

The news stories, circular letters, meetings, radio and television programs handled by extension would number into the thousands.

The task has been a big one, but we do feel that South Dakota people were well and honestly informed when they voted on the issues.

Extension's plans for the future call for creation of at least three irrigation demonstration farms in the Oahe area. One is already operating. The objective of these farms is to demonstrate irrigation techniques, agronomic practices, farm enterprise management, and water management. Only a very limited amount of applied research will be permitted. The objective is to teach through demonstration. The farm operators will be actively assisted by area irrigation specialists of other disciplines. The first area specialist will be added to the staff this year.

Teaching farm management by the farm budget method is also being expanded in South Dakota. Two area specialists have been appointed to date. Three more areas will be established as soon as funds are available. Budget farms are adaptable to either dryland or irrigated farm enterprises or to combined enterprises. The Oahe area will receive particular emphasis on farm enterprise management under irrigated conditions.

May I sum up my remarks by assuring the committee that South Dakota State University will assist Oahe area farmers to make the transition from dryland to irrigation farming in every way possible.

Senator McGovern. Thank you very much, Dean Acker.

I see in the audience, and also on the witness list, our former Governor, former Gov. Ralph Herseth, who has been a longtime spokesman in the field of resource development, and Governor we would like to call upon you to testify at this time.

STATEMENT BY RALPH HERSETH, FORMER GOVERNOR, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Mr. Herseth. Senators McGovern, Burdick, and Moss, Governor Boe, and members of the press, ladies and gentlemen. I am Ralph Herseth of Houghton, S. Dak. By the way, Senator Burdick, I am only 4 miles removed from the border of North Dakota in one instance, where my business is, and about 14 where my ranch is. So, I feel that you are stating the truth when you speak that you have the kinship feeling toward us. I think that is a reciprocal feeling. We also have that for the State to the north, and we have had good relations with them throughout the years.

My remarks will be brief, both as I have prepared the ad lib portion, and also the portion that I have filed in the form of a paper, and, therefore, I would ask the patience of the committee and the people assembled here to bear with me on both.

I think the meeting in Aberdeen last night provided a very fine prelude to the meeting here today. The distinguished gentlemen of the United States gave us a very fine preliminary hearing as to what the Senate of the United States gave us a very fine preliminary hearing as to what we might expect today.

I also feel that the experience that most of us have had, that we will probably come to the age or the time when the matter that we are here