

The gentleman from Arizona.

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Chairman, I do not have too many questions this morning.

I want to say, after consultation with my Arizona colleagues in the House, that we generally approve what you are trying to do in connection with the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation. I hope that you can work this out and submit some language to us which will take care of the rights and needs of that Indian tribe in connection with the construction of Orme Dam. I assume since you were talking the other day in terms of taking 15,000 acres of their territory for this damsite, that the Department is presently contemplating some flood-control component in the Orme Dam which would help to protect the metropolitan area of Phoenix from the kind of disastrous floods they have had in the past.

Secretary UDALL. If we can work out the type of amendment that I am thinking about, the flood control component does not present a serious problem. If we are going to wipe out an Indian reservation without doing what this committee has done so generously with Indian tribes previously, I think you present me then with some very serious choices. We all ought to work on this.

I will be frank to say I am having some difficulty with the Forest Service. I hope that Secretary Freeman will cooperate with me, and I think he will, and that we can work something out. To me, there is a rather simple solution and we have some people spending full time on it. I hope that by the time the subcommittee gets to the conclusion of its markup, we can have an amendment and come and tell you that everyone has agreed upon it. But I may need some help from the Arizona delegation on this.

Mr. UDALL. You will get it. If we can't do it, we will enlist the aid of the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. HALEY. Will the gentleman yield at that point?

Mr. UDALL. I will yield.

Mr. HALEY. Mr. Secretary, you say that is not a wipeout of an Indian reservation in this project?

Secretary UDALL. It is not as bad as the Seneca Indian problem, where the reservation was eliminated entirely. If we use the idea of an easement taking, taking an easement rather than taking the land in fee for the flood-control aspect, and if we can give these Indians a little of the river bottom and upstream, I think we can preserve basically the integrity of the reservation and come in with a solution that would be better in a sense, Congressman, much better than we had with the Seneca Indians.

Mr. HALEY. Well, the Secretary does not propose to allow the Bureau of Reclamation to take the devious methods that were being taken by the Corps of Army Engineers in the Seneca situation, do you?

Secretary UDALL. Congressman, I do not propose that by any means. We can use a newer method and new approach.

The other thing that I propose to do, and I do not think there is any disagreement with the Arizona people on this, is to make the small but fine little reservoir we are creating here into an Indian recreational development. Let us give them the control of the development and make this a benefit to them rather than just taking it away from them, as we did in some of these other instances, by turning the recrea-