

zine by the Secretary after he had taken this trip down the Colorado River.

Mr. Secretary, I want to commend you for that article.

Secretary UDALL. Well, you know, we all have our own views. There is no substitute, I have found, for seeing something on the ground. My real feeling, as I tried to say at the end, is that if this hydropower is needed, and I think this is where it stands or falls, you ought to have a high dam. You ought to develop the full potential.

On the other hand, if the needs of the country, in the view of the Congress at some time in the future, are that balancing that need, whatever it might be at some future time, against the other values that are present, if the decision is to preserve it, why, then, you can decide it at that time.

But I do strongly feel, as I did when I got through with the trip, that the Congress ought to reserve to itself the right to make this decision and not let it be made by the Federal Power Commission.

Mr. SAYLOR. I want to say, Mr. Secretary, I am delighted you took that trip. I am delighted you relied on your own experience rather than pictures that Mr. Dominy takes.

Mr. HOSMER. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BURTON of Utah. I will just recapture the balance of my time to say I think Mr. Dominy takes some darned good pictures. What is more, I intend to send the gentleman from Pennsylvania a copy of an article I wrote following my trip down the river.

I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. HOSMER. I would just like to ask the Secretary in terms of modern history, what number were you as a visitor to this area? Number 600 or something?

Secretary UDALL. You mean to go down the river? I don't know. There is a lot of traffic on the river. It is a great trip. You ought to take it.

Mr. HOSMER. I think in all of recorded history, there are less than 2,000 that have ever seen that area.

Secretary UDALL. There are about 2,000 now that take the trip each year.

Mr. HOSMER. Since this legislation came up. It will drop off afterward, I am sure.

Secretary UDALL. I would predict that we are going to have a problem of rationing those trips. You can only accommodate so many people. I am sure the Congressmen that went on the trip would agree. There are only so many camping places. It is a fine trip and there will be 2,000 or 3,000 people every summer who take the trip. I think it is one of the greatest outdoor trips in the Nation, no question about it.

Mr. HOSMER. Was it not you, Mr. Secretary, who pointed out that recreation space was becoming scarce in this country, particularly in the West, that population was increasing and one of the best ways to provide for the most people was to create some lakes on which they could recreate?

Secretary UDALL. Quite frankly, there is no question at all but that fresh water lakes can provide for more use by more people than almost any other recreation facility.

One of the other thoughts I came back with after my trip was a greater appreciation of Lake Powell as a resource. I think if you were