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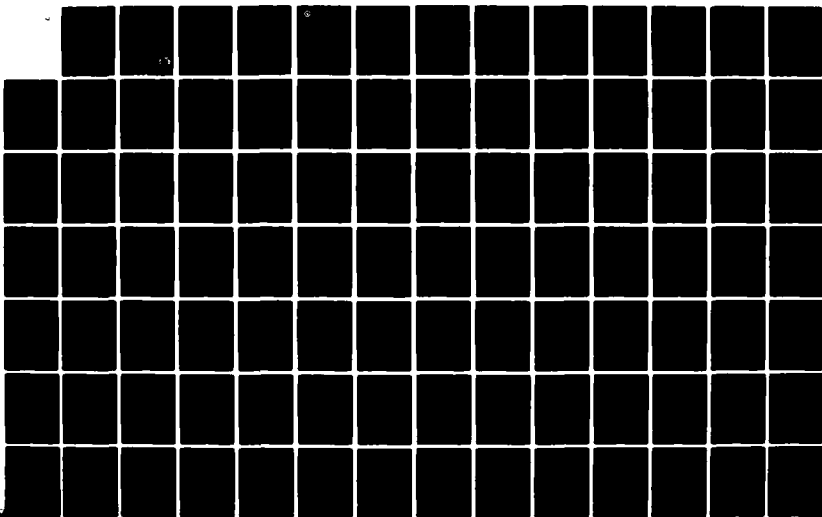
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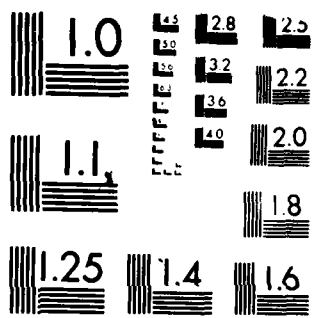
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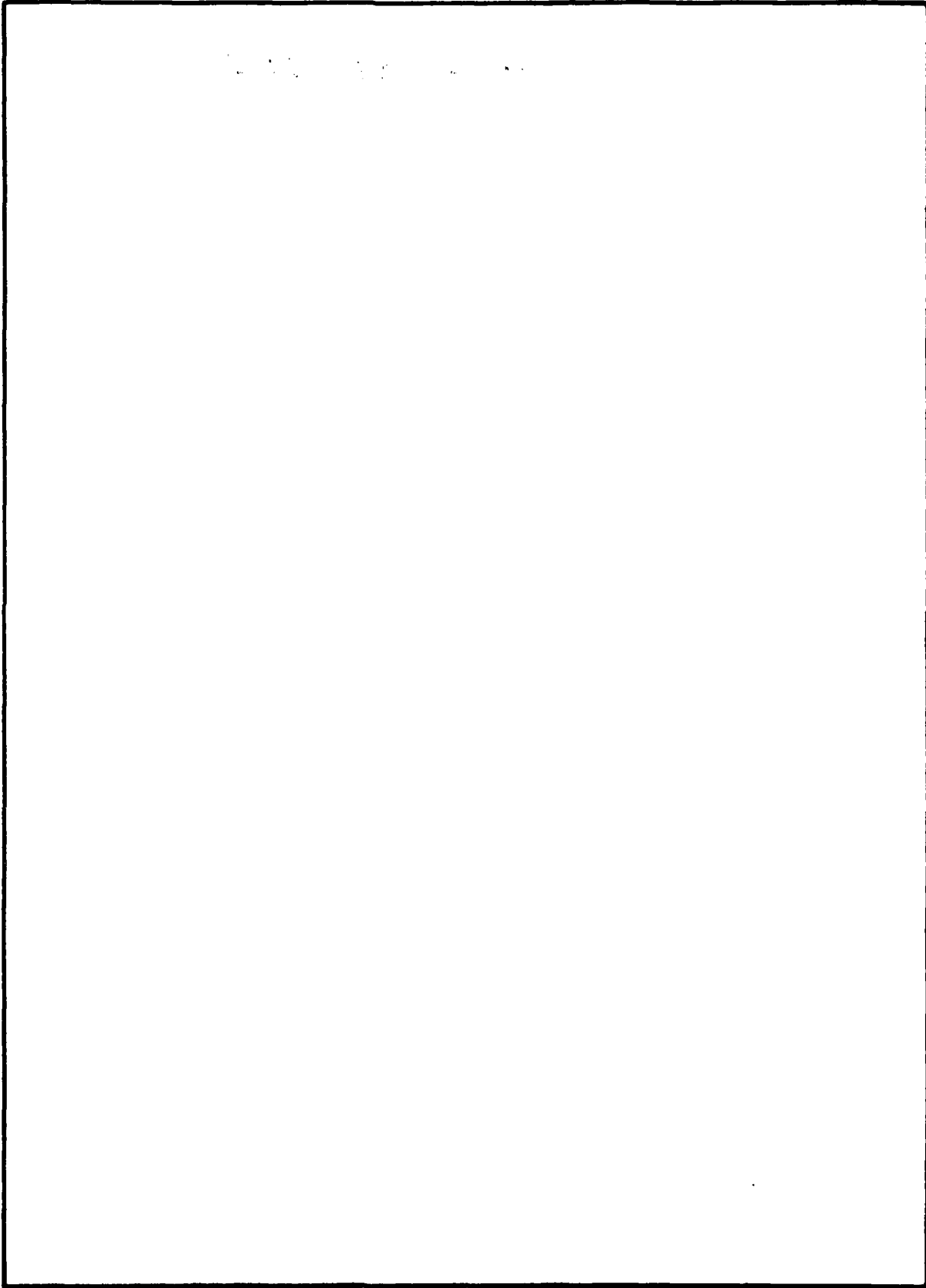
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Introduction

The St. Louis District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers had investigated the Meramec River for navigation, flood control, hydropower and other purposes several times prior to 1938 with negative results. In 1938, Congress authorized two reservoirs in the Meramec River Basin for flood control and navigation; subsequently, a comprehensive Basin Study, completed in 1964, recommended additional reservoirs and other project features.

The purpose of this chronology is to give a historical perspective of Corps of Engineers' activities in the Meramec River Basin to new District Engineers and other management personnel.

To prepare this report, the St. Louis District sought a knowledgeable individual who was familiar with the Meramec River Basin and its many activities. Mr. James F. Gamble, Attorney at law, and former Chief Executive of the Meramec River Basin Association, was contracted with to prepare the chronology using as much information available to the general public as possible.

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## FOREWORD

This account of the Corps and the Meramec is a chronology report, not an out-and-out history, but a briefing paper for new St. Louis District management personnel, and not inclusive of all that has gone on. Thus, it is a guide to the past for a general understanding, at least, of what has happened over the years as reflected by some of the many significant natural events, situations and actions -- in order of occurrence. The Meramec Basin has had a long continuity of varied activity, and episodic occurrences in the Basin's water programming is the overall line that is followed here.

The report is not a judgment or justification piece. Neither is it intended to demean anyone or anything. Through the use of available and reliable information, it is a presentation of what has gone on in the past. The basic premise in securing information was to use as much as possible of what is available to the general public, in published reports, newspapers, and Congressional documents -- realizing also that newspaper accounts can sometimes be inaccurate. Personal interviews or sources were held to a minimum and used only when other sources were unavailable or lacking.

This chronology is, of course, a story about the Meramec River as it relates to the responsibilities of the Corps. However, as with any government agency, there are legislative bodies, other agencies, AND the public in general with its groups and individuals rounding out the chronology in a relationship of who did what, why, where, and/or when.

The format for the chronology is:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Summary</u>
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The Date refers to a publication date, a letter date, an authorization date, a meeting date, etc. -- depending on the source of the summary note.

The Source, as indicated by the Date reference above, is an authentic and reliable origin of information. If there is no Source information on a date line, the source of the note is the same as the previous one.

The Summary note consists of the subject and the action -- or meaning -- or explanation -- or, for instance, a list of Meramec project facts. If there is no specific answer in the note on the subject, about why or what for -- the entry of the note means that the action is quite apparent or is meant just to show further and continued effort, controversy or problems. In other words, a continuing action can often speak for itself.

With news clips particularly, notes are based mostly on the main point of the article -- apart from the frequent and considerable amount of background information.



Headlines are often a story by themselves. Whatever might follow a headline, or with no headline, can be a condensed description of the point of the article, or if the text is in quotation marks, it is exact language of the article -- whether all of the article or just part of it.

For the reading of this chronology by a newcomer to the area, the towns mentioned are in the Basin or closely connected to it.

County court judges are referred to a few times. They are administrative, not judicial officials, in Missouri. With the exception of St. Louis County, the administration of each of the Basin counties is handled through a county court and its three judges.

Also for those new to Missouri and the Meramec Basin, the entire Basin area is 3,980 square miles in extent, with the Big River drainage being 955 square miles and the Bourbeuse River, 808.

While the principal tributaries to the Meramec River are the Big and the Bourbeuse, anyone who needs to have an understanding of the Basin story must know of two other Meramec River tributaries: the Huzzah and Courtois (pronounced "Who-zaw" and "Coataway"). These two upper tributaries of the main stream are highly prized canoe waters.

Along with a strip of river breaks on both sides of the Missouri River -- just north of the Meramec Basin -- the Basin constitutes the northeast "corner" of the Ozarks. AND -- there are no Ozark Mountains. Apart from some mountains in the Arkansas Ozarks, there is one mountain range in a small part of the Missouri Ozarks -- the St. Francois Mountains in the southeast area of the Basin and extending somewhat south of there. The formal name of the Ozarks is just that -- or the Ozark Plateau, in terms of what it was when the ocean left it to be eroded into hills. The mountains were in existence before the Ozarks and are still there.

In any case, with the mountains or hills surrounding the Ozark streams, the reader will find that the combination can be the source of all kinds of action in the Meramec Basin -- and elsewhere.

1880 UP TO 1940s

EARLY MERAMEC INVESTIGATION

1880 to 1940s

<u>Date</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Summary</u>
1 Dec 1880	House Document 686 71st Congress -- 3rd Session 12/16/1930	First Meramec study -- re navigation possibilities. "The report stated that the Meramec River was not navigable in fact and not susceptible to such improvement as would adapt it to the commerce of the surrounding country."
1906 to 1927	H.D. 686	Development of power "studied at various times by local interests." Unfavorable.
Aug 1915	H.D. 686	". . . the maximum known flood (1915) was not covered except as to date and stage of highest water."
	Meramec Park Reservoir Design Memo #1 Hydrology and Hydraulic Analysis (2/21/66)	"Heaviest rain occurred during the period 18-20 August. . . The peak stage at Eureka was equivalent to 40.2 feet."
23 Aug 15	Globe-Democrat -- Photo of front page	Headlines: "12 Dead in Meramec Flood"; "2000 Homeless in Valley Park"; "Horror of Scene on Meramec Described by an Eyewitness"
6 Oct 21	H.D. 686	Start by District of a continuous record of high and low stages. <u>Previously</u> "a broken record of high stages since 1844."

1880 to 1940s

<u>Date</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Summary</u>
2 Oct 24	H.D. 686	Re inquiry as to the navigability of the Meramec, the District Engineer reported to the Chief of Engineers that "it is a reasonable conclusion from this study that the Meramec is a navigable stream at least as far as the mouth of Crooked Creek, Mile 182, from the Mississippi."
Apr 1927	H.D. 686  Meramec Park Reservoir Design Memo #1	"... the maximum <u>recorded</u> flood of 1927..."  "... produced by excessive rainfall over the entire watershed during a storm which occurred on 30 and 31 March 1927... The peak stage at Eureka was 29.47 feet..."
Jan 1929	H.D. 686	"The lower reaches of the river below Pacific (Mile 49) are used largely for recreation... The Big River is used likewise and so is the Bourbeuse... In order to protect the river for proper recreational use, local interests are (1/29) seeking to have the State pass necessary legislation..."
1 Apr 29	Report by District Engineer to Chief of Engineers (re-printed as House Document 686, 71st Congress -- 3rd Session, 12/16/30. Titled "Meramec River, Missouri")	The first Meramec multiple purpose study. "... the best practicable coordinated plan" -- single earth dam at Mile 63.4 on Meramec; but benefits not commensurate with costs. "... recommends no detailed survey or project study... at this time."

1880 to 1940s

<u>Date</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Summary</u>
1936	Flood Control Act of 1936	Authorized construction of reservoirs on tributary streams for controlling Mississippi River floods.
28 Jun 38	Flood Control Act of 6/28/38	A general comprehensive plan was developed by the Corps for the upper Mississippi River basin which included a dam on the Meramec River and one on the Bourbeuse River.

THE 1940s

THE FIELD COMMITTEE, THE CORPS AND THE PUBLIC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Summary</u>
Dec 1942	Meramec Park Reservoir Design Memo #1 Hydraulic and Hydrology Analysis (2/21/66)	<u>Flood</u> : ". . . unusually heavy amounts of snow fell. A warming trend. . . in the latter part of the month, and during. . . 26-29 December heavy rainfall. . . average over the basin. . . 4.93 inches. . . peak stage at Eureka . . . 31.78."
Dec 1942	Summary Report of the Meramec Cooperative Investigation Field Committee -- A PROGRAM FOR THE MERAMEC RIVER BASIN August 1949	Creation of a field committee through the National Resources Planning Board. For doing a cooperative report through:  <u>Federal Agencies</u> U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Interior and War, and the Federal Power Commission  <u>Missouri State Agencies</u> State Planning Board, Conserva- tion Commission, Board of Health, College of Agriculture, Depart- ment of Resources and Development (later changed to state division)  <u>Coordinator</u> W. W. Horner -- St. Louis -- consulting engineer.
<u>1943-44</u> May, Jun, Oct 1943	Summary Report	Field Committee coordination meetings.
Apr 1944	Summary Report	Field Committee coordination meeting.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Summary</u>
<u>1945, 1947, 1948</u> Jan 1945	Summary Report	Investigations of agencies nearing completion. Work on report begun.
24 Feb 45	District file on public meetings	Meeting at Ware re proposed reservoir on Big River. Reported by the Chief of the District's engineering division. Approximately 150 people present, mostly local farmers against the dam.
5 Apr 45	Unidentified clipping — apparently Post or Globe District file	Rescue of couple from Meramec flood in south St. Louis County.
18 Apr 45	Unidentified clipping — apparently Post or Globe District file	Headline: "40 Saved From Meramec Flood" (in Valley Park area)
Jun 1945	Meramec Park Reservoir Design Memo #1	Flood: ". . . storm. . . 5-11 June. . . The 5 month period preceding. . . one of the wettest in history. The average rainfall over the watershed was 6.12 inches. . . peak stage at Eureka was 36.94 feet."
10-12 Jun 1945	Unidentified clippings — apparently Post or Globe District file	Worst Meramec flood predicted for last 30 years.  75 families evacuated by Red Cross at Pacific.  Kirkwood shut off its municipal Meramec water plant to avoid pollution; connected its system to St. Louis County Water lines.



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<u>Date</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Summary</u>
12 Jun 45	Globe-Democrat photo spread	Headline: "The Merry Meramec Goes on Its Wildest Rampage in 30 Years" (in Valley Park area)
Jul and Aug 1945	District file: Petitions	7/10 and 8/4 petitions from 1,502 supporters of the three dam sites -- most of them with downstream interests.
10 Sep 45	District file on public meetings	Minutes of Union Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored a local meeting. Fr. Hildner elected as chairman. The Chief of the District's engineering division was a principal speaker. Questions of audience reflected anti-dam attitude.
Apr 1947	Meramec Park Reservoir Design Memo #1	Flood: ". . . storm. . . 23-25 April. . . average rainfall above Eureka. . . 3.28 inches. . . peak stage. . . Eureka. . . 31.15."
Feb 1945 to Mar 1948	District file of letters to Corps, members of Congress or President	68 letters -- mostly opposing one or another or all three of the proposed dams.
Mar 1945 to Jun 1948	District file on discussions with landowners	Broad range of 106 landowners over the Basin who came to District office to discuss the proposed dams. Mostly favorable.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Summary</u>
Jul 1948	Recommendations (report) of Missouri Division of Resources and Development on Recreational Development of the Meramec River Basin	"The basis for this report is <u>recreation</u> , and recreation alone. . . based on utilization of the streams in their present natural state and on 75 stable level lakes of an average size of 58.45 acres."
<u>1949</u> Jun 1949	Summary Report	Additional studies and revisions of the committee's report completed.
Aug 1949	Summary Report	Committee's report was published. It approved St. Louis District's recommendation of three reservoirs -- above Union on the Bourbeuse, near Sullivan on the Meramec and above Cedar Hill on the Big. The plan was based on multiple purpose use.
Sep 1949	Informational brochure: MULTIPLE PURPOSE RESERVOIRS MERAMEC BASIN	Explanation by the District of the Basin program and prospective benefits -- with maps and graphs.
12 Nov 49	District file: Resolutions	Quote from resolution adopted at the annual meeting in Union, Missouri of the 3,200-member Franklin County Farmer's Association: "We firmly oppose the present plans for constructing the high dams. . ."
14 Nov 49	Public hearings Meramec River, Missouri	Notice of public hearings and distribution of informational brochure by the District Engineer. Hearings scheduled for 12/13-16/49.

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Dec 1949	District file of letters written by school children in Franklin County  District file of many newspaper clippings	Opposing construction of dams.  Numerous news articles, editorials and letters to the editor. Largely reflecting opposition, but proponents in evidence as well.
8 Dec 49	Globe-Democrat Letter to editor	Against dam at Cedar Hill.
10 Dec 49	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Dam on Big River Opposed by Vote in State Senate"
11 Dec 49	Post-Dispatch  Globe-Democrat News story	Headline in news story: "Value of Meramec Basin Dams Issue at Hearings."  Column by Post-Dispatch sports editor re low price for river bottom land bought by Uncle Sam.  Quoting District's spokesman on purposes and benefits; Msgr. George Hildner quoted on objections.
12 Dec 49	District file	Missouri Senate Resolution No. 122 opposing construction of Cedar Hill dam.
13,14,15, 16 Dec 49	Public hearings Meramec River, Missouri	Public hearings in Union, Sullivan, Hillsboro, and St. Louis. 2,086 in attendance. Speakers: 33 for, 76 against; Written statements: 97 for, 691 against; Petitions: 1,496 for, 2,978 against.

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14 Dec 49	Post-Dispatch News story re hearing at Sullivan this date	Headline: "Engineer Group Opposes Plan for \$18,000,000 Meramec Dam." News story mostly about opposition of several St. Louis engineers, including W. W. Horner, chairman of the Meramec Cooperative Field Committee.
23 Dec 49	District file	Letter from Governor Smith to Chief of Engineers -- against the proposed dams.

THE 1950s

NATURE AND THE MBC INSTIGATE ACTION

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Summary</u>
Jan 1950	Meramec Park Reservoir Design Memo #1	<u>Flood</u> : ". . . extremely mild and wet month . . . 1-6 January, rainfall in the basin ranged from 3.10 inches to 4.98 inches. . . peak stage at Eureka was 33.01."
6-7 Jan 1950	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Missouri and Illinois flood stories with photos near Kirkwood, Valley Park and Fenton. Meramec expected to be highest since 1945. Many rescued.
12 Jan 50	Correspondence in District file from Chief of Engineers	Subject: Subproject, Meramec River Reservoir, Upper Mississippi River Basin, Missouri (new work).  "No additional work is to be performed or funds expended under this subproject."
1952 - 1957	Meramec Park Reservoir Design Memo #1	<u>Drought</u> : ". . . the most severe period for duration, as well as accumulated deficiency, was that of 1952-1955. With only a one or two month break, this drought continued until January 1957. Flows at Eureka for this . . . period were only 39 percent of normal for a period of 1,737 days."

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Jun-Jul 1957	Meramec Park Reservoir Design Memo #1	<u>Flood</u> : ". . . 26 June, a series of showers. . . over the Meramec Basin. . . until 2 July . . . extremely heavy rainfall in the lower end of the basin on 1 July. . . flood was principally a downstream flood. . . peak stage at Eureka was 35.77."
Dec 1957	Active member of MBC and MBA	John F. Hallett, chairman of a St. Louis Chamber of Commerce committee (essentially pro-dam), and Edward Beecher (anti-dam leader of Kirkwood, Missouri), agreed on their choice of an executive for a pro-anti prospective Meramec study organization.
Jan-Jun 1958	Active member of MBC and MBA	Mr. Hallett worked on contacting individuals in metropolitan St. Louis and the Meramec Basin re their interest and participation in a study organization.
Apr 1958	Meramec Park Lake Chronology of 11/2/73 District file	Mr. Hallett contacted District Engineer re updating Corps' 1949 Meramec plan.
Jun 1958	Active member of MBC and MBA	Meramec Basin Corporation incorporated as a not-for-profit association. Purpose: To conduct a program of research on the resources of the Meramec Basin and adjacent areas.
19 Jun 58	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Meramec Basin Group Swings into Action"

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Summary</u>
19 Jun 58 (cont.)		"The newly-formed Meramec Basin Association went into action yesterday to promote the overall development of the Meramec River basin, after receiving its charter as a non-profit corporation."
1 Jul 58	Active member of MBC and MBA	MBC representatives met with the governor, James T. Blair, for discussion on Meramec action.  MBC established its full-time executive office -- temporarily in downtown St. Louis.
2 Jul 58	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch	Headline: "Meramec Basin Restudy to Be Sought by Blair"  Conference with the governor on July 1, requested by the Meramec Basin Corporation. He said he would try to arrange a conference within two weeks with the District Engineer.
3 Jul 58	Post-Dispatch Editorial	". . . the important thing now is, whatever the differences, to get going on these three dams which should be the central part of any plan. To that desirable end Gov. Blair may well direct his efforts."
5 Jul 58	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"Now Gov. Blair will get this vast project off dead-center by asking the Engineers if they will re-study their plan to figure out one more acceptable in Missouri."



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14 Jul 58	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Blair Taking Up Meramec Basin Plan with Army"  Meeting of the governor and District Engineer.
	Meramec Park Lake Chronology of 11/2/73 District file	Letter from Blair to District: ". . . I request that you take such action as is necessary and appropriate to bring up-to-date your previous report dated August 1949. . . in order that I and the members of my staff may review the report in the light of the present day situation."
15 Jul 58	Globe-Democrat News story	Headlines: "Blair Will End Stalemate on Meramec Basin Planning"
	Post-Dispatch News story	"Army Engineer Favors Restudy of Deferred Meramec Plan"
16 Jul 58	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Army Engineers Clear Way for Meramec Study"
	Post-Dispatch Editorial	District Engineer said he recom- mended that the project be changed from a "deferred" to "active" status.  "Gov. Blair has stuck one toe into the Meramec River and we hope he found the water so fine that next time he will dive in head-first."

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17 Jul 58	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"Gov. Blair, in effect, has cleared the path for a new middle-of-the-road approach to the problems and opportunities that the Meramec presents to Missouri. That is the kind of approach the new Meramec Basin Corporation is plugging for."
18 Jul 58	Active member of MBC and MBA	MBC treasurer wrote Congressman Cannon re need for appropriation to Corps per governor's request for update of Meramec report.
21 Jul 58	Active member of MBC and MBA	A courteous acknowledgement from Cannon of treasurer's letter, but reflecting opposition correspondence received by Cannon.
1 Aug 58	Active member of MBC and MBA	MBC moved its executive office to permanent quarters in Kirkwood.
6 Aug 58	Active member of MBC and MBA	MBC president, a constituent and supporter of Cannon, wrote him asking for funding a further study of the Meramec problem. Result: Similar to the treasurer's; no action.
Sep 1958	Active member of MBC and MBA	Edward L. Ullman began to work at Washington University as the director for organizing an independent "Program of Water Development Proposals," under the auspices of the university and financially sponsored by MBC. The effort was called the "Meramec Basin Research Project."

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15 Sep 58	Active member of MBC and MBA	<p>Edward Beecher told MBC that he and his anti-dam associates would not continue to support the MBC coalition effort unless it took on the responsibility of getting the Missouri legislature to pass a conservancy district enabling act. Otherwise, they would fight the MBC effort.</p> <p>Because of the type of IRS exemption the MBC had, it could not lobby on legislation. As a result, the MBC executive volunteered to head the effort for a proposed conservancy bill, assume the expenses, and do the drafting of the bill. He started on that immediately.</p>
24 Sep 58	Active member of MBC and MBA	Funeral service for W. W. Horner.
Sep, Oct Nov, Dec 1958	Active member of MBC and MBA	MBC executive spending a large part of his time on the personal handling of key contacts re the conservancy district bill and drafting the same; also getting the MBC organized.
Jan, Feb 1959	Active member of MBC and MBA	Organizing a statewide citizens committee by the state Chamber of Commerce for supporting the conservancy district bill and representing a number of natural resource organizations, led by the Conservation Federation of Missouri.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Summary</u>
23 Mar 59	Active member of MBC and MBA	Letter to Rep. Cannon requesting funds for Corps for a restudy — from the MBC board secretary, whose family was a long-time supporter of Mr. Cannon.
25 Mar 59	Active member of MBC and MBA	A similar request by letter from the MBC president to Cannon.
27 Mar 59	Active member of MBC and MBA	A reply to the president from Cannon — quite friendly but including "if the people of the Meramec Valley want flood control, their remedy is through watershed conservation supplied gratis by the Department of Agriculture."
7 Apr 59	Active member of MBC and MBA	A letter to Cannon from the MBC treasurer asking if he could request the House committee for funding an updated Meramec report.
22 Apr 59	Active member of MBC and MBA	The conservancy district bill was passed by the Missouri Senate and sent to the House.
31 May 59	Active member of MBC and MBA	On the closing day of the 1959 session, the Missouri House passed the conservancy district enabling act with five amendments and a large vote for it — 112 to 5. The bill was returned to the Senate for action on the amendments and passed unanimously. (The governor signed it into law several weeks later.)

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4 Aug 59	Active member of MBC and MBA	A very active MBC member wrote a long personal and private factual letter to Rep. Cannon. The letter writer emphasized a <u>planning effort only</u> — and one which was <u>drawing no conclusions ahead of time</u> as to the use of Meramec waters.
5 Aug 59	Active member of MBC and MBA	Mr. Cannon replied immediately and said the writer had presented one of the best analyses that had come to his attention. He said he hoped to see the writer when he returned to Missouri and would appreciate any further suggestions.
16 Oct 59	Active member of MBC and MBA	<p>As a result of the exchange of letters by the MBC member and Cannon in August, a visit to Cannon was made at his home in Elsberry — by the MBC executive and the Washington University Meramec research project director.</p> <p>Mr. Cannon was thoroughly briefed on the MBC and Washington University purposes, which were referred to as calling for an entirely new look based on present-day needs, with participation by all pertinent agencies, and the Corps doing a review or restudy instead of an updating of the former plan. Mr. Cannon said, "We agree thoroughly."</p> <p>A letter to Cannon was written 10/19 confirming the facts given to him.</p>

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Summary</u>
17 Nov 59	Active member of MBC and MBA	The MBC executive and the treasurer visited Cannon at his home — for his getting ac- quainted with the treasurer. Result: Cannon said that the MBC should talk with him and staff in Washington after the first of the year.

1960 TO 1963

MR. CANNON SAYS OKAY

1960 to 1963

<u>Date</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Summary</u>
27-28 Jan 1960	Active member of MBC and MBA	MBC executive and the treasurer, with Washington University Mera- mec research director, went to Washington as suggested by Cannon in 11/17/59 meeting at his home. They spent most of their time with Cannon's staff man on the Appropriations Committee, Carson W. Culp — giving him a full pic- ture of the MBC action and re- lated matters.
11 Mar 60	Active member of MBC and MBA	Mr. Cannon asked the chairman of the House Committee on Public Works to prepare a resolution requesting the Corps to review previous reports on the Meramec, with the resolution to include a provision that the Corps cooper- ate with other federal agencies, take the MBC plans into account and coordinate with them.
28-31 Mar 1960	Active member of MBC and MBA	MBC executive in Washington, D.C. — meeting with Mr. Culp.
6 Apr 60	Meramec Park Lake Chronology of 11/2/73 District file	The Public Works Committee met this date and passed the resolu- tion as requested by Mr. Cannon.
8 Apr 60	Globe-Democrat News story	Headlines: "Way Cleared for Meramec Basin Study"; "Army Changes Tactics, Cannon Switches Stand"  "A House committee has authorized a broad new survey by the Army Corps of Engineers. . .



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8 Apr 60 (cont.)		"Mr. Cannon, a foe of the project in the past, hailed the committee's action as 'clearing the way for a sound over-all study of the basin by interested agencies of the government in cooperation with the Meramec Basin Corporation.'"
9 Apr 60	Globe-Democrat Editorial	Praised Mr. Cannon.
10 Apr 60	Post-Dispatch Editorial	". . . Apparently what broke the log-jam was an understanding all around that much more than flood control planning is required for the Meramec. . ."
20 May 60	House of Representatives Public Works Appropriations Bill, 1961	The Committee on Appropriations included in the bill \$50,000 for the review on the Meramec by the Corps.
6-7 Jul 1960	Active member of MBC and MBA	Arthur E. Morgan in town conferring with Washington University director of Meramec research project at the request of Mr. Cannon, who felt that an impartial expert would help as an advisor in shaping the university's study. Morgan, an engineer, was the first chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority and noted worldwide as an expert on water control.
Oct 1960	Action by Rep. Cannon in April	With the appropriated Meramec money now available, the District Engineer was able to start the Basin study and began to meet the resolution provision of getting other federal agencies into cooperative action.

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31 Oct 60	Active member of MBC and MBA	Statement by Clarence Cannon that in one of the last bills passed by Congress there was an appropriation for \$50,000 for the Meramec Basin.
23 Feb 61	National Archives	President Kennedy presented a special message to Congress on natural resources which included the need for coordinated and comprehensive planning, multiple purposes in federal projects, and development of full recreation potential at reservoir sites.
7 Apr 61	Record of public hearing District file	Hearing by Corps at St. Clair for the purpose of getting views from public and private organizations and individuals with respect to making the authorized study. 878 in attendance, showing a broad diversity of opinions through the approximately 60 who spoke.
June 1961	Active member of MBC and MBA	Passage by Missouri legislature of a bill for a state Water Resources Board. Was strongly supported and participated in by the MBC executive, as a member of the Conservation Federation of Missouri.  Key wording: "develop a plan for a gradual, long range, comprehensive state-wide program for the conservation, development, management and use of the water resources of the state. . ."

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25 Sep 61	District file	Corps requested participation of the Department of Agriculture in the Basin study, but no immediate action was instituted by the department.
17 Nov 61	Active member of MBC and MBA	At the District office, one of the first showings of the MBC 30-minute professional movie, "The Question of the Meramec."
6 Dec 61	Letter from Gov. Dalton to the District Engineer	Appointment by governor of seven state officials to serve as the Governor's Advisory Committee on "the present re-survey of the Meramec Basin."
22 Dec 61	Active member of MBC and MBA	MBC executive and the treasurer met with Gov. Dalton and got his approval of MBC creating a Meramec Cooperative Planning Committee made up of state agencies, federal agencies and a representative from each of the 11 principal counties in the Basin, City of St. Louis and the MBC. The MBC executive as chairman and a representative of the governor as vice chairman.  Purpose: To assist in producing as comprehensive and specific a plan as practical for the maintenance and sound development of the Meramec Basin.
24 Jan 62	Active member of MBC and MBA	Meeting in Jefferson City with state agencies for discussion on creating the cooperative committee.

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10-11 Feb 1962	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"The time for haggling and bickering and counter-charging has run out. The area will not have as excellent an opportunity again to get moving with the Meramec River development. If a control program is not developed now, the cost after another decade or two will be prohibitive."
23 Feb 62	Active member of MBC and MBA	<p>The first part of the Washington University research project report came out, approved by the MBC board — Volume 1, Summary and a Program of Water Development Proposals.</p> <p>The opening sentence of the foreword presents an overall description of the report: "In the volumes and numerous appendices of this report the Meramec Basin is examined to provide a basis for economic development and proper planning, with particular emphasis on water resource problems, demands and opportunities."</p> <p>A copy of Volume 1 was forwarded to Rep. Cannon.</p>
	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Recreation Area Urged for Meramec River Basin"
24 Feb 62	Post-Dispatch Editorial	Considers the scope of the Washington University study to be almost exclusively limited to recreation development.

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27 Feb 62	Active member of MBC and MBA	Meeting in Jefferson City of the steering committee of the Meramec Cooperative Planning Committee.
1 Mar 62	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"The importance of the Meramec research survey, based on the economic worth of the basin, is its underscoring of the necessity for immediate development planning."
10 Mar 62	Globe-Democrat Letter to the editor	Refers to the Washington University project report as representing a land grab.
30 Mar 62	Active member of MBC and MBA	Arthur Morgan submitted a requested, six-page commentary on the Washington University Meramec project, Volume 1. The essence of the comment: The general appraisal of the situation is good. The Meramec area is one single great resource which calls for a unified development, with foresight and imagination.
2 Apr 62	Post-Dispatch Letter to the editor	"Recreation lakes would help tremendously."
5 Apr 62	Active member of MBC and MBA	First meeting of the Meramec Cooperative Planning Committee in Jefferson City.
13 Apr 62	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	District Engineer made speech at the Engineers Club the previous evening: A review of lake sites being studied, including eight major, eight intermediate and 19 headwater.

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16 Apr 62	Post-Dispatch Editorial	District Engineer's preliminary description of the Meramec Basin study being made by the Army Engineers is encouraging both for its breadth of interest and for the spirit of cooperation it exemplifies.
18 Apr 62	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"The similarity of plans by the Army Engineers and the Meramec Basin Corporation for a system of lakes and dams in the Meramec Valley development suggests architects for the project are headed in the right direction."
27 Apr 62	Globe-Democrat News story	District Engineer was speaker at Missouri Society of Professional Engineers meeting. He said that projects such as the Meramec could save time, money and effort through closer cooperation between private engineers and the Corps.
May 1962	Active member of MBC and MBA	MBC president commented re a fund-raising campaign: ". . . to see the planning through to a definite program which will benefit the Basin people and businesses."
9 May 62	Active member of MBC and MBA	Contact by the MBC with Rep. Cannon — updating him re progress on the Meramec effort and informing him that the general feeling is that the Corps is working on the study cooperatively, with open minds and with imagination.

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26-27 May 1962	Globe-Democrat News story	The Meramec Basin Corporation sponsored a series of eight June meetings in Basin towns to show the new MBC movie, "The Question of the Meramec."
29 May 62	Senate Document 97 Policies, Standards and Procedures in the Formulation, Evaluation, and Review of Plans for Use and Development of Water and Related Land Resources	A broad new policy reported by an ad hoc committee of President Kennedy, which was adopted as policy by the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.
8 Jun 62	Globe-Democrat News story	Rep. Thomas Curtis (Rep.) accused of stalling on Basin program by Democratic candidate for the Second District because of his taking a position of no action "until a local program is agreed upon."
Sep 1962	Information Bulletin St. Louis District	Purpose: To explain Corps' approach in developing Meramec water resources plan; to inform people of progress of the study.
23 Oct 62	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"The Army Corps of Engineers mid-point report on plans for controlling the waters of the Meramec Basin offers high hopes for eventual realization of a project that can mean economic rejuvenation for areas in 14 Missouri counties."
Nov 62	Statement of U.S. Department of Agriculture at the Meramec hearing 12/18/63	"Funds were allotted to the Dept. of Agriculture to participate in a comprehensive study on the Meramec River Basin."

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20 Nov 62	District file	District's cooperating agencies: ". . . joint meeting of all governmental and local public agencies. . . participating in the comprehensive study of the Meramec River Basin."  Purposes: To insure continuous, thorough coordination with all agencies; to insure timely completion and submission of the report to higher authority.
21 Jan 63	Globe-Democrat News story	Report of the federal Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission on outdoor recreation in U.S. metropolitan regions. The St. Louis section, prepared by Washington University's Social Science Institute, emphasized the importance of recreation to the area's economy and said the metropolitan area "must act and act quickly" to develop the Meramec Basin for large-scale water recreation. Referred to the Corps study.
23-24 Mar 1963	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Meramec River Basin Project Gains More Support from Public"
1 Apr 63	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"Meramec Basin. . . is at long last about ready to move into the development stage."
3 Apr 63	Globe-Democrat Letter to the editor	From a resident of the upper Big River area saying that people there "are predominantly in favor of a sound and worthwhile lake development."



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3 Apr 63 (cont.)	Globe-Democrat News story	Cost of the proposed Meramec Basin development was placed at about \$216,000,000 in a preliminary estimate, said the District Engineer at a meeting in Flat River.
10 Apr 63	Globe-Democrat News story and a comment on the story by an active member of MBC and MBA	Opposition group organized — Meramec Rivers Association.  One of the leaders was a son of the late W. W. Horner, whose family and engineer friends had property on the Meramec near Steelville which would be affected by the upper reaches of Meramec Park Lake.
16 Apr 63	Post-Dispatch Outdoors column	"Many miles of streams in the area hardly are worth retaining as they stand now, and haven't been for years. If the basin plan is adopted, float fishing in the area would probably undergo a boom such as Missouri never has seen."
17 Apr 63	Globe-Democrat Letter to the editor	"This beautiful stream which offers unparalleled recreational facilities needs to be preserved not wrecked by dams!"
18 Apr 63	Globe-Democrat News story	The executive of the MBC accused objectors of irresponsible misrepresentation of facts concerning the Corps' planning.  "Apparently the principal personal aim of these people is to protect property they own on Basin streams, or to maintain Basin streams for floating."

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23 Apr 63	Globe-Democrat Letter to the editor	"The Corps of Engineers has apparently succeeded in brain-washing everyone into accepting their dam building spree."
3 May 63	Globe-Democrat Letter to the editor	"This project takes care of most of the needs for all of the Meramec River; therefore we think it is the best program offered to date."
11 Jul 63	Globe-Democrat Letter to the editor	From the PR department of Union Electric, saying about the electric power to be derived from the Meramec that "the job may be worth whatever we put into it, but not in terms of power potential."
Aug 1963	U.S. Department of Agriculture Meramec River Basin Interim Report	1) Physical land conditions 2) Design and cost estimates for headwater "H" type reservoirs
11 Sep 63	Soil Conservation Service State (Mo.) Conservationist letter to District Engineer (with copy of interim report)	There was a delay of funding for an information survey to determine upland watershed needs. SCS looking forward to participation in a comprehensive Basin plan.
15 Oct 63	District file: Meeting of agencies	Most significant purpose: Corps' intention to complete study for sending in the report by mid-January 1964.  Primary discussion: Economic evaluation of the major and intermediate reservoirs.  Reporting: That hydropower not justified, and study of 12 headwater sites and local protection sites not completed.

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17 Oct 63	Globe-Democrat News story	Meramec Basin report scheduled to be submitted shortly after January 1. A public meeting will be held shortly to give citizens an opportunity to express views.
6 Nov 63	District file: Meeting of agencies	Data discussed for comment on headwater sites and local protection projects as to authorization and order of construction.
15 Nov 63	Notice of public hearing	To be held at St. Clair on 12/18/63 to present the "Plan of Improvements" in the Meramec River Basin.
4 Dec 63	Record of public hearing	Synopsis of Findings, Comprehensive Basin Study, Meramec River, Missouri. Mailed to over 5,000 people.
11 Dec 63	Globe-Democrat Leonard Hall's column giving attention to Ozark rivers	". . . the only thing which can provide recreation to withstand today's pressure on the Meramec watershed is probably the series of large and small impoundments now under consideration."
18 Dec 63	Record of public hearing	District Engineer opened the hearing with an explanation of the purpose of the hearing and the principal points of the Basin study. He then introduced Rep. Clarence Cannon, who said, "We are going to put it through."  The attendance record showed 480 present with 42 speaking for, 11 against, and one neutral who stressed citizen participation in decisions on projects.

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19 Dec 63	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Cannon Goes All-Out for Meramec Basin Plan"
	Editorial	"The blueprints we have are as practical and popular as we are going to get them. Now is the time to begin the development in earnest, and now is the time for civic organizations to get behind and push."
	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Witnesses Urge Local Financing for Developing Meramec Basin"
	Editorial	Re Cannon: "Champion for the Meramec". Re plan: "The 1963 plan of development is a marked improvement on the 1949 plan." Re recreation: "A practical necessity for an area's popula- tion". Re opposition: "Dwindled to a few."
20 Dec 63	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Representative Curtis Charges State, Local Officials Lag on Meramec Basin"
	Active member of MBC and MBA	MBC executive said the <u>thought</u> of slow action by officials was due to the fact that work on the problem of development was not fully understood.

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THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT YEARS

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30 Jan 64	Meramec River, Missouri Comprehensive Basin Study Main Report	The Basin study was completed and sent to the Lower Mississippi Valley Division -- recommending seven mainstream reservoirs, 12 tributary reservoirs, 12 head-water reservoirs, 26 angler-use sites, and nine local flood protection projects.
28 Feb 64	Active member of MBC and MBA	After some publicity in the Basin for the MBC raising operating funds, Rep. Cannon got disturbed, thinking that the public was being solicited for funds to help him campaign. The MBC contacted him and explained that the funds were for continued MBC planning work with respect to area development that would need attention along with the Corps' program. Result: Cannon relaxed.
7 Apr 64	U.S.D.A. Field Advisory Committee meeting in Jefferson City with state agencies, Corps and MBC representatives District file	Report of progress made by the U.S.D.A. on their continuing study of land and water management needs in the Meramec Basin. Results of study to be available in January 1965 with report to follow by April 1965.
Apr 1964	Information Bulletin St. Louis District	"To the People Interested in the Meramec River Basin"  "This report presents an appraisal of short- and long-term needs and submits, as a guide, a plan of improvement to meet these needs."

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22 Apr 64	Globe-Democrat News story	Approval by division headquarters at Vicksburg of the Basin plan with "four of the seven proposed major reservoirs. . . included in the project's first construction phase."  Article detailed progression of phases and costs.
23 Apr 64	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"What is significant now is that the first phase of the Meramec Basin project has successfully passed another examination of its feasibility and economic value, and next goes to . . . Washington for the final review."
24 Apr 64	Notice of Comprehensive Basin Study of Meramec River, Missouri Lower Mississippi Valley Division	That "the comprehensive review report. . . is favorable to a comprehensive plan of water resources development for the Meramec River Basin."
12 May 64	Post-Dispatch News story	Rep. Cannon died suddenly.
Jun 1964	Active member of MBC and MBA	The MBC had financial difficulties due to the cost of the Washington University research project. It reduced operations, putting its executive on an agreed-upon "volunteer" status.
30 Sep 64	Active member of MBC and MBA	MBC ceased paying for office rent and a secretary, and went out of business. Its executive made arrangements with the landlord for use of the office and began to work on a reorganized effort.

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12 Nov 64	Active member of MBC and MBA	The Meramec Basin Association came into being in the filing of its not-for-profit incorporation papers — with six initial board members from out in the Basin.
17 Nov 64	Summary Report of Basin Study — June 1965	Review and return of the report to the District by the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors — for a restudy of water storage and quality; reevaluation of area redevelopment benefits and recreation.
2 Dec 64	Active member of MBC and MBA	First board meeting of MBA. Five additional board members were voted in. It was agreed that the office and executive of the MBC would continue for the MBA and that more board members and a membership drive would be given early attention.
Early 65	Active member of MBC and MBA	Starting off immediately in the new year the MBA, with the former MBC executive, moved ahead steadily. It gradually rounded out its board and its money raising; began to shape up its support and the continuation of progress of the Basin program.
9 Feb 65	Flood Plain Information Meramec River Jefferson County, Missouri Technical Report	Requested by the Jefferson County Court. Approved by Missouri Water Resources Board and Chief of Engineers. Purpose: Useful information on floods and hazards; encourage optimum and prudent use of the river valley; provide information for the guidance of the public; reduce future expenditures for federal projects by avoiding improper flood plain development.



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25 Feb 65	Meramec Basin Information Digest for Meramec Basin Association Meeting	A report given in St. Louis by the District Engineer to St. Louis and Basin supporters -- at the first MBA gathering outside of board and committee meetings. The presentation: The Present Status and a Future Outlook.
Spring 65	Active member of MBC and MBA	MBA executive was a principal in securing passage of Missouri law authorizing state to share costs of water supply in federal reservoirs in the state, as required by federal law.
15 Jun 65	Summary Report of Basin Study	The Summary Report was a resubmission by the District of the Meramec study report, to higher authority, with respect to changes called for after the earlier review of the study in Vicksburg and Washington, D.C.
Mid-year 1965	Active member of MBC and MBA	Completion of U.S. Department of Agriculture's Meramec study effort, on a 60 upland lakes program in the Basin. Report in progress.
22-25 Jun 1965	Active member of MBC and MBA	U.S.D.A. public meetings in Salem, Potosi, Union, and Cuba: Presented a panel discussion of the program being worked on in the department's Meramec study.
9 Jul 65	Federal Water Project Recreation Act	Made recreation an established part of water resource projects -- not just incidental or secondary.

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8 Oct 65	LMVD "Supplemental Notice" of Basin study — with attachment of Information Bulletin, October 1965	A review of the Comprehensive Basin Study — sent by the Division to those known to be interested.
12 Jan 66	District file	Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors returned the study to the Chief.
Feb 1966	Brief Report on Meramec River, Missouri Basin Plan	Improvements recommended for initial construction.
21 Feb 66	Design Memo #1	Presented the hydrology and hydraulic analyses for Meramec Park Reservoir.
Mar 1966	The Meramec Basin Study Committee, University of Missouri	"A review of the proposed plans and clarification of problems and issues associated with the development of the Basin."
1 Apr 66	U.S. Department of Agriculture Report prepared by Soil Conservation Service, Economic Research Service, Forest Service, State of Missouri	Report is part of the comprehensive Basin plan. "The development of the water and related land resources requires 60 reservoirs in the tributaries and headwaters of the Basin — 30 multipurpose. . . for flood prevention and recreation; 14. . . for flood prevention alone; and 16 for recreation in the Clark National Forest."
22 Apr 66	Active member of MBC and MBA	Governor Warren E. Hearnes was the speaker at the MBA annual meeting. The title of his talk: A Guide for Action on the Meramec; The Necessary Requirements for Securing Sound Development in the Big, Bourbeuse and Meramec River Valleys of Missouri.

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24 June 66	Active member of MBC and MBA	The MBA retained Carson W. Culp as its Washington, D.C. lobbyist. Culp had retired from the House Appropriations Committee staff after Rep. Cannon died.
Aug, Sep 1966	Active member of MBC and MBA	The MBA became aware of a serious conflict with the Meramec report, between the Corps and Department of Interior, on allocation of costs to reservoir uses. It appeared that approval of the report by Congress would be delayed a year. Mr. Culp was called by the MBA executive. Action was taken by Culp with the help of Missouri Senator Long. An agreement by the agencies resulted: To get the report approved and the question solved thereafter.
21 Sep 66	House Document, No. 525	Chief of Engineers sent the report to the Secretary of the Army.
5 Oct 66	House Document No. 525	Bureau of the Budget to the Secretary of the Army — condensed: Agreed with plan but recommended a provision of no construction until the President approved a report from the Secretary on the basis of the project formulation and the arrangements for cost sharing.
7 Oct 66	House Document No. 525	Secretary of the Army to the Speaker of the House — a favorable report for the Committee on Public Works per its request of 4/6/60. Secretary concurs with the Bureau of the Budget recommendation.

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17 Oct 66	House Document No. 525	Report referred to the Committee and ordered to be printed.
7 Nov 66	PL 89-789, Section 203 Flood Control Act of 1966	Reauthorized Meramec Park and Union reservoirs; authorized Pine Ford, Irondale and I-38 reservoirs and 19 angler-use sites.
1967	District file	Because of a restriction on some kinds of appropriations — due to the Vietnam War — no construction funds were provided for the Meramec project and others until further notice.
Jan 1967	Meramec Park Reservoir Map and Pertinent Data	Information folder providing reference to early stage of development; the map showed outline of the reservoir pools and proposed use areas; pertinent reservoir data.
30 Jun 67	Meramec Park Lake Chronology, 2 Nov 73 District file	"Preconstruction planning for Meramec Park Lake was completed 30 June 1967."
Aug 1967	Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Commission St. Louis County Planning Commission	Proposed a national recreation area on the lower Meramec.
28 Sep 67	Remarks of District Engineer at Meramec Basin Association public information meeting at Sullivan	The District Engineer was asked to cover the subject of selection and development of the recreational areas for the Meramec Park Reservoir.

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13-14 Oct 1967	Active member of MBC and MBA	Progress reports from state and federal agencies on Basin projects, and related work, at fall meeting of the MBA at Sullivan.
22 Nov 67	Post-Dispatch Editorial	"The diligence of the Army Engineers in reserving lands for the public around the projected Meramec Park Reservoir has upset the dreams of avarice of some real estate speculators."
24 Nov 67	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Basin Members Have Big Stake in Dam Acreage"
26 Nov 67	Post-Dispatch News story	Headlines: "Five Firms Own 3,741 Acres in Meramec Area"; "Reservoir Association Members Formed Companies"
27 Nov 67	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Five Meramec Directors Own Reservoir Land"  Comment in the story by one of the five: ". . . 'should not be considered land speculators' because they had owned in the area for many years and had been active in business there."
29 Nov 67	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Meramec Land Owners Deny Seeking Favors"
	Letter to the editor	"I am an active member of the Meramec Basin Association. I own no land. I will get no money from this project, but will probably get the problems. I am one of better than 800 non-landowners in the organization. At no time have I found reason to challenge the integrity of the organization, and I still don't despite your recent articles. . ." — a Sullivan resident.

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3 Dec 67	Post-Dispatch News story	Refers to opposition group in Meramec reservoir area made up of local landowners whose property would be taken — and being led by Glynn Rice, radio station owner in Sullivan.
Early 68	Active member of MBC and MBA	Missouri State Highway Department — Meramec Park Reservoir area highway plan.
8-9 Jun 1968	Globe-Democrat News story	About the testimony to the House Appropriations Committee by Corps representative of the Chief of Engineers on Meramec land acquisition — that no advance information was given to anyone, and there was no conflict of interest among MBA association members inasmuch as they had no inside information.
21 Jun 68	Post-Dispatch Editorial	"Charges that members of the Meramec Basin Association received favoritism from the Army Engineers. . . denied" by Corps.  "Mr. Rice and his associates submitted only the flimsiest attempts at documentation of their charges. . ."
	Active member of MBC and MBA	The Post-Dispatch's editorial was, in effect, an apology to the MBA. Prior to the House Committee hearing, the MBA executive met with the paper's management about the bad reporting. They took the reporter off of any further writing on Meramec news stories.

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Dec 1968	Policies and Procedures of Land Acquisition, Meramec Park Reservoir Project	A pamphlet for the public -- to answer questions about land acquisition procedure.
Jan 1969	Meramec Park Reservoir Real Estate Plan	Map folder for distribution -- showing lake with an overlay of section lines and project boundary lines for fee purchase and easement purchase.
Jan-Feb 1969	District file	<u>Flood</u> : Late January brought an unusual flood to the Basin. Peak stage at Eureka was 27.02 on 1 Feb.
Mar 1969	Analysis of Tourism and Recreation Potential of Meramec Park Reservoir Region in Missouri prepared for Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce and Missouri State Park Board by E.R.A., Economic Research Associates, Los Angeles -- Washington, D.C.	A 280-page study re: Physical and economic environment; potential visitors to reservoir; analysis of nearby recreation and tourist attractions; attendance potential of reservoir; public agency responsibilities; private development potentials; economic impact.
Spring 1969	Active member of MBC and MBA	The MBA executive was a principal in the passage of two bills required by federal law with respect to Corps reservoirs: The state water resources board to protect public interests in federal reservoirs; establishment of state fund for paying non-federal costs related to federal lands and waters.
2 Oct 69	Active member of MBC and MBA	MBA's Mr. Culp called and said that the House Appropriations Committee felt that 3,650 acres of Meramec Park Reservoir land for recreation was not justified.

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8 Oct 69	Active member of MBC and MBA	MBA executive met with representatives of Corps and Missouri Highway Department re federal share of funding a bridge on Hwy. 185 for crossing Union Reservoir. MBA's Mr. Culp had advised in a previous telephone discussion with the executive that the Highway Department and East-West Gateway Coordinating Council should write the House and Senate Appropriations Committees asking for the funds — sending copies to the Bureau of the Budget. (See "Early fall 1970.")
11 Nov 69	Active member of MBC and MBA	Mr. Culp reported that the Senate agreed with the House on the restriction of the Meramec Reservoir recreation land, but felt it should be held up to mid-'70 for the Engineers to take another look.



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THE TUG-OF-WAR YEARS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Summary</u>
Feb 1970	Report to the Senate Appropriations Committee on a review of Land Acquisition Requirements for Meramec Park Reservoir, Missouri	A report by the District, requested by the Senate Appropriations Committee, with respect to whether the 3,650 acres of proposed Meramec Park Reservoir land for recreation should be part of the land acquisition. The report pointed out the need, and was backed by the pertinent federal and state agencies, and the Meramec Basin Association.
12 Mar 70	Post-Dispatch News story	Corps' recommendation to Congress on acquiring the disputed 3,650 acres of land for Meramec Park Reservoir.
11 May 70	Post-Dispatch News story	Rep. Hungate urged funding for Meramec and Union reservoirs.
13 Aug 70	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Senate Appropriations Committee approved funds for Meramec and Union reservoirs.
Early fall 1970	Active member of MBC and MBA	President signed the public works appropriations bill with Basin funding for Meramec reservoir land acquisition — including the 3,650 acres that had been questionable; Union reservoir getting money for completing preconstruction work, as well as the Hwy. 185 Bourbeuse River bridge funding — to the state in the amount of \$600,000.

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22 Sep 70	Post-Dispatch News story	MBA board members, local and state officials, and Congressmen met with budget officials in Washington, D.C. -- recommending construction funds for Meramec and Union reservoirs.
6 Nov 70	Meramec Park Reservoir Environmental Impact Statement District file	Completion of the statement.
26-27 Dec 1970	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Reporting on the views of state and federal agency comments in the Meramec Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Gains and losses referred to.
30 Dec 70	Post-Dispatch Editorial	Emphasized the need for Meramec Park Reservoir and the need as well to avoid problems that could result from development in the area.
1971	District file	The Vietnam restriction on construction funding was lifted, but the list for funding was very small -- did not include Meramec. There was an obvious prospect of a bigger list for funding in 1972.
1 Jan 71	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"The Meramec Basin program must progress as fast as national conditions will permit."
7 Feb 71	Post-Dispatch Editorial	"Mr. Nixon's budget suggests \$1,500,000 for land acquisition and nothing for construction. . . The Nixon budget allows for eight construction starts on similar projects, including three reservoirs. . . which will not be as large as the Meramec, nor as near a big urban area, nor as needed for urban recreation."

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23 Feb 71	Meramec Park Reservoir Environmental Impact Statement District file	Filed with the Council on Environmental Quality.
3 Mar 71	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Union Reservoir Proposal Stirs Ecological Debate"  State agencies not all in com- plete agreement with pluses over minuses in their statements in the Union reservoir EIS.
15 Apr 71	Post-Dispatch Letter to the editor	From the MBA executive: "The Union Lake project has been, and still is, approved by all perti- nent state and federal agencies."
27 Apr 71	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	The St. Louis Coalition for the Environment challenges the Corps' EIS on the Meramec — in a letter to Russell Train, chairman of the federal Council on Environmental Quality.
29 Apr 71	Globe-Democrat News story	Reply by the MBA to the objec- tions from the Coalition for the Environment about Meramec Park Reservoir: "The prime factors are the needs of people and the need for selective changes in the environment because of people's needs."
	Post-Dispatch Editorial	For Meramec Park Reservoir and against the Coalition for the Environment protest.

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6 June 71	Post-Dispatch Outdoor column	The need for access on the lower Meramec "until plans for a federal recreation area on the lower end of the river are realized. . ."
26-27 Jun 1971	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Meramec Park Lake Project Assailed by Environment Group"  Letter to the District Engineer from the Coalition for the Environment.
5 Aug 71	Post-Dispatch Special color photo feature in Sunday supplement	Headline: "Proposed Lake Bottom"  An article by a Post-Dispatch reporter who wrote the story with views pro and anti, but obviously weighted to the anti side from the way it was written.
6-8 Aug 1971	Active member of MBC and MBA	Second annual project inspection trip by the MBA -- to Lakes Carlyle and Rend in Illinois and Lake Wappapello and Council Bluff lake site in Missouri -- a group of 32, made up of MBA officers and board members, local area residents, and state and federal agency representatives.
28 Sep 71	Post-Dispatch News story	A memorandum by the Corps in reply to charges in June by the Coalition for the Environment -- "The proposed Meramec Park dam and reservoir has been planned to minimize environmental damage, the Army Corps of Engineers said yesterday."

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1 Oct 71	Post-Dispatch Editorial	The Meramec Memorandum — "Critics will contend that the statement is not thorough or scientific enough to satisfy requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, but the case for not building the reservoir, or for moving it, is even less persuasive."
30 Oct 71	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Meramec Study Assailed Again"  By the Coalition for the Environment again charging an inadequate EIS. "Coalition sources said the exchange was aimed at paving the way for a court challenge of the project."
22 Sep 72	Active member of MBC and MBA	MBA executive met with special assistant (a St. Louisan) to the President re the release of \$500,000 appropriated but not budgeted — for Meramec reservoir construction start. Arrangements ensued for taking the money out of budgetary reserve in fiscal years 1973 and 1974.
25 Sep 72	Sierra Club, et al. vs. Robert F. Froehlke, Secretary of the Army, et al. District file	The Sierra Club and two individuals filed a lawsuit against the Corps in federal court in St. Louis — based on violation of the National Environmental Policy Act and other acts under which the Corps was operating.
29 Dec 72	Sierra Club, et al. vs. Robert F. Froehlke, et al.	The plaintiffs (Sierra Club, et al.) filed a motion for summary judgment based on alleged insufficiency of the Meramec EIS.

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10 Jan 73	Post-Dispatch Letter to the editor	Against Meramec Park dam. Would destroy the unique and scenic river valley.
23 Feb 73	Sierra Club, et al. vs. Robert F. Froehlke, et al.	Oral arguments in the Sierra Club lawsuit heard by the Court -- on the motion for summary judgment.
16 Mar 73	Globe-Democrat Letter to the editor	Need for the Meramec program. Recreation pressures will ruin the Basin streams without the lakes.
Apr 1973	District file	<u>Flood</u> : Predominantly a Mississippi backwater flood. Arnold, Fenton, Valley Park damaged. Mean daily flow of 34,000 CFS at Eureka on 25 Apr was highest discharge in Spring 1973.
21 Mar 73	Globe-Democrat Letter to the editor	Against Meramec program. Destroying the beauty of the river.
15 May 73	Post-Dispatch News story	MBA testimony before appropriations subcommittees in Washington, D.C. -- supporting Meramec program.
25 May 73	Globe-Democrat News story	MBA comments concerning inaccurate statements of opponents appearing before subcommittees in Washington, D.C.
10 Jun 73	Post-Dispatch News story	Re reference, in Corps' revised EIS, to a national recreation area from Meramec Spring at St. James to the Mississippi River (including Meramec Park dam).

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11 Jul 73	Sierra Club, et al. vs. Froehlke, et al.	U.S. district judge refused to grant an injunction to stop Meramec Park Reservoir construction and gave the Corps to 10/1 for revising the EIS.
1 Aug 73	Post-Dispatch News story	Corps preparations for moving cemeteries in Meramec Park Lake area.
	Post-Dispatch Letter to the editor	Against Meramec Park dam. "To dam such a beautiful area would be an irreversible crime."
2 Aug 73	Globe-Democrat News story	Flood Plains Conservation Act sponsored by Rep. James Symington. Comments quoted from proponents and opponents.
14 Aug 73	Globe-Democrat News story	Congressional approval of money for construction work at Meramec Park and Union lake sites.
27 Sep 73	Meramec Park Reservoir EIS District file	The Revised and Supplemented EIS was filed with the Council on Environmental Quality.
8 Nov 73	Post-Dispatch News story	Re a 16-page commentary by the head of the Department of the Interior regional office in Denver — in regard to Corps' revised EIS. The official stated it would be cheaper to buy the flood plains downstream from the Meramec dam than to build the dam.
11 Nov 73	Post-Dispatch Mirror of Public Opinion Editorial page	Headline: "From an Address by Gov. Christopher S. Bond to the Meramec Basin Association" (at the MBA annual meeting on 10/30 in Eureka)



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11 Nov 73 (cont.)		". . . in my judgment, the merits of the Meramec Basin project overwhelmingly outweigh the adverse aspects."
15 Nov 73	Globe-Democrat Letter to the editor	Opposed dam. "Why can't they leave well enough alone? So many people thoroughly enjoy the Meramec and its tributaries as they are now, in their natural state."
30 Dec 73	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "New Suit to Block Dam Plan"  Actually, an amended petition in the suit by the Sierra Club in the U.S. District Court. The club said the revised EIS was "meaningless and inadequate."
16-17 Feb 1974	Globe-Democrat News story	Symposium at St. Louis University 2/16 and 2/17 on history of Meramec Basin, its caves, springs and flat water recreation, and the impact of federal reservoirs on rural communities.
Mar-Nov 1974	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch	Numerous newspaper pieces and letters to the editor with respect to caves and bats, alternate possibilities in using resources, and a variety of reflections or views and feelings about the Meramec streams, lakes, needs and losses.
10 Mar 74	Post-Dispatch Mirror of Public Opinion Editorial page	Article from <u>St. Louis Commerce of the Regional Commerce and Growth Association</u> — on the economic and social values of Meramec development.
	Editorial	"It is time to move ahead."

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17 Mar 74	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Would Sue to Save 3 Caves"  "A new court suit to stop the Meramec Park dam. . . is being prepared" — by the owner of Onondaga, Cathedral and Meramec Caverns.
20 Mar 74	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News story	Low bid submitted to Corps for Meramec dam site initial con- struction — access road, admin- istration building, and visitors center.
25 Mar 74	Post-Dispatch News story	Annual meeting of Conservation Federation of Missouri — voted to study Basin plan.
10 Apr 74	Post-Dispatch News story	Rep. Symington testified before a House appropriations subcom- mittee for a study of a proposed national recreation area on the lower Meramec.
19 Apr 74	Globe-Democrat News story	Governor initiated a review of the other four main lakes for the Basin, beside Meramec Park Lake on which he "has taken a favor- able position."
21 May 74	Globe-Democrat News story	Governor to move quickly on state review of Meramec Basin projects — particularly re need for com- ment on Union reservoir EIS.
5 Jun 74	Globe-Democrat News story	Re appropriations: "For the Meramec project, the. . . commit- tee approved \$4.6 million — \$1 million beyond the President's proposal." Funds earmarked for initial construction and land acquisition.

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7 Jun 74	Globe-Democrat Editorial	Heading: "Meramec Lake -- Boon for Region"
13 Jun 74	Globe-Democrat News story	Governor wrote Senate appropri- ations chairman to reinstate \$2 million for Union Lake construc- tion start and \$150,000 for plan- ning Pine Ford Lake. House com- mittee had deleted those amounts.
19-20 Jun 1974	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Governor endorsed Union Lake.
22 Jun 74	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	New lawsuit filed. Seeking to block construction of Meramec dam.
24 Jun 74	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Meramec 'Clean Stream' Project Seeking Recruits"
4 Jul 74	Globe-Democrat News story	Construction of the Meramec access road and visitors center, and cutting trenches at the site of the abutments.
11 Nov 74	Globe-Democrat News story	300 members of the MBA at annual meeting in Sullivan. Speaker -- executive of the Chattahoochee River Basin Development Commis- sion in Georgia, speaking about Lake Lanier near Atlanta.
26 Nov 74	Post-Dispatch News story	Sierra Club lawsuit underway and the judge raising questions re- flecting doubt of the plaintiff position.



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18 Apr 75	Globe-Democrat News story	The governor supported Meramec reservoir in face of 45,000 signatures in petitions. Says benefits outweigh negative aspects.
30 Apr 75	Post-Dispatch News story	Opponents testified in Washington, D.C. against funds for Meramec reservoir.
9 May 75	Post-Dispatch News story	A state agency is studying hydroelectric power on the Meramec. Governor's view not known, but assistants say he is privately unenthusiastic on the Meramec dam because he is caught between proponents and opponents of the dam.
28 May 75	Post-Dispatch News story	Rep. Symington wants to see "environmental mediation" between opponents and supporters. "We need to check into the advantages of making a couple of other smaller lakes."
29 May 75	Globe-Democrat News story	Meramec reservoir visitors center was vandalized with "Stop the Dam" signs just before a Memorial Day preview of the completed facility. 6,297 visitors showed up.
21-22 Jun 1975	Globe-Democrat News story	The House Appropriations Committee approved funds for Basin projects.

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7 Jul 75	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Symington Tours Meramec Dam Dispute Area"  Sierra Club took the Congressman on a float trip on Courtois Creek and on a tour of Onondaga Cave. After a tour of the cave he said, "I sure would hate to see this thing go."
17 Aug 75	Post-Dispatch News story	"Bond Enjoys Float on Meramec But Doesn't Alter Dam Support"
7 Sep 75	Post-Dispatch Sunday Pictures	Pictures, maps and story on Truman and Meramec dams under construction.  Headline: "Damming the Meramec and Osage: An Idea Whose Time Has Passed?"
8 Sep 75	Post-Dispatch News story	Governor set up the lower Mera- mec (from below Meramec dam site to the Mississippi) as the Mera- mec Recreation Area — for establishing a coordinating committee of state, county and municipal officials. Purpose: To plan development of public recreation facilities on the river.
10-11 Sep 1975	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	Re U.S. Court of Appeals on Sierra Club lawsuit against the Corps — Court ordered the Corps to provide a report on whether Indiana bats at the Meramec reservoir site would be endan- gered by construction.

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12 Sep 75	Post-Dispatch News story	The administrator of the EPA said that federal officials should restudy the Basin project — funding of millions may not be justified.
24 Sep 75	Post-Dispatch News story	Re bats and construction. Construction "can be performed without endangering the Indiana bat or its habitat," the Corps reported.
7 Oct 75	Post-Dispatch News story	Missouri Conservation Department opposed Union reservoir — "would destroy wildlife values almost impossible to replace."
9 Oct 75	Post-Dispatch News story	Letter from the Fish and Wildlife Service filed by the Sierra Club with the U.S. Court of Appeals: Corps should "immediately cease all project activities" on the Meramec reservoir because of danger to the Indiana bat.
12 Oct 75	Post-Dispatch Outdoors column	Re Union reservoir: "Conservationists Gather Ammo for Battle of Bourbeuse Valley"
16 Oct 75	Post-Dispatch News story	Re Division Engineer talk to the American Society of Civil Engineers — "Blasts Don't Bother Bats."
20 Oct 75	Post-Dispatch News story	Re annual meeting of MBA: Rep. Burlison was the speaker, and present were staff members of Governor Bond, Senators Eagleton and Symington, and Representatives Ichord and Symington. They said they would continue to support the dam project.

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26 Oct 75	Post-Dispatch News story	Representatives of the Corps, MBA and Sierra Club debated the Meramec reservoir before science classes at Oakville Senior High School, Mehlville. Student attitude: Opposing.
28 Oct 75	Globe-Democrat News story	Interview with Governor Bond: Supported Meramec reservoir. Need to look at the other four reservoirs.
Nov, Dec 1975	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch Letters to the editor	Re Meramec reservoir. Two <u>for</u> : Streams and campgrounds are crowded; economy will benefit and closeby recreation is energy saving in cars. Nine <u>against</u> : Loss of natural resources; adds to the national debt; protection of wildlife; lakes are available in easy driving distance; against natural terrain turned into playgrounds for "big people"; needs to be reexamined; stress of lake on the New Madrid fault.
4-5 Nov 1975	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	Owner of Onondago Cave testified in his U.S. District Court case that the cave would be almost impossible to use if flooded by Meramec reservoir.
18 Nov 75	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"Don't Block Union Lake"
3 Dec 75	Post-Dispatch News story	Re Missouri Attorney General John C. Danforth — expected to be the Republican nominee for U.S. Senator in 1976: "His 'general leanings' are against the controversial Meramec Park dam project."



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7-14 Dec 1975	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	The two dailies reported a conflict of opinions on Meramec reservoir — between the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (pro Meramec) and the U.S. Department of the Interior (anti): A result of DNR's preliminary state recreation study material, with reference to the total of all kinds of flat water acreage in eastern Missouri, but not taking into account the private lake and farm pond acreage being inaccessible, and Mississippi navigation pools having limitations in regard to broad use by the public in general.
	Active member of MBC and MBA	The reading public, and apparently the two newspapers also, didn't know that a young staff man, aiding the Assistant Secretary of Interior handling the subject, was from St. Louis and an ardent canoeist and Sierra Club friend.
13-14 Dec 1975	Globe-Democrat News story	A total of \$8.48 million for Basin projects was approved by Congress: Meramec for construction — \$6.8 million; Union for bridge over lake — \$1.03 million; Pine Ford planning — \$650,000.
23 Dec 75	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"Congress' approval of another \$8.48 million in appropriations for projects in the Meramec Basin Development program indicates that it has no intention of being deflected by vocal critics."

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26 Dec 75	Post-Dispatch News story	Leader of the Sierra Club's Ozark Chapter challenged Governor Bond to explain his stand in favor of Meramec reservoir.
27-28 Dec 1975	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	The President signed the appropriations bill that included the \$6.8 million for Basin projects.
22 Jan- 18 Dec 1976	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch Letters to the editor	Re Meramec reservoir: 25 for; 43 against. Reasons from "A to Z." Reflected much the same as the year's array of reports and comments in the newspapers.
4 Jan 76	Post-Dispatch Feature story	Headline: "The Year of Decision for Dam on the Meramec"  An article pointing out the "versus" situation with the Corps getting closer to starting construction of the dam; the Sierra Club and other opponents waiting for the U.S. Court of Appeals decision, thinking of coming elections in the year and how to use them to fight the dam.
21-22 Jan 1976	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	President's budget request includes: Meramec — \$4.5 million; Union — \$700,000; Pine Ford — \$500,000.
4 Feb 76	Post-Dispatch News story	State Representative in Florissant conducted a poll on opinions re construction of Meramec. Result: 27% for; 63% against; 10% no opinion.

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13 Feb 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Democrat Candidates Opposing Meramec Dam"  Five candidates spoke at a meet- ing in Florissant, running for the seat in Congress being vacated by Rep. Hungate. Reasons against the dam: don't need it; opposed to flooding the streams opposing the dam and Corp activi- ties.
	News story	Sierra Club leader urges Missouri Conservation Commission to oppose Meramec dam.
22-23 Feb 1976	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Headline: "Meramec Dam is Called 'an Environmental Edsel'"  Assistant Secretary of the In- terior thus described the Meramec dam project in a talk before the annual meeting of the Missouri and Illinois branches of the Sierra Club.
24 Feb 76	Post-Dispatch News story	MBA executive charges the assis- tant secretary with ignoring two of the three agencies he was responsible for: the National Park Service and the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation — both sup- porting Meramec dam; the Fish and Wildlife Service being against it
8 Mar 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Danforth Views Meramec Project in Canoe"  Said he would probably be against the project but thought he should speak with proponents before saying what he thinks. (Campaigning for U.S. Senator)

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11 Mar 76	Post-Dispatch News story	ROGA group in Washington, D.C. to meet with bi-state Congressional members. Supports "the efforts of our congressional representatives to obtain continued funding for Meramec Lake."
16 Mar 76	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Meramec Park Lake Target Date Now 1982"  Corps testifying for appropriations for Meramec, Union and Pine Ford.
24 Mar 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Re Jimmy Carter campaigning in St. Louis: "Absolutely, I'm against it. The Meramec Dam is very similar to the one I vetoed in Georgia." (when he was governor)
5-6 Apr 1976	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	Headline: "Schramm Opposes Meramec Dam"  Running for Congressional representative against State Senator Robert Young in the primary. Would cost too much and not needed, Schramm says.
6 Apr 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Interior Department Urges Meramec Halt"  Corps should determine impact on endangered species and make plans to compensate for fish and wildlife losses.
8 Apr 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Rep. Ichord asks for increase in amount of funds for Meramec.

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22 Apr 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Danforth: "Meramec Dam. . . is not worth the. . . price tag or the irreparable ecological damage."
23 Apr 76	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Bond for Meramec Dam Despite Danforth View"
23-24 Apr 1976	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	Headline: "Meramec Dam Upheld by Appellate Court"  Corps' operations prevail. Sierra Club contentions rejected.
2 May 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Meramec Park Lake Plan Is Made Public by Engineers"  A master plan for campsites, boat slips, launching ramps, swimming beaches, fishing facilities, and other outdoor recreation.
18 May 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Former Governor Hearnnes campaigning for U.S. Senate — reaffirms support of Meramec.
23 May 76	Post-Dispatch News story	"The shifting trends of politics may be catching up with the Meramec Dam." Article reviewed the attitudes or comments of a number of political candidates.
26 May 76	Post-Dispatch News story	House Appropriations Committee added \$5 million to the \$4.5 million budget figure for Meramec reservoir.

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29 May 76	Post-Dispatch News story	State Senator Young, running for Congressman, said the dam would be an important and environmental asset to the area.
1 Jun 76	Post-Dispatch News story	U.S. Representative Litton, from northwest Missouri and running for U.S. Senator, opposed Meramec.
	News story	Sierra Club proposed an alternative Meramec plan which would use 12,732 acres in the Basin, including what the Corps had already acquired. Plan called for: 1) 942 acres — public camp areas; 236 acres — picnic areas 2) Hiking trails — 45 miles; riding trails — 45 miles 3) Continuation of productive farming on 15,360 acres 4) Easy access to 49 miles of Ozark streams.
	Globe-Democrat News story	"Bats: Facts and Fallacy" will be discussed at the first of a series of special Sunday programs during June at the Meramec Lake visitors center.
8 June 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Meramec Opponents Cite Teton Dam Break"  Expected to be used by environmentalists to block or delay Meramec.
15 Jun 76	Active member of MBC and MBA	House passed appropriations bill with the Meramec reservoir money in it — \$9.5 million.

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15-16 Jun 1976	Post-Dispatch News articles	Rep. Symington, running for the Senate to succeed his father, continued to support Meramec but was willing to consider mediation. Proponent leaders reject that, indicating it was too late.
17 Jun 76	Globe-Democrat News story	Corps will buy Onondaga Cave and keep it open as a tourist attraction.
18 Jun 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Director of Missouri DNR says the four additional Basin lakes probably will never be constructed. "The Meramec is one of the last to be approved. There's just a bad attitude at this time toward dam construction."
24 Jun 76	Post-Dispatch News story	State Senator Gralike, an electrical union head, was not so sure the dam should be built. In the race for Congress from the Third District.
28-29 Jun 1976	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	St. Louis Alderman Gephardt, running for Congress from the Third District, called on Gov. Bond to put a nonbinding informational question on the November ballot for eastern Missouri voters — re Meramec dam being built or not.
6 Jul 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Candidate Koch, running for Congress from the Third District, against the dam — "of questionable value when the basic service needs of people . . . are going unmet."

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11 Jul 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Majority of St. Louis Engineers Club favor Meramec construction: <u>For</u> -- 375; <u>Against</u> -- 257; <u>No position</u> -- 96.
	News story	State legislator, Rep. Baker, candidate for lieutenant governor: <u>Against</u> Meramec because of costs versus benefits, and authority for taking land is in Washington, D.C.
12 Jul 76	Active member of MBC and MBA	President signed appropriations bill with \$9.5 million in it for Meramec.
16 Jul 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Congressional candidates re Meramec: <u>For</u> -- Mr. Chase, Second District -- water supply and recreation; <u>Against</u> -- Mr. Leick, Eighth District -- Corps' mania to build dams, and greedy speculators and commercial enterprise; <u>Against</u> -- Mr. Leiderman, Eighth District -- opposed the dam.
22 Jul 76	Globe-Democrat News story	Congressional candidate re Meramec: <u>Against</u> -- Mr. Badaracco, Third District -- would destroy area's beauty and its present use.
27 Jul 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Automobile Club of Missouri poll re Meramec reservoir (first 1,500 responses): <u>For</u> -- 199; <u>Against</u> -- 1,301.
2 Sep 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Sierra Club endeavors to get a group of St. Louis area businessmen to support the club's alternate Meramec (non-lake) plan.



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6 Sep 76	Globe-Democrat Editorial	Headline: "Urgent Need for Meramec Lake Water"  Problems in Jefferson County getting enough water from deep wells with a fast-growing population.
9 Sep 76	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"Opponents of the Meramec Dam and Lake are looking worse by the day as the drouth of 1976 steadily depletes the area's water supplies."
13 Sep 76	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch	Referendum in eastern Missouri on dam favored by Governor Bond.
14 Sep 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Sierra Club Wants State-Wide Dam Vote"
15 Sep 76	Globe-Democrat Editorial	Governor Bond's call for a referendum in eastern Missouri should be approved by the legislature.
	Post-Dispatch Editorial	Opinion on the Meramec dam will be reflected to a degree in the November elections: Governor Bond for; Teasdale against. Meramec is a campaign issue on which candidates may take a stand and be judged. That seems preferable to shifting responsibility to an advisory referendum.
20 Sep 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Representative Ichord opposes Union — costs outweigh need or benefits. Continues to support Meramec and Pine Ford.

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28 Sep 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Franklin County Court Opposes Union Dam"  ". . . too much stress on recreation."
30 Sep 76	Post-Dispatch News story	The candidates (Democrat and Republican) for state attorney general oppose Meramec.
13-14 Oct 1976	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	ROGA says that polls showing public opposition to Meramec indicate a need for greater un- derstanding of the issues. The dam "amounts to more than decid- ing whether one likes a lake bet- ter than a river."
23-24 Oct 1976	Globe-Democrat News stories	Republican Congressional candi- date Snyder opposes Meramec. Democrat candidate Young supports Meramec.
7 Nov 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Elected — and against the dam: President Carter and Senator Danforth; Governor Teasdale (no further expenditures "until a referendum could be held"). Also elected to Congress: Rep. Gep- hardt — <u>against</u> ; Rep. Volkmer — <u>against</u> ; Rep. Young — <u>for</u> .
13-19 Nov 1976	Globe-Democrat Special series of six articles	A review of the Meramec lake and Basin subject — covering his- tory, controversy, purposes, resource use and preservation, economics, area growth, politics, support, and opposition.

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27 Nov 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Meramec dam project hurt, Senator Eagleton said. ". . . not at this time withdrawing my support" but "the support for the dam has been considerably weakened."
28 Nov 76	Post-Dispatch Sunday Pictures	Opinions for and against by several people living and working in the lake area.
3 Dec 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Labor Backing Construction of Meramec Dam"  ". . . will create 3,950 jobs immediately and an estimated 500 new jobs in the area annually for the next 20 years," said the St. Louis Labor Council.
16 Dec 76	Globe-Democrat News story	Bass fishermen group pickets in front of Corps District offices building — with signs supporting Meramec.
19 Dec 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Senator Eagleton recommended a halt in Meramec construction, pending the outcome of a state referendum. Governor Teasdale called for a referendum but didn't say whether he wanted it statewide or for eastern Missouri.
20 Dec 76	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Pro-Meramec Leader Opposes State Dam Vote"  "Basically, the people where the lake would be built will be the ones who have responsibility for what goes on there."
23 Dec 76	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Spending for Meramec Dam May Be Halted Until Vote"

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29 Dec 76	Globe-Democrat Editorial	Headline: "Jefferson County Water Crisis"  Manager of Water Districts 4 and 9 said it is absolutely critical. Meramec reservoir preferable to Mississippi River water.
5 Jan 77	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Ichord Warns Against Halting Dam"  Will create difficulty for Mis- souri to obtain federal money for future projects.
6 Jan 77	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"Opponents of the proposed Meramec Lake and Dam have used the Big Lie technique with ex- treme effectiveness. . . They have made statements about the lake and dam that are so fraudu- lent that even they at times must have qualms."
8-9 Jan 1977	Globe-Democrat Editorial	". . . rather than show some leadership on the issue, Eagleton has chosen to bend like a reed in the face of. . . anti-Meramec breeze."
	News story	Headline: "Building Trades Decry Eagleton Dam Stance"  ". . . turning his back on the vast majority of Missourians who want — and need — this vital recreation area."
9 Jan 77	Post-Dispatch News story	"Eight of the 12 members of the Missouri congressional delega- tion favor delay of the Meramec Dam project."

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13 Jan 77	Globe-Democrat News story	Ichord will conduct a Meramec dam poll of residents of the three counties of the project area. Urged the legislature to refuse proposals for a statewide or 13-county referendum.
17 Jan 77	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Departing President Ford's budget included \$10 million for Meramec construction and \$800,000 for Pine Ford engineering and design.
18 Jan 77	Globe-Democrat News story	"St. Louis Labor Council has condemned the action of U.S. Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton, D-Mo., that stalled money for the Meramec Dam project."
21 Jan 77	Globe-Democrat News story	The legislature's proposed referendum appears in jeopardy because of strong labor opposition and an unusual ballot that would determine public policy.
	Post-Dispatch News story	U.S. District Court added about \$200,000 to the government's price figure for a Bourbon, Missouri couple's 650-acre farm — for a total of \$585,000.
26 Jan 77	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Hearing at Jefferson City for <u>supporters</u> of an advisory referendum on Meramec dam: They want a statewide vote. Sponsor of bill thinks it will have a better chance of passing — as written for 13 counties and St. Louis.

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29-31 Jan 1977	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	Headline: "Eagleton Links His Support of Meramec Dam to Referendum"  Reasons: Missouri delegation is divided, and President Carter is in opposition.
31 Jan 77	Globe-Democrat News story	At the legislature: Opponents to a Meramec referendum to be heard tomorrow by Senate committee; a House bill on a referendum to be heard this date.
2 Feb 77	Post-Dispatch News story	Interior urges halt to dam. "We see no way in which . . . caves can be impounded without endangering the bat habitat." Also, a report is in preparation on the pearly mussel.
2-18 Feb 1977	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Re Missouri legislature and Meramec referendum bill in a tug-of-war: Congressional delegation should decide on the project; Ichord's reelection a referendum; Senate committee approves bill; Present Missouri lakes competition helped committee to decide; Meramec area senator against bill; House committee bill tabled; both sides oppose a dam vote; Senate tabled the bill.
6 Feb 77	Post-Dispatch News story	Sierra Club leader resigned job in St. Louis corporation and joined Danforth staff to oppose Meramec.
8 Feb 77	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Ichord's Dam Poll Results Due April 1"

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10 Feb 77	Globe-Democrat News story	"The Army Corps of Engineers intends to present congressional testimony in support of a \$10 million appropriation for continuing construction of the Meramec Park Dam."
12-13 Feb 1977	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Danforth talked to budget director re cutting Meramec money from budget.
19-20 Feb 1977	Globe-Democrat News story	Governor Teasdale won't get involved in dam dispute.
20 Feb 77	Post-Dispatch News story	Ichord said President Carter will delete funds for Meramec — per the word from director of budget office.
21 Feb 77	Globe-Democrat. Post-Dispatch News stories	Headlines: "Ichord Vows to Return Dam Funds to Budget"; "Eagleton Won't Seek Dam Funds"
22 Feb 77	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Headlines: "Referendum Called Last Hope for Dam"; "Corps to Halt Meramec Spending"
23 Feb 77	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Headlines: "Reviving Referendum on Dam Appears Unlikely"; "Danforth Praises Carter for Meramec Dam Stance"
26-27 Feb 1977	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Where the Dam Issue Really Gets Hot"  An article about Sullivan and residents' pros and cons on the project.

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26-27 Feb 1977 (cont.)	Post-Dispatch News story	Head of RCGA wrote letter to Carter to reconsider reductions in plane production at McDonnell-Douglas and elimination of funds for Meramec.
27-28 Feb 1 Mar 77	Post-Dispatch Special feature in three articles	Story of the Meramec ups-and-downs — from the late '50s to date.
1 Mar 77	Globe-Democrat News story	MBA press conference on the day before in downtown St. Louis — with a group of "local political, business and labor leaders. . . to show their support for the troubled project." Besides MBA board leaders, participants included the mayor of St. Louis, board chairman of RCGA, the executive of the Building and Construction Trades Council, the presiding judge of Crawford County, and others.
10 Mar 77	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Meramec Dam Benefits Found to Exceed Costs"  Benefits would exceed all federal costs by an estimated 30 percent, according to figures compiled by the Council on Environmental Quality. In a report to Congress on behalf of President Carter, the council did not explain why the Meramec was downgraded as marginal.
11 Mar 77	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Re status of Meramec: In the Senate the previous day "Danforth . . . argued that the Missouri project should be allowed to remain halted because of environmental, economic and public opinion reasons."



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19 Mar 77	Post-Dispatch News story	Interview with Ichord — Does not object to deferring spending on Meramec. "There is no reason to spend vast sums. . . until its future is decided."
19-20 Mar 1977	Globe-Democrat News story	Ichord announced that the Corps plans a new study of the economic feasibility of hydroelectric power generation to Meramec.
	Rod & Gun column	Mid-America Bass Fishermen's Association of 7,000 members has passed a resolution supporting Meramec.
20 Mar 77	Post-Dispatch News story	Danforth to speak on developments concerning Meramec at annual meeting of the St. Louis Coalition for the Environment.
23 Mar 77	District news release District file	Subject: Public meeting to be held by the District Engineer at Sullivan on 3/26 about the Meramec project — re the President's request to review all Corps projects in the fiscal year 1978 construction budget request, and to provide an opportunity for the public to express views on the review criteria and procedures used in the review process.
24 Mar 77	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Announcements of the public meeting at Sullivan on 3/26, per the Corps' news release.
25 Mar 77	Globe-Democrat News story	Except for the "endangered species. . . the gray bat and the Higgins eye pearly mussel," the Meramec project has "passed all other tests in a just-completed screening by an administration team of officials."

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25 Mar 77 (cont.)	Post-Dispatch News story	President said that the 30 projects on the "hit list," including Meramec, "were not being killed. . . but merely were being 'reassessed' so that their costs and benefits could be determined."
26 Mar 77	Post-Dispatch News story	Danforth's office said that the Corps' statement announcing the public meeting was inaccurate and misleading with respect to why the dam was being held up.
	Digest of Public Meeting on Meramec Park Lake at Sullivan -- 1:00 p.m. District file	Registered attendance: approximately 900; estimated attendance: 2,000.  Written statements: <u>For</u> -- 305; <u>Against</u> -- 151.  Desiring to speak: Approximately 250; available when called on: approximately 100 -- 60 opponents, 40 proponents.  Makeup of attendance: <u>Early part</u> of afternoon -- apparently about 75% proponents. <u>Latter part</u> of afternoon -- departure of apparent proponents; remainder opponents, as statements indicated. <u>Early evening</u> -- departure of apparent opponents and arrival of proponents with statements mainly for the project. <u>Very few</u> expressed any opinion for or against the review criteria.  Proponents and opponents expressed appreciation to District Engineer for his fairness in conducting an orderly meeting.

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27-28 Mar 1977	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	Re public meeting at Sullivan: Headlines: "Cheers, Boos at Meramec Dam Hearing"; "Marathon Dam Hearing Claims No Clear Victor"
29 Mar 77	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Dam Issue Will Doom Danforth, Ichord Says" (at House appropriations hearing)  At same hearing Danforth said the project "is not wanted by the vast majority of the people of my state."
	Post-Dispatch News story	House Budget Committee deleted funds for several water projects, including Meramec.
30 Mar 77	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Funds for Meramec Restored by Panel"  However, "Decisions by the Budget Committee on particular programs are not binding."
	Globe-Democrat News story	Meramec dam favored two to one in poll, Rep. Burlison says -- in his three Basin counties.
30-31 Mar 1977	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Governor Teasdale neutral on dam.
6 Apr 77	Globe-Democrat News story	Ichord's poll in the three coun- ties where the lake would be -- backs project 62.5%.

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6-7 Apr 1977	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	In Washington, D.C., 100 MBA project backers met with Eagleton and presented testimony for appropriation. Eagleton offered a small appropriation to keep the project alive — in return for an agreement to hold an early regional referendum.
13 Apr 77	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Ichord suggested land acquired for Meramec lake be returned to former owners if project is halted by Congress or Carter.
16 Apr 77	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Meramec Funds Still Deleted After Review by President"
17 Apr 77	Post-Dispatch News story	Meramec is not doomed just because Carter is not going to recommend money for it, said Ichord. The only real barrier is political, he said, promising a fight in Congress to restore funds.
30 Apr 1 May 77	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	Rep. Gephardt's poll in his district shows 53% against Meramec.
3 May 77	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Meramec Dam Fund Voted by House Subcommittee"  Amount of \$10 million.
11 May 77	Globe-Democrat News story	The key House chairman on public works appropriations has warned that money for future Missouri water projects is in jeopardy.

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11 May 77 (cont.)		The time for a referendum, as proposed, is "before a project has been started so that government funds are not wasted on projects that may not be completed."
19 May 77	Globe-Democrat News story	A recently discovered cave at Meramec creates no safety problem, the Corps has reported.
25-26 May 1977	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat	Meramec \$10 million approved by House Appropriations Committee.
9 Jun 77	Globe-Democrat News story	Project will be cut off from new money in the Senate version of the public works bill — per appropriations subcommittee.
15 Jun 77	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Headline: "House Ignores Carter, Votes Money for Meramec Project"  If the Senate opposes, "the fate of the Meramec project will be settled later in conference between Senate and House Appropriations Committee members."
16 Jun 77	Post-Dispatch News story	Senate subcommittee eliminated fund for Meramec.
23 Jun 77	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Senate Appropriations Committee voted "to eliminate 8 of the 17 water projects that the House had approved over White House objections, including the Meramec" — being eliminated.

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5 Jul 77	Globe-Democrat News story	"The Senate has passed and sent to a conference committee a . . . bill that would finance 9 of the 18 dam-building projects opposed by Mr. Carter. . . . Funds for the Meramec Dam are included in the House bill, but not in the Senate version."
18 Jul 77	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"Opponents of the lake and dam in Congress claim that its benefit-cost ratio is not sufficient to warrant approval of further funds even though the latest calculations show it would return at least \$1.50 for every \$1 invested."
20-21 Jul 1977	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	"House and Senate conferees agreed. . . to delete funds for the controversial Meramec Dam project" and eight others.  ". . . these projects will be open for consideration by congressional committees next year and have not been de-authorized."
21 Jul 77	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Ichord Gives Up Hope for Funds to Revive Meramec Dam Project"
23-24 Jul 1977	Globe-Democrat Editorial	Referred to water supply problems in the Basin and an economic blow to the state.
24 Jul 77	Post-Dispatch Outdoors column	"That the St. Louis area needs the recreation that the Meramec can provide never has been disputed. The dispute. . . is over what type of recreation should be provided and its cost to the environment, to the public treasury and to private ownership of land."

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26 Jul 77	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Congress Votes to Drop Meramec Dam Project"  Action by both House and Senate approving the conference committee agreement.
27 Jul 77	Post-Dispatch Editorial	"Might there not still be sound public use for much of the public land other than for a reservoir? . . . The fact is that the lake itself would have occupied less than half the area taken for public use, and that use features recreation. . . Outdoor recreation remains in short supply in this metropolitan area. . . Congress should not wash its hands of the Meramec simply by halting funds for the long-planned lake."
1-9 Aug 1977	Globe-Democrat, Post-Dispatch News stories and editorials	The Meramec referendum again: Ichord after Teasdale for a referendum; Sierra Club after Teasdale for DNR doing a water study — and no referendum; Globe-Democrat after Teasdale for a referendum; Eagleton after Teasdale for a referendum; Post-Dispatch questions whether referendum would decide anything; Teasdale — no referendum bill in the special session starting 8/10 — but an open mind for a bill in the regular session in January.
8 Aug 77	Post-Dispatch News analysis story	Headline: "National Energy, Water Needs Could Revive Meramec Dam Project"

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15 Aug 77	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	MBA meeting in Fenton with attendance of about 300. Rep. Burlison and Rep. Young were speakers at the meeting — both emphasized Meramec Reservoir values: water supply, flood control, recreational and economic benefits.  Burlison pointed out two water projects in the Basin were alive and financed: Council Bluff Lake in Mark Twain National Forest (U.S. Forest Service) and the Corps' Pine Ford project in Jefferson County.
27 Aug 77	Post-Dispatch News Story	Meeting of proponents in the Sullivan area with a new Meramec plan in mind: The use of Meramec dam as an answer to future water supply — through the use of a conservancy district approach by area voters.
31 Aug 77	Globe-Democrat Editorial	Commendation to 1,200 volunteers who are out again for the annual Operation Clean Stream cleanup of the Meramec, Big and Bourbeuse Rivers.
23 Sep 77	Post-Dispatch Article by hunting and fishing columnist	Re Upper Bourbeuse River: Handy — close to St. Louis. Attractive and has good fishing. "Union Dam. . . would flood 36 miles of the middle part of the river, including the lower part of the prime floating water. . . no more popular among conservationists and canoeists than Meramec Dam."



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27 Sep 77	Letter of transmittal Meramec River Basin Water Supply Study	Contract for study awarded to University of Missouri-Rolla.
28 Sep 77	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Corps contract with University of Missouri-Rolla for study of water supply needs in the Basin for the next 100 years. Could possibly apply to Meramec reservoir if re- vised, and to be useful in pre- construction planning of Pine Ford.
4 Oct 77	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"The University of Missouri-Rolla water study on the Meramec Basin should provide the definitive data needed to make long-range water management decisions in the basin. . . If these findings turn out as proponents of the Meramec Park Lake and Dam hope they will, they could be used as a springboard to revive the now dormant project."  Further comments on Meramec benefits versus costs, economic impact, and indicated support.
11 Oct 77	Post-Dispatch News story	"Sewage from most of south St. Louis County would no longer enter the Meramec River under a \$120 million collection and treatment plan proposed by the Metropolitan Sewer District. . . The sewage project is not linked to the controversial Meramec Dam or to waste-water disposal prob- lems being studied on the upper Meramec River."

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26-27 Nov 1977	Globe-Democrat News story	Re MBA president and executive giving up full-time work for the association, but continuing on the board.
Dec 1977	Letter of transmittal -- 12/3/79 -- Meramec River Basin Water Supply Study	Re study: Institute of River Studies at University of Missouri-Rolla held informational briefing for Corps, state and federal agencies, and legislators.
2 Dec 77	Globe-Democrat News story	MBA will continue to push Congress for the Meramec reservoir and seek money for other federal water projects in the basin.
30 Dec 77	Globe-Democrat News story	Metropolitan Sewer District: Re next seven to 10 years, spending over \$400 million involving Mississippi, Missouri and Meramec watersheds. The Meramec sewer project will preserve the stream for recreation, swimming and source of drinking water.
12 Feb- 26 Oct 77	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch Letters to the editor	Re Meramec reservoir: A considerable decline in letters -- from 68 in 1976 to 14 in 1977 -- with those "for" (8) mostly referring to recreation needs; those "against" (6) essentially just opposed, or projecting that attitude.
15 Jan 78	Post-Dispatch News story	Re a public meeting on plans for a corridor of parks lining the lower Meramec in St. Louis County -- sponsored by the Coalition for the Environment.

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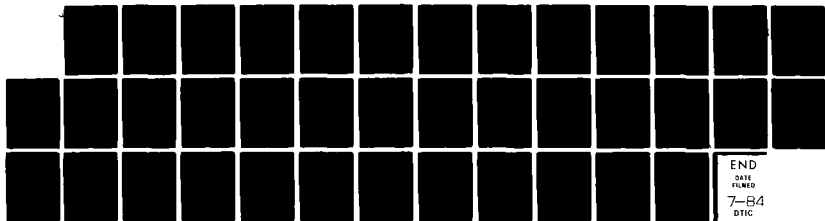
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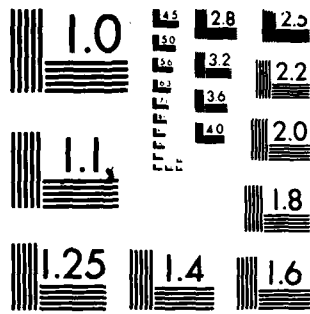
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18-19 Jan 1978	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News story	Re authorizing a referendum: Missouri Senate committee passed a bill out for a nonbinding ad- visory vote on the Meramec reservoir. Proponents of the dam supported the bill. Opponents of the dam testified against a referendum. Nine counties and the City of St. Louis would be the voting area.
21-22 Jan 1978	Globe-Democrat News story	Meramec was omitted from Carter's budget. Ichord said a favorable referendum vote would bring financing by Congress.
26 Jan 78	Globe-Democrat Editorial	Re referendum: Whatever the outcome, a referendum should be held. This is the best way to resolve this long-standing dispute.
	Post-Dispatch News story	Re referendum: Eagleton will support Meramec if voters approve in a regional referendum.
		Danforth would reconsider his opposition only if a statewide referendum showed approval.
29 Jan 78	Post-Dispatch Editorial	Re referendum: A referendum should be regional, not state- wide. The project is a regional matter for decision by the people of the area.
30 Jan- 18 Aug 78	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch Letters to the editor	Re Meramec Dam: For -- 25 -- essentially favoring area economy and recreation; Against -- 33 -- want the river in its natural state and no big expenditures.

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31 Jan 78	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Headline: "Senate OKs Dam Referendum"  The House has some questions — and passage in time for an April 4 election vote doesn't look too good.
1 Feb 78	Globe-Democrat Editorial	Don't stall Meramec referendum.
1-2 Feb 1978	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	Corps closes facilities at Meramec Park — restriction of funds.
3 Feb 78	Globe-Democrat Special feature	Review of economic conditions in the Sullivan area due to iron mine layoff, and the need for improved conditions which include planning for increased water supply and getting Meramec reser- voir into action again.
11-12 Feb 1978	Globe-Democrat News story	House committee chairman won't expedite the referendum bill in time to get it passed for an April 4 election day. Reasons: continuing disagreement over the time and eligible areas for the vote; a number of members of the committee have to devote time to work on the House version of the state budget.
21 Feb 78	Post-Dispatch News story	House committee reported split but nearing decision on referendum.
28 Feb 78	Post-Dispatch News story	House committee endorses referendum with a change in the voting area — adding three more counties.

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15 Mar 78	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"One important factor in support of completing construction of the Meramec Lake and Dam project has lacked emphasis thus far. That extremely vital aspect is the hydropower potential in the Meramec Basin."
4 Apr 78	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "House Clears Meramec Dam Referendum"  Providing for 12 counties and St. Louis City as the voting area; the election day to be August 8, 1978
5 Apr 78	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	The Missouri Senate passed the Meramec referendum bill as amended by the House; the bill to the governor.
6 Apr 78	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch Editorials	The Missouri General Assembly has done its duty to the voters . . . by giving them a chance to decide the issue.
12-13 Apr 1978	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	Headline: "Teasdale Signs Meramec Dam Referendum"
16 Apr 78	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Now Comes Time to Sway Voters on Meramec Dam"
8 May 78	Post-Dispatch News story	In Washington, D.C., House subcommittee puts \$12 million for Meramec construction in a budget recommendation sent to the House Appropriations Committee.

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26 May 78	Globe-Democrat Editorial	Re Endangered Species Act: The Meramec has had its share of problems on that. Unrestrained tactics of bureaucrats and environmentalists should be curbed and balanced with the economic growth and development of the nation.  "If Congress fails to clearly spell out the limits of the law, the only endangered species ultimately may be human beings."
1 Jun 78	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	House Appropriations Committee approved \$12 million construction money for Meramec. Has an understanding with Ichord on cancellation of the money if the referendum on 8/8 is negative.
11 May 78	Globe-Democrat Editorial	Approved the \$12 million appropriation item for Meramec. If referendum approves the project, money for it will already be in the public works bill. If defeated, easier to take a money item out of the bill than to insert one in an advanced stage of the legislation.
June 78	Letter of transmittal — 12/3/79 — Meramec River Basin Water Supply Study	Re study: Institute of River Studies at University of Missouri-Rolla held informational briefing for Corps, state and federal agencies, and legislators.
4 Jun 78	Post-Dispatch News story	MBA and allied supporters consider raising and spending \$174,000 to persuade voters to support Meramec in the 8/8 referendum.



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4 Jun 78 (cont.)	Editorial	Re Meramec Dam: "We have believed that the benefits of the project would outweigh the ruin of significant portions of the Meramec and two of its tributaries, the Huzzah and Courtois. Times change; circumstances change; we have changed. We now think that the interests of this and future generations would be best served by preserving these streams."
10 Jun 78	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Spending Bill Faces Veto Over Water Projects Issue" (including the Meramec conditional \$12 million)
12 Jun 78	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"President Carter's born-again decision to revise his administration's policy on federal water projects is as welcome as spring rain on parched ground."
	Post-Dispatch Editorial	He "should reconsider his stand on the Meramec Lake and Dam, reserving final judgment until the outcome of the Aug. 8 referendum."
		". . . the administration would establish a staff of experts to review the worth of projects. . . he is headed in the right direction."
13 Jun 78	Post-Dispatch News story	Re 1979 public works appropriation bill in the House: Administration to try to delete money for Meramec and seven other projects.

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16 Jun 78	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Headlines: "Meramec Dam Survives House Fight"; "House Votes Funds for Meramec Dam, 7 Other Projects"
19 Jun 78	Globe-Democrat Special feature	Engineers Club of St. Louis produces two reports on the Meramec: Pro and Con. Cover the same things that everyone else has been referring to — either yes or no, and why or why not — with respect to flood control, water supply, recreation, the economy of the area, et cetera, et alii.
23 Jun 78	Post-Dispatch News story	Eagleton after Senate financing of Meramec, as in the House: Conditioned on approval of Meramec in the referendum.
25 Jun 78	Post-Dispatch Feature story	Re referendum campaign: Headline: "Mail, Phone Barrages Mount in Dam War"
28 Jun 78	Globe-Democrat News story	MBA sponsoring a \$50-a-plate, fund raising dinner.
30 Jun 78	Globe-Democrat News story	Corps' Director of Civil Works asked Senate subcommittee to delete money for five projects, including the Meramec. Asked why the next day, he said, "We are a part of the executive branch and must present the presidential views. I don't want an article to indicate that there is some compulsion in this. It is a normal procedure."

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2 Jul 78	Post-Dispatch News story	Lengthy article based essentially on anti-dam group attitude and statements of criticism that the Corps is not opposing Meramec project although it is on a list of opposition by the White House.
3 Jul 78	Globe-Democrat News story	Carter administration efforts against Meramec — based on campaign promises, not objective criteria: per MBA. Information came from a presidential advisor speaking at a meeting of the Water Resources Congress in 3/77. The advisor was asked by an MBA member if Meramec being on the president's list was due to not meeting the required criteria or was on the basis of a campaign promise. Answer: A campaign promise.
5 Jul 78	Globe-Democrat Editorial	Headline: "Meramec Park a Good Investment"  ". . . a well-qualified panel . . . reviewed the project last year at President Carter's direction. . . The panel. . . in addition to finding the project has a favorable cost-benefit ratio of 1.5 to 1, also judged the project favorable on environmental and safety grounds."
9 Jul 78	Post-Dispatch News story	Re question of a Meramec vote in Kansas City and Jackson County: Sierra Club group sues the election boards of the city and county to have a preferential vote on the ballot at the 8/8 primary.

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9 Jul 78 (cont.)	Post-Dispatch News story	"The fish kill at the Corps of Engineers' Truman Dam at Warsaw, Mo., and environmental damage caused by another Corps dam at Stockton, Mo., should make the public question the merits of the proposed Meramec Dam and other water projects, says Sen. John C. Danforth, R-Mo."
11 Jul 78	Globe-Democrat Special feature	Engineers Club of St. Louis comes out with follow-up rebuttals per their Pro and Con of June 19.
13 Jul 78	Globe-Democrat Editorial	Opponents of Meramec are doing their utmost to confuse and mislead voters on the 8/8 referendum: Deception and inaccuracy used with respect to availability at present of suitable waters for recreation close to St. Louis, the much smaller number of people who could use the Meramec area without lake waters, the actual lack of recreational facilities without Meramec Lake.
16 Jul 78	Post-Dispatch News story	Anti-dam 100-second film ad at 40 St. Louis theaters. Pro-dam advertising: Radio spots.
21 Jul 78	Globe-Democrat News story	Proponents of Meramec Park Dam and Lake have challenged opponents of the project to prove their claims that the dam would be unsafe and is unnecessary for area water supplies. Result: No answers.
22-23 Jul	Globe-Democrat Series story	Like the Civil War, dam dispute splits families.

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23 Jul 78	Post-Dispatch Series story	Re Meramec economic values: Reflection of opinions from a cross-section of Meramec area business and resident people — economy yes and no; recreation yes and no; water supply yes and no.
24 Jul 78	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"For years certain leaders of the opposition to the Meramec Park Lake and Dam project have made unsubstantiated charges that the dam would be unsafe and would be unnecessary to supplement water supplies in the Meramec Basin . . . . Last week two of the leading opponents were challenged to prove their claims. But given this golden opportunity, they declined.
	Globe-Democrat Series story	Meramec Park: Lake or heritage riverway? <u>Lake</u> : 1.6 benefits to 1.0 costs, including flood reduction, water supply, recrea- tion, economic development, etc. <u>Heritage riverway plan</u> : Con- servation, recreation, agricul- ture, flood control, and cost reduction. The plan would eliminate water supply, low flow augmentation, area reorientation, and navigation.
24-25 Jul 1978	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	Conservation Commission of Mis- souri votes against dam — "on the basis of its responsibility for protecting the state's fish and wildlife resources."

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25 Jul 78	Globe-Democrat Series story	Proponents of the dam claim it would insure future residential water supplies and boost current supplies to a level that would attract industry. Opponents say the water supply issue is invalid.
26 Jul 78	Post-Dispatch Editorial	"The unanimous decision of the Mo. Conservation Commission to oppose construction of the Meramec Dam adds significantly to the strength of the argument against proceeding with the project."
	Globe-Democrat Series story	Headline: "Water Supply for Growing Population Key Dam Issue"  Comparison of proposed Meramec lake water supply to the Rend Lake Conservancy District water plant in southern Illinois.
	Post-Dispatch Series story	Headline: "Flood Control: Dam's Purpose"  Article on the pluses and minuses of flood control by dams — with Corps comments for and Sierra Club comments against.
27 Jul 78	Globe-Democrat Series story	Headline: "Meramec Park Dam: A Wise Investment?"  "In every graduating high school class in this country, there are two or three extraordinary people. They're the ones that provide the leadership for the community. . . Around here, they have to leave. There are no jobs for them." (Comment of a Sullivan businessman)

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28 Jul 78	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Suit Filed to Prohibit Columbia from Voting on Meramec Dam"  Story from Columbia, Missouri. Businessman sues: Vote illegal on issues not affecting Columbia and Boone County.
	Globe-Democrat Series entry	Headline: "Dam's Effect on Environment Disputed"  <u>Opponents</u> contend that lake would destroy Meramec River and cause massive environmental damage.  <u>Proponents</u> say there would be a "trade-off" of some environmental changes for the benefits of the lake, and parts of the environment would be improved.
29-30 Jul 1978	Globe-Democrat Series story	Headline: "'It Would Provide Recreation for All,' Dam Backers Say"  <u>MBA</u> : "It is one of the best planned lake projects in the country because the public has been a strong part of the planning process since the early 1960s."  <u>Sierra Club</u> : "Missourians want to preserve their Ozark streams and their Ozark heritage."
	News story	Headline: "Meramec Project Gets Boost"  Senate subcommittee conditionally approved \$12 million for Meramec construction — depending on a "yes" vote in the 8/8 referendum.

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30 Jul 78	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Dam Would Damn Caves, Owner Says"  Article applying mostly to Onondaga Cave at Leasburg. Meramec Caverns (below the dam site) and Onondaga are two of the most popular commercial caves in the nation.
	Post-Dispatch News story	The National Water Resources Association, a water projects lobbying group with membership from 18 western states: "NWRA believes that water projects are a wise and profitable investment in the continued development of America."
	Series story	Article on reservoir water supply, with the continuatio. of proponents yes, opponents no: It's needed — it's not needed, in the Sullivan area. It's needed — it's not needed, down- stream in Jefferson County.
31 Jul 78	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Punches Harder in Dam Dispute's Final Round"  Article on the proponents and opponents raising money, adver- tising and making appearances on radio and TV. Also commentary on labor and business not pro- viding as much support for the project as expected.
	Globe-Democrat Series story	Headline: "Floods: The Quiet Dam Issue"  "Flood control is considered to be 42% of th project's total benefits. . . The debate over flood control benefits is not so well-defined as the issue of recreation."



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31 Jul 78 (cont.)		Article continues the pre-referendum pro and con comments; refers to Corps' statements on flood examples and control.
	Post-Dispatch News story	Article on Missouri Chapter of Americans for Democratic Action: Endorsements of candidates and its opposition to construction of Meramec dam.
1 Aug 78	Globe-Democrat Series story	Article mostly a review of elected politicians' support and opposition to the Meramec (particularly as shown in the past several years' chronological notes).
	Post-Dispatch Series story	Article on what the basic thinking is on each side of the dam question: <u>Proponents</u> -- "We know for a fact Meramec Park Lake will improve the environment." <u>Opponents</u> -- "The wildlife and the scenery are the very things that are important to the people."
3 Aug 78	Post-Dispatch Series story	"There is perhaps no issue in the Meramec dam dispute where the two sides so clearly butt heads as on the issue of recreation. . . In the most simple terms, it pits the canoeists against the power-boaters."  The article expanded with the comments of MBA and Sierra Club.
4 Aug 78	Post-Dispatch Outdoors column	"If you plan to vote to destroy Huzzah Creek Tuesday, you really ought to see it first so you know what you are doing. . . Nowhere anywhere else in the world are there Ozark streams."

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5-6 Aug 1978	Globe-Democrat Editorial	Headline: "Vote 'Yes' on the Meramec"  "Those who claim people don't need Meramec Park Lake and Dam are willing to condemn residents of the basin to a zero-growth future, and gamble that another deluge on the order of the 1915 Meramec River flood won't occur in the future. This is like playing Russian roulette."
	News story	Headline: "Columbia to Vote on Meramec Dam"  "Boone County Circuit Judge. . . denied the injunction against the only preference vote sched- uled in the state outside the Meramec River area."
	News story	Headline: "Meramec Vote among Key Issues"  "Voters in a 12-county area and the city of St. Louis will vote on the question: 'Shall the Meramec Dam and Meramec Park Lake be constructed?'"
6 Aug 78	Post-Dispatch 2 news stories 1 series story Outdoors column A 7 election issues long editorial	With three stories, a column, and almost half of the editorial page on a Meramec "no," the Post- Dispatch covered the subject.
8 Aug 78	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	"The state Conservation Depart- ment will begin a four-year study on recreational use of the Meramec. . . later this month." Study will include the Bourbeuse and Big Rivers.

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8 Aug 78 (cont.)	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Dam May Be Ballot's Big Draw"  Article refers to the issues and offices to be voted on, with a ballot list of the paper's en- dorsements -- including "yes" to construction of Meramec Park Lake and Dam.
9 Aug 78	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Meramec Dam and Lake plan is rejected by voters almost 2 to 1.  In a joint statement, Eagleton and Danforth said they will in- troduce legislation "to deauthor- ize the Meramec Park Lake project immediately."
	Post-Dispatch Editorial	"Let the Meramec, the Huzzah and Courtois run free. That is the message that voters in St. Louis and 12 Meramec-Basin counties sent to Washington."
10 Aug 78	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"The vote against the Meramec project is viewed largely as a vote against federal spending for such developments. . . The unof- ficial tabulation, with all pre- cincts reported . . ." For -- 148,078; Against -- 256,703.
	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "'Great Land Grab' Is Predicted as Dam Vote Result"  Question of what to do with Meramec land: For some federal agency to get it; or the state; or a non-dam alternative use; or the former landowners getting it back; or what else.

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11 Aug 78	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Senate withdraws \$12 million earmarked for Meramec Dam.
	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Crawford County Residents Want to Buy Back Dam Land"
	News story	"Anti-government sentiment was the biggest factor in the lopsided vote Tuesday against the Meramec dam project, observers on both sides of the issue say."
13 Aug 78	Post-Dispatch Outdoors column	More work still needed to save the Meramec — from being overused and abused.
	News story	Article discusses the pluses and minuses, and alternatives, with respect to the Sierra Club's Meramec Heritage Riverway Plan.
17 Aug 78	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	MBA proposes federal government do a study "that develops an alternate plan for the best utilization and conservation of the resources of the area."
18-20 Aug 1978	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	Ex-owners want Meramec land back. Farmers, businessmen joining to push for dam land.

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20 Aug 78	Post-Dispatch Editorial	Headline: "The Future of the Meramec"  "Energy and attention can be turned to alternative uses for the project area and to recreational uses of the river downstream. Individually or jointly, these present a challenge both to the opponents and the supporters of the dam. . . It would be an extraordinarily constructive and farsighted step if they were to now join forces to help plan the future of the Meramec."
23 Aug 78	Post-Dispatch Letter to the editor	A long letter with the following heading: "The Referendum: 'The Last Best Hope of Democracy'"
29-30 Aug 1978	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	St. Louis County supervisor proposes acquisition of nearly 1,000 acres of parkland along the lower Meramec River.
30 Aug 78	Post-Dispatch Editorial	"Supervisor's proposal presents the County Council with an opportunity at one stroke to improve public recreation resources in St. Louis County and to enhance the protection of the river."
14 Sep 78	Globe-Democrat News story	Eagleton and Danforth are being urged by dam foes not to have the Corps study alternatives to Meramec dam.
18 Sep 78	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"There is no great ground swell for development of an alternate plan despite the claims of the dam opponents."

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22 Sep 78	Post-Dispatch News story	"The St. Louis County Council voted 5-2 Thursday to authorize the purchase of nearly 1,000 acres of land along the Meramec River for additional county parks."
26-27 Sep 1978	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	Eagleton and Danforth introduce bill for deauthorization of Meramec Dam and requesting a study by Corps of use of the land.
Jan 1979	Letter of transmittal -- 12/3/79 -- Meramec River Basin Water Supply Study	Re study: Institute of River Studies at University of Missouri-Rolla held informational briefing for Corps, state and federal agencies, and legislators, during which the draft report was released.
2 Feb 79	Post-Dispatch News story	Re Council Bluff Lake on upper Big River -- U.S. Forest Service: Contract awarded for building dam -- with outlet tunnel and intake towers having been constructed in 1975.
5 Feb 79	Globe-Democrat News story	Re lower Meramec: Interior Department grants \$845,000 to St. Louis County and the state for matching -- to purchase 928 acres for three areas to be used for recreation.
Apr 1979	District file	<u>Flood</u> : Rainfall from 3.03 to 5.25 inches over area -- 8-12 Apr. Crest at Eureka 14 Apr -- 33.4.
Apr 1979	Letter of transmittal -- 12/3/79 -- Meramec River Basin Water Supply Study	The final briefing, at which time review comments were received for consideration when preparing the final report.

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15 Jun 79	Meramec River Basin Water Supply Study	<p>Study finished by Institute of River Studies at University of Missouri-Rolla.</p> <p>The study is in six volumes with text, graphs, lists, tables, maps, and charts — totaling over 1,500 pages.</p> <p>"The issue which is central to this study is water for water supply. During most years, streamflow is more than enough for anticipated needs. Shortages are likely to occur only during severe droughts which, on the average, are infrequent events. Impoundments for water supply would be used to ameliorate the effects of drought downstream, but would otherwise have minimal effect on the natural flow regimen of the river." (Volume 2, p. 286)</p>
31 Oct 79	Letter of transmittal — 12/3/79 — Meramec River Basin Water Supply Study	Final report of study actually completed. (Report carries date of 6/15/79.)
3 Dec 79	Letter of transmittal from the District Engineer	Re Meramec River Basin Water Supply Study: "This report was prepared by the Institute of River Studies, University of Missouri-Rolla, under contract . . . with the St. Louis District. . . We believe that the public interest would be best served by planning for contingency supplies, to allow for uncertainties in predicting future events. . . The report's analyses will be of great help as we define acceptable levels of risk through public participation and coordination with various agencies and governing bodies."

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24 Jul 80	Post-Dispatch News story	Re public hearing by DNR on flood damage in the lower Meramec River area: Property owners told the state planners that removal of riverside cottages would be one way to control flood damage.
11-12 Jan 1981	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	Re Onondaga Cave: The Nature Conservancy organization will buy the cave with two miles of riverfront — and resell it to the state.
24 May 81	Post-Dispatch News story	Key members of Missouri Congressional delegation disagree on what to do with land bought for Meramec Park Lake.
June 1981	<u>Out of Harm's Way</u> Lower Meramec Valley Flood Damage Reduction Study Summary Report	State of Missouri, the Upper Mississippi River Basin Commission, and the U.S. Water Resources Council agreed on the need for this special study of flood plain management, aimed at reducing future flood damages.
16-17 Jul 1981	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	Question: What to do with Meramec lands and what alternatives are there for a dam or no dam.  Senators Eagleton and Danforth. Reps. Young and Bailey are all in the news about what to do.

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17 Jul 81	Post-Dispatch News story	DNR says the senators' Meramec deauthorization bill would give 20% of the land to the state and protect critical natural, recreational and cultural resources of the riverway -- and bring some tourism to the area. Rep. Bailey's deauthorization bill calls for a study on what to do with the land.
19 Jul 81	Post-Dispatch News story	The MBA and Sierra Club re action on the project: <u>MBA</u> -- water supply being ignored. <u>Sierra</u> -- that has already been studied.
	Post-Dispatch Editorial	Re Meramec deauthorization: "It should be deauthorized -- not solely to prevent some future dam, but to protect the river itself."
		Bill would give the state up to 5,122 acres for conservation and recreation purposes, with a protective easement along the river.
24-25 Jul 1981	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	Hearing by Senate subcommittee on Missouri senators' Meramec deauthorization bill.
31 Jul. 81	Post-Dispatch News story	District Engineer met Rep. Young in June in Washington, D.C., at Young's request for information with respect to the deauthorization of Meramec project.
		District Engineer said the Corps has a policy of neutrality on whether to deauthorize the project. The meeting did not violate the policy, he said, because he only presented facts and did not draw conclusions.

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31 Jul 81 (cont.)		With the District Engineer was the Meramec project coordinator and a former District Engineer invited by Young.
6 Aug 81	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Corps Head Appeases Eagleton about Briefing Young on Dam"  Chief of Engineers discussed the matter with Eagleton, who had been angry about it. After the discussion he said he was satisfied and would have no further comment.  The Chief had said that the District Engineer had a duty to respond to requests such as Young's for facts and engineering analyses.
9 Aug 81	Post-Dispatch News story	Proponents of a dam on the Meramec campaign to convince politicians and the public that one is necessary to provide water for Jefferson County.  In a letter to Danforth, the director of the Institute of River Studies urged that a scaled-down version of the original dam be authorized to augment the Basin water supply.
10-11 Aug 1981	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	Re <u>Out of Harm's Way</u> , summary study report: Has produced recommendations for federal or state purchases of privately held land in the river's flood plain, controls on quarrying, dredging operations, flood preparations, bank stabilization, etc.

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18 Aug- 7 Dec 81	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch Letters to the editor	Re Meramec dam — water supply, flood control, recreation, economics: <u>Yes</u> — 8; <u>No</u> — 9.
11 Aug 81	Globe-Democrat News story	Headlines: "Eagleton Defends His Efforts to Kill Meramec Dam Project"; "Outstate Politicians Warn of Potential Water Crisis"
16 Aug 81	Post-Dispatch Editorial	Re <u>Out of Harm's Way</u> : ". . . for both political and economic reasons, the proposals will not be easy to carry out."
	Post-Dispatch News story	"The consulting engineer for water districts in Jefferson County believes that the Meramec Dam is needed for the county's water supply. . . . The engineer . . . has written a letter to that effect, and the letter is being circulated to members of Congress."
31 Aug- 1 Sep 81	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	From a talk for water supply forums in the Basin in Crawford, Franklin, Jefferson, and Washing- ton Counties: Construction of one or more reservoirs is the best alternative to meeting problems caused by water short- ages in the Meramec River Basin — director of the Institute of River Studies, University of Missouri-Rolla.
1 Sep 81	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Company Foresees Meramec Water Shortages"  Increased water demands from new customers will cause St. Louis County Water Company to pump another 10 million gallons a day from the Meramec River over the next 12 years.

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8 Oct 81	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Bailey May Drop Effort for Meramec Dam Accord"  Having a problem in organizing a meeting with Reps. Young, Volkmer and Emerson.
16 Oct 81	Globe-Democrat Special feature	Article reviewing the five proposed mainstream dams in the Corps' Basin plan — and the pros and cons. Also refers to public hearings 10/27 and 10/28 at Eureka and DeSoto — about Pine Ford dam.
20-21 Oct 1981	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	Senate committee approved Meramec deauthorization bill.
21-22 Oct	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	Rep. Young supports deauthoriza- tion but opposes both the House and Senate bills because they do not address the issues of ade- quate water supply or flood control for the Basin.
4-5 Nov	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Re Pine Ford hearing at DeSoto 10/28/81: Most said they are worried about water shortages and flood control, but wondered whether Pine Ford is the solution to either of these problems, especially since high levels of poisonous lead and cadmium re- cently found in the Big River may make its water unsuitable for drinking.  Spokesmen for Eagleton and Danforth said the senators would oppose any attempts to build Pine Ford.

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19 Nov 81	Post-Dispatch News story	U.S. Senate approved the bill deauthorizing the proposed Meramec River dam.
20 Nov 81	Post-Dispatch Editorial	<p>While it has taken the Senate this long to conclude that the project ought to be deauthorized, it may take the House until next year to consider the matter.</p> <p>Bailey calls for a one-year study on what to do with the land, and Young wants further consideration of water supply and flooding.</p>
24 Nov 81	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	<p>House has moved to deauthorize Meramec dam. Approval culminated a weekend of nearly nonstop negotiating by Rep. Young, who assembled a compromise on the issue:</p> <p>Changes in the bill: Provides funding for lower Meramec flood reduction; water supply study; governor to determine amount of land to go to the state — a <u>minimum</u> of 3,382 acres and a <u>maximum</u> of 5,122; refusal of the land if the Missouri legislature wishes; remaining land to be offered to previous owners; easement along the Meramec, Huzzah and Courtois.</p>
27 Nov 81	Post-Dispatch Editorial	<p>Re Meramec deauthorization: The main point to the measure is to end the long controversy over the Meramec project.</p>

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17 Dec 81	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Congress Passes Bill to Kill Meramec Dam"
30 Dec 81	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Reagan's Pen Kills Meramec Dam Project"
12 Jan 82	Globe-Democrat News story	"A state plan to take over control of 4,800 acres of the abandoned Meramec Dam project area and restrict commercial use of part of the remaining land has aroused resentment among legislators that could jeopardize the plan. . . The General Assembly has until April 30 to stop the plan but cannot change it."  State parks director says it can be revised by his agency (DNR).
16-17 Jan 1982	Globe-Democrat News story	Corps will begin to coordinate disposal of Meramec land at a meeting in Sullivan on 1/25.
17 Jan 82	Post-Dispatch Editorial	Supports state plan for land to be taken from Meramec dam project. Says ban on some commercial uses, and easements to protect the river and its banks are necessary to prevent "misuse of a lovely natural resource and to protect it for public enjoyment."
22 Jan 82	Post-Dispatch Letter to the editor	Outrage directed to those who would deny the promise of a protected Meramec River.

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23-24 Jan 1982	Globe-Democrat Special feature	Re state plan for the Meramec dam land it is acquiring: "State proposal to restrict development of some land is opposed by many. . . It is the easement that is generating much of the controversy."
	Special feature	A concerned remnant of lake proponents contends that the 1978 referendum was a judgment that was "clearly a demonstration against using a big mainstream dam for needed resource use." They advocate "side valley" lakes as an alternative.
26 Jan 82	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Hearing of 1/25 held by Corps at Sullivan re the provisions for disposing of Meramec land. About 400 people were present and were mostly against the state taking any land — favoring all of it going to former owners or other individuals.
	Post-Dispatch Editorial page Excerpt from pamphlet of St. Louis County Water Co.	As needs in the Meramec service area "move toward the limits currently available from the Meramec, the company will have to resort to costly methods of securing alternate sources unless a program is developed in the Meramec Basin to augment the stream's flow during periods of low water and to better balance the normal flows by the time this critical point is reached."
31 Jan 82	Post-Dispatch News story	Re Meramec land: State to trim the land plan, but landowners in the area say that they want all the land back.



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4 Feb 82	Post-Dispatch News story	A no land transfer (to Missouri) bill heard in the legislature. Most of those at hearing were from Meramec dam area and in support of the bill.
16 Feb 82	Post-Dispatch Letters to the editor	Support of state land plan. The stretch of the river is spectacular and should be protected.  Since the project has been abandoned, it is only just and fair that landowners have an opportunity to buy land back.
19 Feb 82	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Second public hearing by Corps, at Fenton — on Meramec land. More than 500 people attended, mostly against state's plan.  "State officials, stung by criticism, are talking about modifying the plan."
21 Feb 82	Post-Dispatch Outdoors column	More comments and observations re the dam land transfer. Favors state plan on taking 4,800 acres.
24 Feb 82	Post-Dispatch Editorial page Portion of a statement made at 2/18 Fenton hearing by the Open Space Council	For transfer to the state of 4,800 acres of Meramec land.
27-28 Feb 1982	Globe-Democrat News story	"Construction of the Pine Ford Dam could worsen heavy-metal pollution on the Big River, a recent study completed for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers concludes."

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3 Mar 82	Post-Dispatch News story	Re Meramec land to state: Compromise agreed on for bill to take the place of the no- transfer of land bill. Provides for state to take 5,122 acres but to sell 1,732 acres back to the original landowners. Money from the sale would be used by state to manage the 3,390 acres kept by the state.
15 Mar 82	Globe-Democrat Letter to the editor	Re Meramec land: "Approximately 10 years ago. . . we were pres- sured into selling the land by the Nazi-like behavior of the corps representative."
21 Apr 82	Post-Dispatch Globe-Democrat News stories	Legislature passes Meramec land bill, as follows: State takes 5,122 acres and will sell be- tween 1,522 and 1,722 acres; plan provides for river bank protection with a 600-foot strip on each side of the river and banning buildings on the strip (except for farming), trash dumping, and tree cutting.
27 Apr 82	Globe-Democrat News story	Governor signs the Meramec land bill.
21 May 82	Post-Dispatch News story	Rep. Young requests \$1 million in next year's federal budget to begin flood control work and a water study in the Meramec Basin.
15 Jun 82	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	Headline: "Corps Favors Deauthorizing 3 Dams"  ". . . there just is no public support." Prospective action refers to Pine Ford, Union and I-38 dams.

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Dec 1982	District file	<p><u>Flood</u>: 26 Nov -- thunder storms with minor rises and saturated soil. Major storms 2-3 Dec. Intermittent rain through 5 Dec. Bourbeuse River -- exceeded all known record crests. Upper Meramec and Big -- stages close to highest on record. Below confluence of the three rivers -- crests exceeded those of 1915 with new record stages. Crest at Eureka 42.89 on 6 Dec.</p>
6 Dec 82	Globe-Democrat News story	<p>Headline: "Thousands Flee Rampaging Rivers -- Damage Estimated in Millions"</p> <p>"The raging Meramec and Bourbeuse rivers forced thousands of Times Beach, Pacific and Union area residents from their homes . . . Times Beach in southwest St. Louis County was completely under water that overflowed the Meramec, and the Bourbeuse deluged Union, where water was reported to be at rooftop level of some homes and businesses."</p>
7 Dec 82	Post-Dispatch News story	<p>The rampaging Meramec River crested today, but the work to repair the damage done over the last four days throughout the Meramec River Basin is just beginning.</p>

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8 Dec 82	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Record Flooding and Devastation"  "You can safely say that the Meramec crested at the highest levels — from Pacific to Arnold — since we have been keeping records." (National Weather Service)
10-26 Dec 1982	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch Letters to the editor	30 letters: <u>For</u> a dam — 10; <u>Against</u> a dam and/or for limits on flood plain use — 17; <u>Expressing only sympathy</u> for flood victims — 3.
11-12 Dec 1982	Globe-Democrat News story	Supporters of Meramec dam con- sider reviving the project in the wake of the floods.  Missouri's two senators said dam wouldn't have held back the floodwaters, and they still oppose.
	Editorial	Re December 1982 flood: If the Meramec dam had been in place, it would have reduced the height of the flood by 40%. If all three of the major dams had been completed, the height of the flood would have been lowered by 85%.
12 Dec 82	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Valley Park Mayor Assails Eagleton"  Mayor lashed out at Senator Eagleton "for helping defeat the Meramec Dam project and said a new effort should be made to control flooding along the Meramec River."

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16 Dec 82	Post-Dispatch Editorial	". . . the December floods represent a clear warning to government and public to be cautious about building and living in a flood plain."
18-19 Dec 1982	Globe-Democrat News story  Feature story	Headline: "Flood Relief Has Cost \$1.5 Million Red Cross Says"  "The Army Corps of Engineers was ordered by the Carter administration to withhold information that would help passage of the 1978 Meramec Park Lake and Dam advisory referendum, according to the chief engineer of the Corps' St. Louis office at the time."
18-19 Dec 1982 (cont.)	News story   News story	Recent floods have not aroused much interest in the Missouri legislature on another regional referendum. Such a plan would be futile unless Missouri Congressmen changed their minds and backed it.  "Members of Missouri's congressional delegation threw cold water Friday on efforts to revive interest in building a dam on the Meramec River southwest of St. Louis."
21 Dec 82	Post-Dispatch News story	"More than \$8 million worth of flood insurance in unincorporated Jefferson County will be phased out starting in April unless the Legislature acts to let county judges enact a flood-plain ordinance, a federal official warned today."  If no flood insurance, many forms of federal aid would be unavailable to flood victims.

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1-2 Jan 1983	Globe-Democrat News story	Headlines: "Wettest Year in Century Now Behind Us"; "1982 Began with Blizzard That Closed Down Area and Ended with Near-Record Flooding"
	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "SBA Loan Benefits Reduced, Victims of Flood Warned"
6 Jan 83	Post-Dispatch News story	Federal and state agencies panel "looking at problems caused by last month's flood and proposing ways to keep them from recurring."
7 Jan 83	Globe-Democrat News story	"Loophole in federal program, coupled with limited money in fund, may mean that some severely damaged homes are not eligible for buyout."
11 Jan 83	Post-Dispatch Everyday Section Levins' column	Re Living on the flood plain in Valley Park: Columnist criticizes environmentalist who wrote a letter to the editor saying "if people choose to live on that flood plain, they should be prepared for the inevitable consequences, not demand that a river's ecology be destroyed for their pleasure."  Columnist says it's neither choice nor pleasure, and that people live on the flood plain because they can't afford higher ground.
19 Jan 83	Post-Dispatch News story	Re Missouri General Assembly: "A bill to declare all Missouri counties eligible for federal flood insurance was passed by the House today and sent to the Senate."

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23 Jan 83	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Builders Donate Items to Area Flood Victims"
25 Jan 83	Globe-Democrat News story	Re Agencies' recommendation for avoiding flood damages: Missouri should develop a "sound floodplain-management program."
3 Feb 83	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "U.S. Seeks Signers on Flood Insurance"
4 Feb 83	Globe-Democrat News story	Senator Eagleton introduces bill providing for individual flood insurance regardless of whether an entire community has agreed to participate.
8 Feb 83	Globe-Democrat News story	"Local interests should pay more for federal water development projects like flood control and municipal water systems that benefit their citizens, the Reagan administration told Con- gress Monday."
	Editorial	Re December 1982 flood: "If it wasn't clear to Missouri's two senators that a Meramec Dam was needed, it was clear to the thousands of residents and busi- nesses along the Meramec that the project should have been com- pleted."
9 Feb 83	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "County, Municipali- ties Unite to Seek U.S. Buyout of Flood-Damaged Sites"
	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "Disaster Agency Finishing Work to Aid Flood Victims"

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2 May 83	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Rising Rivers Rout Families"
	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "1,000 Area Families Flee Floods"
3 May 83	District file	<u>Flood</u> : 3 May at Eureka -- cresting at 37.07. Preceded by saturating rainfall in early April over the watershed, the major Eureka crest was caused by heavy rains in the west, south- west and south areas of the Basin -- from 27 April through 1 May.
	Globe-Democrat Post-Dispatch News stories	People packing up and moving out as the flood waters come.
	Globe-Democrat Editorial	"Time to Consider Union Dam"
4-5 May 1983	Globe-Democrat News stories	Headline: "Meramec Flooding Holds Towns at Bay"; "City of Arnold Besieged by Floods and Frustration"; "Better Flood Warnings Called for in U.S. Study" (by the National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmos- phere)
17 May 83	Post-Dispatch News story	"The federal government will spend \$1.2 million to buy 76 homes on flood plains along the lower Meramec River for conver- sion to park land."
18 May 83	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "News of Meramec Buyout Cheers Residents"



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26 May 83	Post-Dispatch News story	Statement of Federal Emergency Management Agency official: Buying structures in flood prone areas "is a more efficient use of the taxpayers' money" than continuing to pay for flood damage (through federal flood insurance).
1 Jul 83	Globe-Democrat News story	Rep. Young proposes a study of the four dams planned for the Bourbeuse and Big Rivers that would have reduced damage considerably in the December 1982 flood.
9-10 Jul 1983	Globe-Democrat Editorial	Headline: "Young Takes Lead on Flood Control" (refers to getting appropriations and broadening study on Meramec Basin flood control)
4 Aug 83	Post-Dispatch News story	Representatives of Arnold, Fenton and St. Louis County have signed an agreement for federal purchase of \$1.2 million in flood-damaged property along the Meramec River.
4 Oct 83	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Army Corps Preparing to Unload Dam Project Land"
19 Oct 83	Post-Dispatch News story	Headline: "State Gets Deed to 5,122 Acres in Meramec Area"

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7 Nov 83	Globe-Democrat News story	Headline: "Valley Park OKs Annex Study Aimed at Flooding Problem"  "Annexation would allow Valley Park's business district, which is frequently flooded by the Meramec River, to move to higher ground, city officials say."

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The writing of this 1880-1983 chronology report was finished at this point. A new year of action was coming up with the purchase of flood land on the lower river, and the start of disposing of Meramec Dam land (20,822 acres) to be sold back to the original owners, or to others if owners didn't buy it.

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