

# INVESTIGATOR IS ENROUTE TO LAS VEGAS AREA TO STUDY SET-UP

\$60,000 Hatchery Planned  
By Government, An-  
nouncement Says

## TO CHECK LOCATIONS

Long Time Program For  
Stocking Lake With  
Bass, Other Fish

WASHINGTON, July 22.  
(Special)—An investigator from  
the bureau of fisheries will ar-  
rive in southern Nevada within  
the fortnight to investigate va-  
rious possible sites for the fed-  
eral hatchery to be built for the  
purpose of keeping Boulder lake  
stocked with bass.

This announcement was made to-  
day by the head of the bureau,  
who declared that a \$60,000 hatch-  
ery is planned in line with the  
policy of making all government  
reservoirs as productive of fish as  
possible. An application has been  
made to public works for this  
sum and it is expected that an al-  
location will be forthcoming short-  
ly.

Because the government must  
own the hatchery site, the investi-  
gator is being sent out to check  
the various locations, one of which  
is at Kaolin, near Overton, in the  
Moapa valley.

WITH THE lake already more  
than eighty miles long and filled  
to more than one-seventh of its  
capacity, the bureau is planning  
a long-time program for stocking  
the reservoir with bass and other  
warm weather game fish. The  
lake will eventually be 115 miles  
long, cover 227 square miles in  
area, and have more than 500  
miles of shoreline, and the bureau  
of fisheries is planning on making  
it a fisherman's paradise.

Until the hatchery can be con-  
structed near the lake, the bu-  
reau's hatchery at Dexter, New  
Mexico, is expected to continue  
regular shipments, at least once a  
month. The first shipment was  
made on July 4.

IT WAS originally planned to  
send 30,000 bass a month, but late  
winter weather destroyed many  
bass fry and many nests of eggs,  
forcing a considerable reduction  
in the size of the shipments. The  
first, sent out on July 4, consisted  
of 15,000 fingerlings.

The bureau said a hatchery of  
sufficient size to produce fish for  
Boulder lake would require one  
hundred acre plot and a permanent  
water supply of not less than  
2,000 gallons a minute. Soil condi-  
tion also must have certain re-  
quirements.

BESIDES BASS, the bureau  
plans to stock the lake with such  
fish as the google-eye or croppie  
and bream or sunfish. Rainbow  
trout will be planted below the  
dam.

The bureau's division of fish cul-  
ture stressed the fact that there  
is no need for haste in stocking  
the lake, inasmuch as time must  
be allowed for development of a  
natural food supply and for water  
conditions to become stabilized.