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## Hoover Dam Cited as One Of Seven Wonders of U.S.

**BOULDER CITY — “Hoover Dam — the World’s Highest Dam!”**

That is the citation made by the American Society of Civil Engineers in naming this magnificent structure as one of the “Seven Civil Engineering Wonders of the U.S.”

To give the engineering achievement permanent recognition, a plaque formally dedicating the citation will be unveiled at a special ceremony at Hoover Dam on Wednesday, April 16. Prominent engineers and representatives of the United States government are among those expected to attend the ceremony.

Louis R. Howson, of Chicago, president of the society, will make the formal presentation of the plaque, and it will be formally received and acknowledged by W. A. Dexheimer, commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Others of the “Seven Engineering Wonders” named by a board of judges of the Society were the Panama Canal, Grand Coulee Dam, the Sanitary District of Greater Chicago, the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, the Empire State Building and the Colorado River Aqueduct.

It has been said that when bigger and better dams are built, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will build them. In fact the Bureau has built so many record-breaking dams that it is difficult to choose among them. One hesitates, for example, to name Hoover Dam in preference to Grand Coulee, with its total volume of

over 10½ million cubic yards of concrete. Yet Hoover Dam, or Boulder Dam as it was first called, still holds the record for height, 726 ft—almost as high as the Woolworth Building. Its 3¼ million cubic yards of concrete, since dwarfed by the cubage of the longer and lower dam at Grand Coulee, at the time of its construction in 1931-1946 established a record.

It set a new level of attainment in the mastery of mind over matter that has caused later gigantic works of this kind to be accepted as more or less routine.