

would provide and prepare the area required in Canada for the reservoir.

The recommendations also provide for the diversion of 1.5 million acre feet of water from the Kootenay River to the headwaters of the Columbia by Canada about 1980 when this additional flow will be useful for the generation of power in Canada. It is not expected that any significant flooding will be involved by this diversion.

The Prime Minister explained that public hearings would be held in accordance with the British Columbia Water Act before the recommendations for the construction of reservoirs in Canada were implemented. These hearings will provide an opportunity for discussion of details concerning the precise location of the storages and other related matters.

The Prime Minister emphasized that the essential goal of the negotiators had been reached - that is the preparation of a mutually beneficial arrangement which would stand the test of time. "The recommended development of the Columbia River system would", Mr. Diefenbaker continued, "be further evidence of the good sense of the United States and Canada in developing their respective resources. Further the method recommended by the negotiators which provides for the payment by each country of all costs for facilities in their respective countries would permit each country to retain full control of its resources and of the construction costs".

"It is my belief", the Prime Minister concluded, "that implementation of the recommended plan of development for this great natural resource will not only be a fine example of cooperation between neighbours but will provide an important additional stimulus to the Canadian economy".