

Senator RIBICOFF. How many military and civilian employees are presently assigned to the Civil Works Division? How many military and how many civilian?

General CASSIDY. There are about 32,000 civilians and, at the present time, 127 military.

Senator RIBICOFF. 127,000?

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Senator RIBICOFF. One hundred twenty-seven military?

General CASSIDY. Yes, sir.

Senator RIBICOFF. And 32,000 civilian?

General CASSIDY. Yes, sir.

This is as the result of the Vietnamese war. It is the same thing that happens in any war.

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

The total civilian capability of the Corps of Engineers for Military Construction and Civil Works encompasses a work force of over 47,000 employees. Of these, approximately 13,000 are categorized as professional personnel and are in the personnel management career program. Civil natural resources are limited. Should we not make every possible effort to effect the best management techniques with regard to land, water, and mineral resources?

General CASSIDY. Yes. And I believe, over the years, Congress has considered this and has finally evolved a system in the Water Resources Council.

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

The Water Resources Council as presently constituted is well structured to accomplish the missions assigned to it and more. The agencies are working increasingly well together and we all benefit from the increased coordination and communication. This is a significant accomplishment and perhaps the main objective of the Act. Tangible results of this interagency coordination can be expected with increasing frequency as time goes by.

FLOOD CONTROL IN FLORIDA EVERGLADES

Senator RIBICOFF. Should the Florida Everglades be drained at one point under the flood control justification thus causing a loss of wildlife resources? Isn't there a better way?

General CASSIDY. I cannot answer that question, because it is stated in a rather strange fashion.