

Vigilante Head Claims Misrepresentation

GEORGETOWN, El Dorado Co. — Teresa Lengyel of Georgetown, coordinator of the Vigilante Committee for the Environment, says The Sacramento Bee made an error in attributing to the committee a desire for haste on the question of Lake Edson development.

"We are unalterably opposed to any quick solution of the problems involved," Mrs. Lengyel said in a written statement.

In a report Monday on the contro-

versy over the proposed Boise Cascade Corp. subdivision at the lake, The Bee said opponents expressed disappointment over two postponements of hearings before the El Dorado County Planning Commission.

"Our objection was to the scheduling of hearings at the planning commission every few weeks instead of waiting for the agency reviews to come in," Mrs. Lengyel wrote.

"The commission has prematurely given tentative approval to the Boise

Cascade subdivision before receiving approval from the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, the El Dorado County Health Department, the State Water Quality Control Board or the Bureau of Reclamation."

The report in Monday's Bee said both sides in the dispute hope for early decisions from agencies having control over the destiny of the shores of Lake Edson. It was based on a plea from Dr. David Rodney Hadden of Berkeley, an Edson landowner, for an unhurried approach to any decision on the proposed development.

In her statement, Mrs. Lengyel, a librarian at Georgetown, said:

"Lake Edson is a case study of the environmental crisis which besets this country. It represents the concept of prevention as opposed to laxness and punitive or corrective measures, after the damage is done.

"We want every qualified expert on pollution, forest protection, recreation and wildlife to have his say . . . We want better laws to protect the land and public health.

"Lake Edson also represents a crisis of confidence in public agencies and public servants. The American bureaucracy is coming under the gun.

"We have no complaint against the directors of our utility district. In spite of Boise pressures, they are patiently waiting for full reports. But we want from approving county agencies their specific reasons for approval of this subdivision, to be reviewed by independent and acknowledged experts in those fields.

"Since Boise Cascade is the most flamboyant and the most advertised of the massive speculative subdividers, we want their entire operation to be studied, and the discrepancy between Boise ads and Boise acts investigated.

"We call on the National Association of Real Estate Boards to do this, explicating and enforcing the NAREB Code of Ethics."