. (UPI)—Denver University traffic engineers say monorail or other types of rapid transit will not become a reality in Denver until the cost of driving becomes prohibitive. The engineers said the public refuses to leave cars at home and use mass transit.

Lumber Marking Bill Approved

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Monday approved and sent to the House for final action a bill that would require Canadian lumber brought into the United States to be marked with the country of origin.

Canada has formally expressed its "deep concern" over the measure and has indicated to the State Department that it would consider the requirement a violation of Canadian - U.S. trade agreements.

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower vetoed a similar measure in 1960 on grounds that it would violate trade agreements, and the State Commerce and Treasury departments opposed the marking requirement in hearings earlier this year.

Supporters of the marking requirement hoped it would cut back Canada's \$280 million-a-year softwood lumber sales to the United States by making it

possible to enforce "Buy American" practices.

The requirement also laid the necessary groundwork for other bills—which so far have not advanced in Congress—to extend "Buy American" provisions as they apply to lumber.

The lumber marking provision was included in a bill which would require imported products to carry a country of origin label even if they are repackaged in the United States. It had been tacked onto the bill as an amendment in the Senate and was accepted last week by a House-Senate conference committee.

Canadian Ambassador Charles

S. A. Ritchie handed a note to Deputy Undersecretary of State Alexis Johnson the day after the committee action expressing what a Canadian spokesman termed "deep concern" over the measure.

But Ritchie did not indicate during the State Department meeting whether Canada might take retaliatory action.

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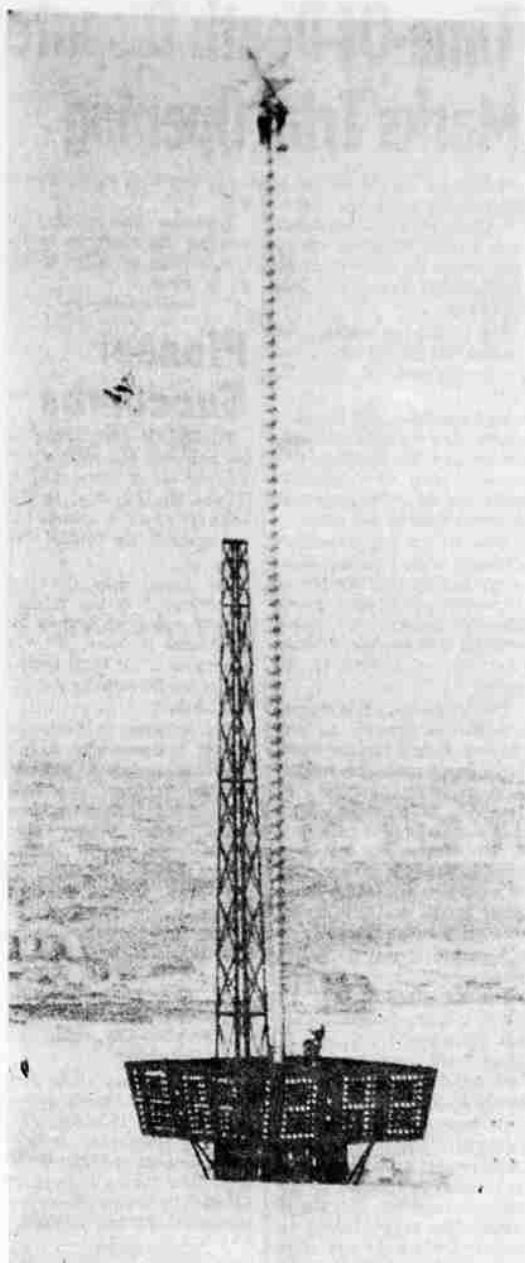
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Scientists Explore Gravity As Great Energy Source

DALLAS (UPI)—Scientists today discussed a possible source of energy that may be greater than ever a hydrogen bomb blast—gravity.

More than 100 scientists participated in the three-day international symposium on gravitational collapse. They exchanged ideas on how to harness the gravity pull of stars far in space.

"Gravitation is capable of yielding a hundred times more energy than the most powerful

nuclear reaction," two of the scientists wrote.

Prof. William A. Fowler of California Institute of Technology and Prof. Fred Hoyle of Cambridge University are the chief exponents of the idea that the primary source of energy is shrinking or gravitational collapse of a super-star.

The professors wrote a paper last February that said noises picked up by sensitive radio equipment was caused by gravitational collapse. The noises come from up to 1,500 million light years away from earth, so they contended these forces are greater than any nuclear reaction.

Their theory will be studied and debated during the three-day symposium, sponsored by the Southwest Center for Advanced Studies at the University of Texas and Yeshiva University of New York.

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