FRYINGPAN NOTES

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Washington—Rep. John P. Saylor, R-Pa., complained about the Colorado Senators, Gordon Allott, R-Colo., and John A. Carroll, D-Colo., being on the House floor during the House debate on the Fryingpan bill. Saylor claimed that they even asked House employees how they were going to vote, indicating that the Senators did not know many House members by sight. Coloradans saw Carroll in the House chamber at the beginning of debate, and Gov. Steve McNichols, D-Colo., sat on the House floor during much of the debate, as a reminder of the state-wide backing for the Fryingpan bill.

ASPINALL FRIENDS: A lot of friends of Rep. Wayne N. Aspinall, D-Colo., and alumni of his House Interior Committee, went to work for the Fryingpan bill, of which Aspinall was sponsor, in this Congress. During the Fryingpan rollcalls, Faitdall Miller, the House doorkeeper, went all out to round up House Members to get them on the House floor. Aspinall and Miller used to ride home together every day from the House, are friends of long-standing. Another old friend, Rep. John E. Moss, D-Calif., from Sacramento, made one of the best rebuttal arguments during debate to the most potent opponent of the Fryingpan this trip, Rep. Odin Langen, R-Minn. And a major assist to the bill from the Republican side of the aisle came from Rep. John J. Rhodes, R-Ariz., a former member of the House Interior Committee, of which Aspinall is chairman. Major help for Aspinall's bill in the House Rules Committee came from Rep. B. E. Sisk, D-Calif., also an alumnus of House Interior.
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KANSANS: Rep. J. Edgar Chenoweth, R-Colo., was totally dis-
gusted with the opposition thrown at the Fryingpan by Rep. William H. Avery, R-Kan. Chenoweth told Avery that it was unnatural for a rep-
resentative of a reclamation state—as Kansas is—to fight the Fryingpan as Avery did. Avery said he opposed the irrigation features of the bill. "Kansas belongs with Colorado in this fight," Chenoweth said.

Rep. J. Floyd Breeding, D-Kan., the only Democrat left in the Kansas delegation, got up to have his say. He said that Avery was not speak-
ing for the entire state of Kansas, but for Western Kansas, which Breeding represents. The Fryingpan and other reclamation projects materially help farmers maintain their ground water supplies, Breeding said. He should know. He is a farmer as well as a Congressman.

ROCKY FORDS: Those Rocky Ford cantaloupes always get into the news when crops in the Arkansas Valley are discussed. When Avery was griping about crop surpluses, Rep. Byron G. Rogers, D-Colo., noted that the Arkansas Valley's major crops now and in the future are sugar beets, vegetables and cantaloupes. "Are they in surplus?" Rogers asked. Avery said they weren't in short supply. Rogers disagreed. "Have you tried to buy some of those delicious Rocky Ford cantaloupes when they are on the market?" Rogers asked. Avery agreed, sat down.

YOUTHFUL SUPPORTER?: A little girl in a blue dress and white sweater with a blue ribbon in long blond hair sat with a Member of the House floor on the House floor during debate on the Fryingpan bill. Was she a youthful supporter of the Fryingpan? No one knew.

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DENVER BASKETBALL STAR: Rep. Morris K. (Mo) Udall, D-Ariz., former Denver basketball star and brother of Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall, made one of the best speeches for the Fryingpan bill. Udall said it was totally unfair for the Fryingpan to be snagged into the net of the controversial boost in the national debt ceiling, which had just cleared the House Rules Committee. "If the Fryingpan was a good bill several weeks ago, it is a good bill today. I hope that the good people of Judge Chenoweth’s district will not be hurt because several members of the House Rules Committee argued that the Fryingpan project should be shelved because of the new boost in the debt ceiling. The argument is fallacious anyway, Udall said. The Fryingpan and any other reclamation project returns far more in wealth than the initial cost of the federal government in the project works. A half century ago no one ever would have thought that Phoenix, Ariz., would become one of the largest cities in the country, Udall said. For it was just a dry and dusty cow-town in those days. With the advent of the Salt River Project, the Arizona desert did indeed bloom, and Phoenix is now one of the fastest growing communities in the nation, paying out $200 million in income tax annually.

YES AND NO: Does California support or oppose the Fryingpan-Arkansas project? Rep. John J. Rhodes, R-Ariz., tried to get that answer from Rep. Craig Hosmer, R-Calif., who maintained that the Colorado River Board of California, notably Los Angeles County, did not generally favor Upper Basin development while the Arizona-California law suit is before the U.S. Supreme Court. California speaks with many voices on water matters, Hosmer said. Rhodes pressed him for the answer. "It’s yes and no," Hosmer replied, as the House snickered.