

EDITORIAL

MISTAKEN CONCEPT

Everyone in Boulder City, Las Vegas and Kingman is in sympathy with the steps Arizonans are taking to bridge the distance from Kingman to the dam site with a highway.

Future development has been made more certain by Mohave county's pushing of the roadway through the hills in the face of difficult obstacles. Even greater developments will be made possible when a first class highway has been built by the state.

Who will build and pay for the road? The Mohave Miner, Kingman paper, said in a recent issue:

"Some of the members of the legislature believing that the appropriation should come out of the Boulder Dam project act, they attached a clause in the memorial stating that all funds for construction of this 86 mile roadway should come out of funds already appropriated for dam construction. It will be remembered that the paved highway from the dam site to Las Vegas was built in this manner."

The Arizona legislators are to be supported and commended in their efforts to procure this road construction, but they should be informed that no dam project funds were used in construction of the road from Las Vegas to Boulder City.

The west 10.18 miles was built under straight federal aid, the state paying 11.15 per cent. The remainder was built under the Federal Lands act or Colton-Oddie bill, the state of Nevada paying for the portions going over non-public lands. The road built from the dam project funds was merely the seven miles from Boulder City down to the dam site.

If dam project funds were not available for use to make the dam site more accessible from Las Vegas, it is unlikely they will be available on the Arizona side, and it is likely the Arizonans will have to make shift to get the funds elsewhere, as Nevadans did.