

20,000 See Tumbling Waters of

LOS ANGELES EXAMINER:

Boulder Dam Rival Niagara

Big Valves Open for Inspection of Outlets

BOULDER CITY, Sept. 29.—One of the largest week end crowds that has visited Boulder Dam since its completion lingered here today after witnessing the first showing of a spectacular man-made "Niagara Falls" from the huge structure's outlet valves.

Eleven of the dam's 12 valves were opened for two hours yesterday for an inspection test. Facing each other across the canyon below the dam, the outlets sent eight and a half-foot geysers of water gushing out to form a falls 183 feet high, 13 feet higher than Niagara.

ARCH OF WATER

The twin falls met 150 feet above the Colorado River bed to form a huge arch of water in which rainbows glinted.

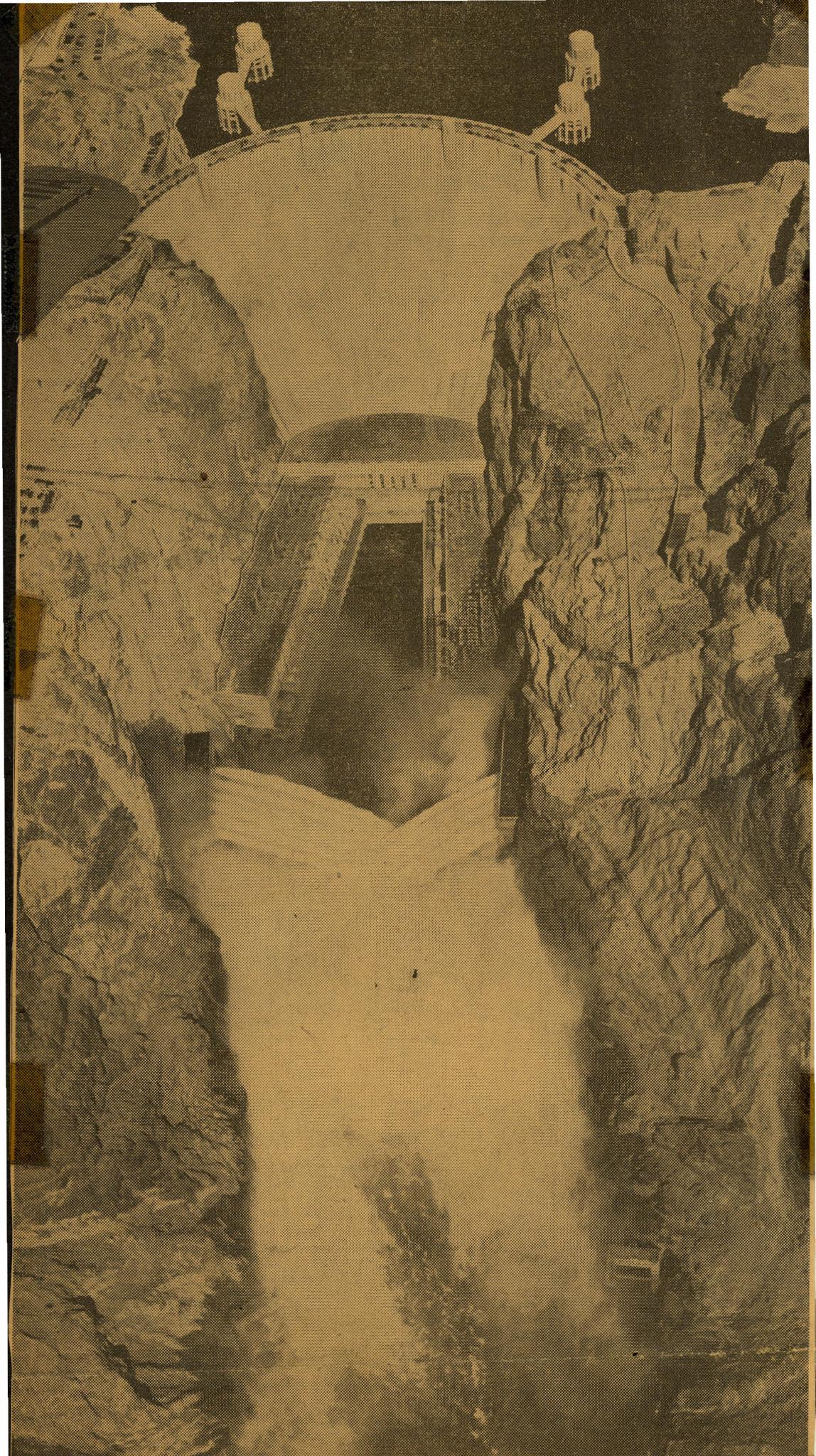
The test was directed by Irving C. Harris, director of power, and witnessed by 20,000 persons, who journeyed to the scene by Union Pacific train, Transcontinental and Western Air, and highway.

The day also celebrated the fourth anniversary of the beginning of power generation at the dam. Nine generators are now operating, but the dam has a capacity of 16.

OPEN TO VISITORS

Boulder Dam itself is 727 feet high. It impounds Lake Mead, which backs water up the Colorado River gorge for 115 miles, all the way to the Grand Canyon.

Officials of the Reclamation Service emphasized that contrary to recent reports, the dam is open to visitors at all times.

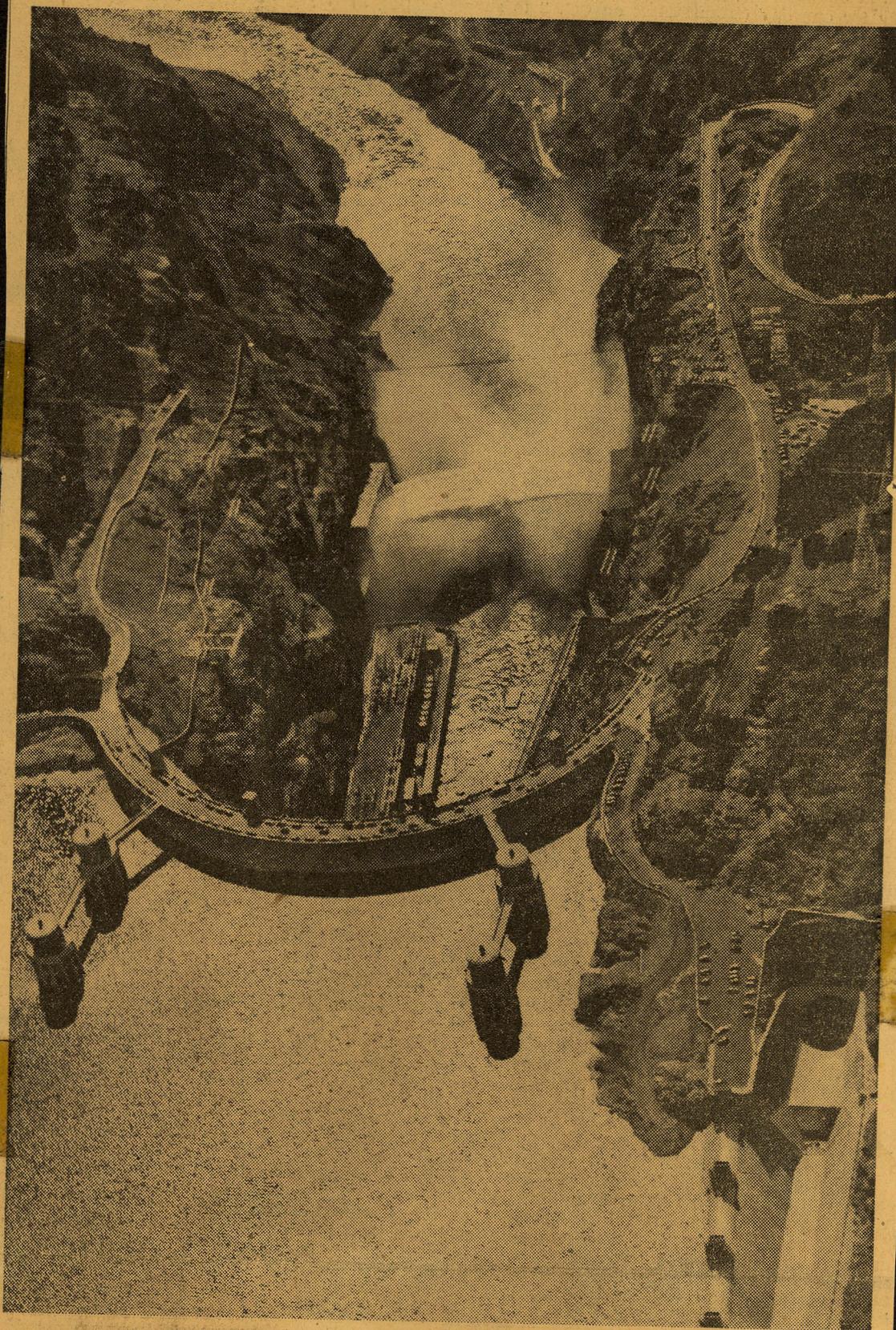


HERE IS competition for Niagara Falls. Photo shows how giant spillways of Boulder Dam sent thirty million gallons of water from Lake Mead into the Colorado River.

—T. W. A. photo.

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Spectacular Tests at Hoover Dam Attract Crowd of 25,000 Persons



NIAGARA DWARFED—Taken from a T.W.A. plane, this photo at Hoover Dam shows waterfall created when Lake Mead waters were sent plunging into Colorado River.

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Boulder City, Sept. 29.—

As the man-made thunder caused by 11 giant gusts of water from Hoover Dam outlet valves died away after Saturday's test operations, Boulder City officials today counted the 2,500,000th visitor to the world-famed hydroelectric project and Lake Mead desert resort.

This unnamed celebrity was included somewhere among the

20,000 persons who arrived by Union Pacific train and T.W.A. airliner for the fourth anniversary celebration of Hoover Dam operations—or among the 5000 others who motored to this amazing 20th century frontier city.

What they witnessed yesterday will long be remembered.

From a height of 183 feet, the 11 mighty streams of water cascaded to the Colorado River below. They formed a falls

higher than Niagara; their thunder was audible for miles; their spray formed double rainbows.

Since Hoover Dam was opened in 1936, area officials estimated, 2,500,000 persons have visited the huge project. They added that sight-seeing continues "as usual"—despite frequent rumors that the Boulder City and dam territory have been closed because of "sabotage threats."