

cal site—Rancho La Brea in southern California—was superior to the Fort Hall Bottoms area in all respects.

At the meeting, the Indians and the scientists received support from several other powerful groups. Arleigh Johnson, chairman of the Idaho State Fish and Game Commission, read the Commission's statement opposing the raising of the reservoir; the Idaho Wildlife Federation also expressed its disapproval of the move. Another significant expression of support for the Indians came from many of the organizations representing farmers who use water from the Snake, especially those who live upriver from the American Falls site. The farmers favoring the expanded reservoir tend to be those who live downriver from American Falls in that area south of the Snake which would be irrigated as a result of the expansion.

Despite the opposition expressed at the Idaho Water Resource Board hearing in Pocatello last April, the plan is far from dead. If anything, the fight has grown more severe in recent months. Comments released by Board chairman Crookham a couple of weeks after the Pocatello meeting served to escalate hostilities between the opposing parties. For instance, Crookham said that the Pocatello meeting "was loaded with crusaders, the kind of folk who would be among the first to protest supermarket prices." When the professional director of the Board, Robert R. Lee, wrote the Shoshone-Bannock tribes in September asking permission to meet with them about the reservoir proposal, the tribal Business Council sent back a blistering six-page reply. The Business Council said that Lee had dangled the prospect of large sums of money, which would be paid for the Bottoms, in an effort to create dissension in the tribe. The Council argued that Lee and the Water Board had no authority to authorize expenditure of such sums and that the Board was trying to use the "age-old principle" that has characterized the white man's dealing with the Indians—that of "divide and rule." The Council quoted Lee's statement that "we are all citizens of Idaho and should leave open opportunities for communication." The scathing reply was: "This sounds very much like talk concerning the Viet Cong. You consider us the enemy, but you will keep the line of communication open so when we are ready to sue for peace you will listen. Well, we are not suing for peace." The

NEWS IN BRIEF

● **CORNELL AERONAUTICAL LABORATORY:** A committee appointed by the Cornell University Board of Trustees has recommended that the university end its association with the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory (CAL). The laboratory, which was a gift from the Curtiss Wright Corporation in 1946, has been a separately incorporated, wholly owned subsidiary of Cornell since 1948. CAL is self-supporting and does applied research valued at about \$30 million annually—more than two-thirds of which is performed under contract to the Department of Defense. Of the DOD contracts, about one-half are classified. The committee stated "if the aims and programs of the laboratory are to remain much as they now are, the continuance of a 'Cornell' board of directors for CAL is probably not in the best interests of either CAL or Cornell." The committee will present further recommendations in April.

● **URBAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE:** President Johnson has announced the establishment of a major new research institute for the study of urban problems. The institute, which has been likened to a civilian-oriented RAND Corporation, is expected initially to undertake contract research for the federal government. During its formative stage, the institute will receive both funds and guidance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, although it is not expected to have major expenditures until it begins recruiting officers and a staff in mid-1968. Objectives of the institute include building an analytical capability for the study of urban problems as a whole and providing an independent and objective base from which urban problems can be assessed and solutions can be proposed. In naming a six-member panel to set up the institute, President Johnson fulfilled a pledge he made to Congress 2½ years ago when he announced that he would create such an institute as a part of his then proposed Department of Housing and Urban Development. Named to the panel were J. Irwin Miller, chairman of the board, Cummins Engine Company, Columbus, Ind.; Arjay R. Miller, president, Ford Motor Company; McGeorge Bundy, president, Ford Foundation; Kermit Gordon, president, Brookings Institution; Richard Neustadt, di-

rector, Kennedy Institute of Politics, Harvard University; and Cyrus R. Vance, New York attorney and former Deputy Secretary of Defense. The panel will nominate a board of directors for the Institute for Urban Development, help select a site, and draft incorporation papers.

● **MAMMAL IDENTIFICATION:** A Mammal Identification Service has been established at the Smithsonian Institution to identify wild mammals that are important in medical research. Ronald H. Pine is curator of the service, which is jointly sponsored by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the Smithsonian.

● **REGIONAL R & D STUDY:** A study of the impact of science and technology on U.S. regional development is being conducted by a special committee of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering. The Committee on Science, Engineering, and Regional Development will analyze the relationship of research and regional economies and prepare a report of its findings. The study, financed by a \$95,000-contract with the Department of Commerce, is scheduled for completion by July. Daniel Alpert, dean of the Graduate College, University of Illinois, is chairman of the committee.

● **SEA GRANT PANEL:** The National Science Foundation has announced the appointment of an Advisory Panel for Sea Grant Institutional Support. The panel will review and evaluate proposals and provide policy guidance for the Sea Grant Program. Panel members are Sanford S. Atwood, president, Emory University; Douglas Brooks, president, Travelers Research Center, Hartford, Conn.; John C. Calhoun, Jr., vice chancellor, Texas A & M University; Joseph Henderson, director, Applied Physics Laboratory, University of Washington; Chalmer G. Kirkbride, vice president, research and engineering, Sun Oil Company; David Potter, general manager, Defense Research Laboratory, General Motors Corp.; Robert H. Roy, dean, engineering science, Johns Hopkins University; H. Burr Steinbach, director, Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Mass.; Bernard Berman, president, Bissett-Berman Co., Santa Monica, Calif.