

you have a true department of natural resources—nothing being in place as you would put it in an ideal world. My own Department is more of a natural resources department—I mean there are more natural resources functions—than in any department in any other country that I am familiar with today. I think certainly the idea that is behind Senator Moss' legislation, that there should be a Department of Natural Resources, is sound. In fact, I think we have one in everything except name.

DEVELOPMENT OF INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

The Department of the Interior got its name in 1849 at the time the two biggest functions it had was the Indian Bureau and what was then called the General Land Office. In 1849 the California gold rush was on, the settlement of the West, the breaking of the frontier, was just beginning, and the word "Interior" was a pretty good description of the Department at that time, although it was a catch-all department. We had what was then the Veterans Bureau and the Office of Education, such as it was, and other housekeeping functions.

So "Interior" described the Department at that time. Over the years and until rather recently the Department was also thought of as the department for public lands and Indians and the

There are three or four major developments that have occurred while I have been Secretary.

In the first place, as a result of the outdoor recreation study that was carried out beginning in 1958 with a report by the group that Laurence Rockefeller headed in 1961, we established a Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. And to give it a further action focus, we established a Land and Water Conservation Fund.

This Bureau is working today with all 50 States in terms of planning their outdoor recreation needs. We have a national master outdoor recreational program that we did not have before. My Department runs it, supervises it.

In that sense, my Department is much more national than it was before.

FEDERAL WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL ESTABLISHED

The second very significant development was the enactment of the Water Resources Planning Act of 1965. Previous to that time, planning was compartmentalized to a high degree. The Bureau of Reclamation, the Corps of Engineers, were the two main resource, or water planning agencies.