

Was Congress to Blame for Kansas Flood Damage?

Major General Lewis A. Pick, Chief of Army Engineers, told the crowd that met him on the flood-soaked airport at Kansas City that this damage would never have happened if the Engineers had been given the money by Congress to build flood-control dams.

The Business Man Says No!

The Kansas City Star (July 13) carried two stories on page 2. One gave assurances by the district engineer that the Central Industrial District was safe; the other gave an eyewitness account of the inundation of this same area. The Central Industrial District Association states that millions of dollars in damage could have been prevented if adequate warning had been given.

Leslie A. Miller, former governor of Wyoming and chairman of the Hoover Commission Task Force on Natural Resources, says that if all of the dams in the Pick-Sloan Plan had been operating at the time of the flood, they would have had little or no effect on the floods.

The Weather Man Says No!

The official report of the United States Weather Bureau shows that the heavy rainfall which caused the Kansas City flood damage was centered directly over the *lower watershed* of the Kansas River. The Pick-Sloan Plan proposed numerous expensive impoundments on the tributaries of the Kansas, but not one of these dams would have protected Kansas City from the heavy runoff if all had been completed on the Fourth of July when the downpour began.

The area of heavy rainfall has been superimposed on the Pick-Sloan map.

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