

To the Editor

Sources Conflict

Dear Sir:

Contrary to your issue of SCIENCE NEWS 3/11, Indian Pipe is in the family Ericaceae, sub-family Monotropoideae and not wintergreen subfamily (Pyrolaceae).

Check PLANT CLASSIFICATION, Lyman Benson, p. 212-213.

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According to two of our authoritative sources (GRAY'S MANUAL OF BOTANY, p. 1113 and Mathews and Taylor's FIELD BOOK OF AMERICAN WILD FLOWERS, p. 340, Indian Pipe is listed in the family Pyrolaceae—Wintergreen).

Colorado Dam

Dear Sir:

Your earlier balanced report (February 18) on Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall's new plan for the Central Arizona Project is unfortunately in marked contrast to your account (SN: 4/1) of hearings held during the week of March 13 by a House Interior Subcommittee on new Colorado River legislation.

The testimony by Mr. Floyd Goss of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power on March 17 in no way "shot down the economic arguments against the [Hualapai] dam." In fact, the new LADWP "proposal" can be viewed as an implicit admission that the Hualapai proposal is indeed economically unjustified. Mr. Goss did not present an economic analysis of the LADWP's new scheme, and his cost estimates appeared to rest more on his word than any detailed engineering study.

When asked where the necessary after-bay structure would be built below the dam, Mr. Goss admitted that he did not know, raising doubts as to how a definite cost figure could reasonably have been determined. Mr. Goss also admitted at the hearing that he had worked on the proposal for only ten days, and that he had never discussed it with either the Bureau of Reclamation or (except for one telephone call) with any of the utilities that would have to purchase much of the added power.

Mr. Goss's "bombshell" is as yet nothing more than an idea which

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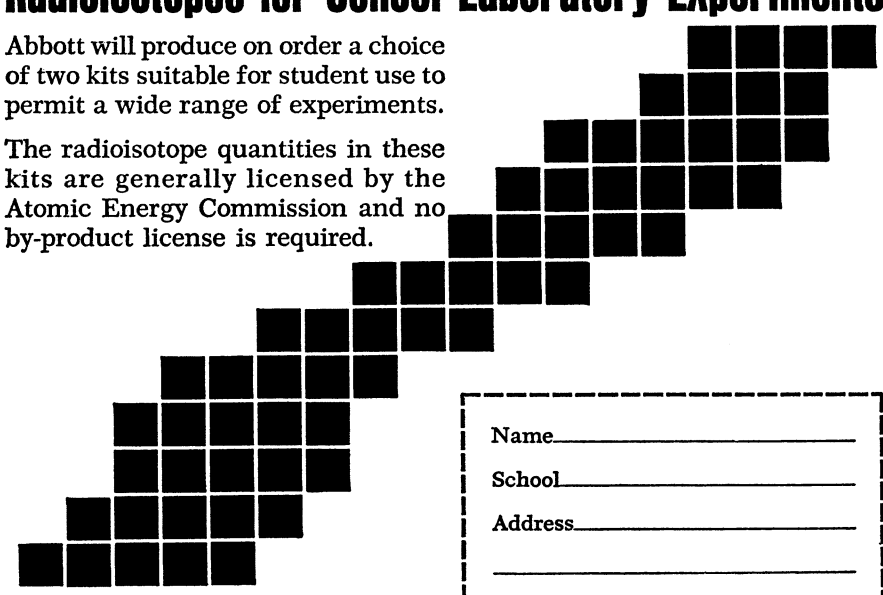
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