

Speaking of senate committees, yesterday's "hearing" was the first experience I've had with such, and I can't help wonder, along with several hundred others, whether other matters are treated with as much haste and mere scratching of the surface as was the case in this instance, or whether this "hearing" was merely courtesy shown Senator Oddie, without any real intention of getting at the bottom of things.

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For the hearing, as such, was fair neither to those complaining, to government officials involved, nor to Six Companies itself. The only thing accomplished was a still further muddying of the troubled waters without getting really at the bottom of anything. It was impossible, in the short time taken, for the senators to get anything but a confused and distorted idea of things, if in truth they got any at all, and considering the fact that these questions will be constantly before the house and senate during the construction of the project, it would seem that additional time might well have been taken to gather the first hand information which would enable the senators to intelligently act on the various angles of the matters in-

volved, when they come before them in the due course of events in Washington. 8/30/32

After it was all over, last night, and I had considered it all again, the only conclusion it was possible to reach was that so far as the federal government is concerned, this country is so BIG that consideration can be given only to the BIG things. And there are so many BIG things that there is no time for considering the little "fly-specks," as Senator Oddie called them yesterday. It's not that the senators are not interested, for they indicated yesterday they were very much interested. It's just that there's a limit to human capacity and this government of ours overtaxes it because of the vastness to which the nation has grown. That's the ONLY answer I could find.