

* **Reluctant Regulator**—When Charles King Mallory, a young New Orleans lawyer, was named as the Interior Department's power resources chief, Interior's publicity mill ground out a press release praising him for his dedication to "public utility . . . securities regulation (and) antitrust" activities.

The implication was clear that the administration at last had found a consumer advocate to ride herd on the energy moguls. In fact, the new deputy assistant secretary is not a consumer lawyer at all but one who represented Louisiana Power and Light which is charged in consumer suits with antitrust violations and conspiring against consumers.

Although several of Mallory's other clients were also lined up against the consumers, Mallory assured us that his publicity men "had no intention to mislead" in their handout on him.

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