

**STATEMENT OF RANDOLPH H. CARTER, THE CLERK'S OFFICE,
WARRENTON, VA.**

Mr. CARTER. I have a prepared statement, Mr. Chairman, that I should like to read. It will not take me too long.

Mr. CLAUSEN. You certainly have put in a lot of work on this.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Carter, you may proceed as you please.

Mr. CARTER. Gentlemen, I am Randy Carter of Warrenton, Va. I am representing:

1. The Board of Supervisors of Fauquier County.
2. Warrenton-Fauquier Chamber of Commerce.
3. Izaak Walton League, of Fauquier County.
4. Virginia Canoe Association.
5. Two hundred and nineteen individuals owning well over 22,000 acres of land in the upper Rappahannock watershed.

We give you the following reasons for our opposition to the high dam on the Rappahannock River above Fredericksburg, Va., at Salem Church:

1. Our homes, in many cases, will be flooded out; much of our best farmland will be flooded along the river bottoms, making it unprofitable to farm the steeper hillsides without it. In all, 7,000 acres will be taken out of Fauquier County, and 14,000 acres taken out of Culpeper County. This will result in a great tax loss to our counties and will mean a higher tax on the remaining land. We do not see the necessity of flooding us out to give Fredericksburg a water supply at our expense, especially since this water supply with the high dam will be greater than that of Washington, D.C. Why cannot Fredericksburg build and pay for its own water supply?

2. This high dam at the 240-foot pool level in addition to flooding out 21,000 acres in Culpeper and Fauquier Counties will cause increased flood damage in the upper reaches of these rivers. The town of Remington, which is 3 miles upstream above the normal pool level, elevation 240 feet, will have the flood pool backing up in the riverbed almost to the town. We feel that if this flood pool, elevation 250 feet, backs up to the town of Remington there will be no fall from here to carry the floodwaters off as fast as they would normally go if they had the 40-foot drop to the Kelly's Ford Bridge, 4 miles downstream. In other words, if a bucket is full of water and you pour another bucket into it, something is going to get flooded.

We would like to cite the fact that in the 1955 hearing on the dam before Congress on H.R. 192, the Southern Railway assistant and chief engineer, Mr. von Sprecken said:

We fear that floods of that magnitude (year 1942) with a full pool behind the proposed dam will cause a similar flood to cover longer stretches of track with deeper water.

In their letter of November 4, 1964, to the Army Engineers, the Southern Railway stated:

Unless there has been some substantial change in what has been proposed, our position is not changed.

Now, if the Southern Railway feels that the flooding in the Remington area will be worse due to the high dam, we feel they should know what they are talking about. Most any farmer knows that if a meadow