

first Kaiparowits plant. We are going to get to the Kaiparowits development and I expect it to move forward right on schedule.

Mr. BURTON of Utah. I thank you, Mr. Secretary. That is a most reassuring comment.

And your comment is that it is not a case of one against the other. Secretary UDALL. Exactly.

Mr. BURTON of Utah. My people have a feeling that if development takes place in the Kaiparowits coal, the Indian deal is out completely. I have never been satisfied myself that that is necessarily the case. I think each one is a different project and can stand on its own merits.

Secretary UDALL. My understanding of it, and I think we ought to make the record perfectly clear here, is that the Kaiparowits coal deposits are large, they are of good quality. They are also near the water, and the WEST group, the planners that I have talked with, are very enthusiastic about this. I expect to see this moved in the next phase. If we can put it together, it will certainly be a very fine project.

Mr. BURTON of Utah. I would like to ask you, is this steam-generating power that is proposed at Page really competitive with the hydropower that might have been produced in Hualapai? What is the economic relationship between the two?

Secretary UDALL. A thermal unit produces base load power. The big modern machines operate full time and generate enormous quantities of base load power, as contrasted to hydropower, which is more useful for peaking. The two are different types of electric power and it is hard to compare them. They are both needed and they both have usefulness.

It is safe to say, however, that the 3-mill figure we gave you for irrigation pumping, will depend on the power produced by these very large new thermal units. This has been one of the major developments in the electric power industry in the last few years.

Mr. BURTON of Utah. You are saying, then, for the record, Mr. Secretary, that the thermal power at Page would be relatively competitive with possible hydropower at Hualapai?

Secretary UDALL. Yes, indeed. It is more suited to project pumping needs.

Mr. BURTON of Utah. There is another point I had here, Mr. Secretary.

One of the problems we have had on the river, you know better than anyone else, are the squatters that are there, people who are drawing water out when they have no right to do so.

What is the Bureau doing about that, or what do you intend to do about that?

Secretary UDALL. You mean the Lower Colorado?

Mr. BURTON of Utah. Yes, sir.

Secretary UDALL. Well, this is a problem that I inherited as Secretary and was very familiar with as Congressman from this area. We moved on it 7 years ago when I first became Secretary. I have taken a little pride in this because in recognition of the reclamation, fish and wildlife, recreation and other interests, we set up a Lower Colorado River land use office in Yuma. We developed, working with the counties and with the States, a master plan that is unique for this whole flood plain, with attention to recreation, fish and wildlife, and other things.