

# Arizona Governor Signs Bill to Ratify Colorado River Compact

PHOENIX, Ariz., Mar. 3. (UP) —Governor R. T. Jones today signed a bill for the conditional ratification of the Sante Fe pact, and ratification becomes effective immediately upon the agreement of Nevada and California to the conditions set forth.

If the two states fail to agree, the Arizona governor then may, by proclamation, extend the act another year.

Ratification of the Colorado river compact, allocating waters of the river, was approved overwhelmingly Wednesday by the Arizona house of representatives, and then was passed by the state senate. With the governor's signature affixed to the bill, an end was seen to probably one of the bitterest and most controversial struggles known in the state.

Arizona's ratification of the Colorado river, or Santa Fe, compact will be automatic if California and Nevada and congress approve the tri-state agreement embodied in the bill. If any of the three fails to approve, neither the tri-state compact nor Arizona's ratification of the Colorado river compact will become effective.

It will guarantee Arizona 2,800,000 acre feet of water from the Colorado river, plus one half of

any surplus, and exclusive beneficial use of all the waters of the Gila river and its tributaries. California will be allocated 4,440,000 acre feet and up to one half of the surplus, and Nevada will receive 300,000 acre feet.