

*Marjory Stoneman Douglas and Marjorie Harris Carr give final thoughts about the importance of tenaciousness as well as patience to help save Florida's environment*

Interviewer: I have one final question for you and then we'll let you return to the conference. What can an average person, average member of the public, do about problems like these, in the future, the ones that we've been discussing, these and the other ones we've been discussing?

Marjory Stoneman Douglas: Well, they can understand...try to understand them first. Try to get them in terms they can express to other people and talk about it. About the best they can do possibly, talk and then bring political action to bear.

Marjorie Harris Carr: Right. Join some conservation group or several and keep in touch with their elected officials. Find out how to easily do it. The phone. Call a county commission office. Call their local congressman's office. Just no farther away than their telephone. To the centers of power!

MSD (to MHC): Well, you've proved that. You proved the immense power of just keeping up the talk, keeping up the pressure on politicians. And the relations, Cross Florida Barge canal. That magnificent job you did with that shows that you... that's exactly how you worked. And, that's how it can be done

MHC: How about you? Your tenaciousness with the Everglades.

MSD: Well, we haven't solved our problem yet, (chuckle), we're trying. It might, in one sense, it might be a little more complicated, but I don't know. How many years have you been at that thing? Twenty? Something like...?

MHC: About twenty.

MSD: I think so. It took twenty years to get the Everglades National Park established. It took twenty years to get rid of the Cross State Barge Canal. I don't know how many years it'll get before we get the Everglades straightened out... forty maybe, (chuckle). Oh well.

Interviewer: It certainly is clear that you're both in it for the long haul.

MHC: Right.

MSD: Why not? You see, as Americans, everybody is so impatient. It's got to be done by tomorrow morning at nine o'clock. And that's where we make so many of our mistakes. It is better to be able to stay with it over a period of time because then you sift the true from the false. You realize what the issues are. This quick easy method of doing things never works well. Never.