

under existing and expanded authority. A diagonal levee, L-67C) within Conservation Area 3 was started in September 1965. This will reduce seepage losses to the east and thereby increase surface water for distribution to the park. Additional work (L-67 extension) consisting of a levee and canal along the east boundary of the park to distribute water to the park will be placed under way during the spring of 1966.

A further interim plan has been developed for the transfer of water from Lake Okeechobee to the park during periods when the lake levels will permit. With the cooperation and assistance of the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District and the State of Florida, this work can proceed, in part, under existing authorities and in part under additional authority now being sought.

The plan consists of enlargement and extension of the North New River Canal downstream from the agricultural area to a junction with the Miami Canal and the Borrow Canal for L-67, enlargement of the Miami Canal downstream from the agricultural area to the same point, and the enlargement of the L-67 Borrow Canal from the Miami Canal to the park boundary. This work can be done under existing authority with the participation of the State. To this the State has agreed. The construction costs total about \$3,000,000 (\$2,400,000-Federal; \$600,000-State). Funds to accomplish the North New River Canal enlargement, estimated at \$265,000, are available, and it is proposed to place this work under quickly as possible.

Senator RIBICOFF. Now, this is what I was wondering about. How much consultation is there with the National Park Service?

Let's take the Everglades as an example, because you do have a complicated problem here.

Now, how do you plan with the National Park Service on a problem of this nature?

General CASSIDY. We work with the Park Service constantly, sir, and with the State of Florida, to try to reach solutions to problems.

But we have to reach solutions that are agreeable to the State and to the Park Service, and this has been rather difficult until just recently.

#### COOPERATION WITH BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Senator RIBICOFF. Here is a final question from Senator Moss: "General Cassidy, you stress coordination with the Bureau of Reclamation in the West. Have the Bureau's views on a proposed project ever prevailed over the views of the Army?"

General CASSIDY. Yes, sir; quite often I would say.

#### STATEMENT OF HON. ORVILLE L. FREEMAN, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Secretary FREEMAN. Mr. Chairman and members of the subcommittee, the Department of Agriculture naturally is interested in this bill because it would transfer all of our functions administered through