

Mr. Hegstrom says,

We are talking about the fact that we're trying to attempt to provide a replacement for about 9,000 jobs that existed at the Hastings Naval Ammunition Depot.

Senator Carpenter says,

They out there—

Referring to the Kern County cattle feeding operation—

they out there employ 15 people to feed about 40-some thousand cattle. What are you going to do with the rest of them?

This is the crux of the matter and this is the crux of the discussion. When we talk about giant industries coming into a State to engage in agriculture, what do we do with the people who are on the land?

We have a couple of other exhibits here that I'm going to call your attention to very briefly. By the way, we have an article—photocopy of an article also from the Lincoln Journal of October 18, 1967, which tells of the final disposition of that property to the city of Hastings and the immediate sale by the city of Hastings to these industrial concerns.

It is very difficult, as I report in my statements here, to get to the bottom of the extent of corporate farming activity in Nebraska. We turn first to the registration of cattle brands as an indication. Cattle, livestock production, is one of the major sources of farm income in Nebraska. There are some 38,000 cattle brands registered at the statehouse of Nebraska, and we found in only one instance where one company has a sizable number of these brands registered, and this was to a company at Kansas City which had 115 brands registered in the name of the Oppenheimer Industries with offices in Kansas City. We don't know how many of these are in the name of one corporation, how many of them represent individual operations.

Now, we have a closing statement that I'd like to make in connection with this.

The A.S.C.S., the agricultural stabilization conservation committee, under a directive from the department of agriculture in Nebraska and, I suppose, throughout other States, conducted a survey of the extent to which corporations are engaged in agriculture in Nebraska. Now, this involved only those corporations which had some dealing with the A.S.C.S. Therefore, it's only a partial record and it also, in some instances, does not report from some very important counties. But in this report, and I have also attached this to your committee print, we have a list of 500 corporations in Nebraska which are engaged in some degree or another in agriculture.

If the South Dakota finding is true, we would think about 20 percent of these as being family-type corporations—a farm family incorporating its members. There is no quarrel with this. Be that the case. Then we still have some 400 individual corporations doing business in the State of Nebraska. It's very difficult to find the size of the corporation, its location. You go through this list and you will be struck by the fact that not over half a dozen are listed as out-of-State corporations.

Now, in each case they have resident representatives in town, so it would take and will take—and we expect to do some further research