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Letter from Anna Corbin to Senator Langer Opposing the Garrison Dam Project, May 9, 1947

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May 9, 1947

Mr. Wm. Langer.

Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Langer.

If you review the Bismarck Tribune, please note my letter in the "Open Forum" of the issue of May 7, 1947.

I expect a lot of letters from the Public on that letter. Today I rec'd one from a Mr. Matt Crowley

Elm Creek Ranch

Hebron, N. D.

which closes as this

Neither Ft. Peck, or the Garrison dam will be of any benefit to their respective states, and was never asked for by the local people.

Sincerely Matt Crowley

In today's Editorial in the Bismarck Tribune, he (the Editor, goes on about over abundance of canned goods, etc, and says if the Agricultural Products are increased, don't start hollering

about over production,

(Reminds me of the story, of the men in the morgue carrying a "dead" Irishman out; The Irishman raised up, and the carriers, said - Lay down you are dead; The Irishman said - I'm not dead; Carriers said "You are dead do you think you know more than the doctors.")

I know you are a Politician that's O.K. with me: But I prefer Statesmen to Politicians. Why do men get elected to Washington to serve the people and then say "Hogwash, and serve only a few".

Really Mr Langer. Don't you personally think the Garrison Dam is just a Political Plum? What I mean is: Isn't it more of a money racket for a few, than for the interests of the many? Of course those Engineers must have a job. and so, we appropriated a wad of taxpayers' dough to keep them in the money.

Yes its true irrigation

may increase our Agricultural products, but why A.A.A. - then and controlled production now..

Why land irrigation, then cut down, fruit trees. Destroy potatoes (Kill little pigs) buy cows at \$20 a head. ruin that cotton wood lumber up the Missouri north north of Bismarck.

Now our old house. (I lost my home thro' the N.D. State Land Dept) was made of cottonwood lumber sawed here on our land, by Mr Corbin, and that was 32 yrs ago it was built. and its still as substantial as any other frame house of other lumber.

And yet the Public howls about the waste of our forest from fires and neglect. And ~~by~~ some of those forest fires caused by cement or prefabricated material Companies to destroy timber so they can sell their "Goods" Its certainly going to give the Cement + Steel Co's some money to build the Garrison Dam.

I can't see why a few men can go against the wishes of the many to build a Dam and tell us to go

"stop the hogs" = ha. ha. a Non-Partisan slang expression: well we've been stopping the "hogs" and shipping them to Washington D.C. via the route of U.S. Senators + Congressmen by fast Pullman + aeroplane.

Now I don't hold anything against any of you. Senators or Congressman separately, ~~but~~ Collectively I think you should of inquired at home, and asked the People if they wanted a Dam, and if they wanted Washington D.C. + Engineers to Build Air Castles for them.

California Sir told doesn't care to have "families" raised out there. children take up so much space

very well: God made the Universe, and wouldn't man feel small, if the Lord help held out on him, and didn't send water at all

In all His might, He alone can demand we keep His laws.

I am against the Garrison Dam and the Pierre, S.D. one. and its untold damage to our Grand State and Lands.

Yours very truly, Mrs Geo Corbin
Anna.