

now subject to flooding but also the additional unoccupied land area which needs to be made available for development. Next to people, usable land is rapidly becoming the most important resource of this metropolitan area. The growing population will require additional flood-proof land area for housing, recreation, educational facilities and industrial and commercial acreage for new job opportunities. At the present growth rate in this country, it will be necessary by 1971 to accommodate an additional 24,000 people requiring 8,700 homes which will consume over 1,800 acres of land. Land area must also be found to accommodate 400 new classrooms for the additional 13,500 students which will live in this county in the next five years. Still more land area will be required to provide business and industry with the space needed for the 28,000 new jobs which will be created by 1971.

It is, therefore, apparent that the southwesterly extension of the existing floodwall and creation of a ponding area as proposed is vital to the continued growth and development of this area. The Louisville Area Chamber of Commerce actively and enthusiastically supports the extension of the floodwall and construction of a ponding area with the understanding that the maximum acreage possible be protected for future development. The Chamber further offers its full support toward achieving this end.

Colonel ANDERSON. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, this report concerns construction of a local flood protection project along the Ohio River near Louisville with associated facilities for recreation and fish and wildlife enhancement. It is in response to resolutions adopted by the Senate and House Public Works Committee on May 18, 1964, and June 23, 1964, respectively.

The major flood problem is caused by the Ohio River and significant damage occurs relatively frequently. The flood plain is being developed for urban use because of its proximity to Louisville. It is presently about 30 percent developed. A recurrence of the largest past flood, that of 1937, would now cause damages estimated at \$51 million.

The project recommended consists of a levee and floodwall with interior drainage facilities. Recreation and fishing facilities would be provided as part of a permanent pool ponding area associated with the interior drainage. Total cost is estimated at \$23,200,000, of which \$19,800,000 is Federal. Local interests would repay \$3,400,000 for their share of recreation and fishing facility costs. The benefit-cost ratio is 1.9. Local interests have indicated their willingness to meet all requirements of local cooperation.

The Secretary of the Army recommends that the size and scope of the project be reviewed prior to construction in order to achieve the most practicable balance between structural works and flood plain management and regulation.

The Bureau of the Budget has no objection to the submission of this report and it concurs in the Secretary of the Army's recommendation for a review of the project size and scope prior to construction.

Mr. Chairman, this completes my statement.

Mr. JONES. We have had considerable trouble over the years in that Ohio section of the river of plain management.

Is any substantial improvement in the outlook of the people in that stretch of the river in Kentucky to bring about some improvement?

Colonel ANDERSON. Yes, sir, flood plain management is already being practiced by the local interests in this area. In fact, some 4,400 acres that would be protected by this project are lying at elevations below the level of the 1945 flood and are restricted in development at this time.