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"I have recently acted to remove obstacles to the construction of that dam. A new site has been selected.

"I shall continue to recommend Federal construction of such beneficial projects. New ones will be started.

Lincoln Again Quoted

"Such activities as these, my friends, are obviously, as Lincoln said, 'the legitimate object of government,' but here let us draw our own line as he himself did, when he went on to say this: 'In all that the people can individually do for themselves, government ought not to interfere.'

"It is not properly a Federal responsibility to try to supply all the power needs of our people. The Federal government should no more attempt to do so than it should assume responsibility for supplying all their drinking water, their food, their housing and their transportation.

"To attempt such a centralization of authority and responsibility always starts a deadly cycle.

Spiritual Values

"In our devotion to conservation, let us not forget that there are spiritual, as well as physical values to protect. Above all else, we must preserve the freedom and the spirit of independence of our people in our States and counties, and in our cities and towns. Determination to have this freedom gave us this nation. It brought your ancestors to this western country. That determination is the surest protector of our liberties and the principal ingredient in our national prosperity.

"Yet, there are some who contend that the development and distribution of hydroelectric power is exclusively that responsibility of the Federal government. They argue that to permit any State or local government or any private company under governmental regulation to develop such power capacity is to give a special group an asset belonging to all the nation. Indeed, in some instances, these enthusiastic disciples of centralized responsibility and authority insist that since the Federal government should provide all hydroelectric power, it should eliminate competition by providing steam-electric power as well.

"Only that, the zealots would have us believe, can we poor citizens be protected against exploitation by what they call the 'predatory' exponents of capitalism—that is, free enterprise.

"Now, let's have a quick look at this matter.

"In the first place it is, of course, not difficult to be generous with someone else's money. Procedures of the particular governmental agency involved. In each instance the people directly concerned by such operations have decided whether they are best served by public or by private agencies.

"The issue is not therefore public power [illegible] late' private [illegible] issue posed [illegible] monopoly of [illegible] public or regulated private power, freely chosen in each instance by the citizens of each area, with the Federal government drawn in as a cooperating partner where this seems necessary or desirable.

Co-Operation Invited

"Last year, for example, State and local governments were invited to co-operate in power generation without the threat of Federal power control. During this brief period numerous local public agencies and private investors have applied for licenses to build hydroelectric plants. These applications in this Northwest region amount to nearly 6,000,000 kilowatts. This represents a prospective investment of not less than $1,500,000,000. Well over half of this would be invested by public power—not private power—interests.

"But the seekers after Federal control of energy are not silenced even by this array of facts. They say that continuation of power projects by local enterprise will impede the comprehensive development of this or other river basins.

A Look at Facts

"Again — let's look at the facts.

"What they say just is not true. All power projects must be licensed by the Federal Power Commission. Before the commission grants a license it must see evidence that the project makes maximum use of the developed resources. It makes no difference who builds the projects—Federal, State, municipal or private agencies. These requirements apply—regardless.

"We should also get this straight in our minds: when a project is licensed to a non-Federal authority it is not removed from Federal control. Rates and services remain under Federal regulation. And when the licensing period ends the site can be assumed by the Federal government.

"I happen to hold this conviction: that, here in the Northwest, your own public agencies and your own private companies — operating under both Federal regulation and your own eagle eyes out here —can work in the public interest at least as well as some far-off Federal agency. They ought to do better.

"At this moment there are good reports on your regional efforts to work out your own new dam will contribute to the finest type of co-operative effort — your own northwest power pool. This arrangement is an admirable model of voluntary pooling of public and [illegible]ing and trans-[illegible]

[illegible] Power [illegible]t, you citizens of the northwest have hundreds of thousands of kilowatts of additional prime power that would not exist through independent operation of your various utilities. In addition you have it under your own control —not under the permission of a far-off Washington officeholder. This is a splendid partnership—the kind that the administration will continue to encourage.

"My friends, in all of these things that I have mentioned, your goal and the goal of your government are exactly the same: to assure each citizen of enough kilowatts, when he wants them, where he wants them, at the lowest competitive cost—with the least likelihood of bureaucratic domination from Washington, D.C.

No Extremes

"In this effort, we shall avoid extremes. We shall neither withdraw from the power field nor federalize all electric power generators in the United States. Instead, we shall continue to advance in a spirit of helpfulness to localities, and in a spirit of co-operation with local citizens.

"Where local enterprise can shoulder the burden, it will be encouraged and supported in doing so.

"But where local action cannot or should not fully meet the need, we shall have Federal action.

Part of Objective

"Fellow citizens, we have talked today especially of power and water and this great new dam. But it is well that we remind ourselves that these are but part of a commonly held objective which transcends all partisan and sectional considerations. That objective is that this republic shall in every way grow ever stronger and more secure—that it may remain at peace in a world freed of the threat of atomic war. We want our America to have an ever growing, vigorous economy. We want every citizen to prosper and advance—with freedoms which daily shine brighter in each community of our land. We shall continue to build the moral and intellectual strength to assure ourselves and our children of an always-finer tomorrow.

"Toward that stronger and better America, my friends, I know that you will continue to go forward, as self-reliant, courageous descendants of God-fearing pioneers, fortified by your faith in yourselves and in your country."

Child-Beating Charge Denied by Mrs. Hayes

Mrs. Sally Hayes yesterday denied that she had whipped her 5-year-old daughter Diane and she introduced in evidence a letter from her divorced husband, Newscaster Sam Hayes, 19, commending her care of the child.

The letter was written last June 9, and was shown Superior Judge Clarence B. Runkle, as proof that Hayes approved her way of rearing the child.

"There is a great change in Diane," an excerpt of the missive read. "She is older and shows the results of good training and intelligent handling."

Mrs. Hayes said the letter was written after Hayes made a Memorial Day visit to the child in Phoenix, where she was residing.

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