

THE DAM *Celebrating* 60 years

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Dignitaries and construction workers were among the 300 people who attended the Hoover Dam 60th anniversary celebration Saturday evening at the new Visitors Center.

Outside the Visitors Center, the Boulder City High School band welcomed visitors with rousing renditions of pop music which reverberated off the Black Canyon walls. Inside, people milled around the new art gallery which opened for the special occasion.

Under a half-moon sky, representatives from the federal and state governments gave proclamations on the outside observation deck during the gala event.

Councilman Robert Ferraro thanked the workers for the remarkable job they did.

One of the highlights of the evening occurred when visitors had an opportunity to marvel at a bronze statue of a high scaler. While sculptor Steven Liguori was asked to give an impromptu speech about his work of art, Joe Kine interrupted and asked if he was going to get the statue back which broke the crowd up with laughter.

Liguori used a 1930s photograph of

Kine when he was a high scaler to create the life-like figure. He presented the statue to Kine during last month's 31ers luncheon.

The original workers and wives constitute the 31ers group which meets occasionally to discuss the early days of building one of the world's greatest engineering accomplishments.

Tommy Nelson, an original worker on the dam, reminisced during refreshments. "I saw this from the gravel stage to completion. We worked for \$4 a day, 50 cents an hour and we were glad to be down there."

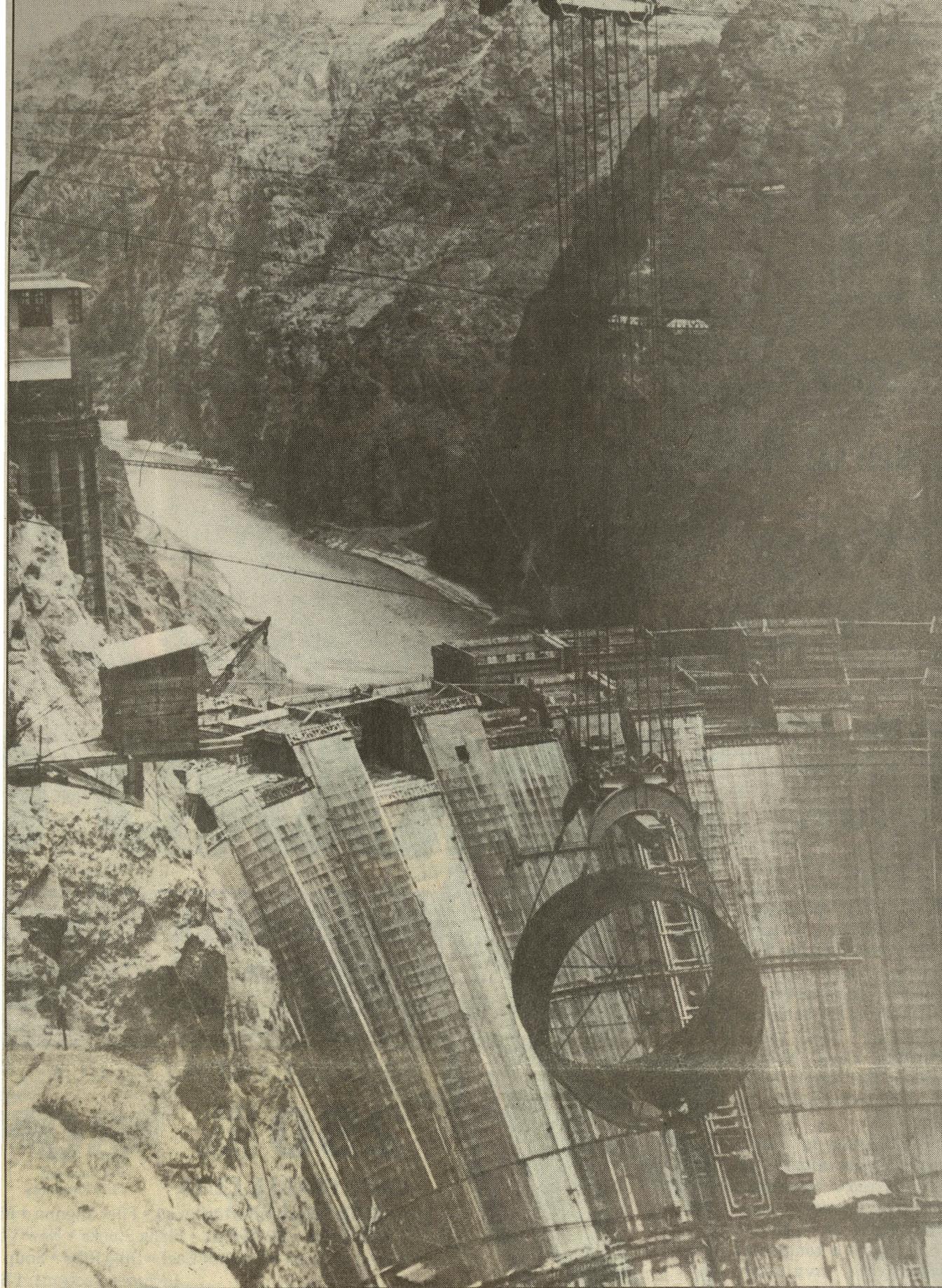
Nelson described the new Visitors Center as "truly magnificent." The Visitors Center and five-story parking garage follows the architectural theme of the 1930s with the rock design and lamp posts.

Nelson said he was a little overwhelmed with the \$123 million cost for the center and garage but understands things were different when the dam was built.

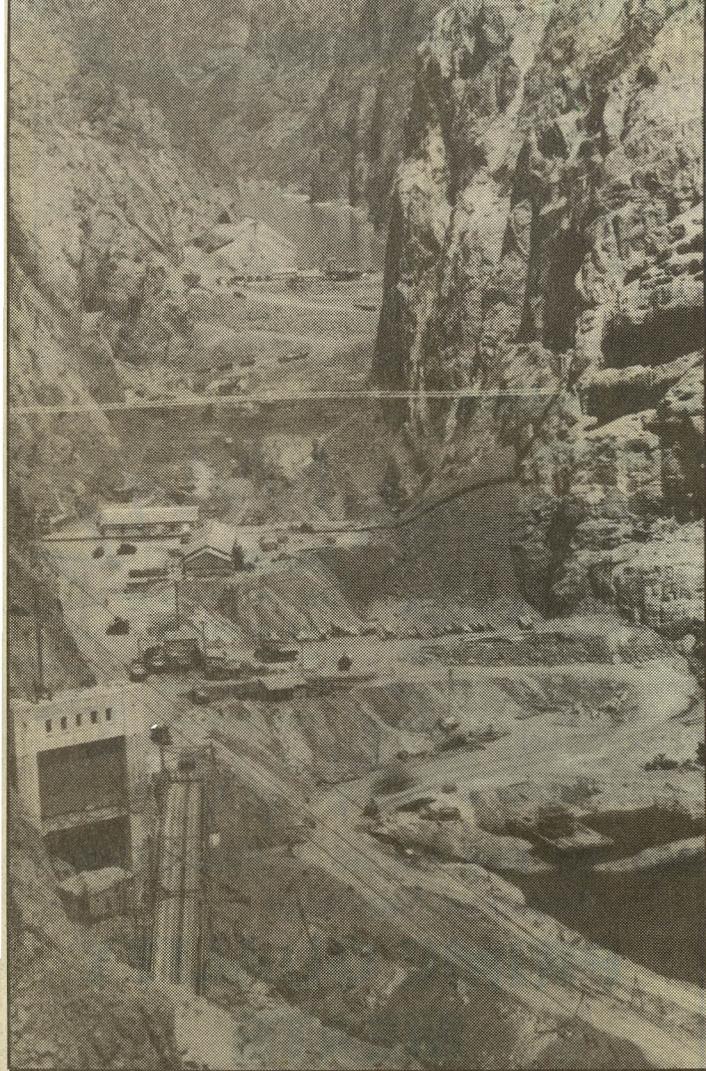
But the one thought that stands out in his mind for the project is "it leaves me in awe."



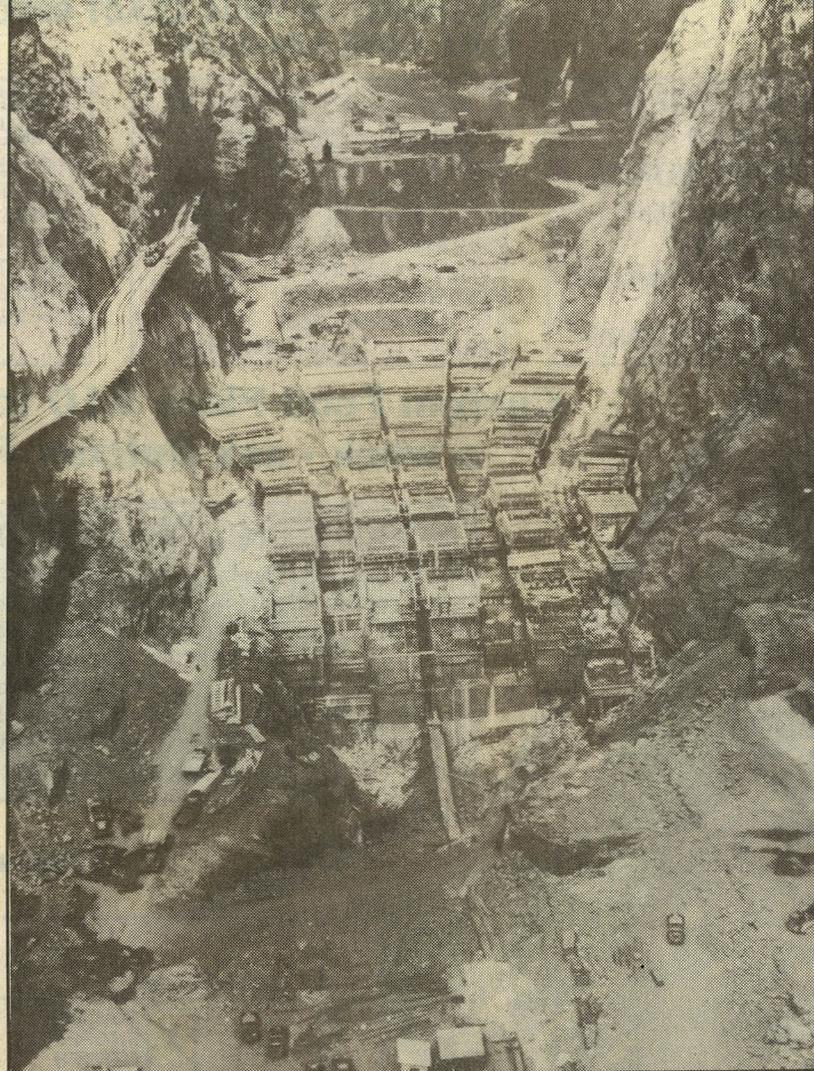
WORKMEN RIDING INCLINED RAIL SKIP FROM NEVADA RIM TO TOP OF DAM, APRIL 16, 1934.



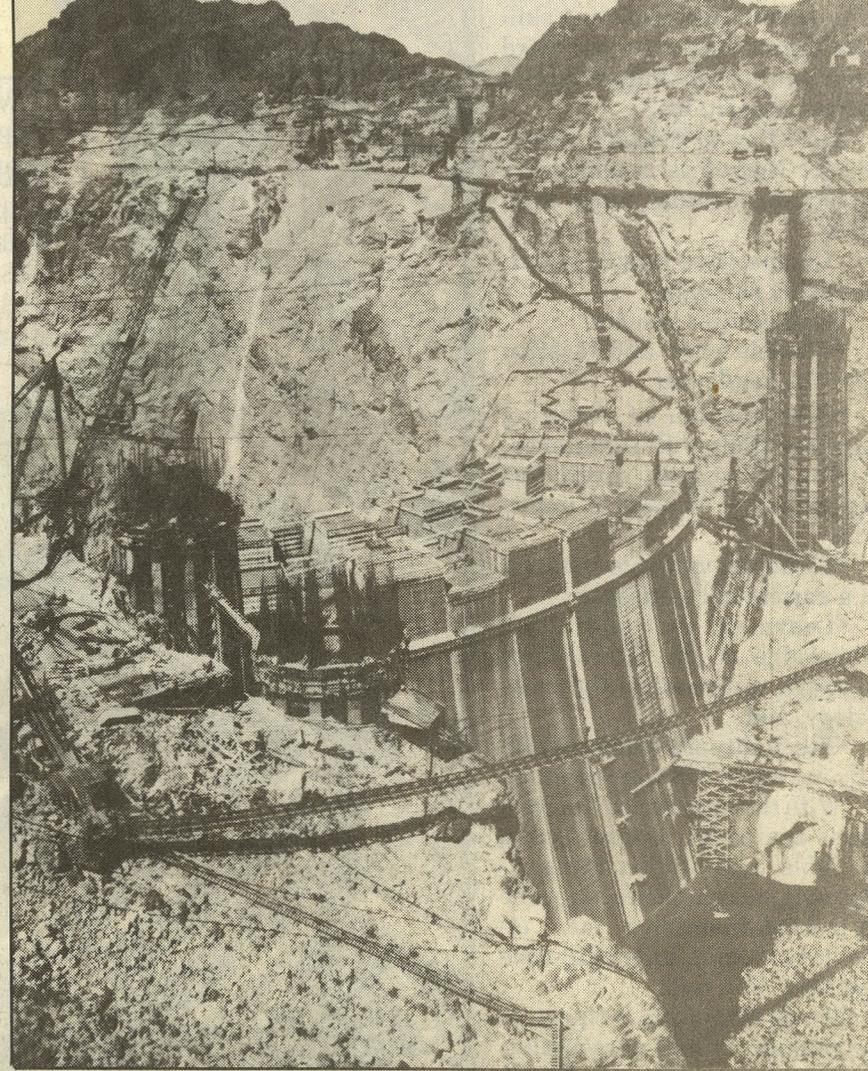
HANDLING 30-FOOT DIAMETER STEEL PENSTOCK PIPE BY CABLEWAY FOR PLACEMENT IN UPPER NEVADA HEADER TUNNEL ON AUG. 22, 1934. NOTE MAN SITTING IN PIPE.



**LOOKING UPSTREAM DURING THE
CONSTRUCTION OF HOOVER DAM IN
APRIL 1933.**



**VIEW OF THE PROGRESS MADE AS OF
AUG. 15, 1933.**



**LOOKING DOWNSTREAM AT THE DAM FROM THE
ARIZONA SIDE, JULY 24, 1934.**