Sen. Tunney Lauds BIA for Strongly Opposing Calif.-Nev. Water Compact

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Senator John V. Tunney (D - Calif.) lauded the Bureau of Indian Affairs' for its strong opposition to the proposed California - Nevada Interstate Water Compact.

The interstate compact, which would apportion water in the Truckee and Garson

is felt by many legal experts to be damaging to the water rights of the Pyramid Lake Tribe of Paiute Indians, according to the Senator.

The tribe is struggling to maintain the level of the beautiful desert lake, which has re-ceded some 70 feet in 50 years as a result of federal diversions and reclamation projects.

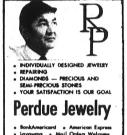
"I have opposed the Inter-state Compact," the Senator said. "If adopted as currently written, it would merely freeze into law the basic inequities which have robbed the Indians of their rightful water and

nearly destroyed Pyramid lake. "I am delighted, and I must say, pleasantly surprised, to find find the Bureau of Indian Affairs taking such a strong posture in the case. BIA Commissioner Bruce could not have put the case more clearly than when he said that the compact is in clear violation of and destructive of the rights of the Pyramid Lake Tribe'"

Tunney referred to a July 21 memorandum from BIA's Commissioner Louis R. Bruce to missioner Louis R. Bruce to Assistant Secretary of the In-terior Harrison Loesch, formally stating the BIA's strong op-position to the compact. Tunney first announced his opposition to the compact during hearings at Pyramid Lake (north of Reno, Nevada) in early January, 1972.

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He is currently engaged in forts to have the Indians' efforts to have the Indians' rights to water legally recognized and honored by the Interior Department.



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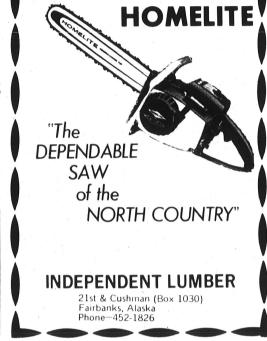
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