

# NEW BATTLE ON DAM POWER RATE SHIFT IS BEGUN

Utah Solon Flays Rider to  
Bonneville Act In His  
Speech Today

WASHINGTON, July 1. (UP).  
—A new battle on the latest  
Boulder dam amendment to the  
Bonneville act was launched to-  
day by Congressman J. Will  
Robinson of Utah who charged  
that the rider is in effect "an  
attempt to accomplish by indi-  
rection what the California in-  
terests are convinced they can-  
not accomplish by direct legis-  
lation."

Representatives of the Los An-  
geles bureau of power and light  
attempted early in the present  
session of congress to secure a  
reduction in the base price of  
Boulder Dam power by reducing  
the interest rate on deferred pay-  
ments, writing off \$25,000,000  
of the government's investment  
charged to flood control and cut-  
ting off the interest on this sum.

**THE RIVERS** and harbors com-  
mittee of the house which has  
this legislation in charge finally  
refused to accept the amend-  
ments and substituted another  
providing for an investigation by  
the secretary of interior into the  
various phases of the situation,  
giving him power to make what-  
ever adjustments he deems advis-  
able.

It is this amendment Robinson  
is attacking, as "worse than the  
original Boulder dam amend-  
ments" because it "takes out of  
the hands of congress all future  
control of Boulder Dam contracts  
and gives the rate-making power  
to the secretary of the interior  
with congress denied the future  
right to be consulted."