

# Tourist Travel To Dam Is Up, Despite Rumors

## New Regulations Cause Tiny Drop for 2 Days, Then Travel Picks Up

Guy Edwards, superintendent of the national parks service, revealed today to the chamber of commerce that the tourist travel into the Boulder dam area had shown a slight increase in December over last year at the same time, and presumably the erroneous press reports which stated the dam was closed to tourists, had little effect on the tourists.

Edwards declared there was little appreciable tightening up of the restrictions at the dam and "so far as the general touring public is concerned, they will not notice it."

### 12,000 Daily

The supervisor said there were between 9,000 and 12,000 people per day being checked into the recreational area and declared that after the first day or so after the announcement by John C. Mage, commissioner of reclamation, had gone out from Washington there was a slight slump in travel, but "it picked up immediately."

Edwards declared the national park service was making every effort to correct the erroneous impression which had been created, and had sent out bulletins to every touring agency in the nation explaining the new regulations.

Edwards also revealed that private boats could go to the head of Black canyon, where a good view of the dam could be had, but explained that only regularly licensed boats could go down into the canyon for a close-up of the barrier.

### Words Left Out

The supervisor said the announcement of the new regulations regarding the closing of the dam to tourists was accurate except for the fact it left out two most important words, these being "by boat." Other than this, Edwards said: "The regulations are not changed materially for the tourists."