

Thus, victory in the battle of Hunting Creek, which is still not beyond reach, would be a form of public honor and encouragement to professionals who devote their careers to public service. It would strengthen the muscle of legislators who want to do what is right, and forewarn those willing to do what is wrong. Under Secretary Black reminded me in his letter of the need to recognize private property rights. Surely, a victory at Hunting Creek would remind him and his associates that they must stand up and be strong in defense of public property rights.

Mr. JONES. Our next witness is Mr. George B. Hartzog, Director of the National Park Service.

STATEMENT OF GEORGE B. HARTZOG, JR., DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE; ACCOMPANIED BY ROBERT C. HORNE, ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR

Mr. HARTZOG. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask Mr. Robert C. Horne, my assistant, who during this time was Associate Director of the National Capital region, to join me.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am here this morning in company with Under Secretary David Black. I do not have a separate prepared statement. The statement for the Department of Interior is to be given by Mr. Black. Mr. Horne and I are here to answer any questions you or any member of the committee may have, and we would be very pleased to do so.

Mr. JONES. I am going to ask the staff director of our subcommittee to interrogate the two witnesses.

Mr. INDRITZ. Mr. Hartzog, on April 4, 1968, you sent a memorandum to the Secretary of the Interior on the subject of the proposed land fill in Hunting Creek. Do you have a copy of that memorandum with you?

Mr. HARTZOG. Yes, sir; I do. I am trying to find it right now. Yes, sir.

Mr. INDRITZ. Had you been requested by the Secretary, or by the Assistant Secretary or by the Under Secretary, for the view that you expressed in that memorandum?

Mr. HARTZOG. No, sir; I had not.

Mr. INDRITZ. What was the occasion for your sending that memorandum?

Mr. HARTZOG. We had been talking with some of the conservationists who continued to express concern about this matter. In the meantime, since our last communication on this matter—as was mentioned to you earlier this morning—the Department had sent up to the Congress the Potomac national river bill and we wrote this memorandum in the context of those two circumstances.

Mr. INDRITZ. Would you describe the recommendation that you made in that memorandum?

Mr. HARTZOG. Briefly, Mr. Indritz, I think the recommendation appears on page 2 in the last paragraph in which, after setting forth the fact that the administration had sent up the Potomac River national bill, and stating that in the light of the pending estuary legislation a decision involving Hunting Creek may be involved in the context of these two pieces of legislation, we suggested perhaps the Secretary may want to restudy the matter. That is the essence of it.

Mr. INDRITZ. Is this a memorandum by which you indicate that you were not in agreement with the results reached by Assistant Secretary Cain in his letter of October 10, 1967?