

magazines I read about the problems in our cities with crowded schools, churches with two or three Sunday morning services.

A need for space to expand, for people to live and some unemployment—to me the Oahe Project, to a degree at least, is the partial answer to these problems. There is certainly opportunities for industry with power and water and plenty of space.

To me, a farmer, it means not the challenge of planting and then looking to the skies for moisture, that I might get my speed back and enough to survive, but a challenge to use the best of God's given resources, water and good land, to work for bigger yields, to feed an ever increasing hungry world.

STATEMENT OF HARRY H. MARTENS, WESSINGTON, S. DAK., CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The South Dakota State Soil and Water Conservation Committee is established by law as a department of State Government for the purpose of carrying out the State Soil and Water Conservation Districts Law to the seventy (70) locally organized Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

These seventy (70) districts are governmental sub-divisions of State Government administered by 350 locally elected supervisors and as of March 1, 1967, there were 40,248 farmers and ranchers co-operating with Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The State Soil and Water Conservation Committee submit the following resolution:

"Whereas, the most of South Dakota lies in a rainfall area that does not allow the maximum use of soil and climate for crop production;

"Whereas, livestock feed supplies are always in short supply in some parts of South Dakota each year;

"Whereas, development of the Oahe Irrigation Project will stabilize the production of feed and the livestock industry, and thereby enhance the total economy of South Dakota;

"Whereas, it is generally found that irrigation brings progressive business, fine schools, good medical services, churches and many other commercial and cultural enterprises;

"Therefore, be it resolved, the South Dakota State Soil and Water Conservation Committee does hereby request the Congress of the United States to pass Senate Bill No. 6, authorizing the development of the Oahe Irrigation Project."

STATEMENT OF HARRY H. MARTENS, WESSINGTON, S. DAK., CHAIRMAN OF THE BEADLE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Beadle County Soil and Water Conservation District is a sub-division of State Government for the purpose of carrying out soil and water conservation programs.

The Beadle County District consists of 780,000 acres which is located in the Oahe Conservancy. Sub-District Agriculture in Beadle County is predominately crop and livestock with approximately 9600 acres under irrigation.

The Beadle County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors submit the following resolution:

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"Whereas, livestock feed supplies are always in short supply in some parts of South Dakota each year;

"Whereas, development of Oahe Irrigation Project will stabilize the production of feed and the livestock industry and thereby enhance the total economy of South Dakota;

"Whereas, it is generally found that irrigation brings progressive business, fine schools, good medical services, churches and many other commercial and cultural enterprises;

"Therefore, be it resolved, the Beadle County Soil and Water Conservation District does hereby request the Congress of the United States to pass Senate Bill No. 6, authorizing the development of the Oahe Irrigation Project."