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## PROCEED WITH CAUTION

It is obvious that the government charge for Boulder Dam power should be relieved of the burden of interest and repayment of principal on the twenty-five million dollars allocated to flood control in the project setup.

The time the fight for the passage of the Boulder Canyon Project Act was being waged, Senators Pittman and Oddie and Congressman Sam Arentz and other supporters of the legislation believed that the flood control item should be an outright contribution and not be made a burden on the cost of power. However, because of the great opposition to the bill in congress and the fear that a prolonged fight over that feature might delay or, possibly, entirely defeat the measure, advocates of the Boulder Canyon Project Act accepted the situation in the spirit of compromise.

Now that later projects in the west have had the flood control costs entirely eliminated from the power cost, users of Boulder Dam power find themselves laboring under somewhat higher power costs than under the Grand Coulee or the Bonneville dam projects. It is in the interest of fair competition, therefore, that users and prospective users of Boulder Dam power should be relieved of the burden of paying this \$25,000,000 flood control item.

Nevertheless, the states of Arizona and Nevada should act with extreme caution in approving any new setup on Boulder Dam power. There is great danger that the approximately \$600,000 per annum included in the estimates of the Secretary of the Interior for "income in lieu of taxation" for each of the two states, over a period of fifty years, may be lost in the shuffle attending any new power-cost setup. It is very possible, now the dam has been built, that all the states of the Colorado River Basin, except Arizona and Nevada, would be glad to see this item entirely omitted. The claim for compensation in lieu of taxation by Arizona and Nevada is a just one and should be maintained.

Should the cost of power at the dam be decreased at the expense of the compensation feature, Nevada would be in nowise benefited. Barred by government ownership from levying state taxes on the dam and power plants, Nevada would immediately impose a charge upon the cost of power used within the state and we would then be much worse off than we are at present.

## AN OPPRESSIVE ORDINANCE

The Age was told the other day by a respected member of the craft, that there is a provision in a Las Vegas city ordinance which prohibits bartenders dancing with one another.

If true, this seems to be a scandalous infringement on human rights which should be rectified. It is hard to imagine a greater privation to which a bartender might be subjected than to prevent him dancing with another bartender.

This might become the outstanding issue in the coming city election. That, and the ordinance which prohibits drinking sitting down in a Las Vegas bar. Of course there are some

lawless souls who take their drink sitting on a stool. Would it not be showing a proper respect for the law if we should stand up while drinking and do our sitting down between drinks? Or would a drink taken legally while standing up, immediately become an illegal drink when we sit down, and if so, what effect would that have on the sobriety of the drinker?

The old fashioned man who used to take off his red flannel underwear about the first of May has a daughter who puts on her furs about the same time of year.

Some fellows leave the small town, go to the big city and get rich, but very few of them leave the small town, go to the big city and get happy.

Scientists are now trying to determine how long a fish continues to grow. A great deal must depend upon who is telling the story — Wichita Eagle.

Remember the old fashioned man who could spend an exciting evening by the fire with a corn cob pipe and mail order catalogue?

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