

MOHAVE COUNTY OPENS FIGHT FOR DAM REVENUE CUT

KINGMAN, Ariz., July 30 (UP) The Mohave county board of supervisors Monday named special attorneys to wage a legal battle with the state for the county's "fair share" of the \$15,000,000 to be paid Arizona by the federal government in lieu of taxes on Boulder dam installations.

Appointment of the attorneys coincided with announcement by the state treasurer's office in Phoenix that the state had received its third \$300,000 payment from the government. The money is allotted to Arizona and Nevada under the revised Boulder canyon project act. It is to be paid at the rate of \$300,000 a year for 50 years, retroactive to 1937. The state still is entitled to \$600,000 before payments are brought up to date.

"Not only will Mohave county (on the Arizona side of the dam) attempt to secure some 50 per cent of all future annual payments, but we are going to get our share of the \$900,000 that already has been paid into the state treasury," a spokesman for the board of supervisors said.

The board made public a statement several months ago that Mohave county is entitled to a "fair share" of the federal payments because if taxes were paid instead it would receive at least half of the money.

Formal demand for part of the money already paid Arizona has been made upon the state treasurer without success.

Before revision, the Boulder Canyon act provided that Arizona and Nevada should receive 18 per cent of excess revenue from power sales for the life of the project.

Clark county, which borders the dam on the Nevada side, receives 20 per cent of all payments to that state under a measure passed by the legislature.