

Unity of Support Sought by Backers of Four Dams

LEWISTON, Idaho, Oct. 23.—Three delegates of the Orofino Chamber of Commerce, including President Robert D. Werner, attended a joint meeting of the roads and highways and waterways committees of the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce yesterday at the Lewis-Clark hotel, and asked for unity of support in the construction of four dams on the Clearwater river system.

A. B. Curtis, chairman of the Orofino chamber's resources committee, said the dams most approved by the Orofino group are:

Bruce's Eddy on the north fork of the Clearwater, three miles

Hearing Called

WALLA WALLA, Oct. 23. (P)—The army corps of engineers will hold a public hearing in Orofino November 29 on proposed power dam sites in the middle Snake river and its tributaries.

Col. F. S. Tandy, Walla Walla district engineer, said 11 sites on the Snake, between Lewiston and Pittsburg landing, and tributaries are being investigated. Several sites on the Clearwater river are being studied.

The dam sites are being surveyed as possible alternates to the controversial Hells Canyon site.

from Orofino, which would be a dam 365 feet in height, and would form a 38-mile-long pool of constant level.

A new White Pine dam site at Elkberry creek on the North fork, a dam more than 500 feet, forming a pool to The Bungalow.

Penny Cliffs dam site above Kooskia on the middle fork of the Clearwater, 500 feet high with 2,600,000-acre feet of storage.

Selway Falls dam site on the Selway river.

Also under consideration by the corps of army engineers, he said, are Three Devils, below Lowell on the Middle fork and Moose creek. He said the corps is also considering the Kooskia dam site above

Greer, but such a dam, while it would give 4,800,000-acre feet of storage, also would damage the Camas Prairie railroad and the towns of Kooskia, Harpster and Stites. He said the group is not seriously considering this site.

Before Curtis made his presentation, J. P. Jeppson, chairman of the Lewiston chamber roads and highways committee, made a motion that the roads and highways committee go on record as against any dam on the main Clearwater or Loehsa rivers, but in favor of such dams on the North fork or the Selway.

"We feel such dams will never be built anyway," Jeppson said. "They would destroy farm territory, towns and houses unnecessarily. They also would interfere with the building of the Lewis-Clark highway into Missoula, when that project is so near completion."

Curtis said that rather than interfere with the construction of the Lewis-Clark, the dam, if constructed, would make it a reality, and would provide better roads than are now contemplated.

After some discussion, Jeppson's motion was tabled.