

We entered into an agreement with almost all of the squatters, some of whom had right of equity, and we heard from both Congressman Udall and Congressman Tunney with regard to those rights rather strenuously. We are in the process of phasing this action out and I think it is working very well.

I think we came out with a solution that is going to work for the long run.

In fact, this land use plan, if you have not seen it, is, I think, a very exciting one, because the lands involved are of increasingly great value to the people for outdoor recreation and other purposes.

I think I can say to you that in a matter of 2 or 3 years that we will have the problem largely resolved.

Mr. BURTON of Utah. Well, that is reassuring to know that you are now in the process of phasing out this problem, because we in the upper basin feel sometimes that we have been supplying this water to people above and far beyond their entitlement or legal right to it.

Another question, Mr. Secretary: Will the passage of your proposal—that is, the steam generating plant to finance central Arizona, necessarily preclude sometime in the future the Hualapai Indians losing out their damsite or building their own dam?

I offer for your attention the fact that I am sure all the other members of this committee as well as myself have received letters from attorneys representing them, indicating that they hope that their rights to the future development would not be impaired by anything we might do here.

Secretary UDALL. Congressman, I think we ought to be quite candid on that point. What has been proposed and what the Senate bill did and what I hope the House does is to reserve the decision on the Hualapai Dam to the Congress. Hualapai Indians do not own the damsite. Their land borders on one side of the river only. I do not think that the Federal Power Commission ought to make the decision on this. I think the Congress of the United States ought to make the decision on it. I think the Congress ought to reserve in this legislation the right to make that decision, because the Hualapais are just like some of the other Indian tribes, where they find themselves on one side of the river but they do not own the damsite. Let's be honest about that.

Mr. SAYLOR. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BURTON of Utah. I will be happy to yield in just a second, because it seems to me in H.R. 3300, we have appropriated money to buy the damsite for them, to the tune of \$23 million.

Secretary UDALL. In the previous legislation, there was money to pay damsite value. Now, the lawyers have always said that there is no such value. However, with the approval of this committee, and I think we did the right thing, we paid powersite value to the Crow Indians in Montana in the Yellowtail project. It was proposed to treat the Hualapais the same way in respect to the proposed Hualapai Dam as if they owned a site value.

Mr. BURTON of Utah. I thought with this appropriation we were conceding the fact that they own the damsite.

Secretary UDALL. No, they own land that would be flooded.

Mr. BURTON of Utah. I yield to Mr. Saylor.

Mr. SAYLOR. I call the attention of my colleagues on the committee to an article that just appeared in this month's issue of Venture maga-