Denver, Jan. 31 — The Izaak Walton League of America has withdrawn its opposition to the Upper Colorado River Project according to J.W. Penfold, Denver, conservation director for the nation-wide organization, in telegrams sent to Colorado Congressman Wayne N. Aspinall and New Mexico Senator Clinton P. Anderson.

"This action results from agreement by the project proponents," the wire stated, "to remove Echo Park dam from the project and to insert language in the authorizing legislation which will protect Rainbow Bridge national monument and states that it is the intention of Congress that no dam or reservoir constructed under authorization of the act shall be within any national park or monument." The wire commended project proponents for reaching agreements on Echo Park dam and also on equitable water development among the four states of the Upper Basin.

Commenting on the action taken by the Izaak Walton League, Penfold stated that the League has always supported sound water development in the Upper Colorado as essential and inevitable, but has found no sound reason for Echo Park dam which would invade Dinosaur National Monument and establish a precedent affecting all other national parks and monuments having feasible dam sites within them. "It looks to us," said Penfold, "that the agreements reached will remove the major obstacle to a start on the Upper Colorado Project. Conservationists must particularly commend Congressman Aspinall and Senator Anderson for their successful efforts in reaching an accord with us, and accord among the project proponents of the upper basin states. "They have performed a worthy service for the entire Nation."

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constructed under authorization of the act shall be within any national park or monument, and further that water development under the project shall be equitable as among the states of the upper basin. We wish to commend you and your colleagues in reaching these agreements and in again asserting the basic principle that the national park system shall be preserved unimpaired for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

J.W. Penfold
Conservation Director