

# Arizona Okehs, Conditionally, Santa Fe Pact

PHOENIX, Mar. 2. (UP)—The Arizona legislature, voting 44-5, today reversed 16 years of its controversial Colorado river policy, and conditionally ratified the Santa Fe compact.

Only concurrence by the senate and the governor's signature is needed to make ratification complete. This approval is expected to be forthcoming in the next week or so, observers said.

The condition upon which the ratification is based, is the approval by California and Nevada of a tri-state agreement for the allocation of water in the lower basin, and final approval by congress of the tri-state agreement.

California and Nevada will be asked to guarantee Arizona 2,800,000 acre feet of water, plus half of any surplus and exclusive use of all water of the Gila river and its tributaries.

California would be allocated 4,400,000 acre feet, and up to half of the surplus, while Nevada would be given 300,000 acre feet.