

to hear from them. And I think most of these issues are going to be fought out and resolved at the State level; but this is the real basic question we faced, and we might as well be frank about it, and that is why this statement reads as it does, and, as you can see, we left the door open for exceptions; but did the Congress in 1965 write an act whereby standards would be set, which, in effect, invite the degradation of waters down to some floor, or did the Congress write an act which contemplated that the waters of this Nation were going to be improved?

This was the basic question.

And if some Members of Congress think that the act was a water degradation act, I do not interpret it that way, and I may be wrong. And the Congress can revise it if they want to, but that was the view that we took, that it was a water enhancement, an enhancement of quality act, and that therefore the standards should not be used to invite degradation.

STANDARDS AND INDUSTRIAL GROWTH

Mr. McEwen. Mr. Secretary, as one who sat on this committee and supported this bill both here and on the floor, and as a New Yorker who is proud of the program that we have in New York State for cleaning up our streams and improving our water, I certainly never anticipated that the location of an industry would be a matter not only of State review but approval by the Secretary of Interior.

May I say, if I can be parochial, in my own congressional district we are proud of some of the trout waters that exist in the State of New York or anywhere else in this case. And we want those for recreation areas; but we also, on the last count I made, they have almost one score of papermills that are furnishing all manners of paper products to a consuming public that wants them.

We never anticipated, with the paper industry and other industries, that they could not have future growth, future development in that area as long as they did not destroy the quality of the water, as it had been set following public hearings.

I am frankly, Mr. Secretary, shocked when I read that it is contemplated, and I quote again from this apparent standard, that water will not be lowered in quality—let me say, Mr. Secretary, and I said when the gentleman from Iowa said he read your book, I, sir, not only read it, I bought it.

But I am concerned, as you are, and I think all of our people are, in maintaining the waters of America. But I think we all recognize, or at least we should, that this affluent society has effluence, can't eliminate all the effluents if we are going to have the products of industry. We want industry, we want the jobs, and we want the products that they provide.

In our own State we have said what we have believed, I am going to ask now, have you approved the New York State standards?

Secretary UDALL. Yes. We have given general approval to the New York standards.

"NO DEGRADATION" POLICY WOULD NOT PRECLUDE NEW INDUSTRY

Congressman, you raised the real crucial question, and this is very good dialog. I know people are listening who should be listening.