

Reservation Gate At Boulder City Entrance Lifted

The "reservation gate" established by the bureau of reclamation as a safeguard for Boulder City during the strike in August of 1931 shortly after construction of the Boulder dam project had gotten under way, and maintained ever since, will no longer check visitors in and out of the city, it was announced today by City Manager Sims Ely.

The abandonment of this one-time symbol of federal authority at the entrance to Boulder City was decided upon as an economy move, Ely said, and will be continued indefinitely if it proves satisfactory.

Discussing the move, Ely said:

"The operation of the reservation gate is discontinued for the present, at least, for reasons of economy. By withdrawing three rangers from the 24-hour service at the gate, we are enabled to dispense with four special officers at the dam, as the three rangers withdrawn from gate service are transferred to the dam area."

"But the public should not get the impression that the bureau will relax its vigilance in policing the town and the reservation area—though of course our task will be made more difficult. The government owning all the land here, has the continuing right to say who is or is not a desirable occupant, and has the continuing right to eject persons whose presence is inimical to the public welfare.

"The attention of all owners of buildings here is directed to the provisions contained in their leases which require the holders of these leases to comply with the government's regulations. These leases may be voided by the government for any breach by the lessees. Liquor selling, gambling and prostitution will continue to be prohibited in Boulder City; and any property owner who allows any of these activities on his property will lose his lease."