

# PEACE SEEN NEAR IN WATER DISPUTE

## Compromise Studied in Long Row Between North and South Areas of Antelope Valley

ANTELOPE VALLEY—sin Assn. and the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency have met to discuss problems and to seek solutions. A long water controversy that has divided the north and south areas of this valley may be near an end.

The forces of the South Antelope Valley Water Ba- The initial meeting was instigated by officials of the State Department of Water Resources.

Although none of the representatives were authorized to make commitments at the initial meeting, areas of compromise were studied and the representatives returned to discuss the problem with their boards.

At present, as a result of the water battle, there is a suit filed by the SAV against the AVEK.

The association has charged AVEK with "encroachment" into South Antelope Valley areas. AVEK officials have replied that they have annexed areas only where residents have sought annexation.

The South Valley group has introduced a proposed legislative act in the current session in Sacramento which, if passed, would establish a new agency.

At present, AVEK holds a state water contract for supplemental water from the Feather River project.

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