

The Spink Co. National Farmers Organization composed of members and owners of farm land in the proposed Irrigation District and the N. F. O. represents farmers who will be directly affected by the Oahe Irrigation Project and the members have actively supported the Oahe Project and recognize the benefits to be derived by the entire populace of this area through the stability of the rural economy and help provide a better incentive for business interests located in the area and also provide better opportunities for our younger generation to stay in the area and make their homes here. And we also recognize the need for more food and the Oahe Project would help provide for future needs.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Spink County National Farmers Organization strongly endorses its support of the Oahe Irrigation Project and requests the early development of the project by the Congress of the U.S.

JAMES HENZE, *Chairman.*

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,  
*Redfield, S. Dak.*

We, the members of the Spink County Ministerial Association, being interested in the physical, moral and spiritual welfare of our constituency, wholeheartedly support the Oahe irrigation project. Our reasons for this support are:

1. One of the world's greatest needs is for food for the starving millions.

We, in this community, would welcome the opportunity to provide a greater share of food and fiber for the world, so that these people might know a better way of life.

2. The Oahe irrigation project would provide a stronger economic foundation and would enable people in this area to develop their cultural interests and abilities leading to a fuller community life.

3. Feeling there is a relationship between working with the soil and the building of character, we are interested in seeing as many people having the opportunity of remaining on the farm as possible.

We, therefore, strongly endorse the Oahe irrigation project, and request the early development of the project by the Congress of the United States.

Rev. ARNOLD LARUE, *President.*

Rev. PAUL M. OPSAHL, *Secretary.*

Senator McGOVERN. I see in the hearing room, Mr. Al Shock, Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce president. I think just to move to another part of the State now, for a few minutes, we will call Mr. Shock and take any statement that he would care to make.

**STATEMENT OF AL SHOCK, PRESIDENT, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.**

Mr. SHOCK. I thank you, Senator McGovern, Senator Burdick, and Senator Moss. I speak in behalf of the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Development Committee, and also as a member and past president of the South Dakota Reclamation & Development Water Conservancy, and also speak, Senator Burdick, as a farmer of North Dakota. My dad farmed up in North Dakota one year to make enough money to move to South Dakota, and I am also speaking on behalf of the businessmen of Sioux Falls and as president of the Terrace Park Dairy Co.

We employ many farm youth in the State of South Dakota and buy milk from approximately 400 farmers, so we have a very close touch with economic problems of the State of South Dakota and its economy.

We certainly, as business folks, endorse this project, and I might add, the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce in many, many past resolutions endorses this project in its entirety.

I would like to make this statement rather brief, because today we are listening to the folks who are going to be the irrigators, but I think this one point should be brought out. Chester Gullikson mentioned it