

Idaho Watershed Development Not Equitable, Dworshak Says

"I'm for economy," on Northwest watershed development, Sen. Henry Dworshak (R-Idaho) said here yesterday, "but I want equitable treatment for Idaho. Idaho is not getting into the program as effectively as it should."

Idaho's senior senator met with the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce to discuss developments on the Lewis & Clark Highway, Bruce Eddy dam and to review the 85th Congress. Of Congress he said it had "fairly good cooperation between the party leaders."

His summation of Idaho's back seat position in Northwest public works projects brought applause from the community's business leaders.

The senator said Idaho two years ago got its first watershed funds money from the government. He noted the lower watershed reaches of Washington and Oregon had river development and fish hatchery programs under way at that time.

Bruce Eddy Progressing

"We have made considerable progress with Bruce Eddy," Senator Dworshak said. He said \$500,000 was appropriated by Congress to initiate engineering studies and surveys of that project.

"It is my guess that it may take \$600,000 to \$700,000 more to complete the survey and two years before it is put to Congress for evaluation and for the Congress to determine if it should be constructed," he said. Senator Dworshak said it had been his business to "see that reports were made to determine if fish and game would be adversely affected. The people in the upper Columbia Basin have received equitable treatment and consideration and I have not been attempting to force Bruce Eddy. I have endeavored to remain fair in getting these reports made."

On the Lewis & Clark Highway he said "the hearing held at Lewiston last December and the determination you people showed the committee had considerable effect upon Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn) and the Idaho delegation when it returned to Washington."

"I hope you can appreciate fully that outside funds were obtained for the Lewis & Clark Highway," Senator Dworshak said. "This set a pattern and some of the other congressmen have since found it embarrassing when persons from their own sections have come to them asking for comparable actions on their projects."

(Some \$3-million orally intended for the Lewis & Clark Highway construction program was approved in the Federal Highway Act of 1958. The funds of the public lands money were increased by that amount over the next three years. One-third of that money has been allocated to the project for use this fiscal year.)

Senator Dworshak said Congress' anti-recession spending of some \$73-billion placed a heavier workload on the Appropriations Committee, of which he was a member. The senator is also a member of the U. S. delegation to the International Atomic Energy Agency.

He said he favored the \$650-million appropriation in national defense for the construction and development of missiles, aircraft and atomic powered submarines. But he opposed an increase in foreign aid.

Better Job Sought

"Since World War II," Senator Dworshak said, "we have spent \$75-billion on aid. I am convinced we can do a much better job with less money for this program." He said he based this statement on classified information to which he had access.

Senator Dworshak said the threat of nuclear destruction was "acute," but he said the answer to atomic energy control measures is not with the international agency.

"Many wondered why the U. S. approved the International Atomic Energy Agency, and I see that American and Russian delegates are already in a feud," he said.

"We had 50 bilateral agreements with our friends which made it possible to trade and expand energy secrets — without getting into a constant feuding with Russia."

The senator is on a speaking jaunt through northern Idaho with A. B. (Bert) Curtis, Orofino mayor and Republican candidate for Congress from the First District. Curtis and his publicity representative, Herb Ashlock, also attended the Lewis-Clark Hotel meeting.

Senator Dworshak was introduced by J. J. Church, chairman of the chamber's Roads and Highways Committee. Church expressed appreciation for Senator Dworshak's support of the Lewis & Clark Highway congressional push for funds to complete the historic stretch of roadway.



SENATOR AND CANDIDATE — Sen. Henry Dworshak (R-Idaho) (left) and A. B. (Bert) Curtis, Orofino mayor running for Congress from the First District on the Republican ticket, were at Lewiston yesterday. Senator Dworshak spoke at a noon luncheon of the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce and both later visited GOP headquarters yesterday afternoon.