

Crippa Accuses Senators Of Ignoring State Needs

ROCK SPRINGS, April 9.—E. D. "Ted" Crippa, prominent Rock Springs businessman and Republican national committeeman for Wyoming, today blasted the "flat failure" of Wyoming's two Democratic U. S. senators to obtain any type of defense project for Wyoming.

"Why hasn't Wyoming been chosen as the location for at least one or two of the numerous defense projects which have been scattered so liberally in our neighboring states?" Crippa demanded.

"By their own admission, Senators O'Mahoney and Hunt are supposed to be the most powerful men in Washington, with the best of pipelines, kept in perfect repair, from their offices to the White House and yet they have done nothing, absolutely nothing for their own state," Crippa asserted. "The whole thing is ridiculous."

Crippa went on to point out that Colorado, with one Republican and one Democratic U. S. senator, has been selected as the site for numerous defense projects of one type or another "amounting to millions and millions of dollars" while Wyoming has been ignored.

The GOP national committeeman said he had been reliably informed that several groups in the state, representing chambers of commerce and other organizations had personally contacted both senators and asked them to use their influence to see that Wyoming was given consideration as the site for various installations relating to the national defense effort.

"In one particular case O'Mahoney was called concerning rumors that Denver would be the site of the atomic energy plant which was officially announced a few days ago," Crippa related. "This was several weeks ago. I am told that O'Mahoney said there was nothing to these rumors; that he had personally checked and found them to be without foundation. A few days after that, it was officially announced that the installation site would be near Denver, exactly as rumored."

"Either O'Mahoney didn't know what he was talking about or he was grossly misled," he declared. "At any rate, Wyoming didn't get it."

Crippa pointed out that Colorado has "really gotten the gravy," including an air force finance office

which reportedly employs about 3,500; the newly-authorized atomic energy plant near Denver, the electronics laboratory near Boulder, the U. S. bureau of standards laboratory in conjunction with the University of Colorado at Boulder; Lowry Field, Camp Carson, the Rocky Mountain arsenal, the small arms plant at Golden and the huge ordnance depot at Pueblo.

"It is almost inconceivable that Wyoming with the richest natural resources in the nation has been completely overlooked and shunned," Crippa said.

"Wyoming has the most tremendous potential imaginable and it is nothing short of disaster that our resources are being ignored," Crippa stated. "We have tremendous deposits of coal, bentonite, trona, oil and many other undeveloped resources as well as the Wyoming oil shale deposits, which are the biggest and richest in the world."

"In addition to that, we have plenty of water and, because the federal government already owns 56 per cent of the land in our state, there would certainly be little expense involved in land procurement."

"In my book it is just about time our two Democratic senators begin to bend a little of their efforts toward their home state instead of concentrating on eastern interests and personal publicity," Crippa charged. "While senators from surrounding states, both Republican and Democrat, have been fighting



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