

SENATOR IN NEW INTERVIEW TELLS HIS IDEAS ABOUT CONDITION THERE

Suggests If Policy Is To Be Changed, It Be Extended to All Parks

SPEAKS OF GAMBLING

Says Nevada Laws Good, But Ought Not to Apply to Dam Reserve

Declaring it "would be a dangerous thing to permit the sale of intoxicating liquors anywhere within the inner government reserve surrounding Boulder dam and the power house," Senator Key Pittman in the second of two interviews on conditions in this area, insists that if this is decided upon as a policy, "it would probably be economic to establish another police bureau in connection with the park service and engage in such business in all parks and recreatoinal areas."

The Nevada senator, apparently directing his remarks to the rumored opening of Boulder City to the sale of liquor and the licensing of gambling games, goes into detail to discuss the situation in the vicinity of the dam, giving his views on the importance of guarding against any untoward incidents.

The senator's statement follows in full:

"The Boulder Dam Project Reserve takes in a vast area in Arizona and Nevada. There is an inner reserve which surrounds Boulder dam and the power house. While it is well for the park service to have charge of recreational affairs inside of the main area, it will be necessary, of course, that the department of the interior which has charge of, and control over, the dam and power house shall maintain exclusive jurisdiction and control over the inner reserve surrounding the dam and power house.

"**THERE HAVE BEEN** some threats which led to the fear at one time that an attempt would be made to dynamite the power house. In the event of any major social disturbance in the vicinity of Boulder dam, great precaution would be necessary to prevent any injury to the power plant. In my opinion it is the duty of the interior department to check at all entrances to the inner reserve persons entering and departing from such zone. This, of course, is a well established practice in all national parks. This practice is far more necessary in the inner reserve surrounding Boulder dam and the power house than it is in other national parks, particularly if the government is going to encourage the building up of a wide open

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town within such reserve and only a few miles from the dam and power house.

"The cities and towns, mines and industries, being dependent upon such power for light and portable water supply, too much precaution cannot be taken to prevent any damage to the power plant which might even temporarily cut off such supply of power. Nevada has a great interest in the power plant and it also desires every reasonable and safe facility for tourists, sight-seers, and students to visit the great project and to enjoy the recreational area.

"I BELIEVE THAT the properly regulated sale of intoxicating liquors in the state of Nevada has made for law and order and temperance, but I believe that it would be a very dangerous thing to permit the sale of intoxicating liquors anywhere within the inner government reserve surrounding Boulder dam and the power house. In cases of great excitement caused by social uprisings, it is well known that at such times intoxicating liquors are more intemperately used to destroy reason and judgment and greatly increase the difficulties attending the preservation of law and order.

"I don't take it that the government intends to go into either the liquor business or the gambling business. If it is, then it must have a strong police force in addition to the ordinary rangers that the government has in its national parks. If the govern-