

The CHAIRMAN. Well, it is brought to the fore, but there are a lot of royalties that are being obtained now, too, that apply to the oil industry as a whole.

Mr. WALLICK. Right.

The CHAIRMAN. We appreciate having your comments.

Senator Allott?

Senator ALLOTT. Mr. Wallick, just one or two questions. You say that this matter has been given much study by the highest level of your organization?

Mr. WALLICK. Well, we do not pretend to be expert on this matter, but we recognize that this is a great pressing national question at this time, and it has been discussed. However, I am not suggesting that we are coming here as experts.

Senator ALLOTT. Well, let me ask in all kinds of friendliness, have you ever called into your high councils the people in this country who are really knowledgeable about this? For example, any of the actual people doing the research on oil shale at the present time?

Mr. WALLICK. No, but that would be an excellent idea, and we would be willing.

Senator ALLOTT. Or such people as Mr. Cameron who was here this morning.

Mr. WALLICK. I would be very happy to suggest that be done.

Senator ALLOTT. There have been three oil shale symposiums conducted in Colorado to date and the fourth, I believe, will be held in April. I have attended two of those three and there were representatives from all over the United States—scientists who frankly lose me in their explanation of processes and other scientific explorations—between 200 and 300 present, scientists and knowledgeable people in this area who participated. Have you or any of your representatives ever attended any of these?

Mr. WALLICK. I could not say for sure, Senator Allott, because we do have members in Colorado, as you know, and there may or may not have been some of our people there. I would certainly encourage them to go and if you will tell me where the next meeting is held—

Senator ALLOTT. I think it would be better if some of the people who make these decisions in your organization—and I say this kindly—attended some of these symposiums.

Mr. WALLICK. That is an excellent suggestion.

Senator ALLOTT. And became firsthand acquainted with the problems that we are trying to isolate here so that we can form a decision. I don't believe any of us on this committee feel that we have permanent answers to these things yet.

For example, I assure you that those of us who are residents of Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming are as interested in the conservation and preservation of our natural values there as anybody in the United States.

Mr. WALLICK. I am sure you are.

Senator ALLOTT. They are a part of our heritage, and we do not intend to—

Mr. WALLICK. You are very lucky, too, I might say.

Senator ALLOTT (continuing). Throw them down the drain.

You refer, for example, to one thing in here. You say the legal question of leasing of surface deposits at this time is desirable. Do you know where there are any surface deposits of oil shale?