

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE



A. H. Abel, Oakland (right), is congratulated on his election as president of the Pacific Coast Association of Port Authorities by Glen Arbogast, Los Angeles, who succeeds him as first vice president and who probably will be the next head. Smith W. Wilson, Seattle, former president, gives both his good wishes.

Colonel Lee Answers Attack on Waterways

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A spirited reply by Colonel John C. H. Lee, division army engineer, to criticisms of inland waterway projects, made Thursday by Dr. William L. Finley, Portland naturalist, marked the closing session of the Pacific Coast Association of Port Authorities convention Friday.

A. H. Abel, manager of the Port of Oakland, was elected president of the association and Oakland named the 1939 convention city.

Colonel Lee said engineers had given, and would continue to give, "every possible consideration" to preservation of fish and other wildlife in planning and construction of dams and channels.

"The facilities for passing fish through Bonneville dam have been approved by the highest authority on the subject, the federal bureau of fisheries," he said. "As for future navigation dams, such dams can and do pass fish readily. Slackwater pools, formed by dams, actually benefit birds and other wildlife."

Colonel Lee claimed certain statistics quoted by Finley, in defense of his assertion that inland water navigation was obsolete, were old and outdated.

"If inland navigation is '50 years out of date,' why has every inland port prospered?" he asked. "Why does the keenly competitive oil business use inland water transportation wherever possible? The answer is simple—it is easier to float freight than to roll it."

Delegates were en route this morning to The Dalles from Timberline Lodge where they dined, danced and spent the night. They were to be luncheon guests of the Chamber of Commerce and the new Port of The Dalles. Inspection of Bonneville dam was scheduled on the return trip.

The convention elected Glen Arbogast, president of the Los An-

geles board of harbor commissioners, first vice president, and M. D. McCarl, traffic manager of the Port of Oakland, secretary-treasurer. K. J. Burns, Vancouver, B. C., port manager, was reelected second vice president.

New directors are J. W. Brennan, San Diego; Horace P. Chapman, Seattle; W. J. Murphy, Grays Harbor; I. M. Stevens, Long Beach, and K. K. Reid, New Westminster, B. C. Reelected were M. H. Gates, San Francisco; B. C. Allin, Stockton; Hans Mumm Jr., Everett; F. H. Marvin, Tacoma, and Frank H. Gowdy, Longview.

Act Amendment Urged

Resolutions were passed:

Opposing federal taxation of income, bonds and employes of states and local governmental bodies;

Urging amendment of the maritime act to restore sectional appointment of commissioners and imploring the president to name a Pacific Coast man to the next vacancy;

Urging that every effort be made to "remedy existing labor disturbances and irresponsibility."

Expressions of appreciation for hospitality offered here also, were adopted along with resolutions commending the two retiring Portland officers, A. H. Averill, president, and Philip H. Carroll, secretary-treasurer.