

December Nineteenth,
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Hon. Tom Yong,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Yong:

I appreciate very much Mr. Wernicke's letter to you under date of the thirteenth.

San Diego is fighting against real odds. We have a remarkable naval base here which includes the Marine Base, Naval Training Station, Destroyer Base, Naval Air Base, the Submarine Base, the Naval warehouse, Naval Hospital and no city in the United States has given as San Diego to the Navy to encourage their location in San Diego. We now need the lighter-than-air base, and logically so, we believe.

Every Naval Committee, excepting one, for the last ten years has recommended San Diego for the dirigible base.

Secretary of the Navy, Adams, has also recently recommended San Diego but San Francisco keeps on fighting.

Anything you can do for us will certainly be appreciated and you can always count on San Diego going to the bat for Florida on any proposition that means a general benefit.

I see that brother Wernicke has asked that I send you a picture of the boys. Of course I am proud of them and it pays to advertise so here goes.

With best wishes and thanking you for anything you can do for us in the matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

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(copy)

January 30, 1932.

Honorable Gerald P. Nye,
Chairman Land Committee,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Nye:-

Eighty-five or ninety per cent of the citizens of San Diego County are desirous of the immediate completion of El Capitan Dam, a major development vital to the needs of the entire county.

As part owner and manager of the Cuyamaca System for fifteen years, I furnished water to the cities of El Cajon, La Mesa and the suburbs of San Diego and opposed the El Capitan bill for many years on account of certain litigation which I opposed, but which is now entirely eliminated, and I can say in all sincerity that those misunderstandings are eliminated. The agreement between the District and the City lately made and faithfully carried out allowing the District the water specified in its agreement with the City fully protects our suburban section within the boundaries of the La Mesa District, and it is only a question of time when nearly all of that territory will be annexed and become a part of the city of San Diego.

For the first time in twenty years harmony reigns on the San Diego River, with the exception of a few riparian owners, whose interests can be protected in the courts. In my opinion the greatest good for the greatest number demands a settlement of this water question and the granting to the city of San Diego of either the right to purchase the additional lands that will be flooded or an easement to flood.

Another issue might be the passing of a law giving San Diego the right to condemn the necessary lands in El Capitan Reservation between the 100 and the 217 foot contour. No farming lands, no homes, no improvements of any kind lie between the 160 and the 217 foot contour, all of the Indians of the El Capitan Reservation being eliminated with the original settlement between the city and the government, when \$564,000 was paid.

Nearly 200,000 people are directly and vitally interested in the early completion of El Capitan. Our reservoirs are less than 50% full. It will take two years to get this job completed.

Honorable Gerald P. Nye
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By all means let there be no delay in granting San Diego its application for the right to buy or flood the lands between the 100 and the 217 foot contour within the El Capitan reservation.

The Chief Engineer of the U. S. Indian Service, W. S. Post, is thoroughly familiar with every foot of this land in question, was our chief engineer for many years and can give valuable information supporting the statements above made by me if called upon so to do.

Respectfully submitted,

CUYAMACA WATER COMPANY

By Ed Fletcher (signed)

President.

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House of Representatives
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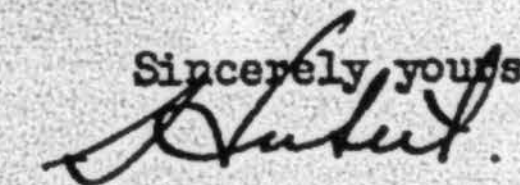
Dear Ed:

I was very glad to receive your letter of July 8 and appreciate your views on the water situation. I too feel that the Federal government is gaining too much power control. I thoroughly believe that a program such as the Central Valley project would be much better administered and the public better served if it were controlled by the State.

I assure you that I am very happy that you are still so active, but it seems my chances of getting to Southern California for any appreciable time are pretty well out as long as I remain in Congress. However, I may see you along the Klamath next fall.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Fletcher and your good self, I am

Sincerely yours,



s/mb

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