

Inconvenient, But Necessary

Within the past several days, even preceding the dastardly assault of the Nipponese, guards have been placed at vulnerable points even in Mohave county. The railroad company has placed guards at the Colorado river bridge at Topock to prevent the stoppage of traffic by any damage that might occur to that bridge by the sympathisers of our enemies.

At Boulder dam the soldiers have taken over the handling of motor traffic over the dam on highway 93 while visitors to the generating plants of the great dam are no longer permitted. Motorists traveling highway 93 over the top of Boulder dam are stopped at either the Nevada or the Arizona gates and after search and inquiry they are conducted by soldiers in command cars, one in front and another in the rear of each motorist and his car. The actual guarding of the dam is still in the hands of the rangers who are cooperating with the U. S. soldiers.

This situation at Boulder dam will deter many travelers from visiting this great dam and the result will be disappointing to thousands of people, but the importance of the safeguarding of this all-important power generation for the purpose of keeping the wheels of the defense industry turning is entirely obvious to the public. There could possibly be no greater thwarting of defense production than the stopping of the generation of electrical energy at Boulder dam.