

# U. S. Agencies to Survey Snake River Dam Sites

BURLEY (Special) — Sen. Henry C. Dworshak said Saturday he had been assured the Corps of Army Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation would cooperate fully in making dam site surveys on the Middle Snake river and its tributaries.

The recent Congress, under an amendment offered by Dworshak, appropriated \$140,000 to the Army Engineers for surveying multiple purpose dam sites on the Middle Snake.

The senator said he had been advised the Corps would survey the Clearwater river and its trib-

utaries and the Bureau would survey the Snake upstream from the mouth of the Salmon.

When he offered the amendment, Dworshak said he believed the survey was necessary to determine if there were not an alternate to the controversial Hells Canyon dam.

Under the amendment, the Army Engineers must make their report by next Jan. 1.

The Department of Interior has funds already available for its project investigations.

Interior Secretary McKay withdrew his department's intervention in the hearings before the Federal Power commission on application of the Idaho Power company to build three dams in the Hells Canyon stretch of the river. The department, under Mr. Truman's administration, sought authorization to build the second highest dam in the world at the Hells Canyon site.

He added that the Bureau and the Corps would interchange data and would issue one report.

Dworshak made public this wire from Maj. Gen. S. D. Sturgis, Jr., chief of the Corps at Washington, D. C.:

"After contacts in the field, I consulted this morning (Friday) with Assistant Secretary Aandahl and Under Secretary Tudor (of the Department of Interior). I have received definite assurances there will be no second report and have a definite understanding at both levels that activities will not be duplicated. While details of cooperation remain to be fully worked out, I can assure you that the report will be prosecuted vigorously and will have the proper coverage. I believe that cooperation in prosecuting this report will be excellent."

Dworshak said he was interested in the overall development of the Middle Snake, which includes the Snake and its tributaries from Weiser to its mouth, and added:

"My main interest is to get a proper survey of the area and see if we can't get it unraveled from the political mire now surrounding it."

He pointed out that the Army Engineers had built or were building 14 billion dollars worth of dams in Oregon and Washington and said he believed that Idaho should get its share of multiple purpose dams.

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