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BOULDER DAM POWER

The Age does not believe the muddle over use of Boulder Dam power in Nevada is so serious as it has appeared from reports.

There are two or three clear issues involved, the most serious of which is that created by the administration policy of making grants of public funds not to be repaid, to other great federal power projects such as Bonneville, and the TVA at Muscle Shoals, and allocating another large slice of the cost to flood control not to be repaid.

Boulder Dam was built and its financial setup made before the days of scattering millions of federal funds here and there without hope of repayment. Therefore, when interest at a comparatively high rate on the entire investment, including the repayment of the \$25,000,000 allocated to flood control, with interest, are charged against Boulder Dam power, the cost is higher than for those projects receiving free money from the government.

The difference in power costs between Boulder Dam and other projects is an obvious injustice to all those who desire to use Boulder Dam power. There is every reason to believe that Congress will approve an act to remove the disadvantages under which new deal policies have placed Boulder Dam power.

Other changes which should be made in the Boulder Dam power setup are such as may be, and we have reason to believe will be, adjusted between the primary contractees for Boulder Dam power and the states of Arizona and Nevada.

Both these states obviously have the right to participate in the secondary or "dump power" at the same rate as have the California agencies. They also have the clear right to be freed from burdensome requirements in the matter of giving notice of the intention to take or return power.

The needs of Arizona and Nevada in the matter of power are very small as compared with California and such plants for the treatment of metallic and non-metallic ores as may be established in these states because of the proximity of raw materials would not be in competition with the industries of California. On the contrary such enterprises would be contributors both in the matter of products for manufacturing processes and as purchasers of supplies to the business interests of southern California.

California should concede to Arizona and Nevada such conditions as are necessary for those states to enjoy their fair share of prosperity possible with the use of Boulder Dam power, and we have every reason to believe they are willing to do so.

The question appears to be more a matter of how to put the rather complicated conditions into words than a disposition on the part of California to deal unfairly.

Relative to the "revenue in lieu of taxation" to which the two states in which the dam is located are entitled, there may well be an honest difference of opinion as to whether

Fair Bid for '39



Pretty Zoe Dell Lantis displays California's 1939 auto license plates. More than 2,500,000 cars will carry this invitation to the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition, to be held on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay.

El Trovatore At Kingman Opened

(Mohave Co. (Ariz.) Miner)

The new El Trovatore Autel, which has been in the process of construction for several months, was opened for business last week by John F. Miller under the management of Lou Grommet.

The new Autel could hardly be classified as an auto court but is more in the nature of a one-story hotel built on the plan of an auto court with a large lighted patio to serve as a lobby.

The Autel consists of 30 apartments, which are air-conditioned throughout so that an even temperature is maintained regardless of outside climatic conditions. The east wing is composed of singles containing one double bed and complete hotel accommodations including lavatory and shower in each apartment. The west wing is composed of doubles with two double beds in each apartment and they are arranged in suites of two so that a party of eight may be accommodated.

Throughout the entire Autel every effort was made to arrange for beauty and comfort and the rooms are furnished and decorated as well as any that can be found in the higher class hotels. The lavatories and showers are built of tile

and the furniture is specially built Monterey type, designed by Mr. Miller. The building itself is built of concrete and stucco and the floors are of hardwood. A large, well-lighted patio divides the two wings and this patio will be well grassed this spring to have a semi-park effect. A private fire apparatus can be turned on any of the apartments in case of necessity, making for safety from fire damage.

John F. Miller, who designed and built the Sal Sagev hotel in Las Vegas, and is now operating it, designed the El Trovatore Autel.

It is better to rely on the good faith of the government at Washington as under the present setup, or enter into an agreement whereby each of the two states shall receive a fixed amount of \$300,000 per annum. During the negotiations between the three lower basin states, California made proposals to guarantee Arizona and Nevada each \$500,000 per annum and upward as compensation for loss of revenue those states would have received through taxation had the project been built by private capital.

The right of those states to receive a cash annual income has been recognized in the Boulder Canyon Project Act and in the power contracts.

Just now it appears the most important thing is to agree on policies and leave it to engineers and technicians to work out the means to put those policies into effect.

Valley People Killed by Auto

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Murphy died in Las Vegas Hospital Sunday last as the result of being hit by an automobile as they were walking along the highway on their way to church near Overton.

The coroner's jury impaneled by Justice of the Peace George Perkins Wednesday, returned the following verdict:

"We, the jury, find that Jesse Murphy and wife came to their death in Clark County, Nevada, on the 20th day of February, 1938, as a result of being struck by an automobile driven in a careless manner by Mr. A. S. Moyer, on Moapa valley highway at Murphy curve, north of Overton, Clark county, Nevada. All of which we duly certify by this inquisition in writing by us signed this 23rd day of February, 1938."

Milton S. Earl, Truman Cooper and Dave Marshall composed the coroner's jury.

Moyer, driver of the car, received painful injuries about the head and neck when his car turned over as he swerved apparently in an effort to avoid hitting the couple. It is stated that charges of manslaughter will be filed against him upon his recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy were members of a pioneer Moapa Valley family and were well and favorably known throughout the county. The funeral was held at the high school auditorium in Overton Tuesday in the presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are survived by eleven children the youngest of whom is eight years old. Their daughter, Afton, aged ten, was knocked down as she walked with her parents at the death curve, and escaped with slight injuries.