

HOLLIS MATHEWS DOLE
1914-1987

Hollis Mathews Dole, former State Geologist of Oregon and former Assistant Secretary for Energy and Minerals in the U.S. Department of the Interior, died of a heart attack on Monday, July 20, 1987.

Born in Paonia, Colorado, on September 4, 1914, Hollis moved to Oregon in 1917 and spent his childhood in various parts of the State, including Portland, Independence, and Grants Pass. He earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in geology from Oregon State University and did additional work on economic geology at the University of California and the University of Utah. After periods of employment with Bohemia Mines, Cottage Grove; American Trust Company, Palo Alto, California; the U.S. Bureau of Mines at Scappoose; and the U.S. Geological Survey at Tucson, Arizona; and after serving as a Navy lieutenant during World War II, Hollis came to the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries in 1948 when F. W. Libbey was Director. Upon Mr. Libbey's retirement in 1954, Hollis became head of the Department, serving as Director and State Geologist until March 1969.

During his tenure with the Department, Hollis initiated, among other things, the long- range investigation of the geothermal potential of Oregon. One of his proudest moments was in the summer of 1965, when the Department was the host for the first International Lunar Geological Field Conference, which was held in Bend. The conference was a huge success and put Oregon "on the map" among the geological fraternity for the first time.

In 1968, Hollis resigned his position with the State and was appointed Assistant Secretary for Energy and Minerals in the U.S. Department of the Interior. Following his government service, he was placed in charge of the Colony Development oil shale program in Colorado. During the last ten years of his life, Hollis maintained a busy schedule as private consultant to several national and international organizations in the fields of energy and minerals. Hollis is survived by his wife, Ruth, and two sons, Michael Hollis and Stephen Eric. We, his friends, will miss him.

-Andy Corcoran, former State Geologist