

about the fact that at one time one of the ministers of the provincial government promised to spend the money which would be received for flood control, approximately \$70 million, on rehabilitation, reconstruction, recreational facilities, and things of that sort.

As a result of reply given by Mr. Williston in the legislature to Mr. Harding this \$70 million apparently is going to be used to pay part of the cost of installing the generators in Mica. In that connection I want to quote from the *Revelstoke Review* and then put a question.

I am quoting from the *Revelstoke Review* under date of April 23, 1964, which reads as follows:

Charging the provincial government with a reversal of policy on \$70 million worth of flood control benefits, now slated for the Mica dam, the associated chambers of commerce of southeastern British Columbia is pressing for a return to the original plan of putting the money in trust for improvements in southeastern British Columbia.

This was adopted by a unanimous vote. Does your company support the attitude of the associated chambers of commerce of southeastern British Columbia in this respect?

Mr. ANDERSON: This is entirely a matter involving the British Columbia government. Cominco does not enter into it. That is my only comment.

Mr. HERRIDGE: Now, Mr. Anderson the west Kootenay association of rod and gun clubs under date of May, 1961 have presented a brief to this committee for consideration, which deals with recreation in the Columbia river basin at Kaslo together with multiple use proposals. We recently received this brief.

Mr. PATTERSON: Who received it?

Mr. HERRIDGE: The Chairman of the committee.

In this connection I would like to put this question. With regard to reservoir clearing the clubs insist that all vegetation must be cleared from the present low water level up to 10 feet of elevation above the maximum storage level. And, they go on to say this is an absolute necessity if use is to be made of the reservoir for any purposes mentioned in their brief other than water storage and power generation. I am quoting from page 9 and I would ask do you support the proposals of the west Kootenay association of rod and gun clubs with regard to the clearing of these basins which are connected with this treaty?

Mr. ANDERSON: I have not seen the presentation but I think this is a question which should be directed to the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, which is constructing the dam and flooding the reservoir. Cominco has no part in the construction or anything to do with the reservoir; it is a matter for the government and the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, and I think your question should be directed to them.

Mr. LEBOE: It has been directed to them.

Mr. HERRIDGE: Yes, it was before and we received a most unsatisfactory answer.

You mentioned this is to the general advantage of Canada and, if this is so, you must have considered as well the question of clearing all reservoirs and access roads.

Mr. ANDERSON: In the case of the Cominco where we had any reservoirs to set up we did the clearing.

Mr. HERRIDGE: Yes, I will give you full credit for that; you have a good reputation in that respect and, on that account, I thought you would use your influence with respect to the requests of the west Kootenay association of rod and gun clubs.