

deviated from this principle of making monetary compensation, and trying to give land, whether it is on a park appropriation or a highway appropriation or a Bureau of Reclamation or a Corps of Engineer dam, we have gotten ourselves into serious trouble.

Senator Muskie has put through a bill that is trying to give some equity and a recognition of these other spiritual values that we haven't given recognition to in law, but you are talking to a very unobjective Senator, here, because over the years it has been my experience that the best way to get rid of the public land and give away these resources that belong to all the people is this kind of a land exchange, and you will have to have a great deal of justification and present a case for a very unique situation before I would concur in that.

Mr. SCHAAB. Mr. Chairman, we certainly don't consider this a land grab on behalf of the Indians. We think Congress already recognized their interest in the area, back in 1933. We are simply asking for an extension of that act.

Senator METCALF. The Senator from New Mexico.

Senator ANDERSON. I simply say, in his statement, he quotes Representative Haley, who says:

"The admission of non-Indians for recreational use, however, has been a constant source of conflict between the Indians and the Forest Service."

Can you cite some examples of that?

Mr. SCHAAB. I don't know what you mean by example.

Senator ANDERSON. I thought I said it in words we all understand, but you have said in your testimony, quoting Mr. Haley, there has been a constant source of conflict between the Indians and the Forest Service.

Can you cite an example of it? Tell me how it is done.

I can't find the people who say so. I can't even find the Indians who say so.

Mr. SCHAAB. I assume, by your asking for an example, you would like something in the nature of proof of the statement.

Senator ANDERSON. That would be fine.

Mr. SCHAAB. And the kind of proof that occurs to me is the fact that the Indians for over 60 years have been seeking the ownership and control of this watershed for the purpose of protecting their secret religion.

This is not merely the present group in Taos Pueblo who have thought of this idea. It has gone on for at least two generations, and probably three.

Senator ANDERSON. I want to read this statement carefully, and it says:

"As Representative Haley stated on the House floor:

"The admission of non-Indians for recreational use, however, has been a constant source of conflict between the Indians and the Forest Service."

Mr. SCHAAB. That is right.

Senator ANDERSON. If there is a conflict, you must have two sides to the conflict, don't you?

Who of the Indians has been harmed by them? What do they testify about constant source of conflict?

Mr. SCHAAB. The Indians who have sought to perfect their exclusive control of the land for 60 years.