

APPROVED BY HOUSE — This U.S. Army Corps of Engineers drawing shows how the proposed Bruce's Eddy dam on the North Fork of the Clearwater River will look when

completed. The U.S. House of Representatives Friday night voted to authorize the project and the Senate is expected to do so Saturday.

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The story of Bruce's Eddy dam is one of an impressive achievement for a small community, fighting against prejudice and uninformed opposition over a long period of years.

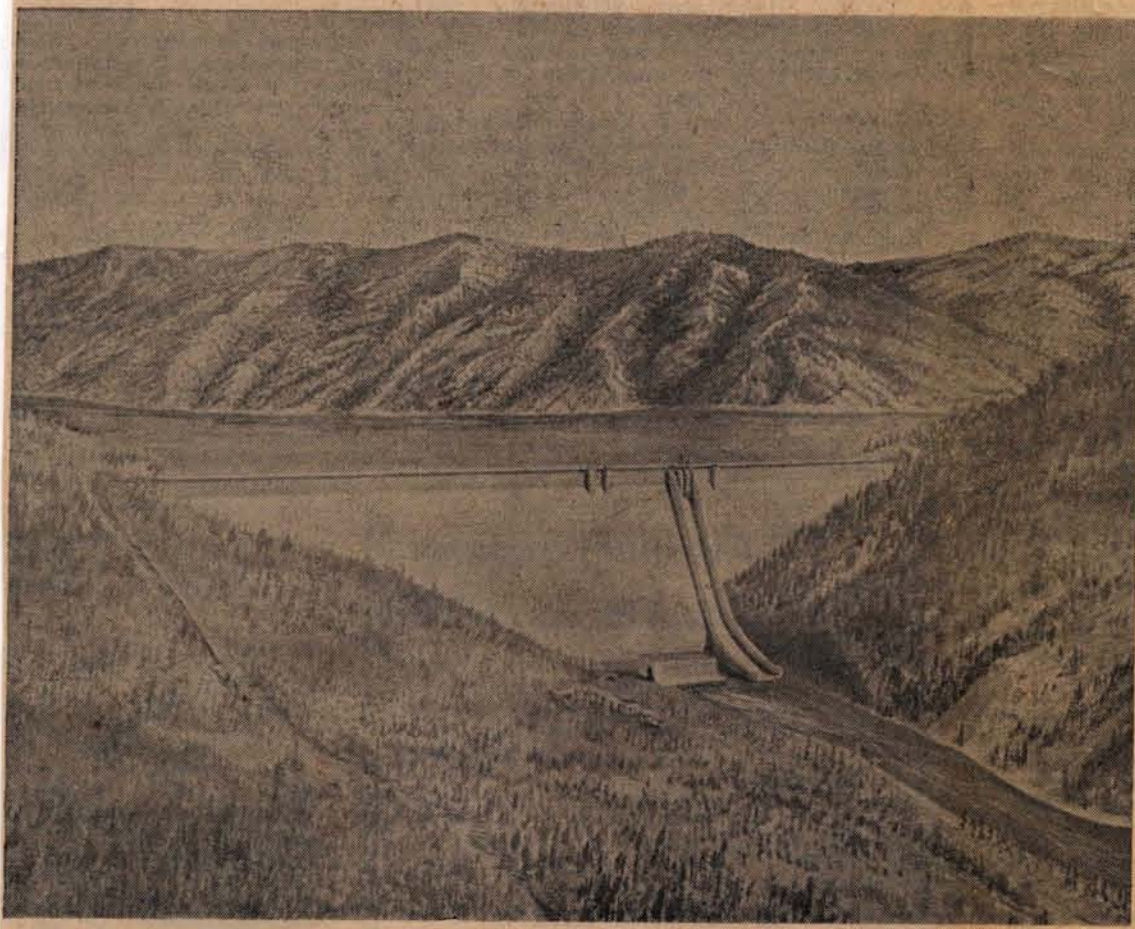
It is a story of solid support by local wildlife groups, foresters, Clearwater Dams association and the Orofino Chamber of Commerce. It is a story of defeat for those who fought the dam, including some Lewiston sports spokesmen who taxed the credulity of those willing to listen, particularly fantasies of damage to the Idaho elk herd.

Whether or not the dam will bring all the benefits that local sponsors have hoped for remains to be seen. Its construction does come at a time when logging is depressed and unemployment is severe, so its benefits should be substantial to local economy.

Special commendation for years of impressive work to attain this goal is not always easy to apportion, but in this case Bert Curtis and Ray McNichols have done an amazing job of applying know-how, persuasion and facts, to enlist ever-growing support.

Bert Curtis said in Washington he seemed to be walking in the shadow of the late Senator Dworshak as the senate gave full recognition to his years of effort and Ray McNichols has worked tirelessly over the years to cultivate political friendships that brought Democratic members of the Idaho delegation into the picture.

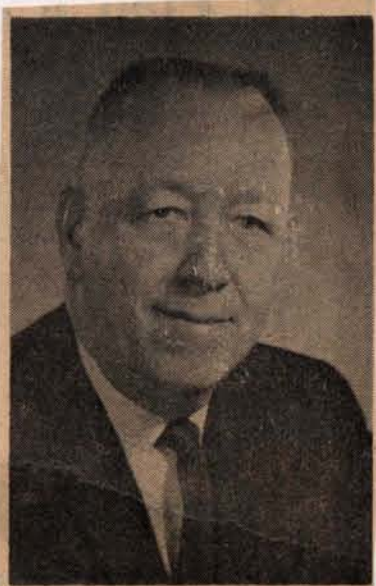
With the construction work moving nearer to reality, it is time now for an appraisal of the county and city needs to cope with the impact of new people and a big new construction camp. It would seem that joint action would be profitable to develop some of the community needs that are sure to be felt in Ah-sahka, Riverside and Orofino areas.



AS BRUCE'S EDDY WILL LOOK IN 1970—Authorization of the Clearwater River's first and possibly only multipurpose flood control and power dam brought achievement of a nine-year goal to many residents. The bill was one of the last two passed by Congress before it adjourned Saturday.



Bert Curtis



Ray McNichols