

gets people up to the point where the magnificent views are, that gets them in effect to the edge, so that they can look into the Grand Canyon.

We haven't proposed this lightly. The National Parks Advisory Board—and it includes all the different range of the points of view, including what is normally called the purest point of view—has considered this and they have recommended it. But, as I say, this is a matter that the committee can express its own judgment on. I see no reason why this should be a point of argument, however, that should endanger the legislation.

Mr. ASPINALL. Will my colleague yield?

Mr. SAYLOR. Yes.

Mr. ASPINALL. I think I go along with the last statement, Mr. Secretary. I think perhaps this was in Director Hartzog's mind when he attended the dedication of the new Rocky Mountain Visitor Center. He has suggested that we must meet new problems today because of mass usage, traffic problems, and so forth, with new ideas.

What I can't understand, Mr. Secretary, is this basic change of policy. Here again we have a conflict between the legislative branch of the Government and the administrative department. Now you referred to your overall authority as justification for this deviation from the general policy, but nobody says anything to this committee, which has jurisdiction over the uses of these areas, until the plan is firmed up. When I hear that you are contemplating the use of trams within the park, I am inclined to be more or less agreeable to what you propose. I think perhaps that there is some substance to it. But it is peculiar that you work on this for months; you take it up with your advisory board, but you never say anything to the committees of the Congress until you come up with a plan. It is about the same thing that happened to us as far as the use of the area down by the Reflecting Pool is concerned. We had no notice of what was going on there until it took place. More than likely, if it hadn't been for the fact that we dig into these matters a little bit, we wouldn't have known about this until you got ready to ask for money. Don't you think that there should be a little bit closer liaison?

I would like to ask Director Hartzog: Is this what you have had in mind when you have spoken about meeting new problems with new solutions?

Mr. HARTZOG. Mr. Chairman, the remark you make pains me very much because I have gone to extreme efforts in trying to keep the committee advised of these areas in which I believe that we have to depart from some of these historic policies.

Mr. ASPINALL. Did you ever say anything to any member of the committee?

Mr. HARTZOG. I have never said anything to this committee specifically about trams. I was trying to think, while you were talking, however, that we have, as I recall, in my general reports to the committee—and I will check this immediately after I get back to the office—called the committee's attention to the fact that, in my judgment, the historic concept of roads and trails as a sole means of access to our national parks is obsolete.

Mr. ASPINALL. That is what you said in Rocky Mountain National Park, I believe.