

# U. S. NOT TO TRY TO CURTAIL DAM TOURIST TRAVEL

## New Regulations to Have But Little Effect On Project Visitors

The United States government has no idea of barring, or even curtailing the activity of tourists at Boulder dam, it was revealed today by Irving C. Harris, superintendent of power at the gigantic structure.

Harris, in a statement issued to the press today, declared every precaution was being taken to insure the dam against possible sabotage, but outside of a slight tightening of the regulations regarding the tourist travel, the visitors would be able to view the project "exactly as in the past."

### Confusion Comes

Some confusion regarding the policy to be pursued at the dam was occasioned yesterday in newspaper dispatches from Washington which quoted John C. Page, bureau of reclamation commissioner, as saying tourists would be kept a quarter of a mile away from the dam. It was pointed out by local authorities that the main highway runs across the top of the dam and therefore the tourists going from Nevada to Arizona could not be kept a quarter of a mile from the dam.

The statement made by Page, and interpreted by radio commentators to mean that tourist travel was drastically curtailed, referred to private boats operating on Boulder lake, and these were being refused entrance into Black canyon. Authorized boats, which have been conducting tours on the lake, are not affected by the latest ruling.

### Issues Statement

Harris, in his statement issued today said: "The measures recently put into effect at Boulder dam as a precaution against possible sabotage do not impose restrictions or inconveniences which should prevent the public from visiting the dam and powerhouses.

"Visitors may move thru without stoppage or search, exactly as in the past, except that large packages may not be taken into the powerhouse.

"The tourists may take the regularly scheduled boat trips on authorized boats, exactly as in the past. The only prohibition being that other boats are not allowed in Black canyon above the dam."

### Cause Trouble

Radio commentators' interpretations of the Page statement and news dispatches from Washington regarding the tourists to the dam, caused quite a bit of consternation among the travel agencies in the west, who reported many parties cancelling proposed trips here because of the new regulations.

Harris, in his statement, clearly emphasized that tourists would not be hampered in any way, except that extraordinary precautions would be taken to insure safe travel thru the dam and safe-