

Mr. MORGAN. But the fact—

Mr. SPRINGER (continuing). You believe in this instance that everybody was out of step but you?

Mr. MORGAN. Well now, Mr. Springer, these Commissions were not created for the purpose of achieving unanimity.

We have an obligation, as independent Commissioners, to reach our own conclusions and argue the very strongly when we feel very strongly about them.

Mr. SPRINGER. All right, but you were particularly unhappy that they didn't agree with you?

Mr. MORGAN. I think anyone would prefer to have almost anyone else agree with him on any subject.

Mr. SPRINGER. Mr. Morgan, in this letter, I have tried to analyze it as best I could, there have been a number, I believe, three alleged derelictions of duty as best I can make it out.

If there are others you will advise me?

Mr. MORGAN. Well, I am not sure that I will go along with your word "alleged" because, as I made very plain in the letter on two occasions, the remarks were general and I made it specifically plain that they were not designed to describe my colleagues and myself.

Mr. SPRINGER. Let me ask you this:

Do you believe that that was the impression which was created by the average reader in the 22d Congressional District of Illinois?

Mr. MORGAN. Sir, I don't know any average newspaper readers in that district, and I haven't seen the press reports there.

Mr. SPRINGER. Do you believe that your statement created the impression that you are leading this committee to believe in the congressional district in which you live in the State of Oregon?

Mr. MORGAN. I haven't seen any clippings from that district either but I will say, and I said so promptly at the time when I released this letter to the public to try to clear up the misapprehensions concerning it which came from Mr. Pearson's column—I said that it had been extensively misquoted.

I don't want to criticize the press any more than I want to criticize my colleagues, but they like to stretch things a little bit and make them a little more snappy and exciting than they naturally are.

And this happened to my letter and for that I have already apologized.

Mr. SPRINGER. If you, Mr. Morgan, had been reading in your congressional district in Oregon, and a newspaper came out that a Commissioner of the Federal Power Commission in Washington had alleged that the Commission was not protecting the public interest, what would you have believed?

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. Springer, I am not responsible for what the newspapers say concerning a letter when they put words into it which are not there.

Those words are not in that letter, but I did testify yesterday that in certain cases I felt that the public had received less protection than it should.

I said so in my dissenting opinions, but I did not say so in this letter.

Mr. SPRINGER. You used the words—anyone who reads this, whatever you say, can come to no other impression when you use words