

**OMNIBUS RIVERS AND HARBORS, FLOOD CONTROL,
AND RIVER BASIN MONETARY AUTHORIZATION
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON FLOOD CONTROL
OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to call, at 10:17 a.m., Hon. Robert E. Jones (chairman of the subcommittee).

Mr. JOHNSON (presiding). The Subcommittee on Flood Control will come to order.

The purpose of our meeting this morning is to hear from the Corps of Engineers and outside witnesses pertaining to certain projects.

The first witness this morning will be Lt. Col. Daniel D. Hall, Assistant Director of Civil Works for the Mississippi Valley, along with General Noble, office of the Chief of Engineers.

**STATEMENT OF LT. COL. DANIEL D. HALL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF
CIVIL WORKS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, DEPARTMENT OF ARMY**

Colonel HALL. Good morning, Mr. Chairman. My first presentation concerns a report with respect to Belle Fountain Ditch and Drainage District No. 17, St. Francis River, Mo. and Ark. This presentation concerns a report which was prepared in response to a resolution of the House Public Works Committee adopted June 7, 1961.

BELLE FOUNTAIN DITCH AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 17, MO. AND ARK.

The Belle Fountain Ditch and Drainage District No. 17 are located within the St. Francis River Basin in southeastern Missouri and northeastern Arkansas.

Inadequate channel capacities in the Belle Fountain Ditch and the other major tributaries cause serious flooding along the intensively farmed flood plains resulting in considerable damage to crops and farm improvements. In addition, major floods have caused damages to the city of Blytheville and the Blytheville Air Force Base in Arkansas.

A number of Federal flood control improvements have been constructed or authorized for construction partially within or adjacent to the project areas as modifications of the Mississippi River and tributaries project.