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If the upper Skagit can stave off another "valley authority" on the Skagit river, it will only be because we were warned soon enough to start working against it. For several years now army engineers have been making surveys of possible power sites and flood control projects that could make the valley above Concrete just a series of ponds. We know that the people of the valley don't want such a thing to happen, but we know also that unless some definite and concerted action is taken to make this fact known we will one of these days find a construction crew on the river banks making ready to put an end to all the hopes and aspirations of those who live in and love this green valley of ours. Too much of the propaganda that calls for despoiling a river is from government agencies themselves whose never-ending greed fattens on more and more "projects" whether needed or not. Power needs are growing, but until present sources are developed to the utmost, no new dams are needed. If upper streams can be utilized, a Faber dam will never be needed for its avowed purpose of flood control. Take warning from the happenings in other quiet valleys. The Skagit is being lined up for sacrifice.