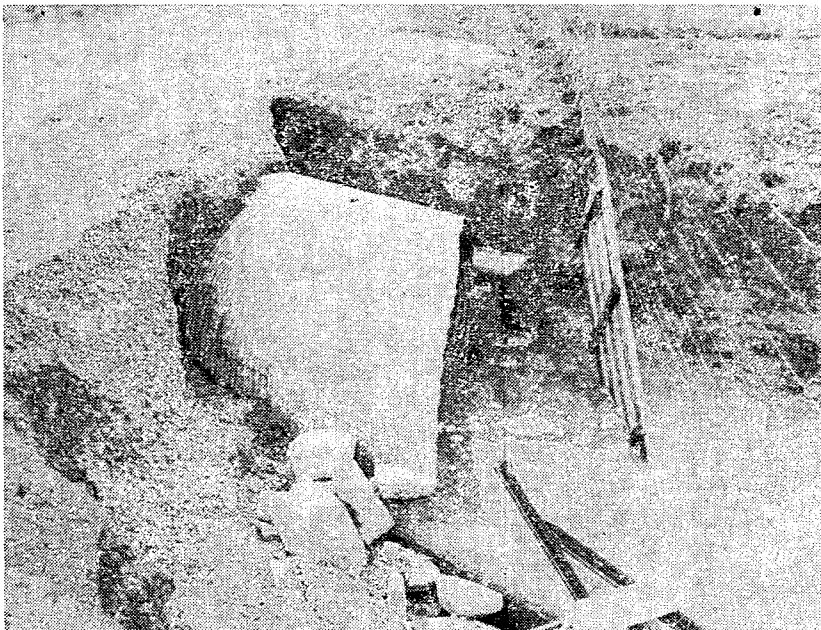


Following such consideration, the Natural Resources Commission acting at its meeting on December 20, 1967, adopted a resolution endorsing the proposed Big Walnut Reservoir with certain modifications relating to the preservation of the ecological area and provisions for educational and scientific facilities. The Governor approved the project on behalf of the State of Indiana on January 5, 1968.

If we can provide any more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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Mr. JONES. Are there any questions?

Mr. ZION. I would like to say to the committee Mr. Mendenhall has been one of the most exhaustive workers I have ever known and he is very well known to all of us, the people in conservation, the people who are interested in protecting and preserving this huge area of this dam in southern Illinois and northern Kentucky.

Certainly his testimony, although brief, has also included many, many additional documents to substantiate the need for increased flood protection in this area.

Southern Indiana has been somewhat of a poverty area for a long time, particularly as it applies to recreation, and each of these projects is worthy from the standpoint of flood control alone.

It is well, I think, to know the increased needs for income production from recreation areas.

Mr. Mendenhall, I do not believe you gave us the cost-benefit ratio of Big Walnut.

Mr. MENDENHALL. It is 2.1 to 1 as it has been revised.

Mr. ZION. This was prior?

Mr. MENDENHALL. It was 2.3 to 1 prior to the inclusion of the recreation development or the nature study area, the purchase of addi-