

What's In A Name?

IDAHO'S Democratic Glen Taylor had some fun last week with Republican Senators ready to vote loyally to rename Boulder Dam in honor of Herbert Hoover. The GOP's Great Engineer "might find it embarrassing to have his name tied up with what he would call a socialistic enterprise," Taylor cautioned. He suggested, however, that the "magnificent" Boulder Dam spillway might be named "Albert Fall Spillway" after Harding's Secretary of the Interior ("I can think of no name which could more appropriately be affixed to a spillway . . .").

Taylor advocated that one sentence

of Hoover's message vetoing a bill to construct the Muscle Shoals power dam, forerunner of the TVA, be engraved across the face of Boulder Dam to "appropriately commemorate for the ages" the ex-President's philosophy. The sentence: "For the federal government deliberately to go out to build up . . . a power and manufacturing business is to break down the initiative and enterprise of the American people; it is destruction of equality of opportunity amongst our people; it is the negation of the ideals upon which our civilization has been based."