DOZEN LOBBY GROUPS CONTACTED IN BEHALF OF FRYINGPAN PROJECT

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Washington--A dozen lobby groups, many having considerable political influence in Washington, have been contacted by backers of the Fryingpan-Arkansas project during the past week.

Among those contacted by one of more of the Fryingpan men here are the National Farmers Union, the National Grange, the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Plant Foods Association, the AFL-CIO, the National Association of Home Builders, the National Reclamation Association, the National Woolgrowers Association, the American National Cattlemen's Association, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the American Bankers Association, the American Industrial Bankers Association, and the National Retail Lumber Dealers Association.

Those who have been making the contacts--Charles J. Beise, Denver, counsel for the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District; Kenneth R. Shown, Las Animas; Roy Cooper, Las Animas; James Wagner, Lamar; Frank Dilley, Canon City; Charles L. Thomson, manager of the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce, and Charles H. Boustead, of Pueblo, Secretary of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District.

Beise said that the Fryingpanners had received a generally good reception from these groups. Many have suggested that requests for organization support come from affiliated groups or individuals in Colorado. Others have given the Fryingpanners tips on what Members of Congress to see personally and what Members of Congress should be contacted through constituents in their own districts.

On the basis of his talks with just one lobby group here, Beise said that he had been given the names of 30 key men to contact on behalf of Fryingpan.

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K. Snyder, former secretary of the Denver Chamber of Commerce who is now in charge of the Washington office of the American Retail Federation, was a key member of the team which successfully put the Upper Colorado storage project bill through the House in 1956. Snyder is unable to help out personally on the Fryingpan drive because of his present load of work, but he is lending to the Fryingpanners William Amlong, his assistant while he was with the Denver C of C and currently his assistant at ARF.

Beise also will not be able to stay in Washington indefinitely to work on the Fryingpan bill. So his law firm, Fairfield and Wood of Denver, is sending another attorney, Charles Matheson, to do contact work in Washington when Beise is unable to be here.

Franklin R. Stewart, who recently resigned as Democratic County chairman at Pueblo, to go to Guatemala as deputy chief of mission for the Kennedy Administration, spent last weekend in the Ninth Congressional district of Rep. W. Pat Jennings, D-Va., whom Stewart contacted on behalf of Fryingpan.

Beise and Dilley this past week talked at length with Rep. Odin Langen, R-Minn., about Langen's opposition to Fryingpan. Dilley said that the farmers in Langen's district are putting their land in the soil bank in red clover and alfalfa. No alfalfa will be put in the soil bank in Colorado as a result of the Fryingpan authorization, Dilley said, because alfalfa will not grow on non-irrigated land. He said that this was news to Langen. Dilley hoped that this explanation would somewhat soften Langen's opposition to Fryingpan.

Rep. Peter M. Dominick, R-Colo., likewise reported that Rep. Craig Hosmer, R-Calif., is softening in his opposition to the Fryingpan. Dominick had hopes that "Southern California has called its dogs (more off the Fryingpan. Some observers were skeptical, but there were how)
indications that Southern California opposition was softening to both the Fryingpan and the Navajo-San Juan-Chama project of New Mexico.

Leonard R. Kuiper, acting director of the Colorado Water Conservation Board, said that the votes of Members of Congress were being carefully tabulated on the basis of the Fryingpan vote in the House in the House in 1954 and 1956. "We'll have a better idea of who to concentrate on," Kuiper stated.

He also said that he was getting up some material about soil conservation districts in the country from the Soil Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. On the basis of this information, Kuiper said that Gov. Steve McNichols, D-Colo., would write to governors, particularly in the South, to point out the differences between the Southerners' problems with basic crops and the West's problems of water scarcity. The McNichols' letters will go out, Kuiper stated, "as soon as I can give Steve the dope relative to the soil conservation districts."