

REPORT TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

On January 25, 1960 the Governments of Canada and the United States announced the appointment of Delegations to represent their respective Government in negotiations looking toward the formulation of an agreement covering cooperative development of the water resources of the Columbia River Basin for the mutual benefit of both countries. The undersigned, members of the Delegations, now submit this Progress Report to the two Governments.

The Delegations have held 7 formal meetings. A series of discussions between technical advisers has facilitated the work of the Delegations.

Throughout the discussions the Delegations have been greatly assisted by the work of the International Joint Commission culminating in its Report on "Principles for Determining and Apportioning Benefits from Cooperative Use of Storage of Waters and Electrical Inter-connection within the Columbia River System" dated December 29, 1959.

The United States and Canadian Delegations report that agreement has been reached between them on the basic terms which in their opinion should be included in an agreement for the cooperative development of the water resources of the Columbia River Basin that will operate to the mutual advantage of both countries.

The Delegations have been conscious of the fact that in arriving at terms which will be acceptable to both countries in a development of such far-reaching significance, it was not possible for either of them to adopt a position that took no account of the interests and aims of the other. The recommendations contained in this Report accordingly represent, in a number of cases, accommodations which, in our opinion, have the result that, while there may be areas in which particular objectives on both sides have been modified, yet the interests of both countries will be advanced if these joint recommendations are accepted.

The Delegations recommend that the agreement should be in the form of a Treaty with appropriate Annexes. It is further recommended that the Governments accept and confirm that the drafting of such Treaty should proceed on the basis of the following proposals:

1. (1) Canada, at its expense, to provide and operate in Canada 15.5 million acre feet of storage usable for increasing hydroelectric power generation and improving flood control in the United States in accordance with the assured plan of operation referred to in paragraph 17.
- (2) To provide this quantity of storage, dams to be constructed at or near Mica Creek on the Columbia River, the outlet of Arrow Lakes and the outlet of Duncan Lake, construction thereof to begin as soon as possible after the date of exchange of ratifications of the Treaty.
- (3) The operation of 8.5 million acre feet of the storage referred to above to commence within five years from the date of exchange of ratifications of the Treaty and the operation of the balance of the storage within nine years of that date.