

plant site by removal of Union Oil Company's occupancy of the land under this lease for which the Columbia Steel Company was to provide the Union Oil Company with similar property as set forth in the prior item.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to approve the assignment of Lease No. 26, issued pursuant to Chapter 69/29 from the Union Oil Company to the Columbia Steel Company subject to receipt of the statutory filing fee and assumption of all obligations under this lease by Columbia Steel Company and release of Union Oil Company of obligations of this lease. Columbia to file a surety bond in the amount of \$2,000.00 to guarantee performance of the terms of the lease and the removal of any structures at the expiration of the lease.

30. (APPLICATION FOR PROSPECTING PERMIT - OSCAR L. HOERNER - SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY - W. O. 628 - P. R. C. 501) Application has been received from Mr. Oscar L. Hoerner of Newberry, for a permit to prospect for uranium and kindred metals on the 160 acres of vacant State school land in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, T. 9 N., R. 6 E., S. B. B. & M., San Bernardino County. No data are available from the records of the Division of Mines as to any known mineral deposits on the subject area. However, field inspection by the State Lands Division has shown the existence of radioactive ore on the subject property. A commercial assay laboratory analysis furnished by the applicant indicates that the source of radioactivity is uranium oxide. Additional samples taken by the State Lands Commission indicate that there may also be other radioactive source materials. These samples have been transferred to the Division of Mines for further analysis and classification. The manner of occurrence of the radioactive ore, the currently limited surface exposure on the subject properties, and the low concentration of uranium oxide reported for the assayed sample, establish the conclusion that the deposit for which application has been made cannot be classified as containing commercially valuable minerals without the expenditures of further prospecting effort.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to execute and issue a two-year prospecting permit to Mr. Oscar J. Hoerner, for 160 acres of vacant State school land in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, T. 9 N., R. 6 E., S. B. B. & M., San Bernardino County, pursuant to the Public Resources Code, with royalty payable under any preferential lease, issued upon development of a commercially valuable mineral deposit, to be in accordance with the following schedule: On all ore produced and sold up to 100 short tons per month, 5% of the gross selling price; above 100 short tons per month and up to 500 short tons per month, 10% of the gross selling price; 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ % of the gross selling price on all tonnage in excess of 500 short tons per month, which gross selling price shall be not less than the reasonable market value of all the minerals secured from the land and sold or otherwise disposed of or held for sale or other disposition.

31. (PATENTED LANDS IN THE SE $\frac{1}{4}$  OF SECTION 33, T. 21 N., R. 7 E., S.B.M., INYO COUNTY - BLOSS ELIAS - W.O. 615) The Commission was informed that at the meeting of the State Lands Commission on June 14, 1949, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to hold a public hearing in the vicinity of Tecopa Hot Springs, California, for the purpose of inquiring into the transactions relating to the sale of lands in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 33, T. 21 N., R. 7 E., S.B.M., Inyo County, to Mr. Bloss A. Elias. In compliance with these instructions a public hearing was held on November 15 and 16, 1949, at Shoshone, California, a few miles distant from the properties involved. A large number of persons attended and