Status of Teche Project Is Told

NEW IBERIA, La.—The status of the Bayou Teche flow project was revealed by Congressman Edwin E. Willis in a letter to Julian Conrad, New Iberia Chamber of Commerce director and chairman of the flow project.

Conrad was informed that although the tight money situation has prevented the Corps of Engineers from requesting planning money for the project, funds would be obtained later when the Appropriations Committee holds hearings.

The project to implement flow in Bayous Teche and Vermilion was approved by the Corps last year. It included a floodgate in the Teche Lake Canal near Loreauvиль, a weir structure in Bayou Fuselier (which feeds the Vermilion from the Teche at Arnaudville) and a canal and pumping station in the Atchafalaya near Krotz Springs.

Willis concluded the status report on an optimistic look on the Appropriations Committee session and assurance that Senators Ellender and Long intended to also move the project favorably during the session.