

Marine Water Grab Angers Knowland

WASHINGTON, July 2 (Copley Press Leased Wire) — Sen. William F. Knowland today accused the Marine Corps of attempting to grab water rights from thousands of Fallbrook farmers and warned the corps against obstructing the De Luz Dam bill.

Backed by both Republican and Democratic legislators, the California senator told a Senate subcommittee hearing that he will fight the Government's suit against San Diego landowners "as long as I am in the Senate of the United States."

Follows Two Generals

Knowland's outburst was occasioned by testimony from Solicitor Gen. Philip Perlman and Maj. Gen. W.P.T. Hill, quartermaster, who were first witnesses as the hearing opened on the House-approved bill before the three-man interior subcommittee.

Both generals told the committee the Government suit is necessary to quiet title rights to the Santa Margarita River water and assure Camp Pendleton an adequate supply.

The bill would make the Fallbrook Public Utility District a partner with the Navy in construction of a proposed 22-million-dollar De Luz Dam. Pendleton and other military bases would receive 12,500 acre feet of water a year and the P.U.D. would receive 7,500 acre feet.

Called 'Outright Gift'

Perlman charged that the settlement bill would be the same as making an "outright gift" of the 7,500 acre feet to the P.U.D. Knowland, however, described the legislation as "fair and equitable."

"This bill represents a solution

to the water problems of everyone in Santa Margarita watershed. And I think it would be wise if the Marine Corps did not come here to obstruct this bill," Knowland thundered.

Servants, Not Masters

"It is high time that the armed forces realize they are the servants of the people, not their masters. The armed forces cannot come into our states and ignore the laws of those states."

Joining Knowland in the attack on the Marine Corps stand were Rep. Clinton D. McKinnon, San Diego Democrat, and Reps. Clair Engle, Sam Yorty and Norris Poulson.

The subcommittee hearings, which opened yesterday, will continue through today and tomorrow.

Supporters of the measure are pressing for quick committee action in an effort to gain senate approval of the bill before adjournment or recess Saturday.

Losing Money, Says Santa Fe In Fare Hearing

A California Public Utilities Commission hearing continued today on the petition of the Santa Fe Railway and the Pacific Greyhound Lines for fare increases on their lines from San Diego to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The hearing is being held in San Francisco.

E. C. Stumbaugh, auditor for Santa Fe, testified yesterday that the company lost \$3,030,837 because of what he termed depressed rail and bus fares in Cali-