

2. It will flood out the future historical and recreational park areas proposed by Fauquier and Culpeper Counties in the Kelly's Ford and Snake Castle areas. These areas are unequalled for fast-water fishing, canoeing, wilderness enjoyment, and hiking along the old canal.

3. We see no need for a government owned electric power plant in this area.

4. We see no need for making a recreational lake at taxpayer's expense only sixteen miles from the Potomac River since the Rappahannock affords ample future recreational opportunities as it is now.

5. When the lake level drops down twenty feet in dry weather 9,000 acres of mud will be exposed, mostly in the upstream flat areas.

Mr. CARTER. I also have a letter here, Mr. Chairman, a very brief letter that I should like to read, from Mr. C. J. Robin, Chief of the Engineering Division of the U.S. Army Engineer District at Norfolk, Va.

It is dated February 19, 1964, and it reads:

DEAR MR. CARTER: Reference is made to your letter, dated 11 February 1964, requesting information as to the approximate drawdown of the Salem Church Reservoir if built with maximum power pools at elevation 240 or elevation 220. It is understood that you recently discussed this matter informally with Mr. Peters of this office who advised you that the drawdown in the case of the 240 power pool, would be of the order of 8 feet in average years, down to about 40 feet in extremely dry years.

More specific information should await the final formulation of the project details. This office is still studying the many facets of a project of this magnitude. We plan to hold a public hearing this coming spring at which time the entire project will be outlined.

Mr. JONES. Thank you, Mr. Carter.

Our next witness is Mr. Claude B. Harris of the Izaak Walton League of Alexandria, Va.

Mr. Harris, you may proceed.

STATEMENT OF C. B. HARRIS, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Chairman, I am C. B. Harris of Alexandria, Va., vice president of the Izaak Walton League of America.

The league is a nationwide organization of citizens dedicated to building a better outdoor America. We have a historic interest in the Nation's water resources. Our Virginia Division has enjoyed a long and continuing acquaintance with the Rappahannock River. We appreciate this opportunity to appear before you in connection with the proposed Salem Church project.

The Virginia Division of the IWLA discussed the project at its State convention last October and resolved to oppose authorization of the project as presently conceived. A copy of our resolution follows my remarks. The resolution was reconsidered at our annual meeting June 15-16 in Harrisonburg and the position was reaffirmed.

The Virginia Division of the Izaak Walton League during the past 2 years has taken a careful look at Salem Church. We recognize full well that Fredericksburg and adjacent counties—including Prince William in the Potomac Basin—must soon take positive action to assure future water supplies. We also realize that the Rappahannock River has in the past been—and will be again—subject to occasional flooding damaging private property.

The Salem Church proposal, we believe, generated its primary local support because of water supply and flood control needs—with the