

# Dam Hearing Has Second Session

## Tallman Opposes Clark Cash; Gives "Expert" Opinion

CARSON CITY, Feb. 2 (UP)—The assembly committee on natural resources, now considering the senate approved bill cutting Clark county off from sharing the \$300,000 Boulder dam revenue paid Nevada annually, today studied further testimony gathered at the second hearing on the explosive subject.

Latest witness to oppose continuation of the \$60,000 annual payment to Clark county was Senator A. V. Tallman, republican, Humboldt.

Tallman, a leader in the move to restore the \$60,000 to the state, asserted the Boulder revenue "should be for the benefit of the entire state."

### Regrets Friction

Asserting he regretted "friction between the two ends of the state," the Humboldt legislator declared, "Clark county belongs to Nevada."

"The only way to settle this matter is in the supreme court," he said. "That would keep it from becoming a political football."

He prophesied that should the bill pass the assembly and be approved by Governor E. P.

Carville, "the matter will be taken to the courts for final decision."

"I sincerely hope the bill passes," Tallman declared.

He testified "a good many years ago" the legislature appropriated \$25,000 for the work of the Colorado river commission.

"As a result," he said, "the people of Nevada as a whole made possible creation of the dam."

### Admits Repayment

Under questioning by Assemblyman Archie C. Grant, democrat, Clark, Tallman admitted the \$25,000 was being repaid by southern Nevada counties.

He asserted, however, that "other monies paid indirectly by all the people of Nevada made the dam possible."

Tallman declared Clark and Lincoln counties receive many benefits from use of power from Boulder dam—"benefits denied the remainder of the state."

"As an engineer," Tallman said, "I know no private capital could have built Boulder dam or settled the complex issues and problems of water rights."

### State Not Entitled

In answer to a question by Assemblyman John Kelly, democrat, Clark, Tallman declared it was his belief that "not even Nevada is entitled to one red cent of Boulder dam revenue."

"California," he said, "is paying the money, however, and anything we can get from California is so much the better."

Mrs. Mary Sharpe, Nye county assemblywoman, told committee she had received an

opinion from Attorney General Alan Bible which said the congressional act providing for payment of the \$300,000 yearly to Nevada mentioned only the state.

Director Jay Carpenter of the Nevada state bureau of mines testified "it was the intent of the late Senator Key Pittman (who fought for seven years in congress to secure the annual payment) the money be paid the state and its political subdivisions."

### No Mention

Carpenter admitted the act made no mention of subdivisions, however.

"The question of division of the money was one for the state," he said.

Carpenter remarked in conclusion:

"It is unfortunate that Reno looks to San Francisco, Las Vegas to Los Angeles, and Ely and eastern Nevada to Salt Lake City. We should be more united and solidly behind the interests of the state."

The committee was uncertain today whether to hold further hearings on the issue.