

Mr. SAYLOR. In other words, you have evaded the question, sir, whether intentionally or otherwise? You have exact figures from 1929 until today?

Secretary UDALL. Yes; that is correct.

Mr. SAYLOR. These measurements that you are taking out there now, which the Bureau is collecting, are——

Secretary UDALL. No guesswork at all.

Mr. SAYLOR. It is exact. There is absolutely no guesswork on any of those figures? The figures from 1922 to 1929, in that 7-year period are more reliable because they were taken with a great deal more accuracy than the measurements before that time; is that not correct?

Mr. DOMINY. Well, Mr. Saylor, it is not that the figures available were not taken with accuracy. We had more gaging stations. We did not have some of them in the prior years. We did not establish the one at Lee Ferry, for example, until 1922. But we did have accurate figures of the flow at Yuma from 1903 and we did have other stations above Lee Ferry prior to 1922 with accuracy of measurement.

Mr. SAYLOR. Yes; but you will notice that the Secretary limited his figures to 1906. Now, there have been gaging stations on that river since the 1800's.

Mr. DOMINY. That is correct.

Mr. SAYLOR. 1886, I think, is the first time a gaging station was placed on the Colorado. So that the figures on the Colorado fall into three classifications—four classifications. Those before 1906, from 1906 until 1922, from 1922 to 1929, and from 1929 to 1968. Is that a fair statement?

Mr. DOMINY. I think that is a fair statement.

Mr. SAYLOR. And that the Secretary's testimony here has been based upon the figures from 1906 until 1968, which he says, from the experts in your Department, are reliable.

Now, if they are reliable, what has happened to the studies that were made when we had the Colorado River Storage project and indicated that we would have a full Lake Mead and a full Glen Canyon, and the date that they said they would be filled?

Mr. DOMINY. Let the record show that we had a full Lake Mead not long ago.

Mr. SAYLOR. When did you have a full Lake Mead?

Mr. DOMINY. In 1962 we had a full Lake Mead.

Mr. SAYLOR. When did you close the gates at Glen Canyon?

Mr. DOMINY. In 1963. Unfortunately, since that time, we have had only one above-average year and the rest have been below average.

Mr. SAYLOR. So that in order to take care of the requirements of the Hoover Dam and the payouts by the contract which the Department has entered into with the power users, you have had to release quantities of water out of Glen Canyon?

Mr. DOMINY. No, sir, we have never released one drop of water out of Glen Canyon just to make power. We have released it to meet the lower basin use requirements. Obviously, we have made power with it both at Glen Canyon and at Hoover in so doing. But we have never reduced the level at Lake Powell by 1 inch just to make power.

Mr. SAYLOR. Well, for whatever reason you may want to justify your releases——

Mr. DOMINY. The law is what I rely upon, Mr. Saylor.