

General NOBLE. Because of the 1946 Flood Control Act in recognition of the fact that in the past for a considerable period of time local participation was considerably greater than it was elsewhere in the country.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Who established that policy?

Colonel HALL. This is in the local cooperation requirements established by the Flood Control Act of 1946.

General NOBLE. It says:

The Federal Flood Control Act adopted July 24, 1946, Congress modified the previously authorized local cooperation requirements for the St. Francis to provide only for the maintenance of levees.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Schwengel?

Mr. SCHWENGEL. No questions.

Mr. JONES. Any further questions?

I might say this is a complicated project, General. Could we just go over the whole proposition very simply and let us see again where we stand. Start with the 1946 Flood Control Act establishing the local participation requirements.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Would you read that section of that act that delineates the requirements?

Colonel HALL. I have it right here:

(g) Modification of the authorized project for the Lower Mississippi River to provide that the local cooperation to be hereafter furnished for the work authorized in the Saint Francis River Basin—shall consist of the requirement that responsible local interests agree to maintain levees in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the Act of May 15, 1928 where maintenance is required under existing law.

If I might, Mr. chairman, the work authorized by the 1965 act was within the St. Francis Basin and contiguous to the work that was previously authorized and in effect this could have been construed as an extension of the existing authorized work, it was a borderline case.

Mr. JONES. Why was it necessary to have an authorization in 1965?

Colonel HALL. This was a review report of the MR & T project which was published and contained in House Document 308, 88th Congress, second session.

Mr. JONES. That was part of the 308 report?

Colonel HALL. That is correct, sir.

Mr. JONES. And the act of 1965 provided that we would have the same local participation as required in all other projects.

Colonel HALL. That is correct, sir, for this work that is contained in the St. Francis Basin.

Mr. JONES. That increased the local requirement.

Colonel HALL. That is correct.

Mr. JONES. What was the attitude of the people in the area, the sponsors? Were they willing to assume this increased cost, do you recall?

Colonel HALL. I do not recall, sir.

Mr. JONES. Well, I cannot recall either. I was here and remember part of the project, but I do not remember whether or not there was a statement of the part of the sponsors that they were to maintain that increased requirement.