

Congress Eyes On Dam Sector As Park Center

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The eyes of congressional leaders are looking towards the development of the Boulder dam area as a premier recreational center, it was indicated this week by the presence in Las Vegas of a sub-committee of the house of representatives committee on appropriations, the members of which remained here in this area following the dedication of Boulder dam by the president on Monday.

This sub-committee of the all-powerful appropriations committee holds the purse strings of the interior department under whose jurisdiction comes the national park service, bureau of mines, geological survey and other governmental agencies so vital to the west and this section of Nevada in particular. Congressman James G. Scrugham of Nevada, a member of the house appropriations committee, is piloting the members through this state and portions of the neighboring states of Utah and Arizona wherein are located some of the most extensive national parks in the country.

Together with Congressman Scrugham, both Congressmen Jed Johnson of Chickasha, Oklahoma, and B. M. Jacobsen, of Clinton Iowa, arrived on the president's special train early Monday morning and following the dedication of the Boulder dam proceeded to investigate the park and recreational facilities of this area. The sub-committee was joined here by George L. Collins, assistant contact officer of the national park service, who has been in this area for a fortnight, Superintendent M. R. Tillotson of the Grand Canyon national park, one of the aces of the national park service, and Colonel Thomas W. Miller, senior superintendent of the Nevada state park service and a member of the state park commission.

Following the chamber of commerce luncheon meeting on Tuesday, at which all made brief remarks, the party proceeded to Boulder City where they spent several hours on Boulder lake, going as far as Old Fort Colville, and also around the Boulder City area. On Wednesday they proceeded to the Boulder dam - Valley of Fire state park, the Lost City and the Boulder dam state park museum at Overton, all within the recently created Boulder dam state park.

Following this inspection they left for Zion national park and the Grand Canyon national park, there to be joined by Congressman Isabella Greenway of Arizona. It is this group of members of congress who will advise the committee on appropriations of their findings and make recommendations as to future appropriations for this vast recreational area of which this part of Clark county is a part.

Later on in the month they will inspect the park and recreational features of the Lincoln county state parks. There are more state parks in Lincoln county than any other county in Nevada, largely due to the efforts of Congressman Scrugham who was instrumental in having established the civilian conservation corps company which was stationed at Panaca for over a year to work upon the Kershaw Canyon-Ryan state park near Caliente, the Cathedral Gorge state park and the Beaver dam state park.