

In 1962 the city of Huron signed a 20-year repayment contract with the Federal Government to repay with interest the construction costs allocated to municipal water use.

Congress authorized this dam in 1963 and it was completed in 1964. It was assumed at the time that the Oahe unit would be constructed by, or shortly after, 1970 and that greater quantities of water would then be available from this project.

In 1962 the Division of Sanitary Engineering, South Dakota State Department of Health, conducted a study of the public water supplies within the Oahe conservancy subdistrict. On the basis of "1962 Public Health Service Drinking Water Standards" this study showed that 59 of 65 public water sources in the subdistrict have unsatisfactory quality water for general domestic use.

The Oahe unit project would provide an improved water supply for a number of these communities.

As you know, an adequate water supply is essential to the survival and growth of any community.

I sincerely urge your favorable action on Senate bill 6, so that construction can be started as soon as possible.

Senator McGovern. Thank you for your statement, Mr. Maher.

I might say, because you are here, that I think one of the unstated reasons why the Oahe project has won the approval that it has at this stage is because of the excellent job of reporting and information, editorializing, which has been provided by your paper and by the Aberdeen American-News, whose editor was here earlier today, with other newspapers in the area, maintaining the best standards of reporting and getting the information out to our people.

That is one of the reasons why this project is now before the committee and in the promising way that it is. It is certainly due to your testimony and efforts over the years.

Mr. MAHER. Thank you.

Senator McGovern. The next witness is Mr. Al Schock, Sioux Falls, one of our leading businessmen.

STATEMENT OF AL SCHOCK, PAST PRESIDENT, SIOUX FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; PAST VICE PRESIDENT, SIOUX FALLS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION; PAST PRESIDENT, SOUTH DAKOTA RECLAMATION & WATER DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION; PRESIDENT, TERRACE PARK DAIRIES, INC., OF SOUTH DAKOTA; PRESIDENT, NORDICA FOODS CO.

Mr. SCHOCK. Senator McGovern, I represent the business community of South Dakota, the South Falls Chamber of Commerce, and the Sioux Falls Industrial Development Foundation.

I have a two-page statement which I should like to place in the record.

I do wish to read the last two paragraphs, which I would like to comment on. You have been most interested in the Food for Peace and Food for Freedom programs.

I would also like to support the statement entered into the hearing room by Mr. Gullickson.

The United States, operating under the unexcelled free enterprise system, has been one of the most blessed nations insofar as food pro-