

Engineers. Having been Governor during those years and having called on the corps for assistance, I recall that your aid was given so rapidly and so effectively that we, in Connecticut, have always had a great affection for the corps and all the men that compose it.

CORPS IS INVOLVED IN RECREATION PROGRAMS

But I am curious about whether you are aware, actively and positively aware, of the problems of the erosion of our natural resources and the need to do everything possible to see that they are preserved. Just in the planning stage of how these projects are executed, it seems to me that much more can be done, although I think, today, in building most of your dams, you take into account the problems of recreation. Now, who runs those recreation areas? Do you or does the Department of the Interior?

General CASSIDY. We run most of the recreation areas at our reservoirs and on the rivers where we have developments. If there is a national forest in that area, the Forest Service will run the recreation in the national forest areas.

Senator RIBICOFF. Let me just take a field like this:

You build a dam and you try to plan recreation areas but should have the largest of the recreation agencies.

Senator RIBICOFF. Why should the Army be in the recreation business?

Let's say that you build the dams, and the recreation areas are an important byproduct and a great asset, and I like what you are doing, but once you build a dam and do the engineering work why should not the recreation areas be turned over to the National Park Service?

I mean, what do you want it for?

General CASSIDY. At one time, this effort was made, and the Park Service turned it down.

(The following additional information was subsequently furnished for the record:)